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Retention rates cause confusion

By **KEVIN WEED**
 News Staff Reporter

Furrowed brows and confused looks have taken root in one particular office in Cohodas as Paul Duby, associate vice president for Planning and Analytical Studies, tries to figure out why the freshman-retention rate is at a 12-year low.

After looking at the second-semester head count, Duby said 1,030 of 1,199 first-time, full-time freshmen returned to campus this semester for an 85.9-percent rate. That is down four-and-a-half percent from the same period last year. Duby said this is a major issue for NMU.

"We've got concerns with these numbers," he said. "This year's freshmen had the strongest GPAs [2.85 on a 4.0 scale] of any high school students we've ever had. We had thought the percentage would have gone up, but instead it was worse."

Duby said in the more than 15 years he has been at Northern the best predictor of performance for first semester freshmen has been high school grade point average. With this year's numbers contradicting that notion, Duby is now exploring the reasons why the retention rate fell.

One subgroup of students that fared better than the overall average were those in the First Year Experience program. FYE Program Coordinator Laura Soldner said the connections these students in the program make with the university may play a role in the different rates.

"National statistics show that if students don't connect with their institution ... in the first six weeks, they will check out mentally or physically," she said. "If they don't have that hook, that connection, that interest, they may walk away."

Soldner said the FYE program tries to fulfill students' need for early attention and early, honest feedback. In the program, students sign up for a block of about 10 credits and have familiar faces in all of these classes.

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North Wind photo by Duane Pape
NMU students Ethan Spaulding, left, and Jessica Spelgatti climb Sugarloaf Mountain on an unseasonably sunny day last Saturday.

Many NMU students choose to live off campus and are required to sign leases to get apartments, but some are unaware of the potential problems when entering such rental agreements.

Renters' rights

By **ANNA NORDSTROM**
 Staff Writer

Some people don't like where they live, but they don't realize until they try to get out of a lease exactly how difficult it can be.

Like many, NMU student Timothy Dalrymple signed a lease before moving into his university apartment. At the end of the fall semester, he applied for a contract release because the apartment's heating system was causing an allergic reaction.

Last week, after about two months and several appeals, he was awarded his contract release. "The process is extremely difficult, but it's worth it," he said.

Many students face the same types of problems when entering a rental agreement.

"There are three things that are absolutely critical to know before entering into an arrangement," said Paul White, assistant dean of students. "First, a lease is a legally binding contract. ... Second, just as there are great

"... Just as there are great cars and there are lemons, there are great places to live and there is student ghetto housing."

— **Paul White**
 Assistant Dean of Students

cars and there are lemons, there are great places to live and there is student ghetto housing. ... Third, landlords are people too. They deserve the same respect as students would expect to be treated by landlords."

He said there is, available in the Dean of Students office, a commencement inventory checklist that covers everything, on a room-by-room basis, that a renter should look at before signing a lease. Things that should be checked, according to White, include windows, water fixtures, thermostat and the basement.

"Inspect closely for signs of water damage or fresh or two-tone paint," White said of basement apartments or rooms. These, as well as new carpeting, baseboards, or an odor of must or mildew, could be signs of water

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New employment policy instituted

Overtime hours will be penalized

By **KRISTY BASOLO**
 Assistant Managing Editor

Students who work more than 40 hours in a two-week pay period and the departments they work for are subject to additional taxes, according to the new NMU on-campus student employment policy.

The policy, drafted primarily by Brian Enos, director of the NMU JOBSearch Center, specifies the details of the change and also sets other general student-employment guidelines.

The policy was created to ensure that NMU was in compliance with federal standards.

"The way things were before, if we got audited, we could have had to pay a lot of back money if we didn't comply with federal policy," said Karen Reese, vice president for Student Affairs.

Internal Revenue Service regula-

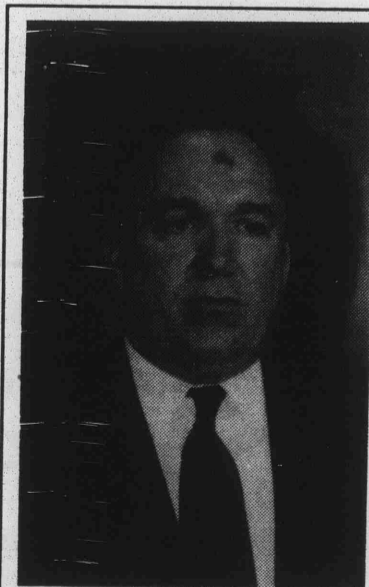
tions state that full-time students don't have to pay fringe-benefit fees because they are classified as student laborers. But once students work over 40 hours in a two-week pay period, they fall under the classification of temporary employees and are subject to FICA, Medicare and Medicaid paycheck deductions.

"When students worked over 40 hours per pay period before, there were no consequences," said Sandy Klaboe, student employment coordinator. "They would just receive a notice and throw it away."

The new policy states that student laborers can "work no more than an average of 20 hours per week (or a maximum of 40 hours in a pay period)."

"The policy isn't really that different from the old one," Reese said.

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North Wind photo by Nathan Ernberger
Gov. John Engler held a press conference at NMU after attending Ash Wednesday services. He was in town to deliver the keynote address at the Winter Cities opening ceremonies. Please see Page 3 for more information.

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"I think having a concerned block of people around you and faculty members who know you makes a big difference," Soldner said.

Duby said he is about two weeks away from formulating answers to the drop in retention.

"We're trying to figure out what factors produced the drops," Duby said. "We don't know yet what those are."

In the meantime he and two sociology students will be considering the possible factors for the drop. Some of the things they will consider when looking at the students who did not return are differences in academic credentials, distance from home and Marquette's climate.

"For a lot of students from downstate, they come to Marquette to get away from home, but then they get homesick," Duby said. "Marquette is a lot colder and receives a lot more snow than downstate, and even other parts of the U.P."

Soldner said giving these students a reason to stay in Marquette is vital to the future of the campus.

"I love Northern, and I am very concerned for us, as an institution, that so many students walked away," she said.

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damage. He said it is a big issue with renters in the spring when the snow melts and floods basements.

Students face a lot of responsibilities as renters, probably more than they know. Joan Mason, executive director of the Marquette Housing Commission, said students need to "make sure the lease is a thorough lease that protects their rights as well as the landlord's rights."

Before signing a lease, a renter should know what the landlord can and cannot do. For example, some lease agreements will state that the landlord can enter at will instead of giving a 24- to 48-hour notice.

Landlords are responsible for the

building only. A tenant's personal belongings are generally not covered on a landlord's insurance.

If there is one leaseholder who is responsible for paying the rent, any roommates should make sure that person is paying the rent. Mason said many students run into problems with a roommate not paying rent.

The Ann Arbor (Mich.) Tenants Union hears many of the same complaints. "There are always roommate problems, then there are problems with having to break the lease. A lot of times, those [problems] aren't reasons that warrant breaking the lease," said Tiyhoni Durio, a phone counselor at the Ann Arbor Tenants Union.

Durio said another major problem for students is not knowing their legal rights as tenants.

She also said there are illegal lease clauses of which the renter may not be aware when signing a lease. For example, the landlord may have specified in the lease that the tenant is responsible for carpet cleaning when moving out. The tenant could lose the security deposit for not having the carpets cleaned, she said.

And, Durio said, most people do not know what avenues to take when a problem arises.

Many of these same problems are not specific to off-campus living. Many students choose to live on

campus after they have met the requirements for moving off campus.

These students sign a one-year contract with the university in order to live in residence halls or campus apartments. Many students are unaware that the contract is for a full academic year.

"I wouldn't have signed it if I knew it was for the entire academic year. Then when I tried to do something about it, they wanted no part of it," said Ric Rybczynski, a junior living in Spooner Hall. The reasons he gave for a contract release were financial. "My mom is cashing in savings bonds and charging my education," he said.

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"It has a few changes and gives consequences for working over the specified number of hours."

She said the possibility of drafting a new policy was discussed last year, but the majority of the work wasn't done until last semester.

"It was difficult because everyone has different opinions on the policy," she said. "It took a lot of fine tuning."

Phyllis Hurley, NMU payroll

manager, said students will have to pay fringe-benefit fees on their entire paychecks for a pay period in which they work more than 40 hours.

"Students who work overtime must pay for what is considered 'fringe benefits' for the whole pay period, not just hours over," she said.

Working overtime also forces individual departments to pay up to 27.9 percent of the entire pay period salary as matching funds in certain

situations.

"If the students are enrolled in a retirement program, we have to pay more," Klaboe said. "We pay 9.7 percent if they are not."

Restricting overtime will increase the number of workers needed to cover hours; however, Klaboe doesn't see that as a problem.

"There is flexibility in Food Service," she said. "I don't think filling the hours will be a problem during

spring break either because we have fewer hours to fill."

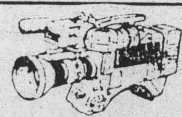
The students who will be most affected will be those who work in two or more departments.

"It is important for students to monitor their own hours, especially students who work in more than one department," Reese said. "Department heads have no way of controlling the number of hours for these students."

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News Briefs

International

Russia makes NATO accusations

Russia accused NATO Wednesday of pursuing a covert anti-Moscow policy, increasing a verbal offensive that has intensified in recent weeks. Presidential Press Secretary Sergei Yastrzhembsky said NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana had "undeclared, behind-the-scenes" aims in making a tour of the former Soviet republics of Georgia, Moldova, Armenia and Azerbaijan — with which Moscow is trying to strengthen ties. "The West as a whole, and the leadership of NATO in particular, is opposed to any form of political or military integration between the newly independent states — the republics of the former USSR, especially when they are initiated by Moscow," Yastrzhembsky said.

Key defector disputed

South Korea says one of the chief architects of North Korean communism Wednesday became the highest-ranking Pyongyang official ever to seek asylum in the South. However, North Korean representatives in Japan denied that claim, saying he must have been kidnapped. The South Korean Foreign Ministry says Hwang Jang-yop, a close aide to North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, sought asylum at Seoul's embassy in Beijing, along with his assistant. Hwang is credited with playing a leading role in shaping the policy of Junche, a brand of fanatic self-reliance providing the ideological underpinning for the world's last Stalinist state.

National

Army scandal spreads overseas

The U.S. Army, already hit by scandal at home, is now investigating allegations overseas. The Army said 11 women soldiers have complained that they were harassed or raped by male instructors at a base in Germany. A statement released by the Army's personnel training center at Darmstadt said complaints by some of the women also included forcible sodomy and that three male instructors had been relieved of duty pending the investigation's outcome. The statement says no formal charges have been filed. But it says two of the three suspects were confined last week based on reports that they contacted one victim to try to influence her testimony.

Cell phones boost accident rate

Researchers say driving while talking on a cellular phone is as dangerous as driving drunk. University of Toronto researchers writing in the New England Journal of Medicine say cell-phone users are four to five times more likely to get in traffic accidents than those who do not use them. And they noted that "hands free" phones do not appear to be safer than hand-held phones. The researchers say this is the first direct evidence that the use of cellular telephones in cars contributes to accidents. A number of countries ban the use of cell phones while driving and new findings may spark similar moves in the U.S.

Local

Winter Cities '97 gets under way

Winter was glorified and celebrated Wednesday night at the World Winter Cities Forum and Exhibition opening ceremonies held in the Superior Dome. Flags representing 22 cities that lie north of the 45th parallel were paraded through the Dome, and delegates from Canada, Russia, Norway, Sweden, China and Japan were in attendance. The conference will spotlight creative solutions to winter challenges in the city regarding livability, technology and the environment. Northern Michigan University President William Vandament welcomed delegates and visitors to Marquette. "Despite the snow and cold you will find our people warm," Vandament said. He then introduced Michigan Governor John Engler who praised and thanked the people of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula. "I commend the city of Marquette for its leadership," Engler said.

— Briefs from news services



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

NMU officials are considering selling the university bus and using contract bus service in its place.

It may be 'adios' to the NMU bus as officials consider sale

By PAUL MARCOTTE
News Editor

A Northern Michigan University symbol, the green and gold bus, needs \$21,000 in repairs and may be sold in the next few weeks.

Replacement cost of the bus is \$311,000, and there is a shortfall of about \$80,000.

Michael Roy, vice president of Finance and Administration, said departments that use the bus will be contacted, and, if no major objections arise, the bus will be sold and the university will contract bus service.

A final decision, which is subject to comment and review of departments, has not been made

yet, Roy said.

"A lot of people are interested in buying the bus," said Robert Sibilsky, manager of Logistical Services.

He said there are several potential contractors interested in providing bus service to the university.

By selling the bus, drivers could be used for other campus-related work, Sibilsky said. They would be available to remove snow or do grounds work in the summer.

The downside is that the bus is a symbol of NMU, Sibilsky said.

The 1983 MCI-9 has 330,000 miles; the engine and transmission were rebuilt 100,000 miles ago; and the bus had a complete brake job less than 50,000 miles ago.

Making the bus safe and user-friendly takes a lot of time, mechanic Dean Schmeltzer said. The bus is first or second on the priorities list depending on what day it is.

"All my other work is backing up," Schmeltzer said.

People comment on how nice the bus looks but the underneath is a problem, Schmeltzer said. "Corrosion is the big thing. Everything is rotting out from the bottom."

Bay compartment floors and related underbody sheet metal need to be replaced.

Schmeltzer said the wiring on the bus is a problem.

The last wiring problem took three days to fix, he said.

Food-Service fee is a dead issue

By KEVIN WEED
News Staff Reporter

The ASNMU Governing Board rejected a proposal, by a vote of six to three, to send discussion of the Food Service fee to the Student Affairs Committee. Two members abstained.

At issue was the \$250 administrative fee charged to students on the university Food Service meal plan.

Up-Campus Representative Sara Schaedig, who brought the proposal to the Governing Board, said she is unsure where this issue will go.

"Unless there is more interest, the subject is officially a dead issue," she said. "The ASNMU meeting was just [Sunday] night, so as soon as people start finding out what happened at the meeting we'll see what students want."

ASNMU Off-Campus Representative Toby Rickett said he voted for the committee to consider the situation "because it benefits something we've been rehashing over and over. [The meal plan] is still a primary concern for students. It doesn't affect my

constituents so much, but I'm more disappointed in the on-campus reps for not being interested in it."

"I don't think it should be moved to Student Affairs until the facts are correct," ASNMU Off-Campus Representative Kim Crane said in explaining her vote against the proposal. "It needs to be looked into further."

"It's good that it has been brought up," Schaedig said. "Now students are asking about the meal plan."

In other board action, \$140 was allocated to the Election Committee to promote the ASNMU General Election scheduled for March 25 and 26.

Petitions required for candidates planning to run in the election are now available at the ASNMU office.

In other business, the board confirmed Ryan Wiedner as the College of Arts and Sciences representative to ASNMU. Wiedner, a native of Horton, Mich., is a sophomore majoring in political science/pre-law.

Campus Crime

According to Northern Michigan University Public Safety and Police Services the following incidents occurred:

Feb. 2, Sunday

12:40 a.m. A male reported smelling smoke coming from WUPX. Police reported no smoke was present.

Feb. 3, Monday

8:30 a.m. A smoke detector was activated in LRC tunnel due to welding in LRC basement.

4:13 p.m. A female reported malicious destruction to a motor vehicle.

10:14 p.m. Police responded to a motion detector alarm in the dome retail section. A staff member was in the office.

Feb. 4, Tuesday

5:41 a.m. Central Dispatch requested assistance for possible in-

toxicated and erratic driver on County Rd, 550.

8:41 a.m. A male subject reported a malicious destruction of a state vehicle.

12:07 p.m. A male reported a traffic accident in Lot 28.

1:35 p.m. A male requested that solicitors be escorted for Spooner Hall.

2:25 p.m. A male reported vandalism to walls, which were spray painted in West an Jamrich Halls.

Feb. 5, Wednesday

3:12 a.m. In the Thomas Fine Arts forensics lab, a motion detector was responded to.

5:10 a.m. There was a loud music complaint in Hunt Hall.

5:19 a.m. A female subject reported a hit-and-run traffic accident in Lot 28.

7:21 p.m. A male reported a fire

alarm in the PEIF that originated in the men's locker room.

9:18 p.m. A female reported a burning smell in the Thomas Fine Arts building practice room. No smoke was present.

Feb. 6, Thursday

12:06 p.m. A female subject requested EMS for extreme dizziness and nausea. EMS transported her to MGH emergency room.

2:21 p.m. A male subject reported larceny of the trash cans from Payne Hall.

2:38 p.m. A male subject reported larceny of a camera with case from Payne/Halverson lobby.

3:30 p.m. There was a motion detector alarm in the Forensics Lab in the Thomas Fine Arts building.

9:43 p.m. A female reported a suspicious male on the second floor of Gries Hall.

Feb. 7, Friday

1:20 a.m. There was a traffic stop at Wright St. and Presque Isle. Donald William Keihl was arrested for suspicion of OUIL.

6:42 p.m. A male requested help for a possibly suicidal subject.

6:59 p.m. A female reported a hit-and-run traffic accident while parked on the sidewalk by Forest Roberts Theater.

Feb. 8, Saturday

8:05 a.m. A female reported a hit-and-run traffic accident while parked on 7th St.

4:33 p.m. A female reported a hit-and-run traffic accident in Lot 20.

10:48 p.m. A reported a loud music complaint in the Summit St. apartments.

Feb. 9, Sunday

1:40 a.m. A female reported lar-

ceny of fire hydrant cap in Payne/Halverson lot.

3:07 a.m. A male reported a loud party complaint at the Summit St. apartments.

11:20 a.m. There was malicious destruction of the pedestrian sign on Harden Circle Drive.

12:48 p.m. A male reported malicious destruction to a motor vehicle.

Feb. 10, Monday

9:13 a.m. A female requested EMS for a slip and fall victim outside the LRC.

9:32 a.m. A female reported larceny of a wallet from the LRC.

5:59 p.m. A female reported being harassed by her boyfriend.

6:13 p.m. A male subject reported larceny of his ID card from the LRC.

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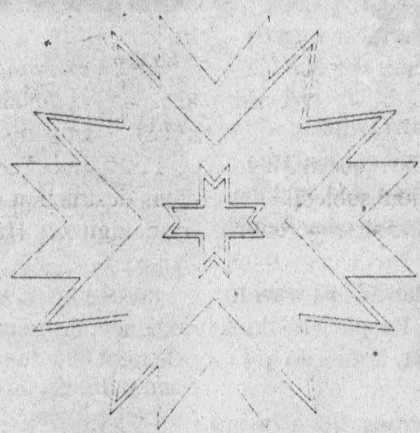
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Winter survivors

Living in the north isn't so bad

"It's too cold outside. ... I haven't seen the sun since September. ... My ears are going to fall off. ... I can't feel my fingers. ... My nostrils are frozen shut. ... My house is buried in snow."

The excuses for staying indoors are getting old. Three events this week — NMU's Winfeater celebration, the World Winter Cities Forum and the U.P. 200 sled dog race — prove that people who live in northern climates can not only survive, but they can actually enjoy living in winter cities.

So, in the spirit of celebrating winter, here are some reasons why living in a "winter" city is better than living in a "summer" city:

- All of the snow buries the old broken-down rusty Ford in your neighbor's front yard.
 - Up north, it's easier to see where dogs have "marked their territory."
 - Because the days are shorter, we have more time to watch TV.
 - We can wear flannel every day and not feel like leftovers from the grunge period.
 - In northern climates, you don't need a refrigerator — you can keep the beer in the snowbank just outside your door.
 - Snowmobiles don't work as well in gravel.
 - The snow around here stays white for more than a few hours after it falls.
 - Two words: smoked fish.
 - Santa's sled doesn't work unless there's snow on the ground.
 - We can actually wear our cool Columbia jackets.
 - Snow tires look so much better than those all-purpose radials.
 - People from northern climates don't need an interpreter when they watch "Fargo."
 - Snow days.
- And for those of you who can't stand the snow, ice, wind and darkness: cheer up, spring isn't really that far away.

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Sister: Drinking and driving don't mix

To the Editor:

Recently, a tragedy happened on County Road 492 in Gwinn.

An alcohol-impaired driver crossed the center line and crashed into another couple's pickup truck. The 68-year-old man was killed, and the 66-year-old woman was seriously injured. The driver of the other vehicle was my brother.

So, you might be saying, what is the point of my letter? I just want to remind everyone that drinking and driving do not mix. People who drink and drive have their reflexes slowed down so much that, if they do not first get into some trouble, they cannot react in time.

The consequences of drinking and driving are numerous. If you do not get caught, and it continues, or you think that you can handle it, you might be wrong. My brother has been drinking and driving for six years, so he thought that he could get away with it for a long time, but instead, he got caught in the worst possible way, with the loss of a life.

I would like to apologize to the family and friends of the people that my brother killed. I will not say that it was an accident, because my brother knew what he was doing when he got behind the wheel of the Chevy Blazer, drunk. He knew that drinking and driving do not mix, but he did not understand it. Now, he is facing five to 15 years in jail.

It is a hard way to learn his lesson, and I hope that someone will learn this lesson from what happened to my brother and apply it to their own life.

Life is a hard row to hoe, and when something like this happens, you start to wonder why you should continue with it. Drinking and driving do not mix, and I hope that no one out there will have to live through what my family is right now.

I want to thank all of my friends for being so supportive of me in my trying times. God bless you all.

Kelly D. Myers

Rock 'n' roll:

More emotion or thought?

I was eating a bag of SunChips the other day, contemplating the "Nutrition Facts" on the back of the bag when some thoughts on music announced their arrival in my brain.

At the center of my thoughts were these questions: at what

point did "rock" musicians get the idea to make "art" out of rock? What

fueled this self-conscious move? Isn't rock supposed to be about girls and booze and stuff like that? Isn't rock 'n' roll basically about Elvis's hips? Where does jazz fit into this whole scheme? What about rap? What about the now-nubulous "alternative"?

I realize these aren't new questions. Many of them boil down to the age-old battle between the cerebral and the visceral. Rock 'n' roll, it is safe to say, began as a visceral movement. This is ironic because it was borne, at least partially, of rebellion. Now rebellion can certainly be at least

as cerebral as it is visceral (see Albert Camus's *The Rebel* for more on this), but in the case of rock music, it is generally assumed that the rebellion we're dealing with is largely of the teen-age variety. And teen-age rebellion, it seems to me, is more visceral than cerebral. It is a hormonal rebellion more than a conscious one.

Perhaps it was the turbulence of the 60s that triggered a move by rockers toward the cerebral. Prior to events such as (but not limited to) the Vietnam conflict and the J.F.K. assassination, what crises were readily available to bemuse the rock 'n' roll musician? Post-WWII America just didn't offer a lot of trouble upon which to comment. It was, to use a trite description, a prosperous time.

If the post-WWII era found America with its collective head in the clouds, however, then the 60s saw an America choking on social pollution. A certain segment of the rock population must have felt that it was no longer relevant to sing about girls and booze. This epiphany signaled the birth of a social conscience and the death of a certain phase of rock 'n' roll.

Perhaps it was the emergence of a conscience that introduced the

'Coward'-like action at NMU

To the Editor:

While I was at work in the Learning Resources Center Feb. 8, some unfortunately disturbed soul was unable to express their anguished frustration in any better way than kicking in the quarter-panel and door of my parked car.

When I first noticed the damage, my reaction was the thought of getting a label maker and putting a tape across the damage saying, "These are not dents. They are the signature of an anonymous, infantile coward."

Fortunately for me, I was immediately reminded of the times in my own life when I had repressed frustration and anger until I vented them in mindless, misdirected, explosive moments.

As those memories returned, a "peace that passes understanding" came over me. The understanding I do have is that I was blessed with survival of my own rages by the sincere prayers of others.

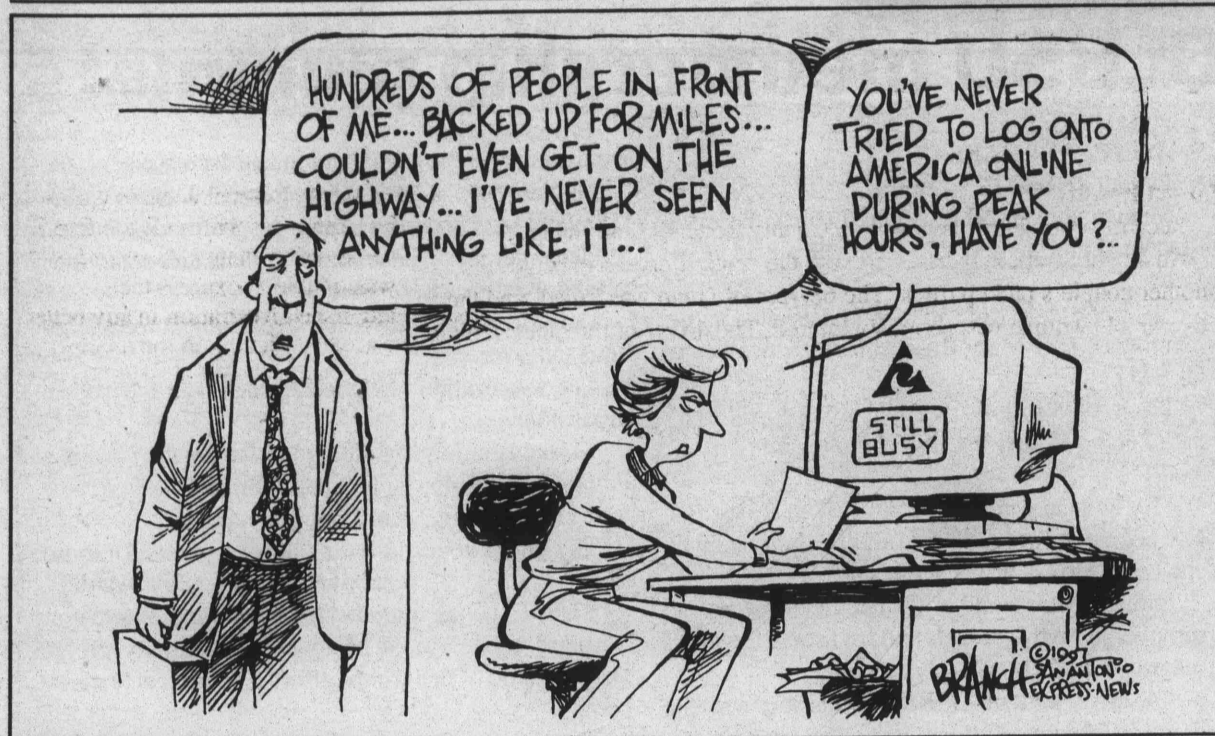
My desire is simply to maintain the gift of peace. So, I pray that some benign energy teach that child of God better ways to express their anger and hope they did no more serious damage to their foot than they did to my car.

Larry Gougeon

idea of "art" into the Eden that was rock 'n' roll. This is not to say that rock music to that point was or was not art; that is a separate issue. The presence of a conscience in rock necessarily cued the entrance of a somewhat foreign component: thought.

Writing words and music about girls and booze, if it requires thought at all, only requires thought on primal, natural (and often barbaric) urges. However, writing social protest songs, for example, requires a very different, more cerebral kind of thought. There is not necessarily anything wrong with this, of course. But it does force us to question the nature of rock music. Should it be entertainment? Or should it be a tool for socio-political critiques? Can it exist as both?

The answers are ultimately of little importance (which is fortunate since they are so hard to come by). The fact is, rock is not all that visceral anymore, and there's not much that can be done about it. Sure, there is music that attempts to be visceral, but the whole problem is that it is *attempting*. There is nothing more self-conscious than attempting to be something else.



A hard lesson

Roads can be unforgiving

By now, most of you know the story. It was 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1. A Geo Metro and a semi. There was a collision. Four promising young lives were lost in an instant.

I knew one of them; his name was Shaun. He was just 16 years old and a very close friend of my girlfriend's daughter Maria. Because of that, I would run into him now and again at the house. Shaun was the quintessential good kid. He possessed a sort of sad-sack smile that was honest and warming. Armed with a wicked sense of humor, Shaun was also polite and decent.

A likeable, good-natured sort who was always friendly, volunteering to help out whenever he could. He sang with the "New Kids On the Rock" Christian choir. He played a mean game of hoops, too. I enjoyed his company and will miss him.

But you know, every one of these kids is a Shaun to somebody.

I suppose we are lucky not to have drive-by shootings in this town. But even Paradise has its serpents.

Our serpents are these roads, these damn deadly roads. Two or four lanes of bustling commerce mixed with commuters, tourists and the rest of us just trying to go wherever.

We drive on them all the time, in bad weather and good, at all

John Council

Staff Columnist



hours of the day and night at whatever speeds, all the while never giving it a second thought. We let our kids drive them as well. They should be safe, but this accident is a frightening reminder how they really aren't.

I don't know the destination Shaun and his friends had in mind that terrible day, but it doesn't matter. They were just kids out being kids. Unsuspecting, innocent.

When I first heard of this tragedy, I froze. Then my mind raced along a path I was all too familiar with. In a split second, I remembered the three friends I had lost in a year's time before I was 22. I remembered my mother, who also passed away within the same period.

I thought of Maria and her friends and how much pain they must be in. I thought of Shaun's parents, trying to imagine, if I could, what it must feel like to lose a child. I thought of my daughter, living with her mother 200 miles away, and how much I wanted to hold her at that very moment.

I started to cry.

There will be an empty desk in all of these kids' classes, an unholy lesson to each and every one of their schoolmates of how unforgiving this life can be. There will be empty spots at dining tables and doors kept closed on empty bedrooms. There will be empty places in choir rows and empty hearts which will remain forever unfilled.

For such is the loss of children.

Board attempts to clarify the facts

To the Editor:

We, the WUPX Board of Directors, submit this letter to clarify the facts surrounding the recent uproar concerning the "News and Views" program on WUPX; address the allegations of censorship made by The North Wind; and take issue with the manner The North Wind reported this matter.

The WUPX Board of Directors feels The North Wind did a great disservice by incompletely reporting what occurred. These are the facts:

1. Last spring, WUPX and North Wind management considered a proposal to bring the two campus media outlets together by having WUPX give The North Wind a two-hour block of radio time each week to provide informational and opinion programming. WUPX was to receive a free quarter-page ad in each issue of The North Wind.

2. At the start of the [fall] semester, Andrew Dietderich and Jeff Collard came to WUPX and made arrangements to begin broadcasting the "News and Views" program. Neither Dietderich nor Collard reported to WUPX staff that they were acting independently of The North Wind.

3. WUPX has received complaints concerning the program from guests. The complaints centered on the treatment of on-air guests. Some felt they were treated roughly and rudely.

4. A guest on the program said, "This is f---d!" DJs are often fired for saying or hosting someone who says the F-word on the air. Dietderich and Collard were not fired because WUPX was led to believe by the hosts that "News and Views" was The North Wind's show.

5. After the Jan. 23 airing of "News and Views," in which NMU President William Vandament was asked if he had gotten so drunk at a university event that he puked in his shoes, the administrative adviser recommended that the DJs and the show be suspended pending an investigation and development of new policies which would (a) ensure that guests on WUPX programs were not subject to such treatment, and (b) ensure that guests did not place the station at risk in terms of FCC regulations concerning indecent or obscene material. The station manager followed this recommendation.

6. On Jan. 29, the WUPX general manager, station manager, administrative adviser and faculty adviser met with Dietderich. The station's position was made clear, and the station manager outlined the steps needed to be taken in order for him to permit "News and Views" to be broadcast again.

7. The "News and Views" program has been shelved, and alternate programming has taken its time slot.

The editors of The North Wind seem intent on calling the actions of station management "censorship," but the station manager, general manager and music directors of WUPX are responsible for what goes out over the airwaves every day.

It is somewhat ironic that The North Wind editors would not print the question that was asked Dr. Vandament in its initial reporting because it would "be unfair to have an unconfirmed rumor repeated on 6,000 front pages throughout the city." According to their logic, it must not be acceptable to repeat unconfirmed rumor across the city in a public broadcast either.

The WUPX Board of Directors stands behind the actions taken by our staff in this matter. We do not condone interviews in which people are badgered. To Dr. Vandament, in particular, we would like to say that we hope his reputation has not been scarred, and we hope these events will not overshadow his time at Northern Michigan University.

Kim DeMark, Chairwoman,
WUPX Board of Directors

The North Wind letter and comment policy

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Photo Opinion Poll

Is Northern Michigan University's recycling program sufficient?



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"It's sufficient that we even have a recycling program. It's very convenient in the dorms."

Kit Clement,
Sophomore



"I didn't even know we had one."

Brad Mouw,
Senior



"No, a lot more could be done to improve the recycling program."

Christine Andel,
Freshman

NMU students charged in credit card theft case

By KEVIN WEED
News Staff Reporter

Four current or former NMU students have each been charged with "two counts of stealing, retaining or using a financial transaction device without consent" in connection with the alleged illegal use of stolen credit cards, Marquette police said Friday.

A joint effort between detectives from Marquette City Police, Marquette County Sheriff's Department, NMU Public Safety and Chocolay Township Police Department resulted in the recovery of half of almost \$8,000 worth of merchandise purchased with the cards.

On Jan. 23, Marquette detectives became aware of suspects who were charging items on a credit card that was allegedly stolen from coaches in the NMU Athletic Department.

Police said the card was being used by three Michigan Tech students who eventually told detectives the first name of the individual who provided them with the

credit card.

According to the Marquette police, that person was later identified and confessed to stealing the credit card as well as three other credit cards.

A total of eight people were charged, the report stated.

The four individuals with NMU ties are Marcus Anthony McCoy, 25; Cornelius Coe, 21; Stacey Marie Grawey, 18; and Jessica Faye Grawey, 21.

McCoy was a student assistant football coach last fall at NMU. Coe is a sophomore defensive back on the Wildcat football team and was named to the All-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference First Team in each of his two years on the squad.

Reports stated three Michigan Tech students and a fourth person were charged with one count each.

According to Det. Capt. Hank Steede of the Marquette City Police Department, a total of five credit cards were allegedly used to illegally purchase TV's, stereos CD players and other valuables.

GLBSU membership plummets

By WENDY BLEZEK
News Staff Reporter

Membership in NMU's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Union has decreased dramatically in recent years.

"In 1993, there were 35 to 40 consistently active members," said Mary Rose, a former member of GLBSU.

From 1995 to '96, membership dropped to 15 members, with only five to 10 serious members, she said.

"As long as you have an interest in seeing that gay people are represented, you're someone who can belong to GLBSU," Rose said.

She attributes some of the decline in interest to turnover in NMU students and said some members outgrew GLBSU.

"A large part of GLBSU's mission was the outreach program," Rose said. The program required participants to facilitate exercises in group settings, and was designed to let people know what it is like to be a minority.

"Some people think it's all about politics," Rose said. "It used to be about support and fair representation for gay, lesbian and bisexual people."

Rose said the organization could use more publicity to attract new members.

Chet Defonso, an NMU history professor and co-adviser to GLBSU, said he doesn't know why

membership in the organization has decreased.

"It has been a gradual decrease," Defonso said. "[Student organizations] seem to go through cycles. Students get involved in other organizations and they get involved in school work."

Defonso said GLBSU has been subject to tremendous turnover.

The organization's last meeting had about 5-10 people in attendance.

"There is no way of telling how many are currently involved," Defonso said. "Most of the people who came to the last meeting were from off campus."

The group hopes to attract new members, Defonso said.

GLBSU could unite with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a Marquette community group, Defonso said of the groups efforts to attract new members.

"You don't have to be gay, lesbian or bisexual to be involved," Defonso said.

The organization exists to provide a place to talk about gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, Defonso said.

It also functions to educate the student body on these issues.

GLBSU has sponsored several campus events.

Defonso said the organization has brought a well-know author and commedienne to campus, in addition to hosting a forum on homosexuality and the Bible, and a debate about gays and lesbians that attracted 250 people.

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Seasonal affective disorder: curable 'cabin fever'

By LEE STONE
Staff Writer

At one time it was called "cabin fever" or "winter blues," and there was no way around it; it was thought of as just another peril of living up north. Now it's called "seasonal affective disorder," and it can be avoided.

SAD is a form of depression caused by seasonal changes and is most prevalent in the winter months.

The symptoms are fatigue, sleep disorders, weight gain or loss, irritability, lack of interest and withdrawal.

Although SAD can be overbearing, in many cases it can be diagnosed and treated, but the goal is to avoid it altogether.

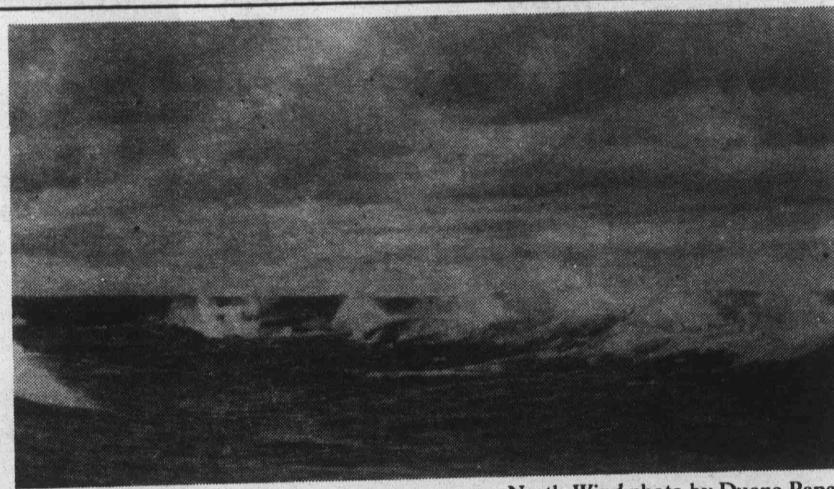
Christine Platt, director of the NMU Counseling Center, said the key to eluding SAD is getting as

much sunlight and exercise as possible.

"Any light is better than a lot of darkness," Platt said. "You have to push yourself to get active. Exercise is just a wonderful anti-depressant."

Platt said there is a problem with SAD at NMU.

"People in northern climates have a higher instance of SAD," Platt said, "and people from



Dreary, cloudy days without much sunlight — common weather conditions in this part of the country — are thought to be causes of seasonal affective disorder, a treatable condition often called "cabin fever" or "winter blues."

sunny climates are particularly hard hit."

Students may choose to "self medicate" themselves with alcohol and drugs. Platt

The NMU Counseling Center has had success in treating most forms of depression, including SAD, Platt said. The main concern is to get students help before it's too late.

"The longer it goes, the more goes wrong," Platt said.

Students may choose to "self medicate" themselves with alcohol and drugs. Platt

said this makes the problem worse since alcohol is a depressant.

"Prevention is really important," said Mary Pelton-Cooper of the NMU Counseling Center. She suggests strengthening support systems, exercising and having fun to ward off the winter blues.

Pelton-Cooper said timing can also be a factor in beating SAD. Some sufferers treat themselves with light therapy and extra exercise. "Therapy can be very helpful to people," Pelton-Cooper said. If you feel like you are about to succumb to the winter blues, try to change your activities and thinking patterns.

"Take a sauna or go for a walk in the Dome," Pelton-Cooper said. Platt's advice is to ask yourself, "What did you do when you were feeling better?"

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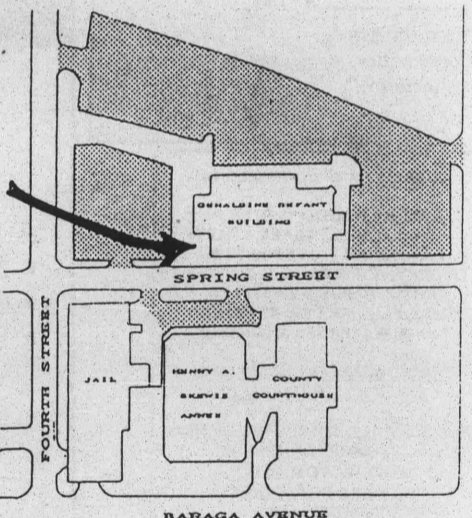
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NMU's Commission for Women conducting survey

Questions deal with personal safety, equal treatment and family/child care

By WENDY BLEZEK
News Staff Reporter

The NMU Commission for Women is in the process of conducting a survey to find out what issues and concerns are being faced by women on campus.

The survey consists of questions addressing the issues of personal safety, equal treatment and child/family care. The survey allows respondents to make suggestions for what can be done to remedy problems.

"I think it's important that people fill out the survey," said Cissie Robinson, a student member of the commission. "Any student that is interested can fill it out."

The survey is the first step in addressing potential issues for women on NMU's campus, Robinson said. The survey's results will show where people differ in

what they believe are problems on campus. Students may feel that the survey's topics are not the issues.

Robinson, who has been a member of the commission since last fall, was responsible for distributing the survey to faculty, staff and students at NMU.

The survey was distributed through campus e-mail, in classes and at various campus locations.

Copies of the survey are available at NMU's Olson Library.

Jean Choate,

NMU history professor and chair of the commission, said about 250 surveys have been turned in so far. "We would be glad to hear from all women in the university," Choate said.

Many groups have expressed an interest in the results of the survey, Choate said. "We are hoping to have the results within the next month."

Connie Walt, vice chair of the

"If women have been affected by these issues, they no longer have a voice. They probably had to leave NMU."

— Connie Walt, vice chair
NMU Commission for Women



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto

Connie Walt is the vice chair of the NMU Commission for Women, which is conducting a survey that deals with issues of concern to women. All students, women and men, are encouraged to fill out the survey.

Commission for Women, said the group has been effective in the past dealing with women's issues. She said the survey will help show what remains to be done.

The survey was compiled according to commission members' thoughts on important issues at NMU. Equal space is given to each of the three issues on the survey.

It is important to know what kind of perception women have on these issues, Walt said.

"If women have been affected by these issues, they no longer have a voice," Walt said. "They probably had to leave NMU."

The Commission for Women is also interested in men's perceptions on these issues. "We challenge the males for their opinions," Walt said.

The results of the survey will be presented at a luncheon in March, which is Women's History Month. Walt and Choate will present a paper on the survey's results at Michigan Technological University in April. The commission will also share the survey results with other NMU groups that may be able to help improve conditions on campus.

The Commission for Women was founded in order to provide a neutral forum for women on campus. It is composed of appointed women from all levels of the university who have an interest in women's issues.

Students interested in filling out a survey for the commission can obtain a form at the Olson Library. Completed surveys must be returned to Robinson or Walt at the NMU JOBSearch Center by Friday.

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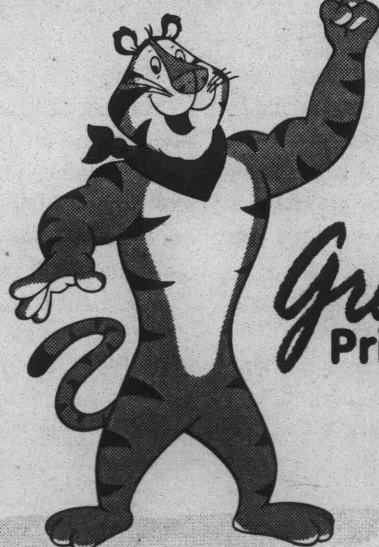
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A friend of mine asked me the other day what I was giving up for Lent this year. She's one of those annoying incarnations who gets her Christmas shopping done in April and decides on her Lenten sacrifice the day after Easter. For once I had the rush on her. My answer was at the ready — Valentine's Day.

My ill-fated love affair with Valentine's Day began the day I realized that a 5-pound box of chocolates from my father failed to satisfy the deeper longing associated with this holiday. The scene is branded in my memory. Sitting alone in my third-grade classroom, filled with anticipation, I gingerly searched through the brown paper sack filled with valentines doled out by my fellow classmates.

Alexandra Kloster



For What It's Worth

Tiny envelopes held cards picturing Mickey and Minnie Mouse engaged in a saccharine embrace with the word "Swak" written above them. As I neared the bottom of the batch it became clear that the prize I had dreamt about was absent.

The mother of all valentines, a huge square of red and pink construction paper with a cutout heart inside demonstrating the artful use of Elmer's Glue and Magic Markers that I had hoped to receive from the boy who sat next to me, was only a fantasy.

Cynicism replaced my naivete as I looked at the candy hearts that read "Be mine" and "You're the one." They should have said "Better luck next year, chump."

For the next few years I held on to the hope that maybe since I went to a Catholic grade school, such romantic declarations of love were simply not permitted. Surely if I attended public school I would receive my coveted valentine. Sixth grade rolled around. New school, no luck, hopes dashed.

The future did hold some recompense. I received Valentine's Day gifts by nature of the fact that I was embroiled in a relationship with a man called a fiance. I became an expert at gushing, "Oh honey, I love my adjustable wrench. You, I mean I, will get so much use out of it."

I learned that as Feb. 14 approached, subtle hints were necessary like, "Hey you over there on the couch! It's Valentine's Day!"

With a look of terror in his eyes, my boyfriend would feign an emergency at work and disappear out the door. There was a certain security in knowing that he would return an hour later after visiting the all-night hardware store. Ah, the comforts of tradition.

Well, that relationship ended, but at least I have the means to join even the most seasoned construction crew should I ever get the urge.

I guess I'm not really giving up Valentine's Day per se. I'm giving up the expectations of what the day should mean. I still get the little Disney valentines, but now they come from my nieces and they mean a lot.

Sometimes I even get the chocolates from my dad and I treasure them. I'm actually looking forward to Feb. 14. I will be home, steeped in red construction paper and Elmer's Glue. I will OD on candy hearts and believe every word inscribed on them.

DIVERSIONS

Sunny weather, friendships, laughter and snow are just a few reasons for Celebrating traditions in a Winfester way

By JAMES LAKE
Features Staff Reporter

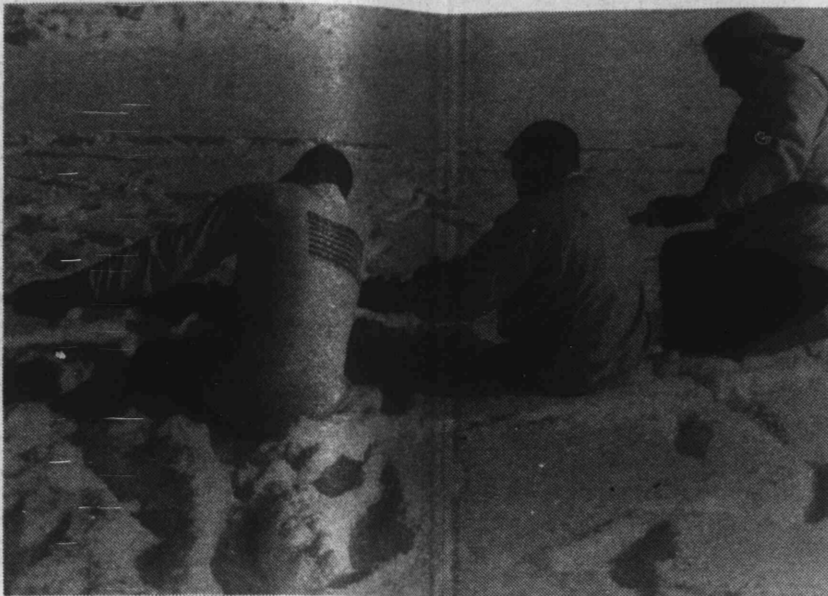
Northern Michigan University students once again found a reason to celebrate the ice and snow. Winfester 1997 is coming to a close this Saturday after a week of events and activities celebrating winter at NMU.

Jenn Fink, the special events coordinator for Winfester, said so far this year's events are going really well.

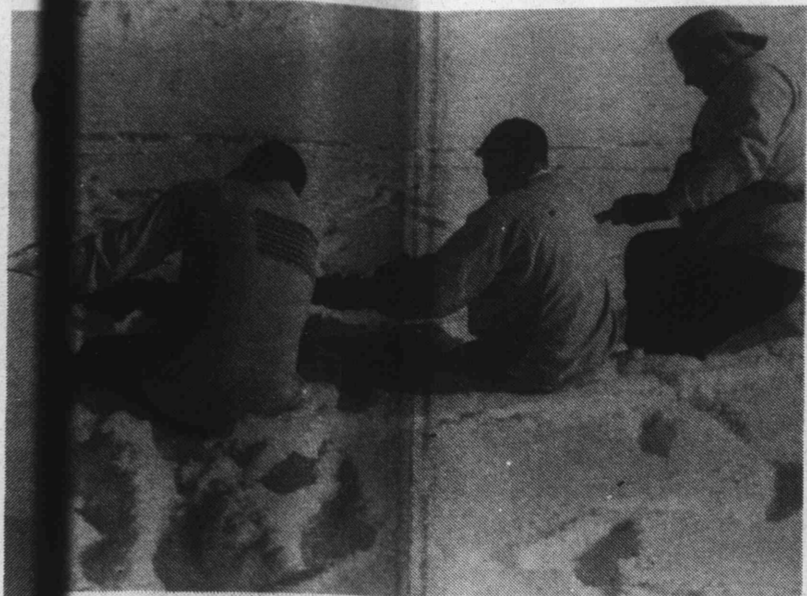
The Special Events Committee spent Friday evening delivering hot dogs and hot chocolate to all registered snow-statue sites for all students putting the finishing touches on their sculptures for Saturday's judging.

Although the judging for the snow sculptures was done Saturday, the results won't be announced until Friday, at the beginning of the U.P. 200 Sled Dog Race. They will be announced again at the Winfester Dance on Saturday night.

Family Fun Day, an afternoon of indoor and outdoor activities for



North Wind photo by Davita Williams
Above, Delta Chi members put their backs into it during their snow-tug battle Sunday. "The snow was pretty deep ... probably three or four feet," Delta Chi Mike Axford said. "We've got a friendly rivalry going with the Lambda Chis."



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NMU students, faculty and staff and their families was held Saturday afternoon.

Fink said, "It wasn't that successful this year, but we know what we have to do to get more people come next year."

The Wacky Winter Olympics started at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Payne/Halverson field. Events included human dog-sled races, a "Don't Spill" Relay, a four-legged race and a "Snow Tugs" tug-of-war.

Out of the Housing and Residence Life competitors in the human dog-sled race, the female team from Breakwater House took first place, but no male teams competed.

Delta Chi took first place in the student organization division.

Concert House and the Pre-Med team took first place in the "Don't Spill" relay.

Participants took turns running

through the snow with a glass of water on a tray, and the team with the most water left in its glass won.

In the four-legged race, Crazy Kevin's team and the Choppers from Lambda Chi Alpha took first place. Three teammates had their legs tied together and ran, walked or jogged a certain distance — just like a three-legged race with one more person.

In the "Snow Tugs" tug-of-war, no winners were declared; teams simply earned points for participating.

Fink said participation was good for the Wacky Olympics, but wished more on-campus halls and houses participated.

"We lucked out for weather, and that makes a big difference," Fink said.

Participants took turns running

1997 Winfester Winners	Housing & Residence Life	Student Organizations
Dog Sled (Female)		
1st Breakwater	Pre-Med	
2nd Movie Stars	Phi Sigma Sigma	
3rd Aspen Women	None	
Dog Sled (Male)		
1st None	Delta Chi	
2nd None	Lambda Chi Alpha	
3rd None	None	
Don't Spill		
1st Concert House	Pre-Med	
2nd Movie Stars	Lambda Chi Alpha	
3rd Malibu House	Alpha Gamma Delta	
Scavenger Hunt		
1st Countryside House	Phi Sigma Sigma	
2nd Panga House	Radio X	
3rd Concert House	AMA	

The NORTH WIND Top Ten

Top Ten Reasons to Boycott Valentine's Day

10. It's been a while since we've had a good boycott.
9. Despite what your mom says, you don't look good in red.
8. The heart of Northern is frozen solid.
7. Your roommate melted all your crayons to make candles.
6. You no longer own safety scissors.
5. Hearts don't really look like that.
4. Relationships, they're like brain surgery—they're just not worth it.
3. Cupid missed.
2. Chocolate causes zits.
1. Roses aren't cheap (and you are).

An act of love shall ne'er be wrong

By JEREMIAH FRENCH

Features Staff Reporter

[Scene I, a university campus.]

Enter the Jovial Page and James Livingston, professor of Shakespeare.

Page: List! O List! Turn thine ear to yon heralding angels' song! Cast aside thine armor of pride and suffer the rapturous arrows amassed in Cupid's quiver. The day of St. Valentine approaches, yet the hearts of Marquette are cold and bitter. Mayhaps the virtues of Love have been forgotten? What say you Livingston? Enlighten our humble ears with the origins of love.

Livingston: "Love is a learned behavior invented in twelfth century France by troubadors as far as we can tell, who developed it out of the medieval cult of courtly love which had to do with the admiration that members of a particular medi-

eval court were supposed to lavish on the lady of the manner. ..."

Page: Come, come fair doctor. Hast thou any uplifting news? Is not love born in the reservoir of the soul? Is true love not possible?

Livingston: "Love for me became possible ... when I discovered women can be dominant. Hah, hah!"

Page: Hah! Truly sir, you are a jolly and good-natured rogue! But soft! Turn our attention to yonder students. Let us see what they can offer on the mysteries of love.

Enter Autumn Lakowski and Paul Giuliani, NMU students.

Page: You there fair lady and fine young man. Spare us a moment and do tell what think you of love?

Autumn: "Maybe it's ... It might be a chemical thing 'cause I certainly haven't learned it yet."

Page: What think you sir? Is love chemical or can it be learned?

Paul: Both. I think that there is a chemical love and there is a love that is ... Love sucks."

Enter Rachel Hanson, student.

Page: Egad! Such cynics! This jovial page becomes downtrodden by the moment. Pardon us fair lady, canst thou offer your views of love?

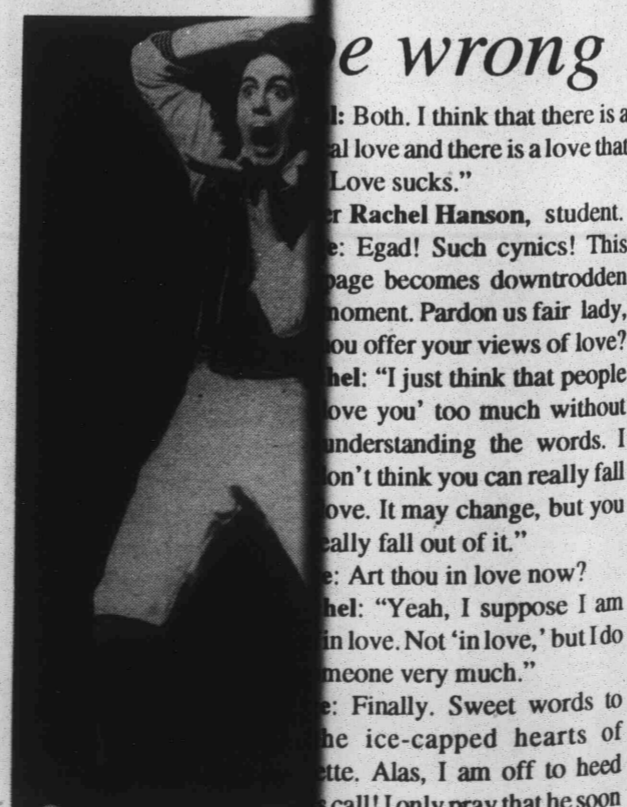
Rachel: "I just think that people say 'I love you' too much without really understanding the words. I really don't think you can really fall out of love. It may change, but you don't really fall out of it."

Page: Art thou in love now?

Rachel: "Yeah, I suppose I am kind of in love. Not 'in love,' but I do love someone very much."

Page: Finally. Sweet words to melt the ice-capped hearts of Marquette. Alas, I am off to heed Cupid's call! I only pray that he soon may smite me!

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Multi-talented actors become characters from "Alice in Wonderland."



Photo by T. Charles Erickson
Multi-talented actors become characters from "Alice in Wonderland."

'Curiouser and Curiouser'

By KERRY STEINMETZ

Features Staff Reporter

The Upper Peninsula will be visited by a professional theater company at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. This troupe, however, is slightly different from most in its presentation and participants.

The National Theatre of the Deaf combines spoken words with sign language for a unique double-sensory theatrical experience. They will be at Marquette's Kaufman Auditorium as part of their 30-city national tour, with a production titled "Curiouser and Curiouser," the story of Lewis Carroll's life and writing.

"It's just amazing when deaf people come into the speaking world and share their abilities," said Amy McClain, executive director of the United Way of Marquette County. "It's a beautiful experience."

"Curiouser and Curiouser," directed by Adrian Blue, a deaf director, will present the fantastic journeys of "Through the Looking Glass" and "Alice's Adventures In Wonderland" through the eyes of the real-life Alice, Alice Liddell. The role of Alice will be played by Jorjan

Lynn Jeter, an 11-year-old deaf girl from Detroit.

Jorjan, a sixth-grader, has participated in several theatrical productions at her school, but this is her first experience with a professional theater company and a national tour. She is accompanied on the tour by Camille Jeter, Jorjan's aunt as well as the artistic director of the National Theatre of the Deaf.

"Curiouser and Curiouser" takes place in mid-19th century England, where one of the finest portrait photographers of the time is Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll).

Alice is one of his neighbors, and agrees to sit and have her portrait taken. More than just a photograph results as Alice creates her own adventures, turning

ing Dodgson into the Mad Hatter and creating the Cheshire Cat, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the Jabberwock and other characters that become "curiouser and curiouser." The result is a hilarious story.

Tickets are available at the Superior Dome, the University Center Snak Shak, Forest Roberts Theatre, Lakeview Arena and at the door. Cost is \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU faculty and staff, and \$10 for the general public. For more information, please call 227-1032.



North Wind photos by Nathan Ernsberger
Top: Vanilla Ice (Jay Galea) and Ebony Excellence (Amy Major, Geneva Smiles, Jarmar Banks, Zovaves Coleman, Ed Ellis, Ron Seaberry, Jr., Recie Young) grooved to first place with a rendition of "Ice Ice Baby." Middle: Phi Sigma Sigma's "Spice Girls" (Jody Eckloff, Autumn Larkin, Jen Kern, Lisa Watts) danced their way to second place with "Wannabe." Bottom: In third place, Delta Chi's Matt Koppinger, Ed Steinhauer, Mike Axford, Tony Korpi and Vince Orlando re-invent "Grease Lightning."

Mother Nature hits again

By **KELSEY MANN**
Movie Reviewer

Pierce Brosnan follows up his debut as 007 agent James Bond with this "nature-rears-its-ugly-head" film — the first

to come out after the success of "Twister." The picture has been released this winter with the hopes that the summer audience in us is hungry for an action-disaster film. After seeing "Dante's Peak," you'll leave the theater full, but wanting dessert.

Brosnan plays a volcanologist, Harry Dahlson, who's been stationed in a perfect suburban town, Dante's Peak. The town is ideal except for one minor thing: There's a volcano just a couple of miles away. Dante's Peak is governed by the lovely Rachel (Linda Hamilton), who's a divorced mom of two children.

After a couple of other active-volcano incidents occur, Harry believes it's time to take action.

Like in "Jaws" (another terrorized tourist-town film), no one wants to believe that Harry's predictions are correct. They fear that putting the town on alert will destroy the town's business. But if the volcano were to erupt, it would only take a minute to reach the outskirts of the town.

As with most action films now, the effects are great, and the challenges are imaginative. It has more of a story than "Twister," but a lot of what happens is unbelievable.

Dante's Peak

Starring:

Pierce Brosnan,
Linda Hamilton

Director:

Richard Donaldson



Photo by Marina Chavez.

Nerf Herder just released their first, self-titled album.

Amusing but stupid

Nerf Herder doesn't make the grade

By **JEFF COLLARD**
Music Reviewer

Nerf Herder dresses like blind golfers.

Maybe if people listen to these guys, they will realize how bad the band the Presidents of the United States of America really is. In fact, Nerf Herder seems to be a clone of the Presidents and are equally as bad.

The disc is filled with weak, three-chord songs filled with adolescent themes. The first time listening to this band isn't so bad (besides the fact that all the songs sound the same). In fact they have some amusing comments, but like

most amusing things, they're funny the first time, and after that, they're just stupid.

The song, "Van Halen," is about David Lee Roth being replaced by an uncool Sammy Hagar. The video shows the band wearing powder-blue and plaid pants with pink shirts and jumping up and down in a garage.

Like the Presidents of the United States of America, this band probably won't appeal to anyone past the seventh or eighth grades; and a few years down the road they'll probably look back on this and say, "I can't believe we dressed like idiots. I can't believe we actually got a record deal for cloning the Presidents and singing about absolutely nothing that anyone over the age of 14 cares about."

Nerf Herder

Artist:
Nerf Herder
Record Company:
Arista

'The End of the Affair'

Graham Greene shows the pain of adultery

By **ALEXANDRA KLOSTER**
Book Reviewer

The stakes are high in Graham Greene's "The End of the Affair." A man gambles on the woman he loves, and a woman gambles with God. They play to the death and when the games are over, it is difficult to distinguish the winners from the losers.

Greene forges into his familiar territory, exploring Catholicism, love and loyalty. Each theme is illustrated through the struggle of Sarah Miles, a woman who longs to be faithful to her lover and God—a

juxtaposition of loyalties that in her case are mutually exclusive.

Sarah and Maurice Bendrix are having an affair. She is a married woman, but it is not her affably obtuse husband, Henry Miles, who creates the conflict between the adulterous duo. It is wartime, and the house they have sneaked off to be alone in is bombed. Sarah discovers Maurice's body beneath a door and instantly begins bargaining with God.

Reading "The End of the Affair" is painful. Somehow it manages to work both ends of the spiritual spectrum against the middle. If you are religious, there are parts of this book that can make you feel ashamed. Yet the book also leaves you with the feeling that there is a God as certainly as you know there is a moon and a sun.

The End of the Affair

Author:
Graham Greene
Publisher:
Penguin Books

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BJ: **Happy Hallmark Holiday!**
One of these days we'll be in the same city on Valentines Day--I promise! Did I finally surprise ya? Love, Roomie

Booger, You're **UGLY, DUMB, STUPID** and I hate you! I Love you forever and ever, promise promise, and only YOU!!! Love, Your Pillow

Pooch Bear-
You're as sweet as honey, and as tasty too!
Happy Valentine's Day !!
Love, Pam

Happy Valentine's Day STINKY!
Love you more, Heather

ΔX FRATERNITY is looking forward to the special events planned for the Date Party. We are looking forward to making Valentines Day memorable.

A-
Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetie!
Thanks for putting up with the nights I spend with the North Wind staff. -J

Sunflower,
We share Joy that rains in showers. Dancing together Adroit You make me smile from Whitecastle to the Nile. I love you Honey! -Pookie

Karl Gust, You know that all the chemistry is there, let's do some bonding. -guess who.

Hey Computer Geek:
Thanks for staying up late and sharing your hard drive with me. You were soooo much help!
HAPPY VALENTINES! -the Goofball

Anna,
Have A Wacked-out, Wonderful Valentine's Day.
I didn't want you to have to rely on just your dog to come through with a Valentine.
Somebody loves you !! Patti

Bethney,
Happy V-day!
from the man you're sleeping with?

Happy Valentine's Day to all the staff at WUPX!
from the entire North Wind staff.
Have a Wonderful Day !!

Marijke,
When I am weak, you are strong. When I am down, you pick me up. You are the sunshine that brightens my day and puts a smile on my face. As we travel life's journey together, always know that I love, honor, and cherish you. Ex Anima, Your Husband

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'Godspell' adds another performance

Soaring ticket sales have prompted the Forest Roberts Theatre at Northern Michigan University to add a special Tuesday, Feb. 18 performance of "Godspell," the popular musical adaptation of the Gospel according to Matthew.

Heading the "Godspell" cast is Liam Hughes, a sophomore from Ishpeming, as Jesus. His sidekick, Negaunee senior Jonathan Manto, takes on the dual role of John the Baptist/Judas.

The Forest Roberts Theatre production of "Godspell" is directed, with musical staging, by James A. Panowski. NMU alum and Marquette native Valeria J. Lari is musical director and orchestra conductor.

In addition to the extra Tuesday night performance, "Godspell's" regularly scheduled performances are Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Feb 19 through Saturday, Feb. 22 with a matinee at 1 p.m. Feb. 22.

Tickets may be purchased at the Forest Roberts Theatre box office, the Superior Dome, Lakeview Arena, and Willy's Snak Shak.

—Forest Roberts Press Release

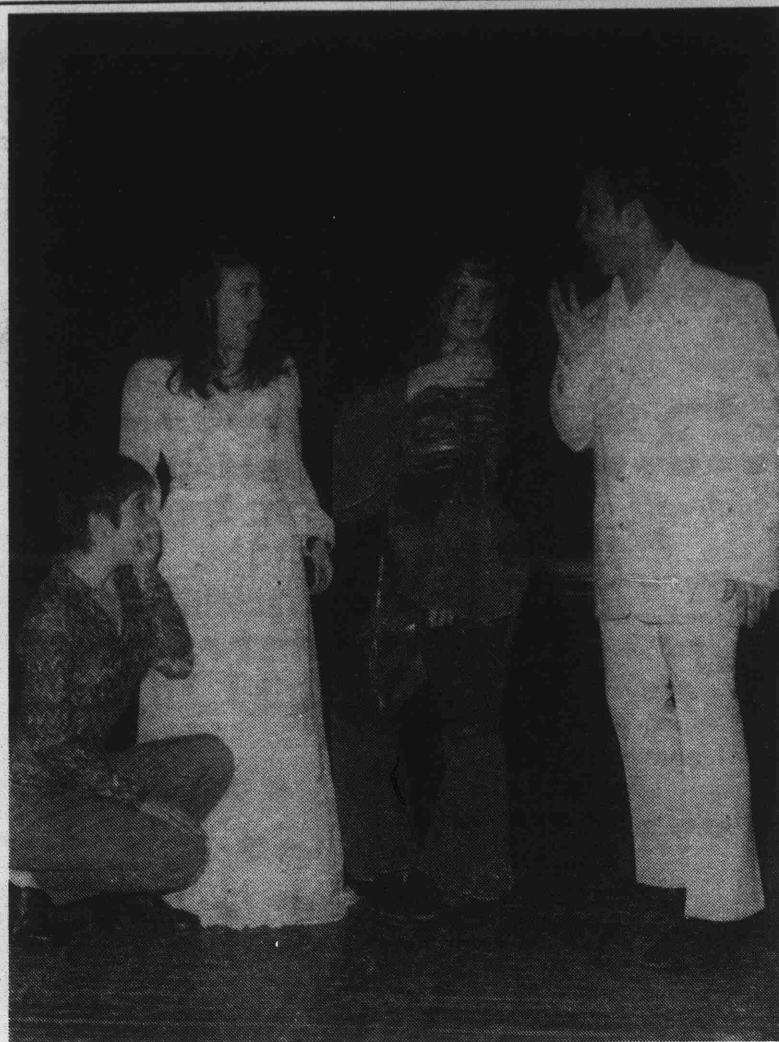


Photo by Bill Argall

Sonia (Katie Marie Harrington) tempts Herb (Michael Pizzuto) as Joanne (Kimberly Bloom) and Gilmer (Heather Mell) look on in the Forest Roberts Theatre production of 'Godspell.'

Features Briefs

Soul food extravaganza

An African-American traditional "soul-food" dinner and social will be held at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Chez Nous cafe, Jacobetti Center. The menu includes BBQ ribs, corn bread and peach cobbler. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$6 for non-students and must be purchased by Feb. 14 from Multicultural Student Services in the University Center.

"Fish Art Heart Dance"

The Hiawatha Music Co-op and the Marquette Arts Council are sponsoring a Valentine Dance at 9 p.m. Friday in the University Center Explorer Rooms following the start of the U.P. 200 sled dog race. Swing music will be provided by local folk group Matchbox. Admission is \$3 for students and a cash bar will be provided.

P-FLAG Valentine Dance

The local chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Marquette. Music will be provided by DeeJay Vicki, and a cash bar will be provided. Tickets are \$5, available at Sweet Violets Bookstore.

'Arms and The Man'

Auditions for "Arms and The Man," the final production in this year's Forest Roberts Theatre season, will be held at 5 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. Saturday in McClintock 102. Scripts are available at the Theatre box office. "Arms and The Man," with a cast of five men and three women, will be presented April 16-19.

Art Students League exhibition

By the end of a reception, the success of an exhibition can be judged by the condition of its snack table. The ASL juried exhibition included cold cut selections that disappeared quickly at its opening Feb. 8 in the NMU Art Museum. Mike Irolla received Best of Show; Amy Miller, Second Place; Tom Vicion, Third Place; and Tamara Walters, Honorable Mention. The exhibition is on display through Feb. 28.

— by Erica Lund

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Things to do

THURS., FEB. 13

First Presbyterian Church: "This Morning's For You," a free child day care center for the children of single parents, will be held each Thursday morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 120 N. Front St. For more information, call 226-6587.

Gonzo Film: "Romper Stomper" (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.

Basketball: NMU vs. Northwood. The women play at 5:30 p.m. and the men at 7:30 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

Winfester: "Snowed In" will be presented at 6 p.m. in the Wildcat Den.

Black History Month: The Black History Month Book Fair and Sale will take place from 1-2 p.m. in the main entrance to the Wildcat Den. Sponsored by the NMU Bookstore.

FRI., FEB. 14

Bahai Association: Is There Life After Death? This group discussion will be in 146 Magers from 12-1 p.m. For more information, call Rod Clarhen at 227-1881.

German Luncheon Table: Each Friday from noon until 1 p.m., the German Club will hold a luncheon in conference room 130 B in the basement of the LRC. You're welcome to join us even though you may not speak German well. Das spielt keine rolle! The purpose is to have a good time and a leisurely lunch.

Wesley House: Pancakes will be served at Wesley House, located at 811 W. Fair St., every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 226-6301.

Are you still writing "1996" when you date things? Don't fret, it's OKAY to live in the past, just don't neglect the future. Inaugural meeting of Students for the Enjoyment Lewistonian History, 7p.m. Call Sean at 227-3048.

Wesley House: "Who Started Those Rumors About Jesus," a bible study for beginners or advanced believers or questioners will be held every Friday at 3 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the University Center. For more information, call 226-6301.

Psychology Colloquium: will be presented by from 3:10 to 4:45 p.m. in 167 Gries Hall. For more information, contact the Psychology Department at 227-2935.

Hockey: NMU vs. North Dakota at 7:05 p.m. in Lakeview Arena.

Dance: Hiawatha Music Co-op and the Marquette Arts Council are sponsoring a "Fish Art Heart Dance" to take place on in the Explorer Rooms of the University Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A cash bar will be provided and admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

SAT., FEB. 15

Society for the Preservation of the Imagination: Are you interested in open roleplaying, Magic the Gathering, card games, movies and science fiction? This group will meet in Pioneer Rooms A and B of the University Center from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. For information, call Michelle at 227-4714 or Jeff at 227-4716.

Film: "The Nutty Professor" (PG-13) will be shown at 7 p.m. in Jamrich, room 102.

Basketball: NMU vs. Saginaw Valley. The women play at 1 p.m. and the men at 3 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

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Winfester: The Winfester Dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Wildcat Den.

SUN., FEB. 16

Music: A Harpist will be playing at Presque Isle Espresso Coffee Shop in the University Center from 6:30-9 p.m.

Cultural Events Series: The National Theatre of the Deaf will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in Kaufman Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU Faculty/Staff and \$10 to the general public. All seats are reserved. For phone orders, call 227-1032.

Wesley House Student Center: Home cooked meals will be served every Sunday at 5 p.m. at 811 W. Fair St. For more information, call 226-6301.

His House Christian Fellowship: Fellowship meetings will be held every week at 7 p.m. at 1701 Presque Isle, across from the dome. For more information, call John at 228-5714.

Catholic Campus Ministry: Sunday Mass will be held every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in Quad II, between Hunt/VA and Magers/Meyland Halls. For more information, call Sr. Cathy Mills at 228-3302.

Reorganized Latter Day Saints: Sunday dinner will be held at 6 p.m. weekly. A donation is requested but not necessary. For more information, call April at 228-4216.

Film: "The Nutty Professor" (PG-13) will be shown in Jamrich 102 at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Theater: The National Theater of the Deaf will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in Kaufmann Auditorium.

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., FEB. 17

Black History Month: Lunch Special: Black Eye Pea Soup will be served in the Wildcat Den from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the NMU Food Service.

TUES., FEB. 18

Black History Month: Renaissance Africa: A Celebration of the African and African American Connection, featuring Dr. Mutu Wa Gethoi of the History Department, will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Wildcat Den. Sponsored by Multicultural Student Services.

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.

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.

Activity Night: The Glenn T. Seaborg Center is currently offering the following Spring 1997 Activity Night sessions: "Microscopic Movie Stars" and "A Science Tour on CDs" will be held from 7-9 p.m. in West Science. Admission is \$1 for students and \$3 for adults. For more information, call 227-2002.

WED., FEB. 19

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International Experiences Organization: Weekly meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the of the University Center. Anyone interested in international events or planning culture week next semester is welcome. For more information, call Anna at 227-2576 or 228-3891, or e-mail aernst@nmu.edu.

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 Huffman at 227-1527. For stories, activities and latkes from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information, call 228-9510.

Play: "Godspell" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

GLBSU: The newly reorganized Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Union will be holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in Dining Room C of the University Center. For more information, call Chet at 227-2229.

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SPORTS

NMU women looking like a championship team

DeCremer leads Wildcats by scoring double-doubles in games against Grand Valley State and Ferris State

By JON SICOTTE
Sports Staff Reporter

NMU women's basketball coach Mike Geary is very confident with his team, as it defeated both of its adversaries on the road last weekend.

"We are at a point where someone is going to have to play well to beat us, because we will not beat ourselves," he said. "I don't think a championship team flinches when people come at you, and we certainly don't do that."

The 'Cats added two more wins to their impressive 13-game winning streak by beating Grand Valley State 84-48 and Ferris State 72-56.

Against Grand Valley State on Saturday, the Wildcats fell behind 5-0 in the first minute, but with about 15 minutes to go in the half, Karla Strand took a Jennifer Johnston pass and knocked down a three-pointer to make the game 8-6 in favor of the 'Cats. They never looked back from there. NMU outscored the Lakers 31-10 to end the half with a 23-point lead.

Shana DeCremer led the Wildcats with a double-double, her second of the road trip, by scoring 16 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.

"Shana's a player," Geary said. "She's tenacious, and I'm glad she's

on our team."

Mandee Dafoe scored a game-high 27 points, along with nine-of-nine free-throw shooting.

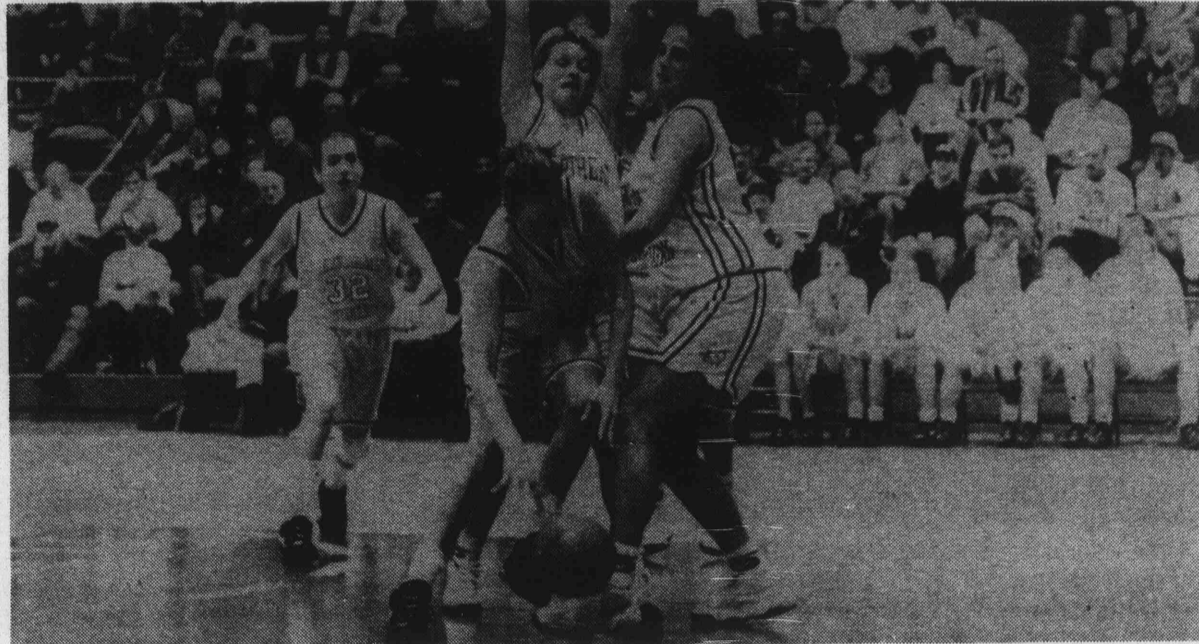
"She's a very tough inside player when she doesn't stop herself," Geary said. "She hasn't stopped herself lately, so we can become that much more difficult to play against."

Last Thursday was a rematch of a Jan. 6 clash in which NMU almost lost to FSU, but was able to pull off the win. This time Northern was ready for a fight with Ferris.

The Wildcats found themselves ahead for most of the game, up by as much as 10 in the first 13 minutes. But after the Bulldogs tied the game at 25, NMU went on a 14-3 run to lead by 11 at the half.

Geary had enough. He decided that something was needed to get his team a big lead and not have to look back. NMU came out of the locker room and put on a zone defense, which confused the Bulldogs and gave NMU a chance to put the game away. Over a 10-and-a-half minute period, the 'Cats extended their lead from four points to 24.

"We went to a zone defense, which we don't play often," Geary said. "They had trouble dealing with the change and we executed on offense very well also."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Shana DeCremer, left, Mandee Dafoe, right, and the rest of the NMU women's basketball team played tough defense last Saturday against Grand Valley State and last Thursday versus Ferris State. They match-up against Northwood University tonight at 5:30 and Saturday they will take on Saginaw Valley at Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

DeCremer knocked down 25 points while grabbing 10 rebounds, and Dafoe added 13 points.

Northern will have its last two home games of the regular season this week with Northwood visiting tonight at Hedgcock at 5:30, and Saginaw Valley State here Saturday at 1 p.m. NMU will also battle Michigan Tech on Monday at 8 p.m. in Houghton.

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

NMU — Johnston 1-1-3; Weber, 0-2-2; Manske, 4-2-12; DeCremer, 7-2-16; Dafoe, 9-9-27; Tunney, 1-0-; Dykstra, 3-2-9; Strand, 4-0-9; Leverentz, 1-1-3. Totals, 30-19-84.

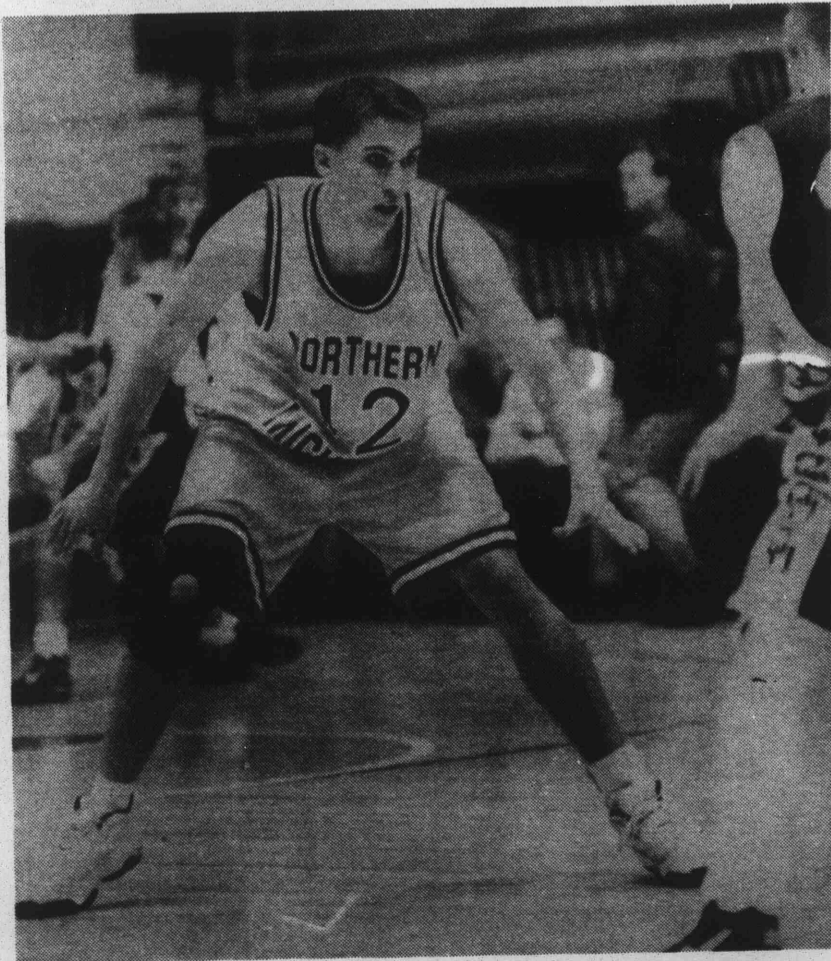
Halftime score: NMU 39 GVSU 16.
FG shooting: NMU 30 of 69 (44 percent); GVSU 15 of 54 (27 percent). FT shooting: NMU 19 of 29 (66 percent); GVSU 14 of 24 (58 percent); Rebound-

ing: NMU 56 (DeCremer 13), GVSU 32.

Summary: NMU vs. FSU

NMU — Johnston, 1-2-4; Weber, 1-2-4; Manske, 4-1-10; DeCremer, 12-0-25; Dafoe, 6-1-13; Dykstra, 3-1-7; Strand, 2-2-; Leverentz, 1-1-3. Totals, 30,10,72.

Halftime Score: NMU 39 FSU 28.
FG shooting: NMU 30 of 59 (51 percent), FSU 18 of 57 (31 percent); FT shooting: NMU 10 of 16 (63 percent); FSU 13 of 21 (61 percent); Rebounding: NMU 32 (DeCremer 10), FSU 41.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Adam Quiring, 12, and the NMU men's basketball team's GLIAC playoff hopes took a step back by dropping games against Grand Valley State, 61-42, and Ferris State, 65-57. They host Northwood tonight at 7:30.

Positive attitude can't save 'Cats

By CHRIS BARRUS
Sports Staff Reporter

In the midst of a five-game losing streak a positive attitude is easy to find when talking to the NMU's men's basketball team. "It comes directly from the players," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

"They consistently respond positively. It's not even a challenge in a lot of ways for us. We're young, and we know that we have a lot of talent. We feel that we are going to be good in the future and that makes it easy to keep thinking positive," freshman Steve Maselter said.

The 'Cats' chances of making the GLIAC postseason tournament are virtually gone after dropping a pair of GLIAC road games last week. The Wildcats' road record this season stands at 0-11, with two games remaining at home and two on the road. The Wildcats (7-15 overall, 4-10 GLIAC) lost to Ferris State 65-57 Thursday and then fell to North Division leader Grand Valley State 61-42 on Saturday.

Against Ferris State, freshman Kevin Coduti led the 'Cats with 20 points, Ed Canning had 14, while Cory Brathol added 10. In the contest against Grand Valley, the 'Cats' road shooting troubles continued. The Wildcats shot 29.2 percent from the floor for the game.

"We just shot it poorly. We had great shots," Ellis said. "It was just a point again where we needed other people to step up and score. Maselter did, yet we still did not get any major scoring from the other people."

Maselter said NMU is frustrated with their record but that is all part of the learning process.

"You wish that some things would go your way once in a while," he said. "This season it hasn't usually been the case."

Ellis said: "I think in a way that the lack of success might even make us better in the future. Had we won some games we shouldn't have, then we could've got a false sense that we're better than we are. I still think you will see a team give everything they have in the next four games. Whether they lose them all or win them all they are still going to be in there battling right to the end. That's just their personality."

NMU's next two games are at home. They take on Northwood tonight at 7:30; Saturday they will face Saginaw Valley State at 3 p.m. Maselter said the Wildcats will be letting it all hang out in the final games of the season.

"We are going to play for some respect and to end the season on a good note."

"Right now our margin for error is nothing. Everything has to go right for us," Ellis said. "We are not skilled enough as a team to overcome negative things."

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

NMU — Maselter, 3-2-14; Parsche, 3-0-6; K. Coduti, 3-3-9; Canning, 1-0-2; Roberts, 1-0-2; Brathol, 1-6-9. Totals, 14-11-42.

Halftime score: NMU 19, GVSU 30.
FG shooting: NMU, 14 of 48 (29.2 percent); GVSU, 23 of 57 (40.4 percent); FT shooting: NMU, 11 of 18 (61.1 percent); Grand Valley, 10 of 13 (76.9 percent); Rebounding: NMU, 39 (K. Coduti, 7); Grand Valley, 35.

Hockey team suffers pair of heartbreaking losses

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

The NMU hockey team (9-21-2 overall, 5-20-1 WCHA) spotted the Minnesota Gophers three goals in Friday's game and two in Saturday's game, but fought back only to lose both games by one.

This was a vast improvement over last year's 7-0 and 10-0 poundings in Minneapolis. But the Wildcats are tired of getting moral victories and want to start to win.

"At this time of the year it's tough for moral victories, because we're playing so hard and we don't have anything to show for it," NMU head hockey coach Rick Comley said. "We're so close to winning, so we can't be happy losing two one-goal games."

UM was hoping to embarrass the 'Cats again, but NMU wouldn't allow it. "Not only did they want to beat us, they wanted to score a lot of goals," Comley said. "We frustrated the dickens out of them and we made them fight for their lives and we took it right down to the wire."

Half of Minnesota's goals came



Sheptak

on the power-play. Going into the series the 'Cats were the only team to have a winning record against the Gophers (12-10-5) in the 1990s.

Friday's contest looked like it was going to be a blowout when Minnesota scored three unanswered goals in the first eight minutes of the game, but the Wildcats roared back to give the Gophers a scare, but fell short 4-3. "I thought we were intimidated going into the game," Darcy Dallas said. "A lot of guys were nervous, because we knew what happened there last year and we didn't want that to happen again."

NMU's Trevor Janicki blasted a shot from the point on the power-play and it bounced off the back boards to John Coyle. Coyle then passed it to Curtis Sheptak in front and he beat Steve Debus to cut UM's lead to two early in the second. Coyle then found Bud Smith wide open on the side of the net and he tapped it in for a 3-2 Gopher edge late in the second period.

Minnesota extended their lead to 4-2 on a power-play goal at 2:58 of the third. The 'Cats' Roger Trudeau skated down the left side and ripped a slap shot that took a weird bounce off the net about midway through the third. The referee ruled that it hit the pipe, but Comley said he thought it went in. "I think it did go in, but it was impossible for the ref to call on the

spur of the moment."

Darcy Dallas mounted a NMU comeback by rocketing a shot that trickled through Debus' legs and barely crossed the goal line, but it was too late. "We never gave up and I was really encouraged by that," Comley said. "The one thing this team hasn't done is quit playing. Last year's team I think would've again got beaten badly, but this team shows a lot of resilience and continues to fight back."

Dieter Kochan kicked aside 36 shots in Saturday's game, but NMU still suffered a 2-1 loss. "I thought it was a real courageous effort," Comley said. "To hold them to two goals is a major accomplishment."

The first period was scoreless before Minnesota broke the tie with a power-play marker at 15:28. UM stretched their lead to 2-0 with only 19 seconds left in the second period.

"We gave a goal up with 19 seconds left in the second and that should never happen," Aaron Cain said. "We should always be playing tight in the last minute."

The 'Cats dominated UM early in the third by outshooting them 12-5 in the first 10 minutes of the third Comley said. Sheptak capitalized on a three-on-one with about 12 minutes to play to cut UM's lead in half. NMU's Kevin Shmidt hit the pipe from the point a couple of



North Wind by Duane Pape

John Coyle, 25, and the NMU hockey team suffered two one-goal losses, 4-3 and 2-1, in Minnesota last weekend. They hope to rebound this Friday and Saturday against WCHA leading North Dakota at Lakeview Arena.

minutes after Sheptak's tally.

NMU killed off nearly four minutes of Minnesota's power-play to stay in the game. "They were on the ropes big time and all of a sudden they had a chance to revitalize themselves with power-plays," Comley said. "Even after that they didn't score

because of our hard work and good goaltending which gave ourselves a chance to win late."

The 'Cats were penalized for 18 minutes, while the Gophers had only

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Reid returns to USOEC to train for professional career

By MICHELLE GUYANT
Staff Writer

There's gold to be found in Marquette these days. David Reid, the only U.S. boxer to win a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, has returned to Marquette to train for his first professional bout.

"I couldn't wait to get up here," Reid, a former USOEC boxer said. "Now I can get really focused on boxing."

Reid visited his friends and family in Philadelphia before starting training again. "I'm glad to have him here," said Al Mitchell, U.S. Olympic Education Center head boxing coach. "Dave and I go way back. He's a great guy to work with, and he never forgets his roots."

Reid and Mitchell have a long history together. Reid was 11 years old when he asked Mitchell if he would train him. Mitchell agreed

and for 12 years they have worked together. They know each other in another way. Mitchell is Reid's godfather. "Al is like a father figure to me," Reid said. It was Reid's mother who told him to use his energy for boxing. "She wanted me to do something besides getting in trouble at school," Reid said.

Reid never imagined competing for a gold medal until he watched the 1988 Olympics. Then he decided he wanted a gold of his own. "I saw the other boxers win and I wanted one," Reid said.

In winning the gold medal, Reid defeated the Cuban world champion, Alfredo Duvergal, with a knockout. "I had fought against him two times before and I knew I could beat him, but I never thought I would knock him out," Reid said. "It was a great feeling. Playing at the Olympics was the greatest pleasure and honor. I have been at events with many other athletes, but the atmosphere was different in Atlanta."

Reid has many accomplishments in his amateur career, winning gold medals at both the Pan American and Olympic games.

"I know that only a few other

boxers have accomplished that," Mitchell said. "Some view winning both of those awards more important than professional achievements

to another Cuban, Juan Hernandez.

Mitchell will be Reid's trainer/manager for his upcoming professional bouts. "He is a hard-nosed

schools to make special appearances for children.

Reid has signed with American Presents Co. The date and opponent for his first professional bout is still undetermined. His first bout is important to him for both personal and financial reasons.

"In boxing you need endorsements to get anywhere, so the first bout is big," Reid said. "I also have a personal reason. I want to go out there and show the critics that I have skills, not just a punch."

Reid's training for a professional bout will be adjusted slightly because the rounds are longer. "I have to learn to pace myself for each round and where to plant my punches," Reid said.

He trains twice a day. He spends his morning practice working on technique and the afternoon practice for conditioning. "I will probably train up here for my next five or so bouts and then move on to some other place," Reid said.

"I think we will have fun at the professional level," Mitchell said. "David has a commitment to boxing and he knows the strategy involved in it."

David Reid — Amateur Championships —

1996 Olympic Games	Gold Medalist
1996 U.S. Olympic Box-offs	1st Place
1996 U.S. Olympic Trials	1st Place
1996 U.S. Championships	1st Place
1995 Pan American Games	1st Place
1995 World Championships Challenge	2nd Place
1995 U.S. Olympic Festival	1st Place
1994 U.S. Championships	1st Place
1993 National Golden Gloves	1st Place
1993 U.S. Olympic Festival	1st Place
1991 U.S. Junior Championships	1st Place
1991 National Golden Gloves	3rd Place

because you are competing for your country."

Reid has not lost an amateur bout against an American since 1992. His last international loss came in the 1995 World Championship Challenge. There Reid took second

coach, but that is why he is so good," Reid said. "We understand each other, think the same way about boxing and we both like the same boxer, Sugar Ray Robinson."

Since winning his Olympic gold medal, Reid has been traveling to

Sports Briefs

Basketball tournament

The 33rd Annual Negaunee Invitation Basketball Tournament will be held from March 21 through April 20 in the Negaunee Memorial Gymnasium. The tournament is the largest independent five-on-five basketball tournament in the Midwest.

The entry fee is \$70 per team and the deadline for entries is March 7. For more information call John Basolo at 475-4268 or e-mail him at jbasolo@nmu.edu.

Cheerleading

The Northern Michigan University Cheer Team has qualified for the National Cheerleaders Association Cheer and Dance Team National Championships, sponsored by the NCAA and televised nationally by CBS Sports. This is the first time that Northern's cheerleaders have qualified for the NCAA national competition. The competition takes place April 2-6 in Daytona Beach, Fla. The cheerleaders will be doing fundraisers throughout the next two months to help with the cost of the trip. Those interested in donating money or time can call head coach Heather Albrecht at 227-2132.

Football

Northern Michigan University head football coach Eric Holm announced the signing of another student-athlete to a national letter of intent.

New to the squad is Mark Guzan, a 6-2, 225-pound defensive lineman from Chicago. Guzan played for Marist High School, where he earned First Team All-Metro Catholic League honors and served as team captain. He was also named to the Chicago Top 100 by the Chicago Tribune.

Speed skating broadcast

The ESPN sports network will televise the 1997 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 21.

The World Junior Championships, hosted by the U.S. Olympic Education Center, were held Jan. 11-12 at the PEIF Ice Arena. They were the first world championships in any sport to be held in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

A half-hour highlight of the two-day competition will be shown to a nationwide audience as a part of ESPN's "Winter Sports Festival" program next week.

Volleyball

Northern Michigan University Women's Volleyball head coach Mark Rosen announced the signing of two players to national letters of intent. Ashley Rynning, a 6-2 middle blocker from Enumclaw, Wash., played for the Tacoma Juniors. Jodee Scott, a 6-1, middle blocker from Anchorage, Alaska, is a transfer from the University of Tennessee. Scott was a two-time, all-state honoree and a member of a state championship squad. She has two years of eligibility remaining.

USOEC Boxing

USOEC head boxing coach Al Mitchell has been named the recipient of the U.S. Olympic Committee's inaugural "Rings of Gold" award recognizing the outstanding accomplishment of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping children reach their highest athletic potential and who will honor programs dedicated to nurturing and developing the Olympic dreams and goals of children.

Mitchell will receive the Rings of Gold this weekend at the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association Super Show in Atlanta.

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Alpine skiers look to continue success

By KEVIN HADAS
Staff Writer

The NMU women's alpine ski team has been skiing strong all season.

This weekend the Wildcats are hoping to continue their streak in the Midwest Collegiate Regional Race at Marquette Mountain.

"We have a solid team," NMU head coach John Pepler said. "We've consistently placed in the top 15 all year."

Pepler said it will take a strong team effort to win this weekend. The top three teams in the regional finals will race in the national finals.

Freshman Katrina Lake said she is excited the team does not have to travel, noting that the team has had to compete on the road all season.

She said it will be an advantage for the team to race on familiar terrain. "It will be nice, because we're used to practicing on the Rocket [run]."

NMU would like to finish as well as it did last weekend at the Superior Divisionals in Afton Alps, Minn. The team finished second in the giant slalom and third in the slalom.

The team was led by freshman Christy Salonen, who placed second in the slalom.

Salonen said she is happy the regionals are at home. She predicted a high finish for the team. "Our team should finish second or third," she said.

Sophomore Liz Welles placed fourth in both the slalom and the giant slalom.

Also placing in the top 15 were Lake and freshman Erin Pirkola.

Intramurals

Broomball postponed

By RONALD SEABERRY Jr.
Sports Writer

The broomball tournament has been postponed because of the Winter Cities Festival. Games will be rescheduled for next week.

In the women's division, the Nivas are the winner's bracket champions. They await the winner of the Snow Plows and the Sweeping Snow Dev for the championship match-up.

In the men's division, the Octagon is the champion of the winner's bracket.

In ice hockey, the Leftover's gained their first win as they beat the Ravens, 7-2. Cap'n Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters won their third game in four matchups with a solid 5-3 victory over the Pride.

In wallyball action, Unabomber knocked down the Slammers in two straight games, 15-7 and 15-4. Four Play beat Happy Gilmore in two competitive games, 15-8 and 15-9. The Negative Creeps beat the Tools via forfeit. Red Tap gained a forfeit victory over the Firemen.

In men's volleyball action, Delta Chi beat the Firemen via forfeit and Joe's Bar and Grill gained a forfeit victory over Seven.

In men's basketball, Lost With-

out a Cause found themselves as they beat 69ers, 52-42. Lost Without a Cause was led by Ryan Raila, who scored 24 points. Ben Sarbo chipped in 14 for 69er's.

Section 8 smoked DDDs, 51-27, behind Erin Franti's 19 points. Run-n-Gun ran all over Phi Kappa Tau, 81-24. Run-n-Gun's Craig Demary led a balanced attack with 20 points.

Gender Benders, after leading 52-8 at the half, won 97-28 led by Matt Hoard and Jason Charbonnea with 28 and 22 points, respectively.

Fubar's Back won over a very game All Stars 49-41. The All Stars played with only 5 players. Krazy Ballz bounced last year's champs, the Fighting Amish, 82-58. Jesse and Joe Soumis combined for 53 of the Krazy Ballz' points.

The Players pounded Delta Chi, 56-24. Chris Vaughn was the only Player in double figures, as he scored 11.

The Player's Club lost to Tont's Team, 72-57. Mike Fittante scored 20 points and Mark Byczek had 17 for Tont's team.

Sam Ragone Attorney, paced by Tim Connor's 16 points, shot down the South Side Posse, 62-24.

Hockey

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eight minutes. "I thought the officiating was questionable," Comley said.

NMU returns home this Friday and Saturday for only their second two-game home series since Nov. 29-30. They face WCHA leading North Dakota at 7:05 both nights. Comley said NDU is one of the quickest teams in the country.

"It's a big series," Comley said. "What a mental lift it would be if we could beat them in our own building. Our goal is to go after them hard."

Friday's summary:

First period — 1. UM, time; 2. UM, time; 3. UM PPG, 7:46.

Second period — 4. NMU Curtis Sheptak (4) (Coyle, Janicki) PPG, 3:19; 5. NMU Bud Smith (9) (Coyle, Sheptak), 18:14.

Third period — 6. UM PPG, 2:58; 7. NMU Darcy Dallas (3) (Ruff), 18:24.

Power-play opportunities: NMU, 1-7; UM 2-7.

Penalties: NMU 11-22, UM 11-22
Goalie saves: NMU 32 (Dieter Kochan, 8-10-14); UM 18.

Saturday's summary:

First period — 1. UM PPG, 15:28.

Second period — 2. UM, 19:41.

Third period — 3. NMU Curtis Sheptak (5) (Smith, Dallas), 7:57.

Power-play opportunities: NMU, 0-3; UM 1-8.

Penalties — NMU 9-18; UM 4-8.
Goalie saves: NMU 36 (Dieter Kochan, 8-11-17); UM 24.

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Wildcat Leaders

Women's Basketball



DeCremer

Senior Shana DeCremer leads the team in scoring (19.4) and rebounding (7.5). Junior Mandee Dafeo is second in both categories with a 16.0 average in scoring and a 6.0 average in rebounding. Junior Kris Manske leads the team in three-point shooting (39 of 93), assists (119) and steals (80). She recently moved into second place with 427 career assists; she holds the school record of 247 career steals. Five NMU players lead the GLIAC in individual stats. DeCremer leads in scoring average (20.1) and field-goal percentage (.606). Carrie Dykstra is the leader in free-throw percentage (.889). Manske leads in steals (3.7) and Jennifer Johnston leads in three-point field-goal percentage (.478).

Men's Basketball



Brathol

Redshirt freshman Cory Brathol leads the team in scoring (15.5 points a game) and is second in rebounds with 5.3 per contest. He is seventh in GLIAC scoring (17.1). Freshman center Kevin Coduti is second in scoring (12.0) and leads the team in rebounding with 6.7 a game and blocks with 19. He has scored in double figures in 13 of 22 games and leads the team with five "double-doubles." Senior Ed Canning is the top three-point threat, making 42 of 90 attempts (46.7 percent). Sophomore Adam Quirring leads the team in assists (47) and steals (26). The Wildcats are second in free-throw percentage (.769) and third in scoring defense at 67.9.

Hockey



Smith

Freshman Bud Smith leads NMU in points (24) and assists (15). Freshman Roger Trudeau is the team leader in goals with 10. Freshman Tyson Holly leads the team with three game-winning goals. Sophomores Brad Frattaroli (plus-12) and A.J. VanBruggen (plus-9) lead the 'Cats in plus-minus ratio. Trudeau and Rich Metro lead the team with three power-play goals apiece. Goalie Dieter Kochan has a 7-14-2 record, 4.05 goals against average, and a .884 save percentage. Netminder Duane Hoey has a 2-7-0 mark, 3.37 goals against average, and a .865 save percentage. The Wildcats have notched seven short-handed goals, which is the most since setting a school record of 16 in 1992-93.

Swimming and Diving



Vostad

Erin Vostad is NMU's leading scorer with 247.25 points. Vostad also is a national qualifier in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, and 100 butterfly. Val Nordquist is the 'Cats' second-leading scorer with 217.25 points. She has qualified for nationals in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Debbie Duncan has qualified for the nationals in three- and one-meter diving and is undefeated in dual-meet events. She has qualified for nationals in the 100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, and 400 individual medley. Daneen Taylor has qualified for nationals in the 100 breaststroke. Elly Bunzendahl and Alison Snapp both have qualified for the nationals in three-meter diving.

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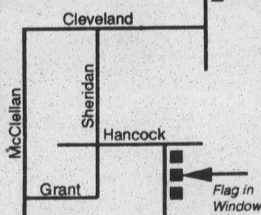
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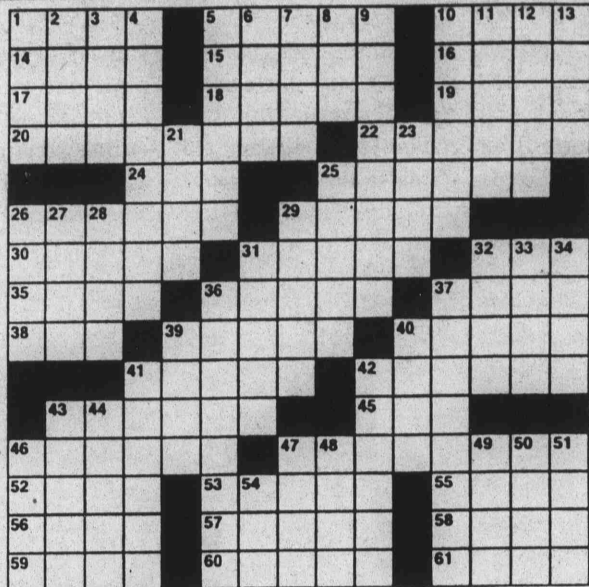
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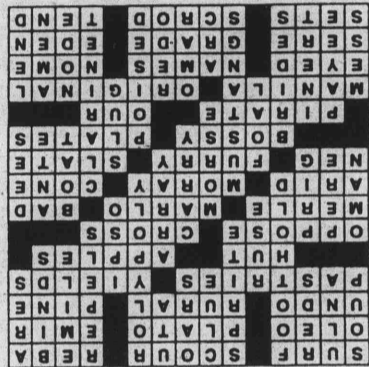
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 - 5 Scrub
 - 10 McEntire of music
 - 14 Edible spread
 - 15 Old Greek thinker
 - 16 Arab VIP
 - 17 Nullify
 - 18 — free delivery
 - 19 Conifer
 - 20 Bakery items
 - 22 Gives way
 - 24 Crude dwelling
 - 25 Pomes
 - 26 Be against
 - 29 Traverse
 - 30 Haggard or: Oberon
 - 31 Actress Thomas
 - 32 Evil
 - 35 Like a desert
 - 36 Tropical eel
 - 37 Ice cream —
 - 38 Opp. of pos.
 - 39 Like many animals
 - 40 List of candidates
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 - 42 Full-page illustrations
 - 43 Robber at sea
 - 45 Your and my
 - 46 City in the Philippines
 - 47 First
 - 52 Watched
 - 53 Calls
 - 55 City in Alaska
 - 56 Dried out
 - 57 A+ or B-, e.g.
 - 58 Blissful place
 - 59 Hardens
 - 60 Fish
 - 61 Watch over
- DOWN**
- 1 Bouillon
 - 2 Arm bone
 - 3 Ohio players
 - 4 Secure standing
 - 5 Fairy
 - 6 Hint
 - 7 Items for rowers
 - 8 Actress Hagen
 - 9 Short and fat
 - 10 Repulses
 - 11 Zola
 - 12 Ties
 - 13 War god
 - 21 Trick
 - 23 — facto
 - 25 Dress in finery
 - 26 Arabian gulf
 - 27 Father: Fr.
 - 28 Straitlaced one
 - 29 Tote
 - 31 Code name
 - 32 Vessel
 - 33 Poker stake
 - 34 Poor grades
 - 36 Wild horses
 - 37 Musical instrument
 - 39 Young equine
 - 40 Hit hard
 - 41 "Seven — for Seven Brothers"
 - 42 Balanced
 - 43 Check recipient
 - 44 Sluggish
 - 46 Quantity of food
 - 47 — Khayyam
 - 48 Perform again
 - 49 Protuberance
 - 50 — corner
 - 51 Furnish
 - 54 Curved line



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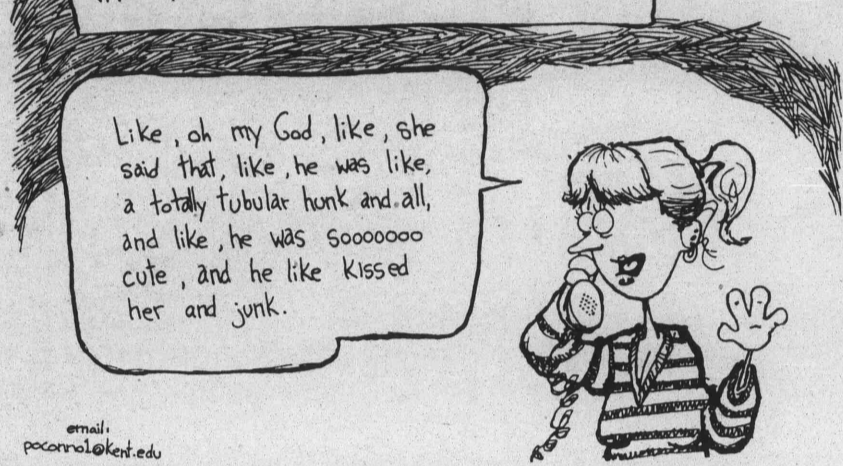


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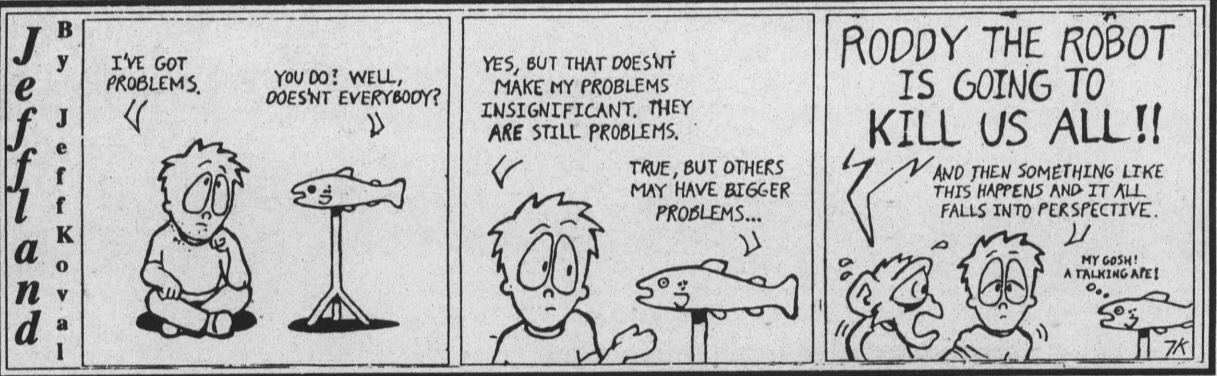
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Your dress on the rug
And you in my bed
Sweet present of the present
Cool of night
Warmth of my life.

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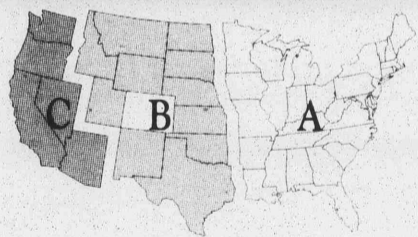
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