

Tuition plan goes to CRAP Casino to solve It will hit the fan later next week budget deficit

By STUFFY SMIRKLEY

News Hound Due to recent confusion over new tuition plans, NMU has hired an independent counsel to iron out the difficulties and spell out a new plan to be presented to the Board of Control Freaks later this month.

Noah Fence, from the Committee to Repeal Associative Penalty (CRAP), said Wednesday that he intends to be as straightforward as he possibly can considering he's dealing with students and administration officials.

"Dealing with volatile issues such as these for twenty years," Fence said, "I have learned that honesty is okay as long as your data is incomprehensible."

Fence became an independent consultant in 1992 after finding a national interest in CRAP. "I swear," Fence said, "everyone wanted apiece of CRAP from me."

Under the Noah Fence Plan, students taking 16 or more credits would pay only \$99 per credit hour, unless they were born in an odd month, and then their tuition would cost \$122 per credit hour.

If the student has a dog, the rate drops by 5 percent per animal owned. Doberman and Rottweiler owners would see a decrease in tuition by 25 percent, since those are big scary dogs.

dogs. Cat owners would be penalized 20 percent ('cuz cats suck), unless the cat was run over by a moving van in Vancouver.

Students taking less than 16 credit hours will pay \$999.99 per credit hour, Fence said.

"It is the university's plan to weed out the 'less than committed student," Fence said.

Some students will be rewarded under the CRAP plan. Those students carrying a 4.00 GPA would receive a lovely potted plant. Students with a 2.01 GPA would be awarded a \$12 scholarship, "...just for the hell of it."

Students with less than 12 credit hours who were born during an evennumbered month receive a discount of 5 percent, unless they were born on Feb. 29, because, according to Fence, "We just can't have these kinds of people on our campus."

If a student receives federal aid (fat chance) an added "welfare rat fee" of \$250 would be assessed for each credit hour, while those getting money from either parent will pay \$500 per credit hour, "...since [the student] doesn't pay the bill himself, he shouldn't care what the cost is." Those who take 15.5 credit hours will face an added charge of \$413 per credit hour for not being able to find an extra 0.5 credit hours.

"Students need to know how damned irritating these half-credit courses are. It is our intention to eradicate Band and other nonsense through this plan," Fence said.

Half-time students will only have to pay \$350 per credit hour under the Noah Fence plan.

If they are married, the cost is reduced by a buck or two, unless they have more than 10 dependents, since "...charging \$350 to someone with so many mouths to feed would be really fun," according to Fence.

Fence hopes to iron out the last of the wrinkles in his shirt before submitting the plan for final approval by the Board of Control Freaks (which held a secret vote two months ago to pass the plan).

The final version will be presented to students in the best possible light the day before the last final is due to be taken.

"I hope I can get student feedback on this plan," Fence concluded.

"Especially from women. I have after eight p.m. hours, and a full wet bar set up in my office. Just remember: the Noah Fence Plan is intended for the future financial benefit of the college."

By MICKEY MOUSESON Portside Groupie

Today President Vanitymint announced that Northern would be building its first casino dome. The cost is estimated at \$22.5 million.

"We see this as a way to put a permanent end to our budget problems," said Vanitymint at a press conference.

"We have that section of nasty trees down campus near the abandoned dorms. Now we will be able to offer our student recruits so much more in their education experience."

Paul Dubious, head of financial planning, said, "We felt we should get on the casino bandwagon. This way we can recoup some of that financial aid and student loan money that the students would otherwise blow on classes and books. We will never need tuition alternatives again." Elwood Trumpamaki, member of the Board of Control, had this to say, "Slots in every building is my goal."

Construction on the new dome casino will begin during the summer. It will be connected to all of the other campus buildings through the newly designed internal walkway system.

Commenting on the 80-mile maze of walkways, Vanitymint said, "We have seen the future and it is Minneapolis. All tubes will lead to the casino."

As an incentive to get students to travel in the walkways, the president will leave bits of cheese at various places throughout the walkways. "I can't wait," Phratt Boyy, one

"I can't wait," Phratt Boyy, one student, whined. "It's so cold here. I nearly died last year walking between the LRC and Jamrich. I have one suggestion — blackjack tables in the U.C."

'Vanitymint Super Sports Complex' to become a reality

By AIMLESS GOODWILL Pseudo-edditer

In a surprise move Friday, the Michigan Legislature, urged by Gov. Johnny Egghead, increased state appropriations to Northern by 120 percent.

"We felt guilty because we kicked Jake off the appropriations committee, especially when he cried," Egghead said at a press conference in Rock, Mich.

"Now that he's gone to the big "White House' in the sky, we wanted to do something for his favorite place besides Big Betty's in McFarland but that's another story," Egghead said.

The increase in appropriations will reduce tuition from \$81.80 to \$11.49 per hour. An extra six million dollars will also be generated to throw one hell of a bash for the administration.

"The new appropriations will allow us to spend more money on what's really important — sports. Umm, I meant sports education. Actually what I really meant was everyone's education. That's what's really important to me," President Vanitymint said.

Vanitymint also said that the money

saved in budget cuts will be used to help him accomplish his lifelong dream of the Vanitymint Super Sports Complex. The complex will offer bungee jumping, fencing, curling, shuffleboard and outdoor beach volleyball.

"I was getting worried that I would have to doctor the books in order to get money for my vision. People were starting to get suspicious when my red pen broke and I had to use a blue one," Vanitymint said.

"I felt kind of bad when I fired all those people, but I got over it pretty quick," Vanitymint added.

"With what's left of the money, after my, excuse me, our center is paid for, we will buy a brand new book for the library, six hamsters for the science department and add what I like to call the 'Inferior Dome' on to the PEIF," Vanitymint said.

When asked what an 'Inferior Dome' was, Vanitymint said, "It's a skylight, you moron."

Students are also delighted with the appropriation increase. "Now I can take 50 credits a year.

"Now I can take 50 credits a year. I'll graduate in two and a half years. And I couldn't have done it without NMU," Ima Nerd, a freshman, said.

We always knew NMU students were crazy, but now we can see their nuts. The streakers, who were rumored to be members of the President's Council, were inadvertently caught in the act by an unsuspecting nursing class. (Theresa McManus photo)

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Underbriefs

International Something happened

Something happened somewhere east of here. Something about a prince or some oil or guns or something. For details watch that CNN thingie. You know, the channel between MTV and the religious stuff.

National -Speaker's bill helps middle

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has sponsored a bill as part of his Contract on America which will require all Americans earning less than \$50,000 per year to join the Adopt-a-Highway program.

"Picking up trash along the roadside will teach these bums to be a little more industrious," Gingrich said. "Besides, maybe a few will get picked off by errant semis, and decrease the surplus population."

Clinton sues Micky-D's

President Bill Clinton filed a \$1.5 million lawsuit Monday over a batch of frozen french fries. "I bit into one and wrecked \$50,000 worth of bridge work. I had to use almost a whole bottle of ketchup to choke 'em down," Clinton said

Ronald McDonald, speaking on behalf of McDonald's, said, "It is a sad day, Mr. President. I feel your pain."

State

Engler dismisses legislature

Governor John Engler stated yesterday that he would invoke an ancient provision of the state constitution and dismiss both houses of the Michigan state legislature.

"They're wasteful and ineffective. We don't need those free-loaders here. They can all go back ta Maine," Engler said.

When told that the provision only covered natural disasters in which both houses where decimated by plague, Engler responded, "Ta hell with those fellas. Buzzards got ta eat same as worms."

Chicken porn target of raid

A Michigan couple has been charged with illicit chicken farming. The couple stands accused of shipping chickens across state lines for immoral purposes. Federal agents claim the poultry is part of a national chicken pornography ring. "I can't say what they do with the chickens, but it's the most disgusting thing I've ever seen - And I've jogged behind the president," agent John Smith stated.

Local **Protesters where hired thugs**

Rent-A-Mob was cited by NMU's president Vanitymint as a public nuisence. "They were involved in a lynching in Alabama before coming to NMU," Vanitymint said.

Vanitymint also implicated The North Wind in his open indictment, saying, "I don't care if it's news. They shouldn't cover that kind of crap. For all those muckraking bastards know, the whole thing could have been staged for their benefit. At least that's what I would have done.'

Underbriefs courtesy of WIMP/the best in top 40 listening

Vanitymint declares dictatorship

'I am the Administration and no one else, hah, ha, hah!'

NMU PARADOX RELEASE NMU will now be ruled under Martial Law.

Dictator Vanitymint, president of Northern Michigan University, an-nounced yesterday that NMU is to be placed under a military dictatorship after last week's tuition uprising.

"The students are obviously out of control. I had to act in their best interest," Vanitymint said.

"How would it look if we had people visiting the university? It would be bad, very bad. I want a nice polite little community, and if it means Martial Law, so be it," he said. "Besides, the budget will be easy now."

Vanitymint took over the university during the early morning hours yesterday. According to reliable sources, very few people actually knew about the takeover.

Since the abrupt change in management structure, Vanitymint and the department of communications have been pumping out the propaganda to quench the thirst of the knee-jerk media whose know-nothing journalists will lap it up like the dogs they are, ha, hah, ha! holding press conferences and working hand

in hand with the media to make this transition easy.

Greg Goats, president of ASNMU, was said to be a little concerned about the sudden radical change. "I was just at the President's Council meeting yesterday and there was no mention that this was being considered," he said.

"I'm also upset because it wasn't what me and the big guy had agreed upon. I think I'm going to have to give those outstanding people at Rent-A-Mob a call again," Goats said.

Reactions from the student body and the few hundred or so employees who weren't in on the coup were mixed.

Most students just shrugged their shoulders, but some were overzealous about the change.

"It's about time someone took control. I think Vaintymint will make a good dictator," said Greg Wrackme, NMU political child.

It is suspected that the change will be smooth, but there have already been small pockets of opposition. "I hear rumors someone named Paul

Olson is coming back for his master's,' grinned a wide-eyed, long-haired rebollious freshman



And after 23 years of publishing.

LORENZO LOOPY Staff infection

student newspaper announced yesterday that it would close up shop at the end of this semester

We're sick and tired of all the crap," Bob Somebody, North Wind Editor in Chef, said. "It's just not worth the hassle anymore."

Somebody was referring to the constant barrage of complaints The North Wind has received over the past 23 years

"If we cover sports, the foreign language folks get pissed. If we try to cover Housing, they run screaming. If we cover ASNMU, we get bored and fall asleep. What the hell are we supposed to do?" Somebody said.

Then there's all those crack-pot letters. It's just to much. I can't take it anymore. God help me, I'm losing my mind. If I wanted to put up with this kind of crap, I'd have joined the SFC," Somebody added. "Besides, it's starting to make me cynical.'

The North Wind, one of NMU's most successful student organizations, will now have to figure out what

to do with its remaining fund balance and equipment.

"Put The North Wind's money into NMU's Skywalk After 23 years of perceived abuse, The North Wind fund," North Wind financial adviser Karen Peace recommended.

> "The computers will be given to the theater department so NMU will have a real paper," North Wind Board Chairman Jerry Sienfeild said.

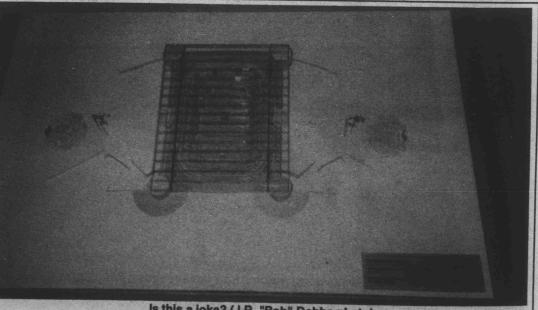
> Greg Goats, ASNMU president, disagrees. "I think ASNMU should get the equipment to start a paper. One without a political agenda."

> President William Vanitymint said, "The whole campus will be affected by this terrible tragedy."

When Vanitymint was reminded the quote was supposed to be about The North Wind he said, "Ta hell with 'em. They're a damnable nuisance.'

When asked exactly what prompted the dissolution of the Seinfeild responded, "We can't find a business manager, we can't get a decent meeting room, there are no perks and we're bored.

Larry Nobody, long-time business manager, was asked why no one could be found to take his place. "Who cares? I'm outta here," Nobody said.



Is this a joke? (J.R. "Bob" Dobbs photo)

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RVERSIONS THINGS TO DEBASE, PLACES TO DISHONOR, PEOPLE TO DEFILE

Twang good for soul By PECOS BILL

For what it's worth

By PECOS BILL King of the Wild, Wild West Country music is the noblest art form on the planet. One cannot deny the appeal of a chubby southern boy all dressed up in plaid, denim, and a solid pair of cowboy boots. When he straps on his acoustic guitar, he becomes a prophet accessible to the masses. He addresses the real problems in life: women, heart trucks nine-to-five jobs.

to the masses. He addresses the real problems in life: women, beer, trucks, nine-to-five jobs. More importantly, he addresses the topic of prison when those items don't combine nicely. With the seeping of country music into mainstream culture in the last few years, the age-old need for other forms of culture and entertainment is all but eliminated. There is literally nothing that the great philosophers, com-posers, and writers ever said that at least one country musician has not said.

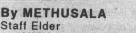
has not said.

Some examples: The country classic "Achy Breaky Heart" expresses, in more succinct terms, all the pain of lost love that the Victorians tried so hard to address in their ultimately disposable poetry. "What Part of No" is an eloquent rendering of the rejection theme that took James Joyce all of "Dubliners" to treat adequately.

In Joyce, a young boy deals with all the feelings of inadequacy inherent in a first love. In "What Part of No," a man—perhaps that same boy a few beers...I mean years—later refuses to accept "No" for an answer when he combs his favorite bar for potential one-night stands. The idea is the same; only the mode of commu-nication has changed. nication has changed.

nication has changed. To hell with my friend who insists that the United States should be severed along the Mason-Dixon line, and traded to Mexico for a bottle of Tequila and a burrito. The South is the true breeding ground for this groat nation's finest cultural happen-ings. (All that racism crap in the '60s was a bad rap, I tell you.) Remember "The Dukes of Hazard"? "Dallas"? Now there

was culture for the masses. But now that those shows are gone, where's a good red-blooded man to turn? There's nothing good on TV anymore..."Northern Exposure"? What the hell is that? Country music is the only thing left.



Staff Elder NMU's Lack of Communica-tion Department announced yes-terday that Beavis, minus Butthead, will be the 1995 com-mencement speaker.

"We really tried to get both, but Butthead said, 'Huh, huh, no way. School sucks,'" Mike Cluck, Mis-director of Com-

"Oh, yah, school sucks. But tt's like a school and stuff, but they have lots of chicks there. That's cool. Huh, mmm, I'm gonna score," Beavis said. When asked why Northern would bring an irresponsible

cartoon character to speak, Paul Dubious, director of ridiculous statistics, responded, "It's what the students want. We did a sur-We had focus groups and meetings. And two percent of the three students who responded

were in favor of the duo." MTV representatives were elated with the choice. "We, like, knew you guys would like love to have 'em. We're trying to pressure Butthead into going, too, but his contract is like really explicit about speaking gigs," MTV about speaking gigs," spokesperson Albino said.

To this comment Butthead responded, "Huh, mmm, huh. You said explicit."



"Where is NMU anyway, huh, mmm, huh. It snows there. Huh, snow sucks," Butthead added.

When asked about the problems presented by having a car-toon character speak in the dome, computer wiz Jim GoDelaware said, "It's no problem." But he wouldn't expand

on the comment. Some members of the campus community did have reservations.

Ken Chanting, director of Pubic Safety, was concerned that Beavis may incite the

Beavis is coming to NMU to speak at the commencement ceremony. "Huh, huh. mmm. You said coming,' Beavis said.

graduating class to riot, or worse, throw their hats. "You can never tell. With

the mob mentality these stu-dents have and their impres-sionable minds, Beavis could get them to do anything, Chanting said.

"We are committed to bringing Beavis to NMU," President Vanitymint stated. "He's good for the U.P., he's good for NMU, and he's an inspiration to us all." inspiration to us all.

"Yea, mmm, huh, huh, mmm. Inspire this. Huh, mmm, huh," Beavis said.

FRT...bigger, better, sportier

Melts In Your Mouth, Not In Your Hand

Dr. Jam Kerplopski, director of the Forest Roberts The-atre, declared Wednesday that the Theatre would soon register as a sports activity. Although this change has been

instigated for several reasons, most of the FRT staff agree that it is a solution to a problem that has plagued them for decades. "We have never received the funds we deuk decades to the

"We have never received the funds we duly deserve for the precious service we provide to NMU and the surrounding com-munity." Kerplopski said. "I munity," Kerplopski said. "I think it's high time that we be paid back for the back-breaking work we have had to suffer un-der the restraints of meager funding!" The change in status quali-fies the Theatre for money which has been allotted specifically for

has been allotted specifically for sports as per the regulations set in place by Title IX. "I'm most excited about the fact that we will have full access to the Dome," stated Dr. Silly Rusty-Parts, director and cos-tuming supervisor for the FRT. "My play, "Hellfire," has never been allowed to bloom to its full potential. With the use of

its full potential. With the use of the Superior Dome, I will be able to produce a Theatre-In-The-Round production such as no one has ever seen before or will see again!" she continued.

Thanks to the new influx of funds to the Theatre, numerous projects are presently be-ing discussed regarding ways of properly recognizing the re-cent success of "Hellfire."

cent success of "Hellfire." Among these plans are al-tering all the Marquette bound-ary signs to declare that it is the home of "Hellfire," and a. \$120,000 project to paint the Superior Dome plaid to declare NMU's pride in this "Yooper" production production.

Although these proposals are in the process of debate and discussion, President Vanitymint has already placed an order for 125 diamond

an order for 125 diamond rings, engraved to proclaim the play's success., These rings, each valued at \$3,000, will be given to ev-ery person involved in the "Hellfire" production, vari-ous administrators, and the first the people whe call t first ten people who call 1-800-TUITION.

"I feel that it is important to reward the successes of the sport groups here at Northern with lavish gifts to encourage them to keep up the good work," explained Vanitymint. The FRT's change to a sport does entail that some new re-quirements be mot

quirements be met.

Among these is that a minimum number of five cheer-leaders must be present through the entire play.

The cheerleaders will chant and rave throughout every play, and perform a half-time dance routine dur-ing intermission.

I'm excited about becoming a cheerleader!" Dandy Rubbers said. "I'll be able to

Rubbers said. "I'll be able to broaden my horizons and not limit myself to acting." Other requirements have been met with far less antici-pation, as Chris Colgate ex-plained. "I feel that having to wear a cup will restrict my... dramatic potential as a performer.

Though it may seem that the change would most upset Dr. Jim "Panda Bear" Rapture, the man who designed and nearly poured his entire life into the Forest Roberts

Theatre, he was gleeful. "At last! Now that we can use the dome, I don't have to put up with that damn music department!" Rapture stated. "They wet their knickers ev-ery time they want to have a recital in the theatre and I won't let them."

However, not everything has been roses for the FRT staff. It appears that Hick Hillbilly, the designer and technical director for the theatre, has had a nervous breakdown, and is unable to do any-thing but mutter, "Where do I hang the lights?"



Forest Roberts Theater's newest prop awaits use in the spacious dome. (Passing Wind file photo)

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MikeTyson to join USOEC

By JELLO SHOT "STICKY FINGERS" Associtative Schwartz Idiot

Opponents of Northern Michigan University's United States Over Eating Center's

(USOEC) Boxing team had better prepare themselves, because there's a new kid on the block According

to a schwartz release, former

heavyweight heavyweight Tyson champion Mike Tyson has decided to join the program starting April 1.

"This is a big day for NMU and for the USOEC," USOEC private relations misdirector and stair stepping trainer Mike Stalker said. "Mike is a quality athlete who has shown his ability to compete in the ring and in the shower stall against some of the world's best competition."

"I think it will be a big step for Mike to come into our program," USOEC boxing coach and nutritionalist Al Michelle said, "He's had some problems in the past but this step shows he is willing to put those days behind him and come here to improve his mind and body. Besides, he has an interesting varia-

tion on [Muhammad] Ali's rope-adope he picked up in prison."

Michelle also said Tyson has a long way to go to get himself into the condition he was in before his untimely incarceration, and that's why he's perfect for the program. "Our program is specifically designed for the out-of-shape athlete," Michelle added. "He's kind of gotten a little pudgy over the past few years. He admitted to me on Monday that he had been hitting the prison food pretty heavy and he has given up his afternoon workouts for bonbons, backrubs, and soap operas."

In a telephone interview on

ing forward to coming to NMU to take on some new competition. "In particular, I can't wait to beat the hell out of that Harry Nicklestone fellow," Tyson added, referring to the USOEC's number-one nationally ranked 132-pounder. "I've been sitting in the cell for the past few years watching all of the Rocky films over and over and I'd like to show off some of my new moves on his fat head. I'll show him what sparring is all about."

Schwartz May the Schwartz Be With You

Tyson added that he's going to miss prison life, and that will have an effect on his choice of majors at

Wednesday, Tyson said he's look- NMU. "I met a lot of guys in there and had a lot of experiences that I will never forget," he said. "I'm hoping to sign up in Northern's criminal justice program so I can go back and see my buddies."

According to Stalker, the multitalented Tyson has also offered his time to do some community service work for the Marquette area and on NMU's campus. "He has offered his services to me in the form of a judge for any future beauty contests, or for a public safety escort," he said. "I think that this shows how sincere Mike really is about NMU and Marquette."

Baseball added to N lineup ByEAT, DRINK & BEMURRAY ate, has been a pro-

Schwartz Stiff Reporter Break out the bats and balls. Dig

a little deeper into your closet; your glove is in there somewhere. Open your wallet just a little wider. Baseball is coming to Northern Michigan University

In a 6-2 vote Wednesday night, NMU's Board of Control Freaks approved a transfer of funds from the foreign language department and the West Science renovation project to the Athletic Department, earmarked specifically for establishing a varsity-level baseball team.

"The NCAA informed us that we are in violation of Article V. Section IX, Row C, Seat 12," NMU Athletic Misdirector Rick Calmly said. "The easiest way for us to conform to the policy is to begin a baseball program. They basically said that if we wanted to keep hockey, a Canadian sport, we had to have baseball, an American sport.

"We will begin play immediately in the Eastern Division of the newly formed Upper Midwest Intercollegiate Baseball Association "

Also competing in the UMIBA East are Michigan Tech and Lake Superior State. The three new teams that will make up the UMIBA West are St. Cloud State, Minnesota-Duluth, and the University of North Dakota

Calmly also announced that Geraldo "Doc" Weight has been named the team's interim head coach until the university hires a permanent head coach this summer.

"As I understand, Doc has been a baseball fan since he was a youngster, so I think he's qualified," Calmly said. "Besides, his nickname has 'baseball' written all over it. I couldn't be happier."

Weight, a Notre Dump gradu-

fessor in NMU's English Department since 1976. His baseball experience is extensive. "When the

Braves were in Milwaukee, I was a Braves fan. Then when the Brewers moved into town, I followed the Brewers. I know everything there is to know about Milwaukee base-

ball," he said NMU sports on Saturday, April 15, when they travel to Sault Ste. Marie to face UMIBA rival Lake Superior State in a double-header, with the first game beginning at 3:30 a.m.

Through the end of May, the 'Cats will play a 15-game schedule. Calmly also mentioned some-

thing about free beer after the games, but later asked that his statement be withdrawn. This season the Wildcats will

play their home games in the parking lot east of Magers Hall. Temporary fences, dugouts, and bleachers will be constructed for use this season. Beginning next year the team

will play in a new \$6.8 million facility where the Forest Roberts Theater now stands. The new stadium will include clubhouses for both teams, a luxury press box located 15 rows behind the backstop, a Domino's Pizza outlet, and 12 private luxury boxes. Phase II of the project calls for a retractable roof to cover the stadium.

"We're happy to get the funding we have now. We're pleased with



Longtime Brewers fan Doc Weight becomes The Wildcat NMU's first baseball coach. (Dillian Brown photo) baseball team will begin a new erain the Board of Control's decision to give us the money from the foreign

language department," he said. "Nobody around here can understand what they're saying. What is that moon-man language, anyway?"

NMU President William Vanitymint has shown a great deal of interest in the new team. "Actually, I'm considering enrolling in a few classes so I'll be eligible to play," he said. "I used to play a mean first base." Vanitymint, when he was 12 years old, hit eight home runs and had 23 RBIs for the Fullerton (Calif.) Red Stockings Little League team

Weight has scheduled try-outs for Saturday, April 1 at 3 a.m., Sunday, April 2 at 2 a.m., and Monday, April 3 at 5:30 a.m. All try-outs will be held at Memorial Field. "I've done some recruiting at the intramural softball games," Weight said, "but all the best players are girls."

Potential players are asked to bring their own spikes, gloves, and chewing tobacco. But "fear not," Weight said, "once we start winning, the snuff will be free."

Publicoutragensesovershark catching in Upper Harbor

By BAY, "DON'T CALL ME DNR" ANGELER

ust a guy that hangs around Friday afternoon, in Mar Jpper Harbor, Karl "Buck" Dhmylaitala was fishing near the nouth of the Dead River, when he tot the surprise of his life. "I taught it were a big German

brown, den I knowed it tweren't." en consi

A very large fish had taken his nightcrawler and began towing Karl's boat around the harbor. When a weive-foot shark finally surfaced, a asp chimed from onlookers.

"I knowed den it was a good ting bought da 100 pound line at Shopko," Karl explained. Apparently he shark was the first fish he had taken on the line since purchasing it a year ago.

The shark, which weighed over 600 pounds (no scale would go higher), was landed by a crane on the

This is an unprecedented eve harks simply do not occur in the freat Lakes," Dr. B.S. Tenure of MTU's "unusual animal citing dented. He contind, "Back in '55, we recorded a corilla at Mount Bohemia on the veenaw...but my notes seem to

As reported in the Keeweenaw lain Dealer, the gorilla was first liscovered by a Scottish immigrant ogging the area. The word spread e wildfire when the gentleman rst into a Copper Harbor brothel d exclaimed, "My God, lasses.

e great beast reportedly had hitch ked up US 41 from an exotic ani-al farm in Florida, and was appre-

hended by a game warden while it poached coaster brook trout from a aream near Brockway Mountain Drive. The gorilla was cited by the warden and deported to Congo.

Unlike the gorilla of '55, the shark was witnessed by many people. Reino "Buck" Keskileininmaki of Big Bay said he thought the shark was to blame for the "piss poor fishing, wah!"

Another onlooker, Wilho "Buck" Honkamaki, demanded justice, "Dey'll eat all da coho, wah! I bet the "#!! DNR is behind it!"

Downstate transplant Buck Johnson was not impressed. "Yeh, yeh, I seen um in the Detroit River, they big as a whale down there,

Michigan fisheries officials are ilso demanding justice, and they're tooking to the west for it. "It's that damnable ballast wa-

er over in Duluth again, they let ything come into the area," bi ologist Trout Wraiser said.

His comment brings back the nor of last summer's "ballast ider," when a roving band of Croatian gypsy clowns terrorized he children of the Keeweenaw by handing out garlic candy. The lowns, who took up perm idence behind the Pelkie COOP mtil they were shot by a posse. portedly entered the area via ship llast water tanks. This was disovered when a routine tank cleang nevealed confetti and vodka les strewn about the hull of the

d. Mr. Ohmylaitale had this to "Tm going to have the fish fry