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Saturday: Chance of snow, highs upper teens-20
Sunday: Chance of snow, highs near 10

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Semester enrollment up slightly

By WENDY C. BLEZEK
 News Staff Reporter

The 1997 winter semester brought 100 new students to campus, a 1.4 percent increase over last year, said Paul Duby, associate vice president of Planning and Analytical Studies.

After the first five days, NMU's enrollment was 7,192 students, compared with 7,092 students at the end of the first five days of winter 1996.

"The primary increase in enrollment is at the graduate level," Duby said. There are 64 new graduate students at NMU this winter semester, which is an increase of 11 percent from last winter semester.

David Prior, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, said the increase is due to part-time graduate students.

NMU has 15 master's degree programs, and students can begin graduate study as undeclared majors.

"We are trying hard to let the community know that we have a flexible graduate program," Prior said.

The increase in enrollment has not resulted in a substantial increase of credit hours taken, which is up only 0.8 percent. "Graduate students take less credit hours," Duby said.

The average load for a graduate student is six to seven credits a semester, while undergraduate students average 12 to 13 credit hours a semester.

Enrollment at NMU suffered due to the 1995 closing of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Duby said. The decline in enrollment began in fall 1993 and continued until fall 1996, which was the first year enrollment began to increase after the base began the process of closing.

"Our overall goal is to get to 9,000 students," Duby said. The target year for this enrollment is 2001.

"It is a slow process," Duby said. "We're having to work harder at recruitment to replace the students we lost."

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North Wind photo by Nathan Emsberger

Almost 160 inches of snow have fallen in the Marquette area already this winter, and enterprising individuals are finding ways to take advantage of it. This snowboarder took to the hill at Marquette Mountain on Sunday evening. For more stories and columns about surviving winter in the Upper Peninsula, please see the annual Winter Wind pull-out section inside.

Alcohol is a normal part of college for some students, and substance-abuse counselors think excessive drinking is not taken seriously enough.

The ignored illness

By ANDREW DIETDERICH
 Managing Editor

Suppose a terrible disease spread through the country, causing brief fits of insanity, and during those times the individuals would harm other people. Imagine the disease being so strong the individuals wouldn't even know they were sick.

No doubt millions would be spent to prevent the spread of the disease, to find the cause of it and treat it.

Some, like Great Lakes Recovery Center adult services director Julie Snyder-Murray, say the disease is everywhere already and it's called alcoholism, which is defined as the state of a person whose excessive use of alcohol creates serious problems. Financial, social and physical are just a few of the ways an alcoholic will suffer.

Work will suffer along with school work. Still, Snyder-Murray doesn't think enough is being done on the university campus to prevent the spread of alcoholism.

"I think it is a real statement that

Northern Michigan University only has one [residence hall] house which is alcohol-free," Snyder-Murray said.

She said programs such as NMU's Alcohol-Free Weekend are a good beginning to combat against excessive drinking on campus.

One of the biggest problems is the college-age adult attitude toward drinking. "There is still a major group of people that feel it isn't a big deal," Snyder-Murray said.

And while she said impaired driving is one of the worst problems, sitting in a residence hall room drinking can be just as dangerous.

"The person sitting in the dorms is going to end up with symptoms, but may never miss a class and get good grades," Snyder-Murray said. "But it's going to break somewhere and come down to a major incident where the student is expelled, suspended or on probation."

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Full-time faculty teach more than state average

By KEVIN WEED
 News Staff Reporter

If there is one thing NMU students can count on, besides an occasional snow day, it is interaction with full-time faculty. And that is a novelty not all undergraduates in the state experience.

According to an April 1996 report in "Fiscal Forum," a House Fiscal Agency Publication, NMU is second to Central Michigan University (92 percent) in the percentage of undergraduate hours taught by regular faculty in Michigan.

"I think it's remarkable," said Michael Marsden, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We pride ourselves on the attention we give students from full-time faculty. It compares favorably with private liberal arts colleges. We're providing the experience of a private liberal arts college with the cost of a public university."

The report, which uses figures from the 1994-95 school year, gave the percentage of undergraduate credit hours taught by regular faculty, adjunct faculty or graduate assistants at 15 Michigan universities. NMU's numbers break down as 88 percent regular faculty, 9 percent adjunct

faculty, and 3 percent graduate assistants.

Fred Joyal, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said the ratio of full-time faculty is due in part to NMU's limited graduate program.

"Most schools that use a large number of graduate students to teach lower-division courses have extensive graduate programs," he said. "The graduate students we have in the biology and chemistry departments assist in the lab sections."

One such school that uses many graduate assistants is Michigan State University. In East Lansing, graduate assistants teach 27 percent of the undergraduate credit hours.

"We have multiple missions here," said Lynn Peltier, MSU assistant director for budget and planning. "We have undergraduate, graduate, research, outreach and professional programs. ... Our goal involves maintaining the quality and critical mass of faculty in a given discipline. There are roughly 3,000 graduate assistants on campus at MSU. Approximately half are involved in instruction as opposed to research."

"All the university provosts try to have a high quality of instruction for their students," Lake

Superior State University Provost David Toppen said. "Each school has a different circumstance. Much like the situation at Northern, LSSU students have better contact with full-time faculty who are not only accessible but knowledgeable."

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	Reg*	Adj	GA
Central Mich.	92	4	4
Northern Mich.	88	9	3
Ferris State	87	13	0
Lake Sup. State	87	13	0
Eastern Mich.	68	32	0
Western Mich.	68	21	11
Michigan State	67	7	27
Saginaw Valley	67	34	0
Michigan Tech	66	20	14
Oakland Univ.	65	34	1
UM-Flint	63	37	0
UM-Dearborn	59	41	0
Grand Valley	58	42	0
UM-Ann Arbor	52	22	26
Wayne State	42	45	14

* Reg = regular faculty; Adj = adjunct faculty; GA = graduate assistants

Undergrad instruction

Enrollment

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Gerri Daniels, associate director of Admissions and Recruitment, said several programs are used by NMU to attract students. This semester NMU is sponsoring 12 open houses throughout the state and region.

The open houses provide an introduction to NMU's campus, faculty, academics and activities through the use of video programs geared toward both admitted and prospective students.

"We bring Northern on the road to them," Daniels said.

Current NMU students take part in the recruitment process by traveling with recruiters and speaking to prospective students.

"Prospective parents and students are so impressed by current NMU students we bring along," Daniels said. "They're real role models."

The Office of Admissions also sponsors bus trips to campus for prospective students and provides campus tours.

A new recruitment video is being prepared for the fall. "We want to

give them a feel for what it would be like to be an NMU student," Daniels said.

NMU tries to attract nontraditional students, such as older, married and working students, through the use of television and radio advertising. The admissions office also publishes a special nontraditional student view book.

"It is geared toward their concerns and needs," Daniels said.

Several factors contribute to NMU's overall attractiveness for prospective students. "Location is the No. 1 reason people like or dislike NMU," Daniels said.

The reputation for offering several academic programs and having one of the least expensive tuition rates in the state are also attractive qualities," Daniels said.

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Alcohol

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Students who are put on probation may have to visit NMU's Counseling Center and have an assessment done. The center is one of the things NMU does to prevent and intervene with alcoholism.

Mary Jo Wilkinson, a counselor at the center, said the attitude of students and peer pressure are two reasons students hit the bottle.

"I think [students] do take it too lightly," Wilkinson said. "But before too long, it catches up with them and then they're in trouble."

After an initial assessment, Wilkinson said the center will advise the student of his or her best method for treatment.

She said the center cannot diagnose alcoholism. Its purpose is to assist those who are starting to get concerned and those who have been

told to seek help because of getting in trouble with the university. Either way, Wilkinson said all NMU students are welcome to use the university's counseling center.

"We are basically here for early intervention," Wilkinson said. "Change is difficult, however not changing is more difficult."

Wilkinson said key signs show up when a person has become alcoholic. One of the first is not being able to predict the number of alcoholic drinks an individual will drink in any given amount of time.

"A student will say they're going out for a couple beers then they find out they've had five to 10," Wilkinson said. "All of a sudden it's two in the morning and they have a class at 8 a.m."

Another tell-tale sign is an in-

crease in tolerance, Wilkinson said.

She said there are still many things science does not know. However, she did say genetics do play a part of alcoholism and people from alcoholic families are four times more likely to become alcoholic.

Some students even put down the effort to make people aware of the hazards of excessive drinking.

"Anti-drinking ads are a waste of money and space," said 21-year-old Sean Belote, who lives in West Hall.

And others think excessive drinking is acceptable as long as students stay in their residence hall rooms or at home.

"If students are going to drink anyway, drinking in the dorms keeps them out from behind the wheel of a car while bar-hopping. It's safer this way," said junior Kelli Kreger.

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International

Shots heard at hostage site

Police say a number of shots were heard at the site of the Japanese ambassador's residence Wednesday in Lima, Peru, where heavily armed Marxist rebels still hold 73 hostages. Police say at least one burst of gunfire was heard coming from the diplomatic compound. Witnesses say police surrounding the residence moved into a state of alert but did not approach the compound. The shots followed a day of heightened movements by security forces around the residence Tuesday, the purpose of which is unclear.

Russian Duma tables Yeltsin action

Officials at the State Duma agreed Wednesday to postpone a final vote on a motion to remove President Boris Yeltsin due to health concerns until February so that members can discuss the move further. A spokesman said the chamber voted 102-87 to reject a motion to vote immediately on the resolution, which the chamber had earlier adopted "in principle" by a vote of 229-63. The motion said Yeltsin's term should be declared over because he is too sick and called for a new presidential election. Constitutional experts do not think the resolution will be enforceable. Wednesday's vote came after Yeltsin made a surprise return to the Kremlin. He was discharged from a hospital this week after being treated for pneumonia. Yeltsin had heart surgery in November.

National

Cohen seeks panel approval

Former U.S. Sen. William Cohen, the first Republican that President Clinton has chosen for his Cabinet, appeared before the Senate Armed Forces Committee Wednesday. He was expected to be overwhelmingly approved for the job of defense secretary. Cohen, who represented Maine in Congress for 24 years, told the panel his nomination is a clear sign that Clinton wants to take a bipartisan approach in his second term. The full Senate was expected to give its approval Wednesday to Clinton's nominee for the secretary of state job, Madeleine Albright. She would become the first woman to hold the job.

ABC ordered to pay \$5.5 million

A federal jury in Charlotte, N.C., has ordered ABC to pay the Food Lion supermarket chain \$5.5 million in punitive damages. The award stems from a 1992 undercover story by the newsmagazine show "PrimeTime Live," which accused Food Lion of selling spoiled and outdated meats and produce. A jury had already decided that the network committed fraud by having producers take jobs in Food Lion supermarkets, where they used hidden cameras. The grocery chain did not challenge the truth of the report. Last month, the same jury awarded Food Lion \$1,400 in actual damages.

Local

Three Upper Peninsula wolves dead

Three wolves were found dead in Baraga County, and an investigation is under way by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to determine the cause of their death.

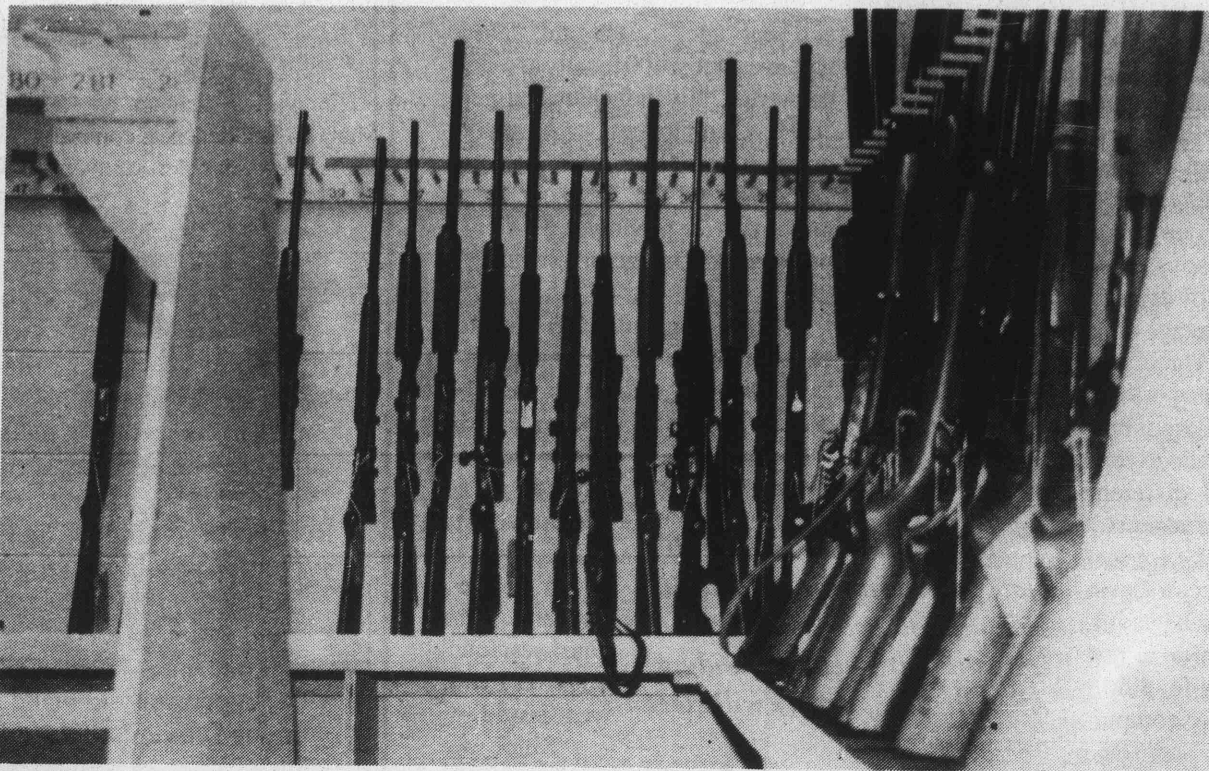
The animals were found Jan. 15, in Baraga County. Regular monthly monitoring of the animals from an airplane, which was conducted on Jan. 14, found the radio collars on the animals were in the mortality mode, meaning the wolves had not moved for a long period of time. Two of the three animals wore radio collars and had been the subject of extensive DNR research. Jim Hammill, DNR wildlife biologist, said the wolves were all members of the same pack. The animals had been monitored from aircraft since they were trapped and collared.

Lt. Brian Lefevre, DNR Law Enforcement Division supervisor for the western U.P., said two conservation officers assisted Hammill in recovering the bodies and will also assist in the subsequent investigation.

— Briefs from news services

Where have all the guns gone?

Public Safety concerned about decrease in weapon storage



North Wind file photo

This climate-controlled weapons storage facility at the new Public Service office on County Road 550 is storing 121 weapons. Public Safety officers expected to have about 250.

By JAMES LAKE
News Staff Reporter

While Northern students are probably not stockpiling rifles, shotguns, bows, and various other projectile-firing weapons for an assault on Cohodas, Public Safety and Housing and Residence Life administrators are still worried about the drastic decrease in the number of weapons students are storing at the Public Safety office.

"We went down approximately 40 percent in registered weapons when we moved to this building," said Capt. Thomas Leisure, assistant director of Public Safety. He said Public Safety is currently storing 121 weapons, but expected to have registered about 250.

Public Safety moved its offices from Lee and Carey halls to the renovated Birdseye building during the week of Aug. 5.

In the new offices, Public Safety maintains a climate-controlled weapons room, allowing guns and bows to be stored out of their cases without subjecting them to corrosion.

Leisure said this new storage room may be part of the problem.

"My concern is that because we don't store weapons in cases, people may be storing the weapons in their cars or dorm rooms," Leisure said. "We don't want the weapons on campus, period."

Any students who decide to store their weapons on-campus instead of at Public Safety are in violation of university ordinance.

According to the NMU ordinances, "No person... shall use, carry or possess (whether on his person or subject to his control) any weapon or

any explosive device at any place on the campus of Northern Michigan University..." The ordinance defines a weapon as "any rifle, shotgun, handgun or other lethal or dangerous device which is capable of casting a projectile" whether it is loaded or not.

Ed Niemi, associate dean of students, said storing weapons on campus may have serious consequences, beyond the danger the weapons themselves pose.

"The penalty that is considered is expulsion," Niemi said. "It's a pretty serious violation. I would strongly suggest that anyone who has a weapon on campus should register and store it with Public Safety."

Carl Holm, director of Housing

and Residence Life, also sees this drop in weapons registration as a reason for concern.

"I would hope that it is fewer students with weapons rather than students not storing them properly," Holm said.

Leisure said Public Safety has been registering and storing weapons for on-campus students since about 1969 and he can't understand why either the new location of the Public Safety office or the method used to store weapons would keep students from taking advantage of the service.

"We provide a clean, dry place for weapons to be stored," he said.

Public Safety is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and there is no fee to register or store a weapon.

24-hour hotline set up to inform students of closures

By JAMES LAKE
News Staff Reporter

If the snow is falling in chunks, the roads are clogged with slush and ice, and you don't quite trust that school closing report you heard on the radio, there's now an easy way to find out if classes at NMU are canceled or not.

Capt. Thomas Leisure, assistant director of Public Safety, said students can call 227-BRRR (2777) to find out if classes have been canceled due to inclement weather. Leisure said a system is in place which can handle several calls at the same time, and callers will hear a recorded message telling them if the university is closed or not.

The message is updated immediately when the decision to close the university is made, and the line is open 24 hours a day.

"This is really to help the people who don't believe [the university closing notice] when they hear it," Leisure said.

In addition to the 227-BRRR school closing report, Leisure said the university also notifies radio and TV stations of class cancellations throughout the Upper Peninsula including 107.7 WMQT, 90.1 and 102.3; WNMU, 91.5 WUPX; WNMU-TV Channel 13; and WLUC-TV Channel 6.

Campus-wide network nears completion

By KEVIN WEED
News Staff Reporter

When approaching the University Priorities Committee for approval of its third and final year of funding, NMU's computer leasing program can point to its record of elevating faculty and staff from the age of departmental Donkey Kong to the age of the World Wide Web.

"Three years ago, there were a number of local area networks (LAN) on campus but no wide area network (WAN) to connect different departments," NMU Budget Director Gavin Leach said. "Quite a few people didn't have computers, and some didn't have computers with the software to access the network."

So, in fiscal year '95-96, NMU earmarked the first of three proposed \$200,000 allocations from the general fund to support a computer leasing program that would link 600 faculty and staff to a WAN, Leach said.

Because general fund dollars come from the state, only general fund employees are covered. The cost for non-general fund employees, who work in auxiliary departments such as Food, Telephone and UC Services and Residence Life, is covered by the respective departments.

Leach, who is chairman of the Network Advisory Committee, said the leasing program provides computers to university employees for \$55 each month. An additional \$20 a month provides connection to the WAN, software, technical support, faculty and staff training and access to e-mail and the Internet.

"We basically had 50 users connected to the WAN as a test group

two years ago," Leach said. "Now, we have almost 400 faculty and staff connected. If you include non-general fund employees, we have connected over 700 people."

Leach said the Advisory Committee is in the preliminary stages of preparing the budget for fiscal '97-98.

"We're going through the process with the UPC," he said.

At the UPC meeting on Dec. 16, Vice President for Finance and Administration Mike Roy said the university may want to consider spreading the third-year funding over a two-year period.

—Gavin Leach
NMU Budget Director

"The goal was for all faculty and staff who need access to the computer network would have it by the third year of funding. All indications are we will meet this goal."

be open to discuss what alternatives we have," he said. "We have made our [funding] request to the state. Gov. [John] Engler will be making his speech Feb. 6. At that point in time, we'll have an idea what state appropriations we might receive."

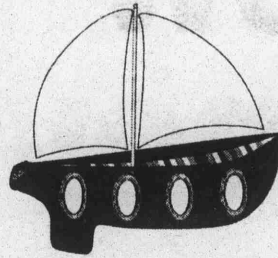
"We were pretty much self-contained when I got here in 1992," Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Michael Marsden said. "We had to use a modem, which was very slow, to connect to the network."

"Now, the speed is so much greater," he said. "And, a number of our faculty are putting course materials on the network for students to download."

"The goal was for all faculty and staff who need access to the computer network would have it by the third year of funding," Leach said. "All indications are we will meet this goal."

Leach said future plans for the WAN include centralized scheduling and calendar planning.

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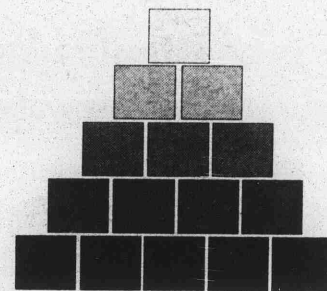


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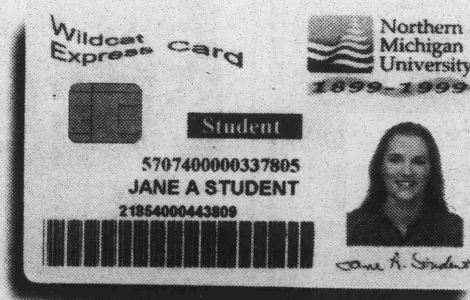
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Editorial**'Next year' has arrived
Packer fans entitled to enthusiasm**

Hell has frozen over, pigs can now fly and the cow just jumped over the moon. The Green Bay Packers are in the Super Bowl.

Anyone with a pulse in these northern boundaries of Packerland already knows that, of course, but Packer fans want the whole world to know, and for good reason.

When the team takes the field of the Louisiana Superdome in three days, destiny will be fulfilled in the minds of Packer fans. Their annual postseason ritual of shrugging and saying to each other, "Just wait until next year," will finally be rewarded.

But the Packers' ascent to the top of the National Football League means much more than an opportunity for their fans to celebrate. It is beneficial for professional sports in general. Sports fans are disgusted by reading about millionaires whining about their salaries, "personality conflicts" between coaches and players, and athletes appearing in the court section of the local paper more than the sports section.

Fans need to see the story of Green Bay and the Packers, an alliance of community and team that is more rare these days than an empty seat at Lambeau Field.

Sports Illustrated, ESPN and hundreds of other media outlets across the country (including the stodgy New York Times) have featured Green Bay and its unparalleled relationship with the team. They comment that Green Bay—the smallest U.S. city that is home to a major professional team—seems to be stuck in time. Maybe it's because the community literally owns the team, maybe it's because there's nothing else going on, but fans act as if they are actually a part of the team. "WE have a big game this weekend," they say. "WE need some help at inside linebacker. ... WE need to give the ball to Bennett more."

To all of you who are sick of the Packer frenzy, please be patient and kind. Your torture is almost over. Packer fans have waited almost 30 years for this moment, when they can finally show more interest in what's happening on the field than the punch lines of the TV commercials.

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From the president**Editorial ... is bunk!****To the Editor:**

The straw person set up in The North Wind editorial of January 16 (What's the big secret?) is bunk! The establishment of the Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation (now known as Northern Initiatives or NI) was marked in 1992 by University open meetings and much fanfare.

From the beginning we have tried, with some success, to gain public attention for it and its companion North Coast BIDCO, Inc., as subsidiary of the nationally-renowned Shorebank Corporation of Chicago.

NMU currently receives a \$263,000 grant from the State to aid in the economic development of the region. In turn, NMU contracts with Northern Initiatives in this amount to subsidize a variety of consulting services for area businesses engaged in manufacturing or other "value-added" businesses.

NI annually uses that money as a leverage to generate more than \$2 million in services for businesses in the region. The affiliated North Coast BIDCO makes an additional \$6 million available as venture capital for the creation or expansion of businesses that hire people to work in the Upper Peninsula.

Several major foundations have invested money to create this loan fund that complements the consulting services provided by NI.

Among other things, NI and BIDCO have:

- secured for NMU a \$900,000 endowment from the Kellogg Foundation that is invested in the venture capital program of the

North Coast BIDCO.

- The annual income from that fund, which will exist in perpetuity, is used to sponsor faculty projects in regional economic development.

- provided staff for the Workforce Development Consortium of the Upper Peninsula, the organization of U.P. universities and colleges through which customized training and cooperative programs between business and U.P. higher education have been increased.

- obtained a \$750,000 block grant from the State to start training programs provided for employers by NMU and the other universities and colleges in the U.P.

Through this program, NMU has been able to provide expertise in quality assurance programs throughout the U.P. and in instruction for our students in this field, and to establish a cooperative education program with Cleveland - Cliffs, Inc. for

highly skilled positions.

- assisted in the redevelopment of K.I. Sawyer by providing expertise to the Conversion Authority and venture capital for the new sawmill project—which could not have been started without it.

- had leveraged bank commitments of over \$50 million to area companies through financial and technical assistance, helping create and retain hundreds of jobs.

The fact is this: NMU has a broad public service mission in addition to providing undergraduate education. The university is wisely called upon to conduct some programs that do not have student education at their center, although NI has provided valuable internship experience to many NMU students as a by-product of its activities.

There's no secret here, but there is a program that serves the public well.

William E. Vandament
President

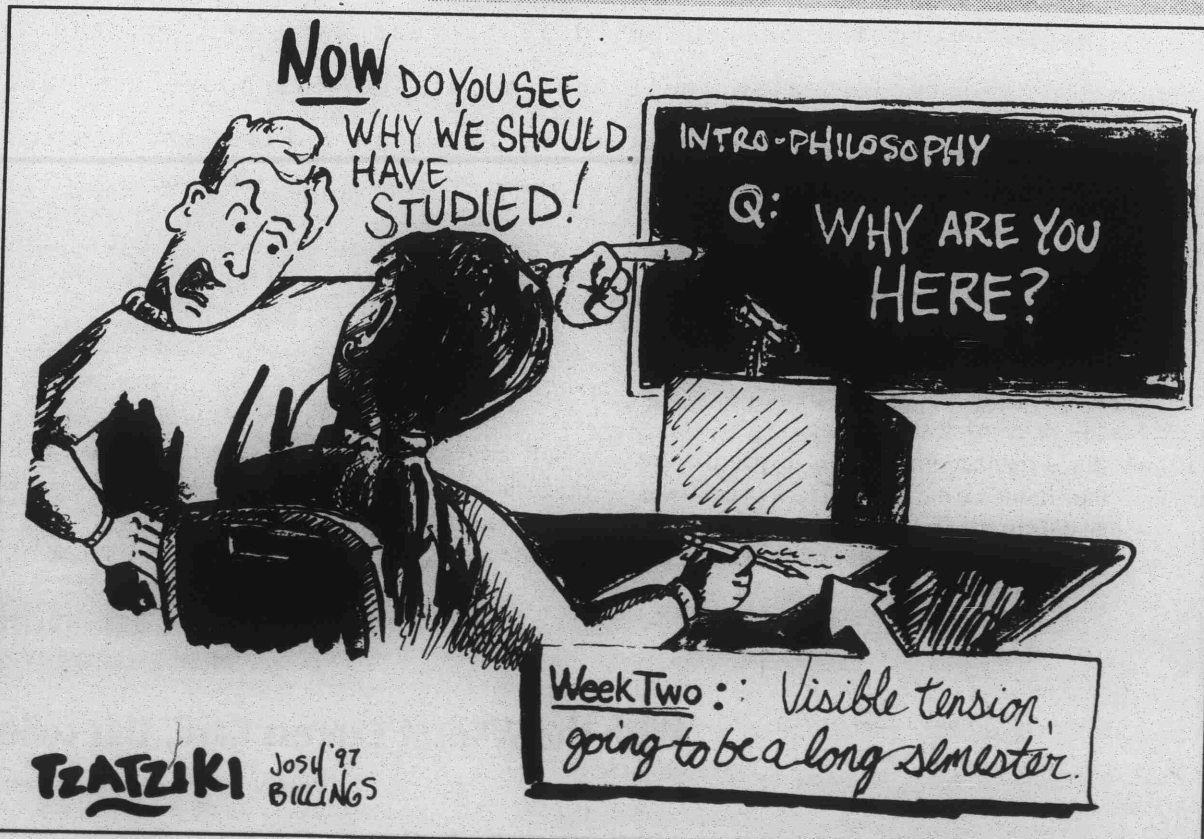
Taxpayers should have say in NMU policies**To the Editor:**

In his column, John Council laments the university's decision to not provide same-sex benefits. He notes that the university "buckle[d] under the pressure from the outside community."

Mr. Council apparently views state universities as self-sustaining entities which should be able to enact into law anything that they wish. In actuality, most of the funds to run a state university come from taxpayers, including those from the "outside community." Academic freedom is essential to NMU, but those at NMU do not have a monopoly on correct ideas.

So when it comes to school policy decisions on financial issues, the ideas and values taken into account must certainly include those of the taxpayers who help to foot the bill.

Tim Twining



It takes a columnist to become bipartisan

To the Editor:

In the spirit of bipartisanship that House Democrats (David Bonier and Jim McDermott in particular) have shown recently, I have prepared a list of possible titles for Hillary Clinton's next foray into the publishing world.

- "It takes an indictment"—showing honest taxpayers how to make \$100,000 with only \$1000 of investments.

- "It takes a village toll"—showing the American people that crossing that bridge to the 21st century will cost them 84% tax rates to get there. Let's pray Ted Kennedy isn't driving us over that bridge.

- "It takes a ghostwriter"—showing people that she really didn't write her first book at all.

- "It takes a button fly"—for those who want to emulate James Carville's ability to dig up dirt on anyone who wants to tarnish the image of the President.

- "It takes a pardon"—or at least the hint of one, to keep those who have been convicted at remaining silent as to whether the President lied in his videotaped testimony.

Thank goodness we have such highly moral politicians as David Bonier who make it a career to politicize the ethics process. If the voters hadn't sent him back to the capitol, he wouldn't be able to waste taxpayer's money in digging up more than the 74 charges he's already brought against the House speaker. I mean, one out of 74 isn't bad—and it only took him two years to find a minor infraction of House rules that the press has made a mountain out of.

And wonderful Jim McDermott, a high-ranking member of the ethics committee who has allegedly committed a felony to reveal that House Republicans were conspiring to obey the law on their cell phones.

The new era of bipartisanship has even inspired me to ignore the rantings on Michigan Republicans of John Council in his column from last week's *North Wind*. I should have thought of bipartisanship a long time ago.

Then I could have said, "Clinton is a weasel in Republican clothing," and felt good about myself for being so fair minded.

Stephen Kirtley



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'Miracles never cease': India is still a democracy

Last summer when I went to India after a break of some 13 years, I had expected to witness dramatic changes taking place in India. Was I disappointed? I was surprised, rather. India continues to amaze me because miracles never cease.

Many years ago, while I was in Communist Poland, a learned academic warned me that democracy would not last in India for very long. Obviously, he was very wrong. India is still the world's largest democracy. The country does not seem to be taking giant strides, but is lumbering along while all her neighbors, with the exception of Sri Lanka, have flirted with or are still in the cruel embrace of military dictatorship. Indeed, the Indian democratic experience is a major miracle, though fraught with all of democracy's handicaps and shortcomings.

There was a time when people thought democracy would not outlive the affable Harrow-Cambridge-

educated P a n d i Jawaharlal N e h r u and the Congress P a r t y . N e h r u died in 1964, but

1996, even after the assassination of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Indira Gandhi's son.

The triumphs of the Nehru clan — almost three generations of father, daughter, and grandson — ignited the Camelotic imagination of political pundits, who predicted dynastic rule, the collapse of secularism and the rise of communalism in India. The prophets of doom were almost correct. In the 1996 election, the party that won the plurality of seats in Parliament was the Bharatiya Janata Party, the right-wing Hindu nationalistic political party. The BJP had wrested control of the legislatures of the Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Haryana.

The President of India invited the BJP to form the federal/central government in New Delhi, which they did. The world wondered: What happened to secularism and democracy in India? Actually, it was a triumph for the democratic process. However, the BJP rule at the Center lasted only three weeks; the party could not win a confidence vote in Parliament; and the BJP government resigned.

It seems more likely that the majority rule of the formerly disenfranchised minorities led by Deve Gowda will last four more years till the next general election. In the meantime, the erstwhile powerful ruling parties are jockeying for position to win the next election. It is possible that the Nehru clan may field Rajiv Gandhi's widow, the Italian born Sonia Gandhi as a prime ministerial candidate against her own wishes. Undoubtedly Sonia Gandhi will win if she contests the elections. It is like saying that Jackie Kennedy would have succeeded her husband as president of the United States in 1964. In 2000, will John Kennedy be watching from the sidelines?

Zacharias Thundy

Cultural Commentary

Being hypnotized doesn't excuse one from personal responsibility

On occasion, I get a somewhat eerie feeling that perhaps every time one of these hypnotist-comedians shows up here at Northern, he manages to mesmerize the entire audience, planting a subliminal, post-hypnotic suggestion in their minds: "You will hire me (or someone just like me) again next year — and the next, and the next, and the next." I've been here some 15 years or so, and there have been at least 10 of these guys show up, right? What reason, other than a mass-induced trance, could account for it?

Don Wilkie

Staff Columnist

I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Audiences are always willing to appear foolish — or more accurately, to see others appear foolish.

"Haw, Haw! Lookit that, ol' Hiram thinks he's a Hawg! Shucks, he'd never do that if he weren't hypitized." And Hiram? He doesn't mind. He has the best alibi available: "Heck, I didn't know what I was doing."

I think that's another reason why hypnotists are popular — they reinforce the idea that lack of control is an acceptable defense for unacceptable actions. A man hits his wife: "Aw honey, you know I didn't mean it; I was drunk last night!" A woman wakes up in a strange bed, and changes from willing partner to naive victim: "I wouldn't have done that if he hadn't plied me with bourbon sour." Phil Lesh sits on the witness stand during the "I Want Jerry's Money" trial, apologizing for his lack of memory concerning the '60s: "Well, those were pretty hazy times back then, after all." All as if to

say being stoned, being high, being drunk — being hypnotized, in other words — excused one from personal responsibility.

I don't often write about legalizing drugs. Suffice it to say, it is self-evident to me that the right to pursue happiness — and, I might even argue, the right to liberty — to which we citizens are all supposedly entitled by the Declaration of Independence is far too frequently abridged, generally for political means.

The only dangerous thing about most illegal drugs, I would suggest, is simply that they are illegal — people don't risk dying from smoking pot; they risk being arrested, going to jail. All because of phobias fostered by people like J. Edgar Hoover, Henry Anslinger and their latter-day disciples.

Unfortunately, as long as people who use such drugs also use the "I was high; I'm not to blame" excuse, those phobias will continue to flourish. Each time someone faults what he ingested for his actions, it reinforces the fears of those who think that "reefer madness" is only a puff away, who think that someone on acid is a psychedelic time bomb just waiting to explode.

And that, I think, is the real tragedy.

It's always easy to blame the hypnotist for one's foolish acts — whether he is of the flesh-and-blood variety, a chemical concoction or the television set down the hall. What we really need to do, however, is to travel a harder path, one that leads to responsibility. Because someday, sometime, we all have to wake up, to come out of our trance. And then, we'll have no one to blame but ourselves.

ASNMU reviews Activity Fee policy

By KEVIN WEED
News Staff Reporter

The ASNMU Governing Board directed the Student Affairs Committee to review funding of religious and political activities with Student Activity Fees.

"The intention is to look into this and ensure NMU is in line with recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings," Family Housing Representative Terrance Hall said of student fees. "I think for us this is a proactive step."

"If you want to change the policy that's fine, but understand that there are ramifications if you change it," said ASNMU adviser Ed Niemi, associate dean of students.

According to the policy regarding the Student Discretionary Activity Fee, "Allocations will not be approved for ... the promotion of religious organizations or the sponsorship of religious activities ... or the support of political candidates."

Niemi said if the policy was changed to fund religious or political speeches, the Student Activity Fee may need to become voluntary.

This possibility was met with opposition from ASNMU Treasurer Joseph Bergh.

"I think this is the worst mistake student government can make," Bergh said. Voluntary funding "would destroy the system we have established since the Student Activity Fee was started over 20 years ago."

"I understand the hesitancy to change the policy," Hall said. "All I'm asking is that we look into it now."

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Scholarship eases child care expense

By ERIC BRADLEY
Staff Writer

Tuition, books and rent are expenses most college students encounter. For students with young children, child care costs can be a burden.

To meet these costs, a \$200 Child Care Scholarship was created by the 1994-95 ASNMU Governing Board.

"All of the money that funds this scholarship is from recyclable cans. There is no university funds whatsoever," ASNMU Treasurer Joseph Bergh said.

"The scholarship is posted whenever we reach the \$200 to give as the full scholarship. Applications are eligible for two cycles of the scholarship," Bergh said.

Recipients are chosen on the basis of need and whether they use a day-care service.

"To make sure no one misuses the funds, we write the check directly to the day-care business," Bergh said.

Korry Richer, organization director for the Little Friends Child Care Center, said, "We depend on the business we get from Northern students. I would guess that about 20 percent of our customers are students."

Some students seek state or federal aid. When this aid is cut, businesses and families feel the pinch.

Diana Hetrick, organization director at Mr. McGregor's Garden said, "Since the state cut funding of their Michigan Opportunity and Skills Training program, we've seen a drop in Northern students of almost 10 percent. Our infant/toddler room was almost all [children of] Northern families and now only 25 percent are."

The MOST program is a state fund that helps subsidize child care costs for student families and can fund up to 95 percent of child care costs. Requirements of the program are that people requesting aid attend school, work at least 20 hours a week and have a need for the care.

Anna Marie Cream, the recipient of the first Child Care Scholarship, has a plan to reduce her child's day-care costs.

"I got several moms together to organize a system between themselves. I call it a 'child care co-op system.' We use a coupon system to help ease the burden. For every hour I babysit, I get a coupon to use on another mother for an hour of babysitting," Cream said.

"I take my daughter three days a week to day care, the other four I use the child care group. The \$200 from the scholarship and 20 coupons will take care of a month's worth of day care. That's a big help," she said.

There are 15 families using this plan.

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Instruction

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However, Toppen warned not to discount the importance of having graduate assistants.

"Lots of times we have wonderful graduate assistants," he said. "They are a very important part of any graduate program because they are the faculty of tomorrow. In effect, they are professors in training." Grand Valley State University

News and Information Services Manager Tim Penning said the situation in Allendale is much different.

GVSU uses adjunct faculty to teach 42 percent of its undergraduate hours. Penning said the numbers at his school can be summed up in one word — economics.

"We have pretty much doubled our enrollment in the last decade,"

Penning said, citing a jump from 8,361 students in fall of 1986 to 14,662 students last September. "Until recently, state appropriations did not go up commensurate with enrollment, so we have hired a large number of adjunct faculty.

"We are definitely making it a priority to increase the ratio of full-time faculty-versus adjuncts," Pen-

ning said. "We are dedicated to being a teaching institution."

Joyal said the limited number of adjunct faculty at NMU does play an important role in student instruction.

"We sometimes need to hire an adjunct professor when nobody on the faculty is qualified to teach a course," he said. "We don't have a law school. So if we need to offer a

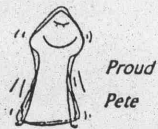
course in legal aspects of journalism, we may need to hire someone who has an expertise in that field."

For Marsden, a higher percentage of regular faculty translates to a better situation for students.

"Our faculty is going to be there to write letters of recommendation," Marsden said. "They are going to be there to give mentorship to students."

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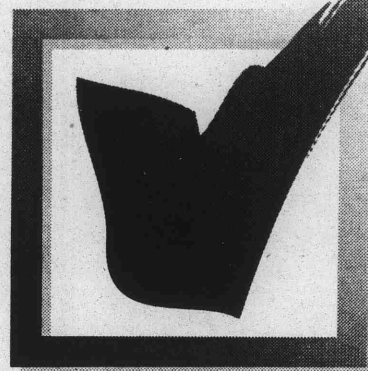
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The hills are alive with the sound of Packer fans

Packer Mania has driven me over the edge. I'm sure seeking out a therapist is my only hope, but since they're all closing their offices so they can attach pieces of Styrofoam dairy to their heads and "run with the pack," I'll have to bare my soul in print and hope that one of them picks up the paper during halftime and comes to my rescue.

I am the bad seed in my family — the outcast. I began to realize this early in my youth when my parents and sisters would gather around the television shouting and screaming wildly at a bunch of bumpy looking men running around a rather large lawn chasing after a pointy brown ball.

I couldn't fathom what all the excitement was about, but as peer pressure is a lethal force, I joined in yelling, "Kill 'em! Kill 'em! Make him eat that ball!" and, "Die you dirty so-and-so!" Ah, the stuff of childhood.

It became clear as I grew up that, lacking football worship as I did, I was not going to be part of my family unit.

When my mother threw Super Bowl parties I could be found tucked away watching "The Sound of Music" somewhere. If a nasty turn of events forced me to actually sit through all that stuff before and after the halftime show, my saving grace was the few sips of beer my dad would pass me on the sly. I would drink through my tears of boredom praying for no overtime.

The reason I'm dredging up this repressed trauma is because I'm having a real problem with this year's Super Bowl. Being with my family lately is like walking into an episode of "The Outer Limits." The cult of football is alive and well and devouring my family.

My niece, who sobbed uncontrollably for two days after the Steelers lost last year, gave me a belated Christmas card recently with a distinct Packer theme.

As I pondered over what football had to do with Christmas I heard my sister — the same woman who scaled the walls of her house in her pajamas during a blizzard to hang her MSU flag from the roof — exclaim, "I just figured out how to download pictures of Brett Favre on the computer! We can use them for wallpaper!"

Immediately I understood. Favre is a savior come to bring pride to the Midwest, and the Super Bowl is turning into a new religious holiday — at least for my family.

They write letters every day requesting sainthood for Reggie White, and even my pal Jack prays nightly to the green and gold god in the sky for a Brett Favre injury so Jim McMahon can rush in and save the day.

There's no getting away from the madness. Any therapist deciding to take on my case would only try to turn me into one of "the pack," thereby "curing" me of my unholy dementia. So again I will submit.

I will go gently into my sister's Super Bowl party, but don't be surprised if I have my "Sound of Music" tape tucked securely under my arm.

Alexandra Kloster

For What It's Worth



DIVERSIONS

Unbridled Packerph

By KERRY STEINMETZ
Features Staff Reporter

It seems that the area has been getting a makeover lately, and not just the white that nature delights in sending our way. This time it seems that everything is becoming green and gold. Bumper stickers, mugs, jackets and even underwear sporting the Green Bay Packers' logo seem to be everywhere.

"If you walked in my home you'd think, 'these people are nuts,'" said Karl Dally, an NMU freshman from Green Bay. "We've got Packer neon clocks, bar mirrors, mugs, blankets and anything else you can think of."

Since the Green Bay Packers are playing the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Sunday, it seems that everyone who wasn't one before is becoming a Packer fan.

Dally, whose family lives three blocks away from Brett Favre, said, "I'll have bragging rights if they win the Super Bowl."

The Upper Peninsula, perhaps because of its close proximity to Wisconsin, has traditionally been the home of many Packer fans, and local businesses have always managed to sell a steady amount of Packerphernalia. Lately, however, these sales have increased. Even smaller stores notice the difference.

Hot Stuff, a variety store in the Westwood Mall, sells Packer neckties. Manager Laurie Britton said the ties have always sold well, but lately there has been an increase in sales.

Dunham's Discount Sports, in the Marquette Mall, has also seen an increase in the sale of Packer items, ranging from shirts and jackets to cheese bowties and earrings.

"Everybody wants cheeseheads for their relatives down in Texas, but we ran out about a month ago," said Sarah Brimmer, a clerk at Dunham's.



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The NORTH WIND Top Ten

Top ten reasons no one in the Upper Peninsula watched the Clinton Inaugural.

10. The TV cord wouldn't reach the sauna.
9. The "Red Green Show" was on at the same time.
8. Bill Clinton — wasn't he president last time?
7. There were no special appearances by Packers.
6. Was too busy shoveling snow.
5. The union newsletter never mentioned it.
4. Got stranded on the way back from Shopko.
3. Barbra Streisand — enough said.
2. Had to be first in line to get a Gilbert Burger.
1. Inaugural — isn't that what you use to cut holes in the ice?

Super celebrations

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
Features Editor

It's the last minute of the game. The score is tied. The kick is caught at the 10-yard line and carried down the field for a touchdown amidst deafening cheers, but the carrier can't be seen, because on the 12-inch black and white screen, everyone looks like ants. Sound familiar?

Super Bowl tickets are impossible to come by, but watching it can still be a thrilling experience.

"It's a lot more exciting to watch it with a large group of people," said Mike Johnson, director of a local charity that is opening its teen center to the public for this year's game.

Many local businesses offer free food and drink specials during the Super Bowl.

"We tend to get a bigger crowd, because you get waited on. At home you have to run to the fridge

and get food for yourself," said Jennifer Gustafson, a senior who has worked at Whisker's Bar for three years. "Everybody is cheering and it makes it a good party atmosphere."

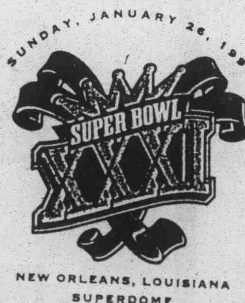
Troy Armatti, manager at the Pitcher Show Cinema, said, "The last few Packer games were packed. It's almost as good as going to the game, only here it's nice and warm. You hear a big loud cheer when they do something right."

"Every year is different," said Trent Turner, cook at JT's Shaft for the past five years. "We've seen a big increase in business since

the Packers have been doing good."

Admission to Northern Lights Youth For Christ's teen center at 145 W. Washington St. will be free, and the party is open to all ages.

"We've got a 52-inch TV and you'll be able to hear every Reggie White bone-crunching sack on our big sound system," Johnson said.



Work on your porch' with a

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way people cherish it as a shrine," he said.

Some of the items that Wedig has are blow-up helmets, mugs and a Packer jacket.

Wedig also said he likes to use Packer items in his classes as an example of a community's intellectual and emotional response to something, pointing out the way that it affects color choices and decorative patterns, among other things.

As a fan he said, "I've liked to watch their struggle to get to the top. I think I'll even be a little disappointed if they win the Super Bowl. I like to think of them as the underdogs."

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The Gilbert Burger is now available at participating Burger Kings throughout Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, including the Marquette restaurant. Customers who order the Gilbert Burger Value Meal will receive a free, full-color poster featuring Brown with his favorite burger. The poster, headlined "Hey Grave Digger ... Bury Those Chowder Heads," plays upon Brown's nickname, "The Grave Digger." He earned the title for his celebration dance of "digging graves" with an imaginary shovel for unfortunate opponenets. So enamored is Brown with this Burger King staple that every Monday this season, he has bought Gilbert Burgers for his fellow defensive linemen.

Marquette may have more bars than a jail cell, but this weekend students have decided it is possible to have

Fun without alcohol

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER and KERRY STEINMETZ

Features Staff Reporters

While Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots fans are anxiously waiting for the big football game on Sunday, many Northern Michigan University students are choosing to have their fun in a different way. They are making a commitment to be alcohol free for the weekend.

"The idea is to try to have people realize they can have a good time without alcohol," said Rachel Harris, the assistant director of the project.

Alcohol-Free Weekend, as its name implies, is a time set aside for students to make the pledge to remain alcohol free for three days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

To be involved in Alcohol-Free Weekend, students must purchase a button for \$1 and sign a pledge card, which will be kept in the Student Activities office, stating that they will remain alcohol free for the entire weekend.

Students will then be given a list of area businesses that are offering a special discount to anyone wearing the button.

On Saturday there will be a student carnival, called the Superior Dome Spectacular, with free admission to all students who have purchased the button. The carnival will run from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Dome.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Mongo-Zid Dancers, a traditional Native American drum group. Local band Dream Catcher will also be featured, and a karaoke competition beginning at midnight offers a \$100 first prize.

A three-on-three basketball tournament will run from 9-10:30 p.m., followed by volleyball and floor hockey tournaments.

"Marquette County and Public Safety have been working hard in the past several years at reducing underage drinking and problems related to drinking," said Bruce Mahler, Marquette County undersheriff. "But the real impetus has to come through students themselves. We all have to take personal responsibility for our actions."

Mahler, along with several Public Safety officers and NMU personalities, will be braving the cold water of a dunk tank at the "Drop-a-Cop" booth.

"I'll be sacrificing my body in the interest of a good cause," Mahler said.

Virtual reality, bouncy boxing and several carnival games with prizes donated by area businesses will also be available.

There will be free soda for anyone with a button, and pizza will be sold for 50 cents.

For those who don't want to walk or drive in the cold weather, a shuttle service will be available beginning at 7 p.m., to and from the Dome. The two pick-up sites will be the crosswalk on Circle Drive near the Payne-Halverson residence halls, and at the University Center near the bookstore entrance. The shuttle will run continuously in an attempt to accommodate differing schedules.

Alcohol-Free Weekend is an idea that came from many different sources, said Dave Bonsall, director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs.

Students and staff alike thought that it would be a good idea to have a time set aside for students to make the commitment to be alcohol free, and the idea of a student carnival had been brought up in the past, Bonsall said. The two ideas were merged, and the result is Alcohol-Free Weekend.

Keeping the streets safe

By AMY POLK
Staff Writer

NMU Public Safety and the state of Michigan are preparing for another wave of enforcement overtime as part of a "Safe and Sober" campaign.

"This is a good program, and personally, I have seen a decline in the drunk driving incidents since the beginning of the program," said Officer Ken Love.

NMU's Public Safety joined the campaign as part of a group of area law enforcement agencies titled Marquette Area Safe and Sober Team in May 1996.

March 23 to April 5 has been designated the next period of

high-profile traffic enforcement following a program that took place during the holidays.

During that time, eight Public Safety officers worked overtime with the goal of increasing safety-belt use and reducing alcohol related traffic violations.

During the holiday enforcement period, Public Safety was responsible for nine traffic stops, one drunk driving arrest, one safety-belt citation and seven other moving violations campus-wide.

Love said a campus survey also revealed that NMU's student safety-belt use is above state average — 85-90 percent compared with 70 percent use statewide.

In a statewide competition, NMU Public Safety earned the most points to take first place in its division, which included other state universities and the Military Police. Public Safety was awarded two dash-mounted radar units, each worth \$934, and one handheld radar gun valued at \$1,330.

The program has been considered a success, but Love said, "Although the people I've talked to are enthusiastic about Safe and Sober, I kind of wish the students would request more programs on drunk driving."

He said he would also like to see more seat-belt use across the Upper Peninsula.

Dreamscapes: just your average adventurers

"The thing you've got to understand is that we're not like other people," said Broc, combing his short fingers through his beard.

No kidding. Broc, a dwarf, sat across from me. Mage Ellowen of the High Elves sat next to him, nodding absently at her companion, a kender. Amazing creatures, kender. They can talk nonstop for 42 hours.

"Take us," Broc gestured with a powerful arm. "I'm sitting here with a wizard elf and that chattering ogre bait, friendly as friends."

The kender squawked objections, but he continued, "Dwarves aren't usually so open-minded."

As he paused for a drink, I asked Ellowen about their adventuring party.

She pushed her silver hair behind pointer ears and said, "Dreamscapes? I guess we're just your average group of adventurers; we meet elves, gnomes and dragons, solve puzzles, find treasure, aid the helpless and so on."

"Sounds tough," I commented.

"Tough?" Broc roared. "You've heard of Beowulf? Babba Yaga? Hercules?"

I nodded.

"Wimps!"

Well, I just had to investigate this, so I went to the next Dreamscapes meeting.

It was scary. Cheese puffs, pop and unfinished sketches of knights lay everywhere, people jotted down riddles or bawled out orc jokes, and a skinny guy kept shouting, "Can I please have your attention? Excuse me? Please?!"

Feeling sorry for the guy, I approached him and asked what was

happening.

"I'm DMing," he said. At my confusion, he explained, "As a DM [Dungeon Master], I'm thinking of an adventure for some of these people."

But they were all human. Where were my friends — the dwarf, elf and kender?

"Well, he's playing an elf this week instead of a dwarf," he explained, pointing to a blond guy at the table, "and she's playing a gnome," he gestured toward a smiling girl with a flushed round face, "but she's still the kender."

He indicated a tall girl with blond hair.

Eventually I got the whole story. Dreamscapes is a role-playing organization founded three years ago. The group meets weekly to indulge in a kind of group storytelling. Their adventures are usually set in a medieval fantasy world peopled with gnomes, pixies and such who can work magic and wield swords. They've also played Werewolf, Vampire: The Masquerade, Beyond the Supernatural and other campaign settings.

Whatever the system, the game begins with players making characters based on guidelines in campaign handbooks. They imagine themselves as those characters and talk through a series of events under the direction of the Dungeon Master.

It's safe, exciting fun that requires no experience or special equipment. Dreamscapes welcomes anyone 18 years or older or a college freshman.

For more information, contact Dreamscapes through the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office in the University Center.

— By Susan D. Schrachta

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12am-2	Jeff & Rick	Crazy Dave	Jim Bollinger	Toby	Baby Nuclear	Doc Dec	Einstein
2am-4	Courtney	Scott	Tim	Jeff	Cory	Z & J	Dnk
4am-6	Forte	The Wallflower	Cory	Chekkered X	Scott	Jack-in-the-box	Kurt
6am-8	Andy & Brian	Tyson	Sluys	Spider Monkey	Sluys	Jace the Ace	Anthony J
8am-10	Mark the Conservative Guy	Howie Kazzer	Empire	Sprocket	Rain King	Rory	Snack Master
10am-12	Sister Dread	The Rude Dawg	Mark McCoffee	Dr. Polyester	Rudy	Anthony	Kent the DJ that ???
12pm-2	Anthony	Bridgette	The Rude Dawg	Bridgette	The Toaster	Sprocket	Stewart
2pm-4	Jendy	Spike Chiquet	Andy	Spike Chiquet	Rez Bum	The Madhatter	Deesch
4pm-6	Steve your Radio Friend	Maitre d' of Love	Josh the Punk Guy	Handsome Debb	News & Views	The Rude Dawg	DJ Double A
6pm-8	Sandra your Radio X DJ	Big 8	The Enforcer	Fat Frode Falls	Chadrah	J	Mark the Conservative Guy
8pm-10	Rez Bum	Kent the DJ that ???	Jace the Ace	The Toaster	Walt the Wise Guy	Gary	Rory
10pm-12	The Madhatter	Doobs	Nick the Cryptkeeper	Paul K	Room 104	Jentrix	Farmer Prufroc

The first Radio X Open Mic Showcase of the semester is this Thursday at the Village Pub with host Dan Mahoney! Come and show off your many talents!!

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Eisenhower Ensemble joins technology, dance

By JEREMIAH FRENCH
Features Staff Reporter

In some states, there are laws against how much fun the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble has in leotards. Beyond that, the members of the company frequently flout the laws of physics and gravity.

Considered by many to be the finest dance company in Michigan, they are coming to Northern with an exciting program created solely by Michigan choreographers, including Whitley Setrakian and Lindsey Thomas.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble was founded in 1991 by Laurie Eisenhower to showcase the works of young, talented choreographers and composers, as well as internationally recognized choreographers. Since then, the ensemble has toured several states, receiving praise wherever it goes.

This season, the group is show-

ing a new multimedia dance work titled "Your Arizona, My Arizona," a comic piece that explores impressions outsiders have of the choreographer's home state.

"The work is a suite with seven sections. It utilizes a computer, projector and video screen with text that comments on the dance as it progresses," Eisenhower said.

Dance Ensemble assistant director Gregory Patterson also includes his signature work, titled "Who's the Boss?"

The company will finish with past favorites, such as "Mosaics" and "Esprit de Corps."

The performance begins tonight at 7:30 in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Tickets are available at The Superior Dome, Willy's Snak Shak, Lakeview Arena and at the door. Prices are \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU faculty and staff, and \$10 for the general public.



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Tuesday, Feb. 4th Wildcat Den.
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Vidal's masterpiece, 'Myra Breckinridge,' deserves a reread

By ALEXANDRA KLOSTER
Book Reviewer

Who is Myra Breckinridge? In 1968 this question towered over the advertisements for Gore Vidal's shameless masterpiece. Myra Breckinridge is, in her own words, someone who "no man will ever possess," someone who "held off the entire elite of Trobriand Islanders ... my beauty blinding them, as it does all men ..."

What is Myra Breckinridge? A hybrid of fierce strength, devastating femininity. Someone doused with devious cunning, brilliant conning, and a heart of gold. The female equivalent of Adonis. Myra Breckinridge is not what she seems.

Where is Myra Breckinridge? Set

in Hollywood at the end of its golden days, Myra simultaneously sets out to become a star and finagle her way into Buck Loner's Academy of Drama and Modeling, thereby claiming half of it as her inheritance from her "dead" husband Myron, Buck's nephew. Myra becomes the scourge of Buck and an idolized goddess for her students, accomplishing her major goal — to be queen in the movie that is her life.

Why "Myra Breckinridge"? Why review a book that is nearly thirty years old? Because it deserves to be reread by those lucky enough to be around during its controversial release, and because, for those who discover it for the first time, it is truly a gift in these days of stuffy paranoia

that have everyone scared to offend anyone. Every page has at least one scrumptious, politically incorrect morsel showing the sardonic humor and fortitude of Vidal, who is, and has been, the object of slander and defamation many times during his life. On a more academic note, "Myra Breckinridge" is a psychological cacophony ringing with displaced anger and acute identity crisis.

Which "Myra Breckinridge"? If you can, pick up the nifty 1969 paperback I have, complete with 32 pages of actual photographs from the film starring Raquel Welch, Mae West and Farrah Fawcett. It's a treasure to behold.

'Scream' takes horror films to a new level

By KELSEY MANN
Movie Reviewer

Film: Scream

Starring: David Arquette
Skeet Ulrich
Courtney Cox

Director: Wes Craven

The genre of suspense and horror films have been in dire need of a rejuvenation. "Scream" is the film that has jump-started scary films to a heart pounding pace.

Most films of this type are all the same. "Scream" is a fresh look in the over-done genre. Wes Craven (Freddy's creator) even seems to be saying that he's also at fault in creating this typical and predictable slasher storyline.

There's a wonderful scene with Drew Barrymore in which she's asked what her favorite scary film is. She replies that the first "Friday the 13th" is, and "the rest sucked."

I'm not a fan of the slice-and-dice films, but "Scream" isn't a carbon copy of those banal pictures. "Scream" entertained and frightened me. It scared me because of the suspense and not because of the horror.

In most scenes, the audience doesn't see guts being torn out of someone. They are left instead to fill in the gaps with their own minds, unlike horror films that make people nauseous and not frightened.

The picture starts out with a great scene with Barrymore at home alone. She's terrorized by a modern day Jack Ripper who bothers not only Barrymore but the entire town.

The film centers around a group of teenagers obsessed with scary films who set out to survive and to find out who the murderer is.

The film is unpredictable (for the

most part) and you'll leave with the killer's mask floating in your head.

"Scream" is about all horror films. It makes fun of the genre, but also glorifies it. It has new horror film qualities, but still has the basic story embedded in itself.

Campus Cinema:

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

This is another Disney film that is taking animation one step closer to an adult audience. Perhaps this latest step is too big, or maybe Disney shouldn't have sold it as a kid's movie. The film is very entertaining and the art is still beyond wonderful.

Features Briefs

Alma Print Exhibition

The NMU Art Museum is currently sponsoring the 16th annual statewide Alma College Print Exhibition. The juried show features hand-pulled prints by 30 Michigan Artists. "A gallery visit will reward with challenging ideas, nostalgia, humor and purely visual delight," said Juror Frances Myers. The exhibition will be at NMU until Feb. 5.

"The Thaw" accepting submissions

Northern Michigan University's journal of student literature, known in years past as "The Dark Tower," has become "The Thaw" and will be accepting submissions for the winter 1997 edition until Feb. 7. All types of writing are welcome, but students are limited to two poems and one piece of prose each. Works must be no more than 10 single spaced typed pages, with a cover sheet including name, phone number, year in school and title of submission, and turned in to Gries 246. For more information, please call Jacqueline Flicker at 227-1768.

Kurt Vonnegut lecture postponed

A lecture by best-selling author Kurt Vonnegut scheduled for last night was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled. His appearance on campus is being sponsored by Platform Personalities.

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Students planning to participate in Commencement must also be measured for their cap and gown at the bookstore by this same date.

Candidates for a master's degree, who have registered for graduation and are preparing a thesis, must submit their thesis to the Dean of Graduate Studies by April 4, 1997. All other requirements except courses in progress must be completed by April 14, 1997.

No students will be allowed to graduate without meeting all graduation requirements.

All course work must be satisfactorily completed.

Students may not have any "X or I" grades.

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Things to do

THURS., JAN. 23

NMU Art Museum: The 16th Annual Statewide Alma Print Exhibition, which is a juried exhibition for Michigan artists working in hand pulled prints, will be on exhibit through February 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Film: "Trainspotting" (R) will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

Art Students League: Weekly meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Art and Design North Studio, room 133. For more information, call S.J. at 226-2951.

American Marketing Association: Weekly meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in Pioneer Room B of the University Center. All majors are welcome. For more information, call John at 228-2454.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: A large group meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Pioneer Room A of the University Center. For more information, call Peter Cerling at 227-3820.

Copper Country PRIDE: Weekly meetings will be held at 9 p.m. in the Hunt/VA basement. All chemical free students are welcome any time. For more information, call Cassandra at 227-4225.

Basketball: NMU vs. Oakland at Hedgcock Fieldhouse. The Women play at 5:30 p.m. and the Men play at 7:30 p.m.

NMU Cultural Events Series: The Eisenhower Dance Studio, one of Michigan's finest and most active dance companies, will present an exciting evening of modern repertory dance at 7:30

p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU faculty/staff, and \$10 for the general public.

FRI., JAN. 24

Bahai Association: Can the religions get along? This discussion will be held from noon- 1 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center. For more information, call Rod Clauchen at 227-1881.

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SAT., JAN. 25

Women's Basketball: NMU vs. Michigan-Dearborn at 1 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

Film: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (G) will be shown at 7 p.m. in Jamrich, room 102.

Alcohol-Free Weekend: The Alcohol-Free Weekend event will be held from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Superior Dome. Cost is \$1 for students and \$2 for non-students.

NMU Art Museum: The 16th Annual Statewide Alma Print Exhibition, which is a juried exhibition for Michigan artists working in hand pulled prints, will be on exhibit through February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

SUN., JAN. 26

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exhibition for Michigan artists working in hand pulled prints, will be on exhibit through February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Catholic Campus Ministry: Weekly mass will be held at 5 p.m. this week rather than the regular time of 7 p.m.

Alpha Gamma Delta: An informal rush will be held every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge. A new event will be held each week! Join the sisterhood! Dress casual. For more information, call Heather May at 226-9504.

Film: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (G) will be shown in Jamrich 102 at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Copper Country PRIDE: Weekly meetings will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Hunt/VA basement. All chemical free students are welcome any time. For more information, call Cassandra at 227-4225.

MON., JAN. 27

Alpha Kappa Psi: An informational meeting will be held at 9 p.m. in the Nicolet room of the University Center. Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional business fraternity, open to men and women who are Business and/or Economics majors and/or minors. For more information, call Amy at 228-8346.

TUES., JAN. 28

NMU Art Museum: The 16th Annual Statewide Alma Print Exhibition, which is a juried exhibition for Michigan artists working in hand pulled prints, will be on exhibit through February 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Psi: Come have some fun and learn about NMU's only professional business fraternity at a bowling party. Alpha Kappa Psi is open to all men and women who are Business and Economy majors or minors. Meet outside the bookstore at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Amy at 228-8346.

College Republicans: Weekly meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the LRC, room 311. For more information, call Kim Crane at 228-6516.

JoJo's Potato Palace: A demonstration of potato cooking techniques will be held at uncle mahatma's kitchen. Munk Bob will read from the book of Krsna. Potatoes and entertainment will be provided by the Dick's Fine Food Syndicate.

Amigos Latinos: Weekly meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge in front of the Lincoln statue. For more information, call Maritza at 226-9636.

Are you sick and tired of politics as usual? Then go to our meetings. Meet the people that represent you in local, state, and national politics. Don't let your future be planned for you. Weekly meetings will be held at 8 p.m. the Marquette Room of the University

Center. For more information, call Jason at 249-3407.

WED., JAN. 29

Commuter Student Services Organization: Weekly meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in Conference Room B of the University Center. For more information, call Bonnie Hafman at 227-1527. for stories, activities and lakes from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information, call 228-9510.

DDF Syndicate: "Everyone owns a share." Gerald Ford knew the score. So do people like Juan Atkins.

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Public Service Notification

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Women dominate Huskies

Manske leads 'Cats with 15 points, 10 rebounds

By JON SICOTTE
Sports Staff Reporter

It wasn't supposed to be like this. The top two teams in the GLIAC's North Division were playing and one would expect a last-second buzzer shot to win the game in double overtime, but it didn't happen. In reality, a clear and dominant leader prevailed from the floor of Hedgcock Fieldhouse on Monday.

The No. 15 NMU women's basketball team (15-2 overall, 10-0 GLIAC) started off slow but rolled by the No. 20 Michigan Tech Huskies (13-4, 9-1), 81-50.

But the Wildcats didn't look like a team that was riding a seven-game winning streak at the start. MTU built an 8-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game.

NMU head coach Mike Geary was frustrated. He paced in front of the bench and ran both of his hands through his hair in an attempt to calm himself and his team.

After a timeout, the 'Cats battled back in front of over 600 NMU and MTU fans.

Mandee Dafoe finally put Northern on the board with a layup at the 16:05 mark of the first half.

From there the 'Cats battled Tech, and eventually Shana DeCremer hit a three-pointer seven minutes into the game to give NMU a 12-10 lead that they would never surrender.

"They came out and stung us at the bat," junior guard Ginger Weber said. "But after the timeout, it was a five-man defensive effort."

The Wildcats used its defense to create offense as it went on a 14-2 run in a span of just over three minutes.

One of the highlights of the run was Weber's three-point heave with the shot-clock ticking down to zero halfway through the first half. Kris Manske also hit a running jumper with one second to go to give Northern a 42-27 lead at the half. Manske led all scorers in the game with 15.

The second half was a totally different rendition of the first. NMU jumped on the Huskies early with another 14-2 run in the first six minutes of the half.

The 'Cats held MTU without a field goal while Dafoe scored six points and DeCremer chipped in four. Both ended up with 14 for the night.

With seven minutes to go, MTU coach Kevin Borseth surrendered. He sent in his backups to be tested in the Wildcat fire.

After the game, Borseth said, "Yes, I'm very [expletive] mad! We got our butts stomped! They have national champion qualities."

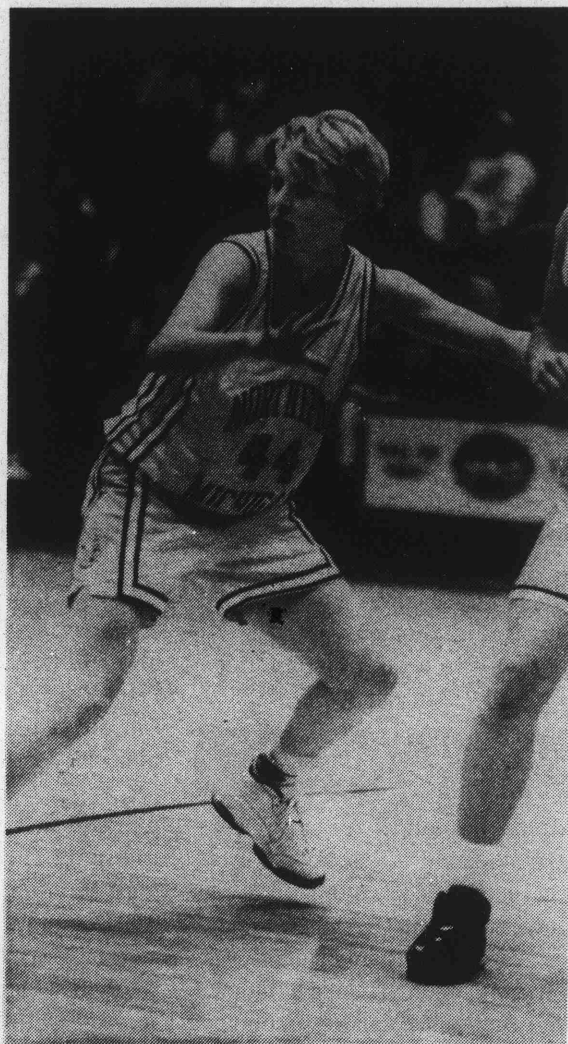
Geary was humble in the aftermath of a mammoth

GLIAC Women's Basketball	North Division	
	N. Michigan	10-0
	Michigan Tech	9-1
	Ferris State	4-6
	Saginaw Valley St	3-5
	Lake Superior St	3-5
	Northwood	2-6
	Grand Valley St	1-9
	South Division	
	Oakland	7-1
	Ashland	6-2
	Mercyhurst	4-4
Hillsdale	4-4	
Gannon	2-7	
Wayne State	2-7	

31-point trouncing of the 'Cats' biggest rival.

"This was certainly not the outcome that was expected," Geary said. "I'm proud of the way we competed. It was a great team effort."

NMU also took on another U.P. rival last Thursday, as it played host to Lake Superior



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Shana DeCremer and the Wildcats, 10-0 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division, had no problem with rival MTU by winning 81-50. They play South Division leader Oakland at 5:30 tonight at Hedgcock Fieldhouse in their only regular-season matchup this year.

State. DeCremer and Dafoe scored 23 points each as NMU beat LSSU, 79-65.

The Wildcats can't rest, though. They will play host to current GLIAC South Division leader, Oakland University, tonight at 5:30.

"It's a big game for us, and we have to keep our mental edge," Weber said.

NMU leads the conference in scoring, scoring margin, field-goal percentage and free-throw percentage.

Summary NMU vs. Michigan Tech (field goals, free throws, total points):

NMU — Johnston, 1-0-2; Weber, 3-1-9; Manske, 6-1-15; DeCremer, 4-5-14; Dafoe, 7-0-14; Rehmann, 1-0-3; Tunney, 3-0-8; Dykstra, 0-6-6; Strand, 3-2-8; Leverenz, 0-2-2. Totals, 28-17-81.

Halftime Score: NMU 42, Michigan Tech 27
FG shooting: NMU, 28 of 62 (45.2 percent); Michigan Tech, 20 of 51 (39.2 percent); FT shooting: NMU 17 of 24 (70.8 percent); Michigan Tech 6 of 10 (60 percent); Rebounding: NMU, 42 (Kris Manske 10); Michigan Tech, 29 (Kathie Kruienza and Laurel Aamodt, 5 each).

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— Mike Geary
NMU head coach

Michigan Tech ends men's home win streak

By CHRIS BARRUS
Sports Staff Reporter

The Northern Michigan University men's basketball team's five-game home winning streak came to an end with a loss to GLIAC rival Michigan Tech, 65-51, on Monday.

"We came out of the blocks good and then hit the wall," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

The Wildcats (7-11 overall, 4-6 GLIAC) went up on the Huskies 11-4 five minutes into the game. The 'Cats then went almost nine minutes without scoring. The shooting troubles continued until NMU freshman Jimmy Roberts hit a pair of free throws with about five minutes left in the first half.

"We just could not get an inside game going really in the first half," NMU redshirt freshman Cory Brathol said. "We were getting good shots, they just weren't going in. That's some of the breaks you get sometimes."

Foul troubles hurt the Wildcats early as Kevin Coduti and Brathol picked up a couple of fouls each and Ellis had to sit them on the bench early in the first half.

"One of our main goals was to get it inside early and when [Coduti] was out of the game we really did not have a main guy to go to inside," Brathol said.

In the second half the 'Cats were able to pull to within one point of the Huskies with about 10 minutes left in the contest. The Wildcats doubled their point production in the second half, but were unable to take the lead as the Huskies pulled away at the end for the win.

"Any time these two teams meet I expect it to be a one- or two-possession basketball game. I feel very fortunate that we won the basketball game, because I think that is a very good basketball team here at Hedgcock," Michigan Tech head coach Kevin Luke said.

The 'Cats took 15 shots from three-point range, but made only three.

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Ferris State	4-6
N. Michigan	4-6
Lake Superior St	3-5

South Division

Oakland	6-2
Hillsdale	5-3
Wayne State	5-4
Gannon	4-5
Ashland	2-6
Mercyhurst	2-6

They shot 38.5 percent from the floor on field goal attempts for the game.

The Wildcats had extended their home winning streak to five games with a victory over non-conference opponent Northland College, 80-58, on the previous Saturday.

"We struggled right at the beginning a little. I think that the intensity could have been a little higher than it was," Brathol said. "In the second half we came out a lot more intense and ended up getting the win."

The Wildcats defeated GLIAC rival Lake Superior State University, 71-58, on Jan. 16. Brathol led the team with 29 points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats will face a big challenge tonight as GLIAC South Division leader Oakland University (11-5 overall, 6-2 GLIAC) comes to Hedgcock for a contest at 7:30.

Summary NMU vs. Michigan Tech (field goals, free throws, total points)

NMU — Quiring, 6-0-15; Maseller, 1-0-2; Parsche, 1-0-2; K. Coduti, 4-0-8; Canning, 3-0-6; Moe, 1-0-2; Roberts, 0-2-2; Brathol, 4-6-14. Totals, 20-8-51.

Halftime score: NMU 17, Michigan Tech 25

FG shooting: NMU, 20 of 52 (38.5 percent); Michigan Tech, 23 of 53 (43.4 percent); FT shooting: NMU, 8 of 11 (72.7 percent); Michigan Tech, 15 of 19 (78.9 percent); Rebounding: NMU, 28 (Brathol 10); Michigan Tech, 39 (Brian VanLanen 8). Attendance: 1,045.

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Hockey team frustrated by scoring struggles

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

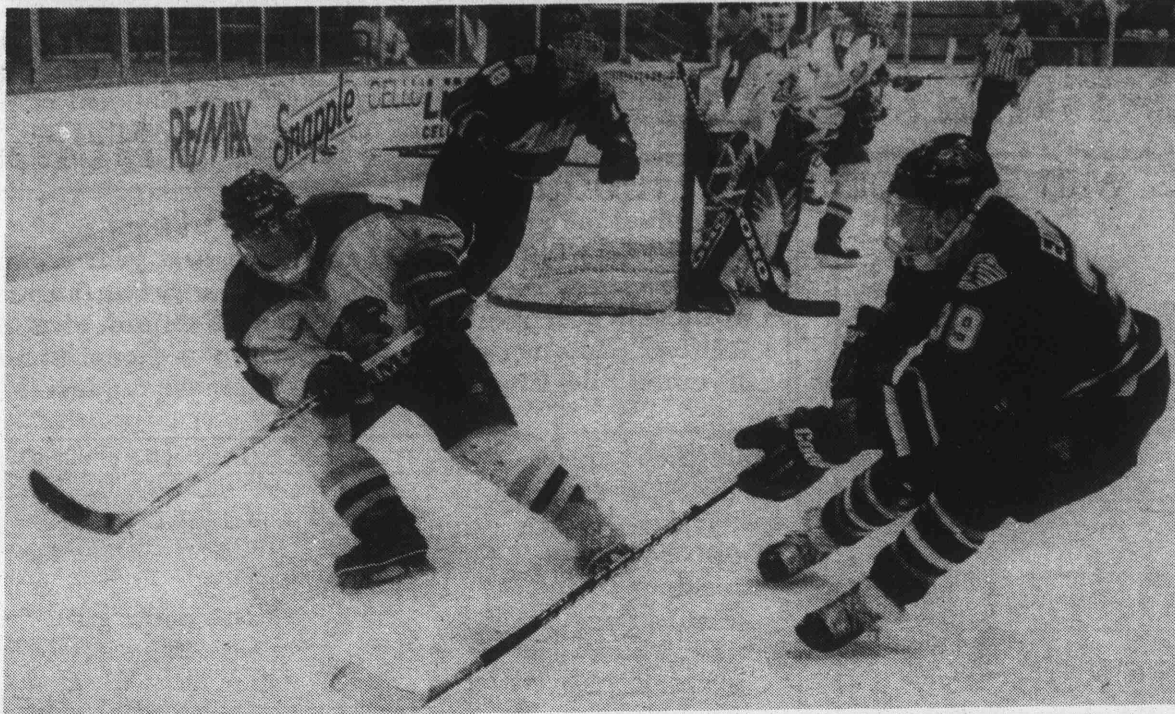
While the rest of the NMU hockey team was showering, senior captain Aaron Cain and senior assistant captain Darcy Dallas sat in shock, staring off into space in the lockerroom after Saturday night's loss capped Alaska-Anchorage's two-game sweep at Lakeview Arena.

"I've been learning too many lessons by losing since I've been here," Cain said. "I don't know how much more I can learn by losing. I think we've lost enough so far for the younger guys too."

The Wildcats (9-17-2 overall, 5-16-1 WCHA) hoped to be the team to come out with the sweep after winning five of their last six games, but the Seawolves' goaltending and team defense held NMU in check during both Friday's 5-1 loss and Saturday's heartbreaking 1-0 defeat. "I think some people came in too overconfident," Cain said. "It better bring us back to reality."

"I think they didn't know what to expect from UAA," assistant coach Dave Shyiak said. "Whether we took them for granted, I don't know."

With the sweep, UAA moves ahead of the 'Cats by one point for eighth place in WCHA standings. "I am pretty sure that everybody here knows what reality is," Dallas said. "We're not a championship team, so we've got to work every night."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Bud Smith, 15, and the NMU hockey team hope to rebound against Denver University next weekend in Denver.

NMU had plenty of shots (33) in Friday's game, but couldn't seem to find the back of the net. "It was a horseshit game," Cain said.

"I thought that was our worst game of the year," Shyiak said. "We didn't play as physical as we should in our own barn and we turned the puck over too much."

The first period was scoreless before Bud Smith drew UAA goalie Doug Teskey toward him on a two-on-one, then slid a perfect pass to J.P. Vigier, who tapped the puck

into the vacant net to give NMU a 1-0 lead early in the second. John Bossio assisted. The Seawolves tied it up at one heading into the decisive third period, despite the 'Cats' outshooting UAA 13-2 in the second. "It was frustrating to death," NMU head coach Rick Comleys said. "We seemed flat. We don't score easily. That's going to hurt until we score on a regular basis."

The Seawolves took the lead by placing a slap shot over Dieter Kochan's glove. The Seawolves

added three more markers to close the game. "We had to come through in the third period, when it counted," Cain said. "They beat us 4-0 in the third, which they should've never done. At home and tied going into the third, it should be our game."

"We had very solid goaltending and we took advantage of our opportunities," UAA head coach Dean Talafous said. "Tonight we got a few breaks and that's what you need to win on the road."

Comley was pleased with his

team's effort in Saturday's game, but they still couldn't find a way to score. "They gave every ounce of energy they had," Comley said. "They just couldn't score. We certainly had the puck in their zone almost all night, but we couldn't get to their net. We didn't get many second shots or clean shots."

The solid defensive play by both teams left the game scoreless heading into the final period. The 'Cats finally put the puck past Teskey at 8:18 of the third, but the referee blew it dead as the puck was crossing the line.

UAA capitalized on an odd-man rush at 11:31 by beating Duane Hoey with a snap shot over his shoulder for the game's only goal. The 'Cats outshot UAA 12-2 in the third.

NMU has this week off before they travel to Denver next Friday and Saturday to take on the Denver University Pioneers. Faceoff time for both games is 9:05 p.m.

Friday's summary:

First Period — No scoring.

Second Period — NMU, J.P. Vigier (7) (Smith, Bossio), 1:00; UAA, 13:34.

Third Period — UAA, 3:08; UAA, 6:06; UAA, 10:41; UAA, ppg, 11:53. **Power-play opportunities:** UAA, 1-4; NMU 0-1 **Penalties:** UAA, 2-4; NMU 5-10 **Goalie Saves:** UAA, 32 (10-13-9); NMU, 23 (Dieter Kochan, 10-2-11)

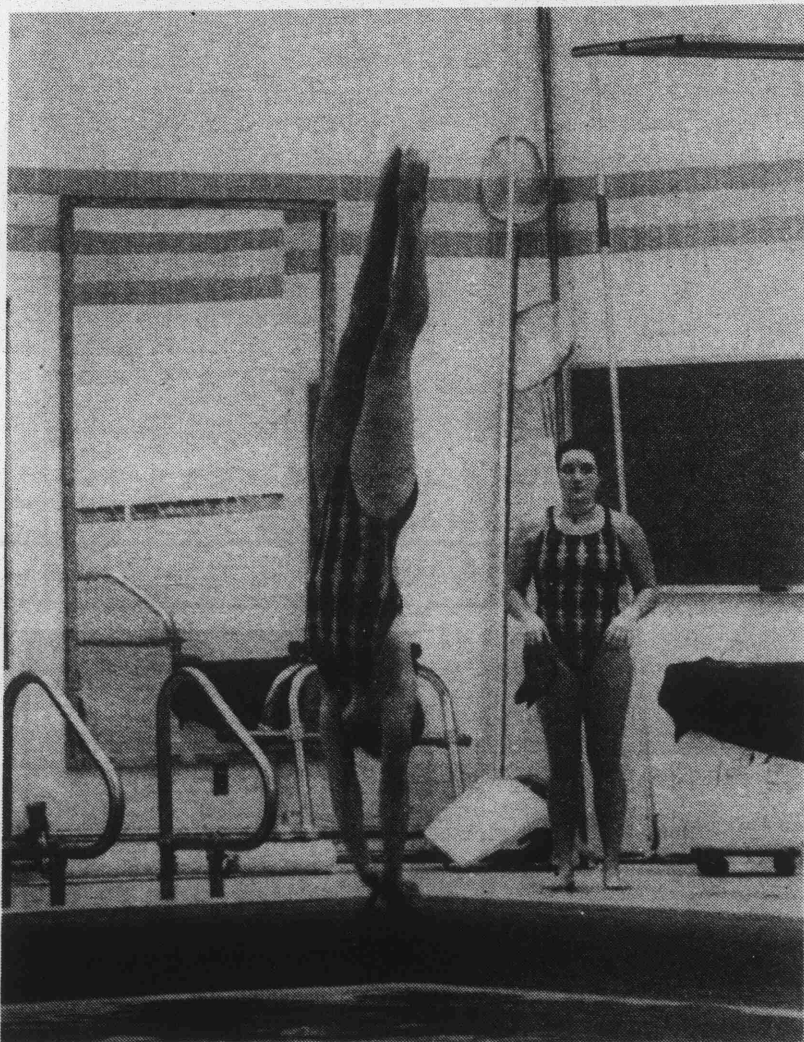
Saturday's Summary:

First Period — No scoring

Second Period — No scoring

Third Period — UAA, 11:31

Power-play opportunities: UAA, 0-1; NMU 0-2 **Penalties:** UAA, 3-6; NMU 4-8 **Goalie Saves:** UAA, 26 (7-7-12); NMU, 13 (Hoey, 7-5-1)



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Kit Clements and the NMU swimming and diving team are undefeated in dual meets this year. They took a pair of dual meets against North Dakota University last Friday and Saturday by 135-88 and 119-105 scores.

Wildcat swimming and diving team sweeps North Dakota

By KRISTY BASOLO
Assistant Managing Editor

With only one regular-season meet left, the Wildcat swimming and diving team remains undefeated in dual meets, winning both meets against North Dakota last weekend.

"I was very pleased with everyone's performances," junior diver Debbie Duncan said. "I know a lot of swimmers were tired, which makes our victory that much better. I think the divers really came through and showed North Dakota what we are made of."

The 'Cats qualified three additional individuals to compete in the NCAA-II Championships, defeating the Fighting Sioux by 135-88 and 119-105 scores. NMU took 18 of 24 first-place finishes.

NMU's diving squad placed top five in both three-meter springboard events with Duncan capturing all four competitions on the weekend. Duncan scored 282.20 points in the one-meter competition, which is a new pool and NMU record. Junior Elly Bunzendahl and freshman Alison Snapp both qualified in the three-meter competition.

"I am really proud of Kit [Clements], Elly and Alison," Duncan said. "I feel like the mother of the group because I've been here so long, and to see the other divers doing so well made me really happy."

After being honored as the lone senior for Senior Day on Saturday, Jennifer Crouse took first in the 500-meter freestyle on Friday and first in the 1,000 free.

"It was pretty emotional," Crouse said. "It was my

last home meet but I didn't feel it until coach Milton [Braga] said it. It was hard not to cry during the ceremony and after it was over."

Freshman Erin Vostad remained undefeated in dual meets this season, capturing the 100- and 200-meter freestyle events Friday and the 200 free and 100-meter butterfly on Saturday.

Vostad's time of :58.05 in the 100 fly qualified her for nationals in that event.

NMU's 200 freestyle and medley relays both took firsts. Sophomore Val Nordquist placed first in the 50-meter freestyle and the 100 backstroke Friday and captured the 50 free on Saturday.

Jenny Laughna took the 200 individual medley and the 100 free. NMU's 400-meter medley relay of Nordquist, Laughna, Lickwala and Vostad also took first.

In her first dual meet as a Wildcat, transfer Terri Baysore placed fifth in the 200-meter freestyle and third in the 500-meter freestyle on Friday, and on Saturday she finished second in the 1,000-meter freestyle and was part of NMU's third-place 400-meter freestyle relay squad.

The Wildcats' next meet is Feb. 1, when they travel to Rochester, Mich., to face Oakland University.

"Oakland is going to be a very exciting meet," Duncan said.

"They have always been a very big rival, and this year we have a chance to beat their team. I hope we stay tough as a team."

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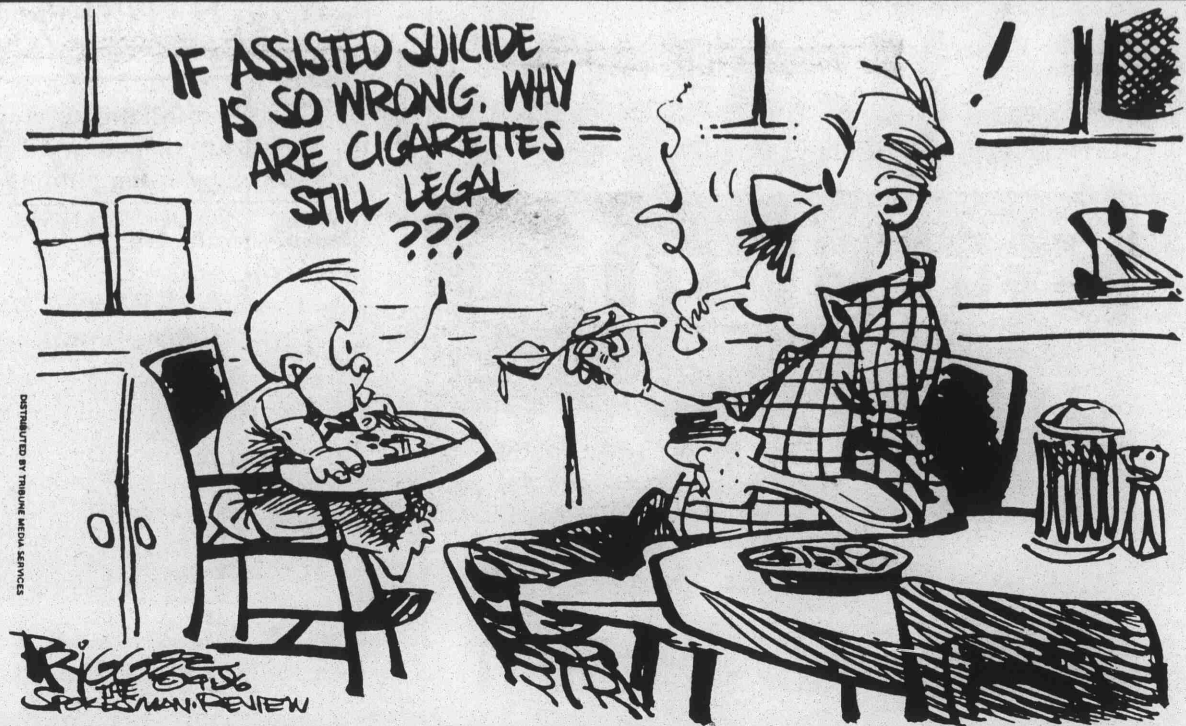
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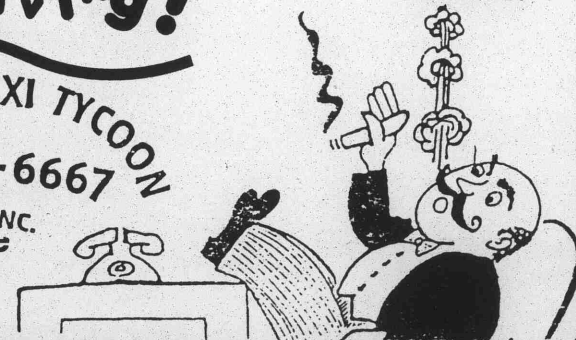
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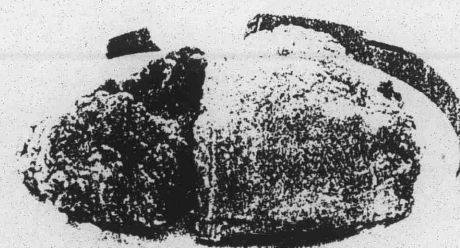
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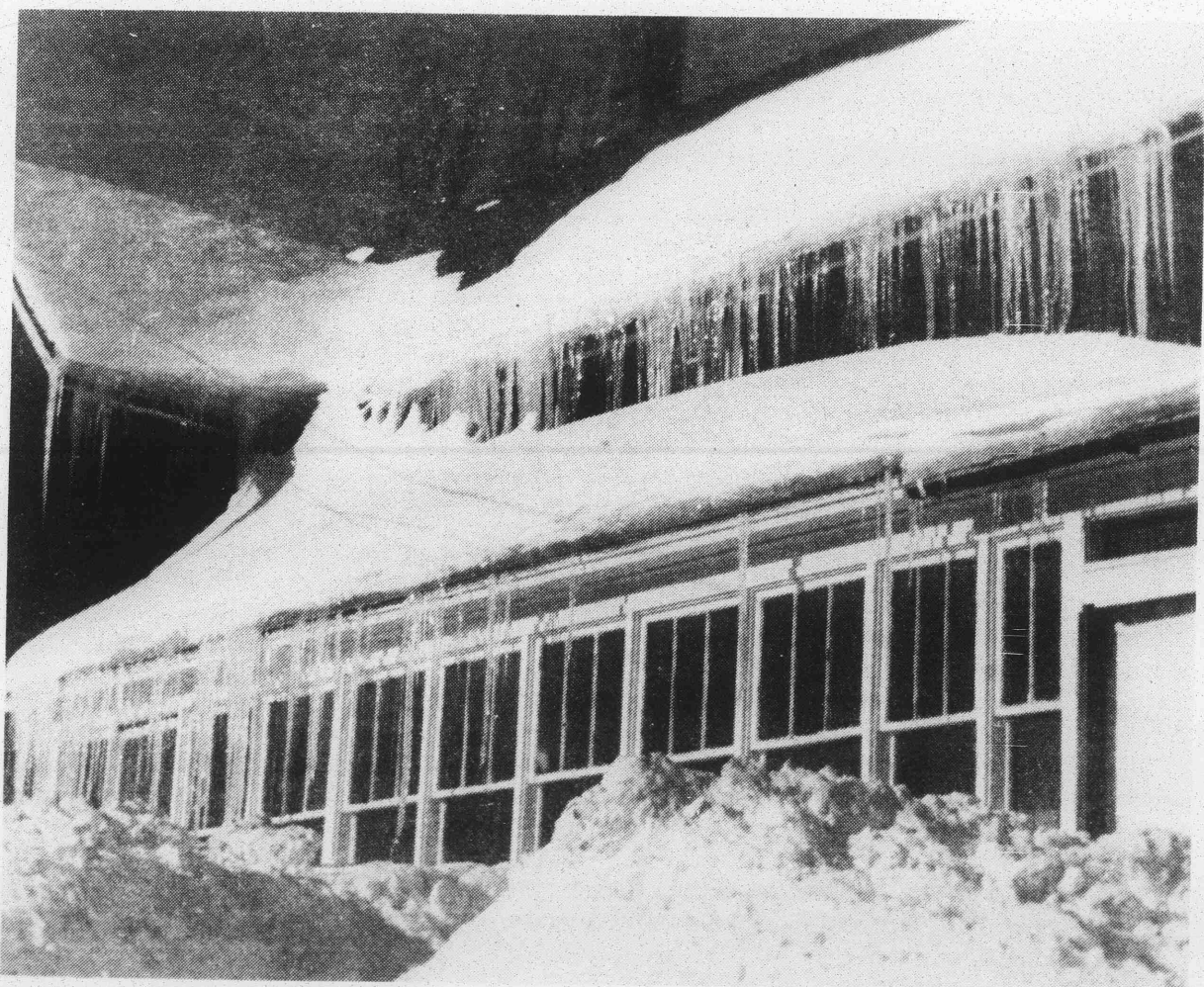
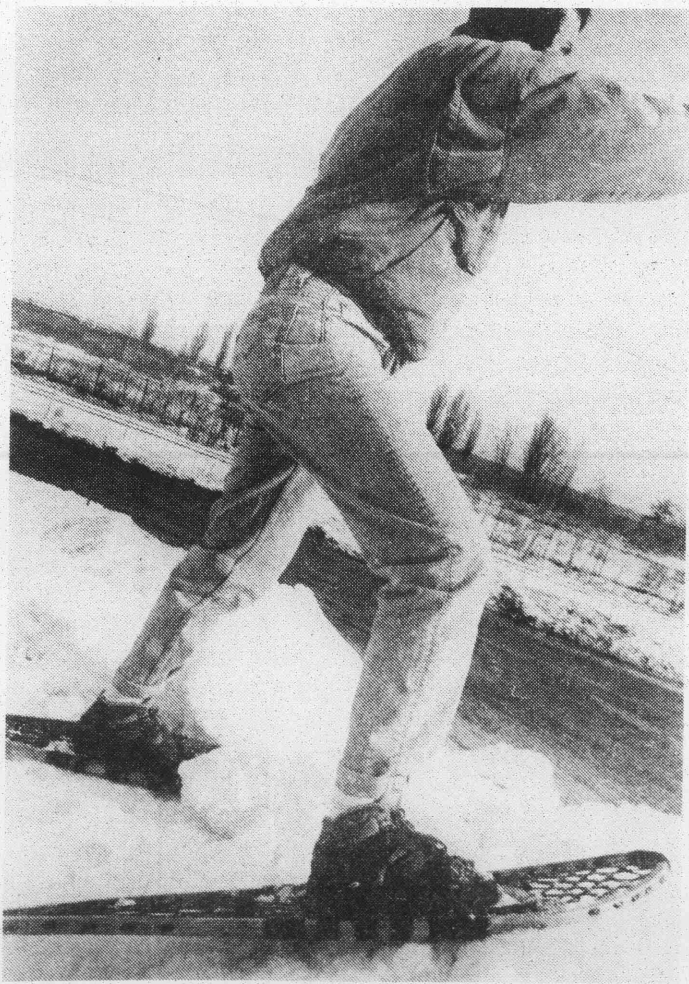
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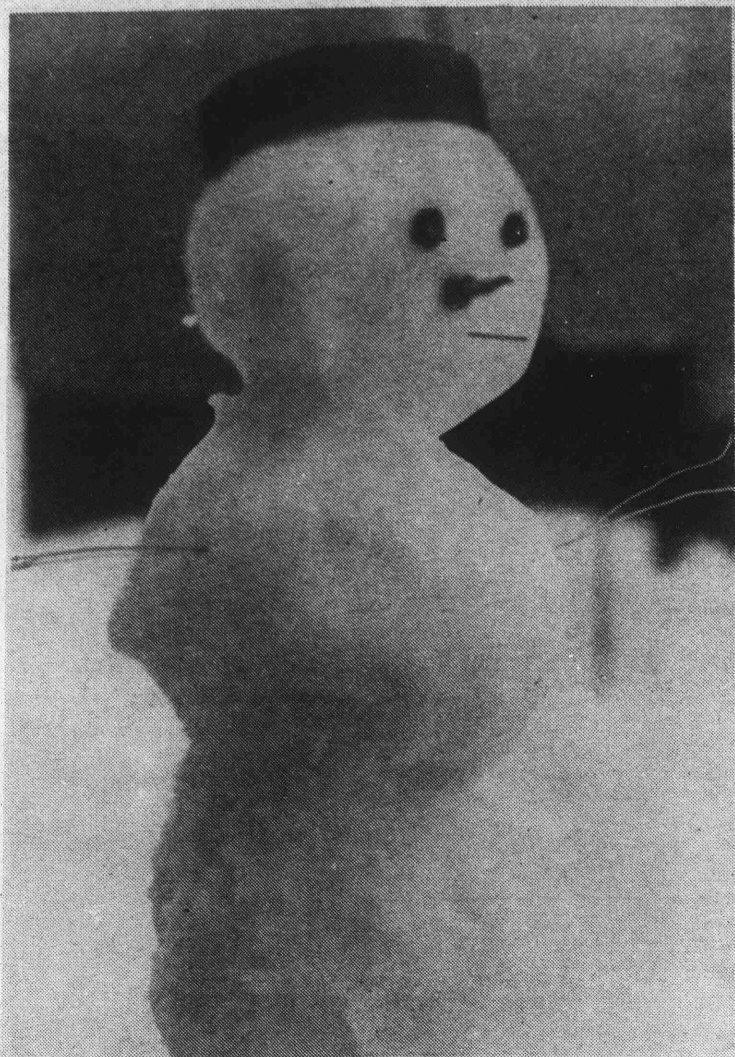
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Snow creatures coming to life

By ERICA LUND

Guest Columnist

I believe it was last March when I came trudging up the hill and spied two bizarre configurations in our front yard (that is, "our" as in the people I rent my house with and myself).

As I crossed the street and closed in on the greasy, oily and chunky lumps of ice and snow a light bulb came on — we had snowmen among us. Or were they "sludgemen" — like a couple of "Frostys" from the wrong side of the tracks? Grimy, scary chunks of friendly dirt and snow who come alive when the grown-ups are inside watching CNN on enchanted, chilly winter days.

If there were such snow fellows, their origins would be from the center of our front yard, and they would come alive and run amok with all the delightful and innocent neighbor kids.

I can see it now — sludgemen magically frolicking a foot above the ground while hand-in-hand with a community of rosy-cheeked children, singing songs like "Sludgy the Snowman" and smoking cigarettes.

Perhaps they would get homemade tattoos and use swear words.

As I recall, the pitiful snow creatures in our yard were so absurd that I rolled with hysteria at their wicked scarecrow arms and half-rotted carrot noses. Although I was compelled to knock the poor slobbs out of their snowy misery, I didn't.

Perhaps it was the real "Frosty" saga that stopped me — a story that had been programmed into my childhood deeper than warnings about touching the stove. Memories of a good and wholesome Frosty doomed to death by the warmth of the sun corrupted my impulse, and I figured, "Ah, what the hey, they'll melt sooner or later, right?"

Of course, they didn't melt until June because this is the Upper Peninsula, so I will leave with this thought. The spirit of every season is expressed through creative and enjoyable activities, but just because a person may like to sit on an old broken couch on their front porch in the summer doesn't make it right.

Adventures in snow land

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER

Staff Columnist

It was Monday morning, and school was canceled. After a long weekend of being cooped up in a house with five siblings during a massive snowstorm, my ten year-old body would have given anything to go outside, even to school.

Mom wasn't very zealous to referee another day full of charades and hide-and-go-seek, so when I spotted a sunbeam peeking through our living room's big picture window, I knew my chance had arrived.

"Mom, can I go sledding?"

Can I?" I tugged at her sweatpants. "I want to make a snowman!"

As my 8-year-old brother chimed in with his own pleas for a license to get wet and cold, the concepts of "brother" and "snowman" met in my creative brain.

Mom put down her coffee to help us with snowpants and boots and give helpful play suggestions. "Stay away from the creek; you could fall through the ice. No tunneling in drifts; I don't want to find your bodies next spring when the snow melts," she said.

"Don't go sledding down the hill by the septic tank because you might hit the natural gas tank, and Nathan," she added as I ran out the door, "be nice to your brother!"

Frigid air hit my young lungs as my brother looked at me with a twinkle in his eye.

"Let's go sledding by the septic tank," he said. "It's the best hill."

"OK," was my reply, "but let's make a snowman first."

We made our way through sticky waist-deep snow to the hill, dragging plastic sleds behind us by fraying

strands of hemp twine.

The snow was the perfect consistency for snowballs, so I instructed my brother to begin a ball for the snowman's base, while I planned my attack.

Intending to scoot over the snow toward him on my sled and use the momentum to help me get him rolling down the hill, I climbed in my sled and shoved off. But as I picked up speed, he turned with a grin and a handful of snow directed at my face.

I swerved to avoid my snowy doom, and in doing so tipped over right where the hill got really steep. I managed to get a handful of my

brotherly aggressor's scarf in passing, and together we rolled over and over, giggling and laughing to the bottom.

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My brother looked at me through thick white eyelashes. "Let's do it again!" he said.

For the next three hours we built sled-jumps and snow-tunnels and pushed each other off snowbanks. We made little snow-forts and attacked them with piles of snowballs and rubbed each other's face in snow.

The snowman was forgotten as we froze our noses and turned our backyard into the world's best playground.

Last Sunday I stepped out the front door of my apartment. A blast of fresh cold air hit me in the face as I walked toward the snowbank. I had an urge to build a snowman — just a little one for the porch railing, but the snow wasn't wet enough.

I took my already chilled body back inside and made some tea. Mom would be proud. Besides, it just isn't right to make snowmen alone.

Guess who's coming to Winter Fest ...

By JEREMIAH FRENCH

Features Staff Reporter

As the legend goes, whenever Heikki Lunta — the Finnish snow god — dances a jig, it snows. So why all the snow lately? Well, never before has Heikki had so much to dance about.

When the boys of Conga Se Menne get together, the rolling ring of the steel drum and the patunka-pop of the congas are infectious. The Marquette-area band has perhaps the most exotic blend of musical flavors ever to hit local record stores.

Their music has been described as a mix of just about everything: reggae, rock, polka, blues, jazz, latin and afro-pop. All that topped off with traditional Finnish-American themes and the blessings of Heikki himself make for the perfect jams at a sauna party. The origins of such a stew are no less unusual.

Founding members Les Ross and Darrell Syria admit to strong influence by the musical interests of their parents. Ross' father played Finnish songs on his harmonica, while his mother listened to calypso, and Syria's mother played the violin.

The two got the band together when they were sick of playing "musical prostitute-type" numbers for so

many years at wedding receptions and bars.

Despite the seemingly awkward combination of Finnish and Latin, the band has a reasonable explanation.

"There are major similarities between tropical and Caribbean styles of music and Finnish music. For example, many Finnish schottisches, especially those done in a minor key, are very similar to reggae. Also, some of the faster Finnish polkas sound similar to calypso or socca, as they call it these days," Ross said.

Though their first album, "Finnish Reggae and Other Sauna Beats" was just released in 1994, all the band members have played several years previously in a variety of jazz bands, lending a hand to the art of improvisation. Their second and most recent work, "Land of the Conga Boys," released last year, takes a few new turns.

"We've tried to follow along the lines of the original tropical sauna beat and in keeping with a fair amount of humor. But we also put in some serious stuff and a few new rhythms, like the Tex-Mex feel of 'We Go Green Bay' and the folksy three-quarter waltz time of 'Sturgeon River,'" Syria said.

The band has a growing following, taking them out to Wisconsin and Minnesota. When songs like "Guess Who's Coming" and "Make it or Break it" from the first album hit the airwaves, it made them an instant smash, receiving a highest-ever approval rating of 98 percent at WMQT-FM in Ishpeming. With every play, callers flooded the station asking "Where can I get that?" said WMQT-FM's Jim Koski.

And where does the name Conga Se Menne come from anyway?

"It's a take-off on an old Finnish greeting which is 'Kuinka semenne.' That means in Finn, 'How's it going?'" Ross said.

The substitution of "Conga" is made for obvious reasons.

All the fame and glory isn't going to their heads though. Their future plans don't include shooting the moon, but rather shipping off to Finland with their parents in tow.

The group will be performing at Pasquali's Bar in Negaunee on Feb. 15 during the Heikki Lunta Winter Fest. So as Heikki keeps dancing away, and the winds keep on howling, Finnish-Americans and all of Yooperkind can warm up to the toasty sauna beat of Conga Se Menne.



North Wind file photo

The tremendous amount of snow that has accumulated so far this winter has made quality skiing more accessible to all. There are ways to make skiing more affordable and more enjoyable, whether or not you are an experienced skier. Marquette Mountain and local ski shops can provide you with the essentials.

How to ski for less

By KEVIN HADAS
Staff Writer

The National Weather Service reports that 154.9 inches of snow have fallen so far this winter. One way to take advantage of the white stuff, after aerobic shoveling, is by going alpine skiing.

"I want to learn to ski so I can have some physical activity," said Kristy Lacourt, a senior.

Kristy recently enrolled in a beginning ski class offered by NMU after her first skiing experience over Christmas break.

"I was in Park City, Utah. I had to ski," she said.

Alpine, or downhill, skiing allows skiers to relax while enjoying fresh air in an outdoor environment. The only drawback seems to be the cost of the sport.

According to local sport shops, when purchasing a beginner's ski package that includes skis, bindings, poles and boots, skiers can expect to pay about \$250. The price of a season pass to Marquette Mountain is about \$299 and the cost increases as the season nears. If a skier owns gloves, a hat and a jacket, he or she can begin skiing for their first full season for about \$550.

Obviously there are ways to make skiing more affordable and thus more enjoyable. Vern Barber, manager of Marquette Mountain Ski Area, said the

ski hill offers numerous discounts (see graphic). If a lift ticket is purchased, the rental fee for skis is \$10.

"What we are trying to do is keep lift ticket prices between \$15 and \$25," Barber said. "We want to keep skiing affordable to keep people coming out."

Private lessons cost \$25, and for the Saturday and Sunday walk-in lessons, the cost is \$8 per person. A lift ticket must also be purchased for \$27, Barber said.

The cheapest way to ski, without walking to the top of a hill, is to ski on Tuesday evenings when the hill offers a 2 for 1 deal, which works out to be \$7.50 per person.

"I continue to ski because I enjoy the sport. And I recommend going during the week because prices are much cheaper," said senior Jeff

Nuechterlein.

He has been skiing at Marquette Mountain for about 10 years. Although he no longer buys a season pass, he still continues to ski about six times per year.

Tom Makarewicz, an NMU junior, has been skiing for about 13 years. He began on rental skis, moved on to used skis, and eventually bought new skis. He is a season pass holder, and said he skis all the time.

"I take friends out skiing often. We borrow skis or rent them — whatever it takes. We just get them on the hill."

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• Wednesday: College day. Student ski for \$15 all day, \$10 from 4-9:30 p.m.

• Thursday: Men's day. Men ski for \$15 all day, \$10 from 4-9:30 p.m.

Brave the storm: a guide to winter weather survival

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
and GEOFF HINEMAN

Features Staff Reporters

The blue skies and warmer temperatures early this week only teased NMU students with the thought of spring. Winter's worst is still ahead. The following tips can help make the rest of winter safer, if not shorter.

- Keep extremities covered. Frostbite is common this time of year. Ears, fingers, nose and toes are especially susceptible to frostbite, and should be kept protected from the cold and wind.

- Stay warm by layering clothing, which is more effective than wearing one heavy garment. Putting cotton close to the skin lets skin breathe and removes extra moisture.

- The most important winter first aid to remember for frostbite is gradual warming. Although the first thought may be to get warm fast, doing so may be harmful. If warmed too fast, the body could go into shock.

- Another emergency to deal with in winter is hypothermia. It often occurs when a person wears cold, wet clothing for too long and the body temperature drops four degrees or more below normal. The suggested action to take with hypothermia victims is to remove wet clothing. Wrap them in warm blankets and get them to a hospital as fast as possible.

- One more thing to keep in mind

during the course of winter is that alcohol lowers body temperature. The old myth that "a stiff drink warms cold bones" is just a myth.

A complete list of health hints is available at the Health Information Center at Marquette General Hospital.

A dependable car is also good protection for the body.

"Make sure you have a good battery," said Paxton Palmer, an auto technician major.

He recommends turning off the radio, lights, blowers and anything else that may draw energy from the battery before trying to start a car.

Moisture in the engine can also be a problem, especially in the fuel line. Palmer recommends using a gas treatment every other fill-up to eliminate freezing in the fuel line.

"Another thing you want to do is keep a ratio of 50/50 to 60/40 anti-freeze/water solution in your radiator. Any less than 50/50 could lead to freezing problems, but any more than 60/40 may result in [the gas] jelling," Palmer said.

Driving on snow and ice can be dangerous, but there are a few common sense ways to keep safe.

Winter driving tips

- If the vehicle is snow-covered, make sure that headlights and mirrors are cleared. Remove snow from the roof and hood, as it may fall down or blow over the windshield,



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This winter is being compared with the winter of 1978-79 when Michigan was declared a federal disaster area. Make sure you are prepared to brave the cold and snow before, not during, your venture out into the storm.

obstructing the driver's view or the view of vehicles driving behind it.

- Clean ice from windshield wipers so they will work effectively.

- Slow down. If a car or truck does not have anti-lock brakes, remember to pump the brake pedal when decelerating.

- Keep a blanket and first aid kit in

the vehicle. Instant handwarmers can come in very handy in the event of a breakdown.

Comparisons are being drawn between this winter and the winter of 1978-79, when Michigan was declared a federal disaster area. The area was hit with crippling 70 m.p.h. winds, which left 27-foot drifts.

About 400,000 homes were left without electricity, 104,000 automobiles were stranded and major highways were closed for an entire day.

While this winter shows no signs of being less than monumental, hopefully these suggestions will make it a winter worth remembering — for good reasons.

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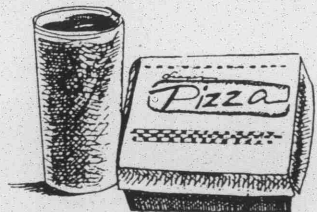
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