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NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER SINCE 1972

Students take longer to graduate

By KEVIN WEED
 News Staff Reporter

In "Animal House," when John Belushi utters the famous line, "Eight years of college down the drain," we laugh. But the joke about a lengthy college career has become a reality for some at NMU, as students are taking fewer classes each semester and spending more time to earn a degree.

Paul Duby, associate vice president for Analytical Studies, points to the change in perception of what full-time status is when considering enrollment figures.

"Now, more and more, students are using the 12-credit mark as full time, which is what Financial Aid considers full time," Duby said. "But if you consider the number of credits required to graduate, that is not full time."

According to a 1993 release on national graduation rates from the American College Testing Program, institutions with liberal admission policies similar to NMU's see 34.6 percent of their full-time students graduate within five years. At Northern, 32.5 percent of freshmen who enrolled between fall 1980 and fall 1990 graduated within five years. The rates are based on tracking freshmen who have 12 or more credits, who are new to the institution and who are in a degree program.

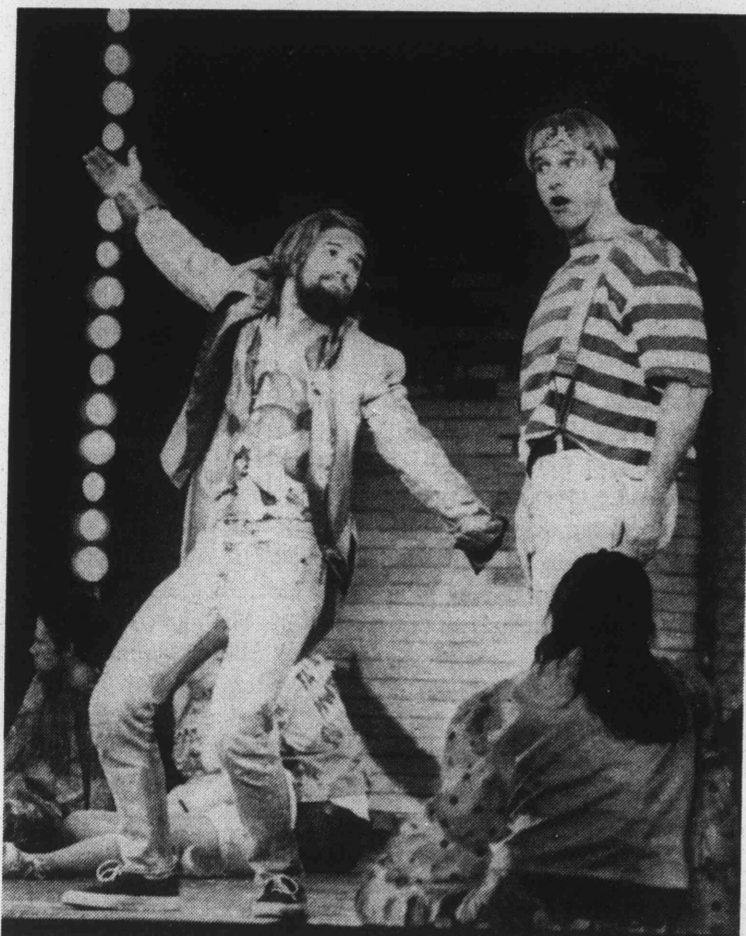
Duby said because the average credit load at Northern has dropped over the years, the time to graduate has gone from eight or nine semesters in 1980, to 10 or 11 semesters today.

"The thing that bothers me is that [prolonging graduation] is costing students more money," he said. "The cost goes up every year. If a student incurs \$10,000 in debt acquiring a baccalaureate degree, and then starts out at \$25,000 a year, it's going to take him 10 years to pay it off."

While money was not the motivating factor for NMU alumnus

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Curtain rises on 'Godspell'



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto
 John Manto, left, and Liam Hughes rehearse for the opening of the NMU theater department's latest production, 'Godspell.' The musical runs through Saturday at Forest Roberts Theatre. Please turn to Page 15 in Divisions to read a review of the first performance.

University considers flat-rate tuition plan

By ERIC BRADLEY
 Staff Writer

"The more you buy, the more you save" may be the new slogan at NMU's Financial Services Office if the university approves a flat-rate tuition system for the fall.

University Budget Director Gavin Leach said the university budget committee is considering charging tuition on a flat-rate system in an effort to make the university budget more efficient.

"Right now nothing is permanent. All programs and changes are in the preliminary stages," Leach said.

The flat-rate system would consist of a charge per credit hour for credits below full time. Full-time

credits would be charged a single flat rate.

Students could take as many credits as they wanted, paying only a single flat tuition amount.

Leach said tuition at NMU is more than \$220 a semester lower than other Michigan universities, and this standing will not be jeopardized if a move is made to a new system.

"By employing a flat-rate system, students will be given the incentive to take more classes and thereby finishing their degrees sooner," Leach said.

"We try to encourage students to take a full load. This will get them

Please see *Flat Rate* on Page 2

NMU officials are attempting to maintain the lowest tuition in Michigan despite the possibility of a lower-than-expected state allocation.

Balancing act

By ANDREW DIETDERICH
 Managing Editor

Christmas is several months away, but Northern Michigan University officials have already put together a wish list, and even without a Tickle-Me-Elmo doll, early drafts of the proposal are more than \$1 million over budget.

As in real life, though, Santa Claus isn't about to arrive with a gift box full of money. Instead, school officials are wearing down pencil lead

to make up the difference, and at least one pencil mark will strike students in the pocket.

But NMU officials side with students in this difficult situation because they want to keep NMU tuition the lowest in the state.

"What we want to do now is come up with what is in the best interest for the students," said Gavin Leach, NMU budget director. "But we have to find a way of funding."

According to a draft of the 1997-98 General Fund Base Budget, 17 different groups, also called program initiatives, have requested \$1.64

million in funding — out of a total projected budget of \$61,856,994. The program initiative requests are double the total of the previous year.

Such funding requests do not guarantee the program will receive any money at all.

"All of these requests are good.

It's deciding which ones come first," Leach said. "None of these are concrete."

— Michael Roy
 Vice President,
 Finance and Administration

With only \$640,951 projected to be

available for funding requests, NMU must find another \$1 million from other sources, which according to the draft of the budget, will entail an increase in tuition for NMU students.

"We take student cost into consideration and strive to stay the lowest [in the state]," said Michael Roy, vice president for Finance and Administration.

Roy said a number of factors will affect ultimate costs for students.

"We will now look at budget reductions, higher tuition or shifting or

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North Wind photo by Nathan Ernsberger
 Mike Penglase is a member of local folk band Matchbox. Please turn to Pages 12 and 13 for more on the diverse music scene in Marquette.

Budget

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postponing some needs," Roy said.

When drafting the current budget, Roy said it was assumed a 3-percent increase in tuition, along with 3-percent increases in enrollment and in state allocations. All of these projections are subject to change, as NMU officials learned this month.

On Feb. 6, Gov. John Engler announced his plan for a 2.5-percent increase in funding for state universities. If Engler's recommendation goes through the Legislature untouched, NMU will be \$220,000 short of its projections already.

NMU President William Vandament said he was prepared for Engler's announcement because the governor alluded to lower allocations at a meeting of state university presidents several weeks ago.

"We knew we were not going to get a major increase like we had hoped," Vandament said. "But it is reasonable on [Engler's] part."

Vandament also pointed out this is only Engler's recommendation and the state House and Senate still have to review it and make their own revisions. Vandament is counting on those changes to Engler's recommendation to get NMU's state allocation back to around the 3-percent

projected increase figured in the draft.

"The governor has predicted a lot of revision," Vandament said. "We have not given up on the 3 percent yet." Vandament said one of the most important items on the list of program initiatives is the West Science building project. According to the base budget draft, \$275,000 is projected to be put into the project.

However, that money could possibly be used elsewhere if money for the West Science building project comes from another source.

Vandament didn't rule out possible federal funding, which would decrease the projected budget by \$275,000 next year.

In addition to budget cuts and a tuition increase, students may face a change in the tuition payment structure. Ideas being considered for change include the upper/lower division payment plans and the flat-rate tuition plan.

The reason NMU is considering the new payment program is simple, Roy said: "[The flat rate] does generate more revenue. This will help keep the costs down."

From this point, the University Priorities Committee will receive a copy of Vandament's recommendations on March 14.

The UPC will then make its own recommendations to Vandament as to what to present to the university's Board of Control.

Students who wish to voice their opinion will have the opportunity to do so. Vandament plans on holding a public forum on the issue, and Leach encouraged students to contact their ASNMU representatives.

Program Initiatives 1997-98

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| • Alumni | \$5,200 |
| • Alumni Operations | 35,000 |
| • Capital Equipment Replacement | 200,000 |
| • Centennial | 25,000 |
| • Communications Operations | 84,300 |
| • Computer Lease Program | 200,000 |
| • Development Fund Staffing | 268,500 |
| • First Year Experience | 60,000 |
| • Honors Program | 25,000 |
| • Marketing Plan | 125,000 |
| • Minimum Wage Increase | 175,000 |
| • Self-Serve Access | 38,500 |
| • Student Programs | 5,000 |
| • UPC Chair | 10,000 |
| • UPRLC | 58,000 |
| • Update Decor and Furnishings | 50,000 |
| • West Science/Seaborg Debt | 275,000 |
| • Projected Total | \$1,639,500 |
| • Projected Money Available | \$640,951 |
| • Source: Draft, General Fund Base Budget | |



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto

Several students from Whitman Elementary School on Fair Avenue near campus enjoyed the sunny weather Monday afternoon. While the weather is back to normal, spring break is just nine days away.

Flat Rate

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through college quicker and free up more financial aid for other students," Leach said.

Leach said it takes an average of six years to earn a degree at NMU. The university stands to benefit from a flat-rate system by having more revenue due to higher student turnover.

Leach said it was too early to tell what the exact rates might be, but he did say that full-time status may rest

around 15.5 credits.

"If you took 15.5 credits, you may actually have a cost decrease or a zero [tuition] increase compared to taking more credits," Leach said.

Flat-rate tuition is nothing new in the state. Several Michigan schools such as Michigan Tech and Grand Valley State function under a flat-rate system with apparent success.

"You don't have students overloading a class schedule. If they de-

cide to drop or add a class to whatever point they feel comfortable with, the rate stays the same," said Margo O'Brien of the Accounts Receivable Office at Michigan Tech.

O'Brien said a flat-rate system is easier for a student to budget.

"It makes it easier to quote a tuition price to future students. If a student has to take a full-time load, they know what has to be budgeted to pay for that semester."

Graduation

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Loren Snyder to finish quickly, the December '96 graduate said he graduated in four-and-a-half years.

"I just always figured I would be out in four years," Snyder said. "And I actually would have graduated in four if I hadn't taken 12 credits two [early] semesters. My last semester

at Northern I only had nine."

Duby said the national rate for students graduating within six years at public, comprehensive institutions is about 50 percent. At Northern, 37.4 percent of the students tracked received their bachelor's degrees in this time frame.

"We have the right-to-try philosophy and the community college function here at Northern," Duby said. "We take a lot of students who are at risk, and with tremendous access, you have a lower rate than a Michigan State University, which is more selective."

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News Briefs

International

China's leader Deng Xiaoping dies

China's official news agency confirmed that the country's paramount leader is dead. Xinhua reported Deng Xiaoping died Wednesday of complications from Parkinson's disease and a lung infection. The announcement of his death was made in a letter to the Communist Party, the People's Liberation Army and the people of various ethnic groups throughout China. Deng, who the government said was 93, is credited with pulling tens of millions of Chinese out of absolute poverty and giving them the opportunity to make money in a market economy. But he did not permit freedom of expression or any challenge to the Communist Party's grip on China. It was Deng who ordered army tanks and soldiers into Tiananmen Square in 1989 to squelch student protests demanding democracy.

Loch Ness lair discovered?

A Scottish auxiliary coast guard officer said he believes he found the secret lair of the legendary Loch Ness monster. George Edwards, 45, spotted the 30-foot-wide cave in the bottom of the Scottish loch on a sonar scan as he cruised over the water. Edwards said he "came across the hole by accident one day" during a coast guard exercise. He told a Scottish news agency his sonar reading "suddenly fell an extra 30 feet, down to 826 feet," which he says is "much deeper than this part of the loch is supposed to be." Gary Campbell, secretary of the Official Loch Ness Monster Fan Club, said, "This could be one of the most significant finds ever in Loch Ness." He wants to send a diver or camera down to the site to see if "there is any evidence of something living inside."

National

Court broadens police powers

Under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Wednesday, police will be able to order passengers out of their cars during a routine traffic stop. The case centered on Jerry Lee Wilson, who was ordered out of his car during a routine police stop in Baltimore County, Md. Wilson was arrested after some crack cocaine fell to the ground. His attorneys tried to suppress the drug evidence, arguing that Wilson had been subjected to an unreasonable search and seizure, which is prohibited by the Constitution. But the high court sided with Attorney General Janet Reno, who argued the case. The decision expands police powers during traffic stops to extend to passengers.

Hackers claim to invade Pentagon

Reports in Croatia said Wednesday three Croatian teenage computer hackers may have broken Pentagon protection codes and copied classified files. Reports said international investigators, as well as the Pentagon, are looking into the case. However, a U.S. Defense Department official was quoted as saying there was no way the hackers could have penetrated "closed" files containing secret military information.

Local

Man sought on child porn charges

A Gwinn resident is being sought on a federal warrant for allegedly posting child pornography on the Internet. The FBI reported Bradford Storti became a suspect after allegedly discussing his activities in an Internet chat room with a man who, unbeknownst to Storti, was a Florida detective. The detective then contacted the FBI, which brought local officials into the investigation. While attempting to serve the warrant, authorities discovered quantities of pornography. In addition to pornography indictments, previous marijuana charges are pending against Storti. Area law enforcement officials are asking for help in locating Storti and seek any information that may aid them in their search.

— Briefs from news services

Everyone owns the environment

By LUCAS SPONSLER
News Staff Reporter

Many people take pride in the abundance of natural resources found in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. However, some may question and others may not even be aware of local efforts at recycling.

"I don't know much about [the recycling program]. It's not that present; there's some stuff on campus, but not enough," NMU student Daniel Johnson said.

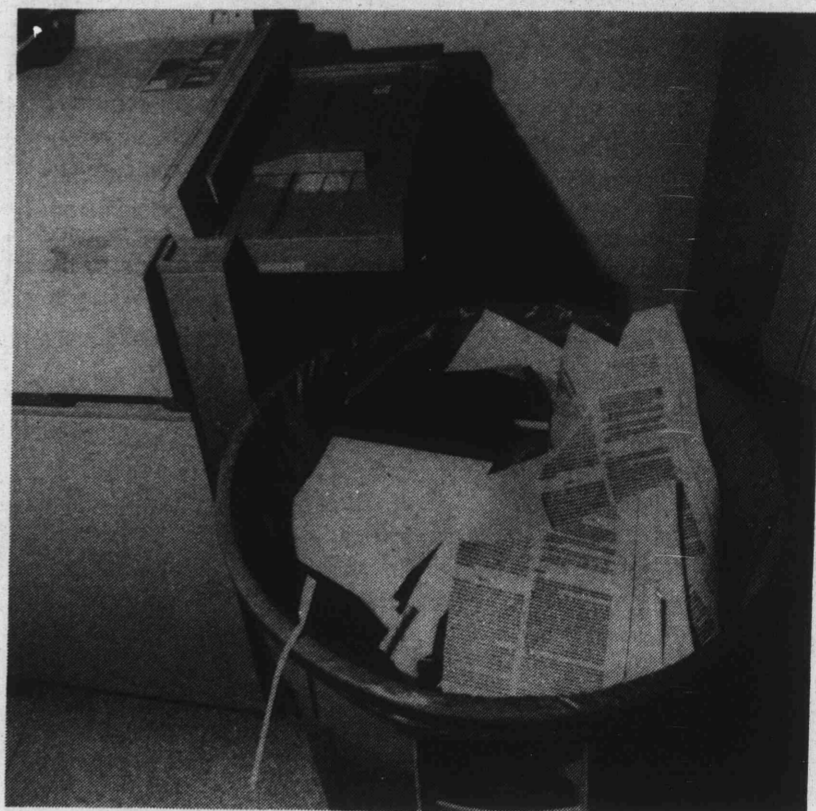
"About 50 percent of the material in our landfills consists of paper products, which don't biodegrade due to the fact that ground moisture must be pumped out because of the dangers of seepage," said Dena Hicks, a water science major. "Marquette is producing 20,000 tons of garbage per year, of which only seven percent is being recycled. ... Over 75 percent of Marquette's post-consumer waste could be recycled and diverted from landfills."

NMU's main recycling focus is office paper. "I'd say, without the figures in front of me, that we do approximately 200 tons of paper; and cardboard, about 25 tons," Purchasing Director Carl Pace said.

With the exception of Bookbinders Eatery, which recycles only cardboard and office paper, Food Services currently recycles glass, cardboard, opaque No. 2 plastic and aluminum, and has done so since 1995.

The residence halls, under student initiatives, began a recycling program of their own in the fall of 1995.

Peninsula Sanitation collects all the recyclable material in the Marquette area, then stores it until there is enough to sell to companies which will use the materials to make new products.



North Wind File Photo

Paper products occupy about 50 percent of the space in landfills today.

Problems faced have to do with what consumers buy, and how they sort it. If garbage is put into a bin intended for recyclable materials, all of its contents are sent to the landfill, Peninsula Sanitation won't pay to have the materials sorted. "What I'd really like to see is people being more aware of what they're putting in the garbage," Paul Hutter, a custodian in the University Center, said.

NMU subsidizes the recycling of its office paper. "It's in the contract with the university that we will pick up office paper," however, Pirhonen said, "There's no market for office paper."

Any plastic that has color or is shiny won't be recycled. "The pint-

size containers in which milk and orange juice is sold can't be recycled in this area," Hicks said.

Peninsula Sanitation does not recycle other types of plastic "because of costs associated with shipping it to the nearest buyer," Pirhonen said.

"The bins make students feel more environmentally responsible on a personal level, but I don't know about the next level. How much of that stuff really gets recycled? How much is thrown out?" asks Chris Dettmer, a sophomore.

Hopefully the future of Marquette's recycling program will be dictated by public interest in the environment rather than economic concerns.

Administration reminds students of tax credit

By ROGER WICKSTROM
Staff Writer

Students have an opportunity to see a return on the cost of their education by taking the Michigan college tuition tax credit.

The credit allows students who make less than \$200,000 a year to apply four percent of the tuition and college fees they paid in 1996 to their state income tax.

"Students may take the credit for up to \$250 of the tuition and fees they paid in 1996, not including the amount covered by scholarships and grants," said Joyce Meyer, quality control supervisor at H&R Block, of Marquette.

Students are eligible to take the credit if the schools they attend hold their tuition increases at or below the National Consumer Price Index, which was 3 percent in 1996, Meyer said.

Dave Smith, a senior who lives off-campus, said he and his wife didn't take the credit because they didn't know about it.

"Financial Aid should send some sort of reminder with the bill," Smith said. "Too much info gets passed on by word of mouth around here."

Michael Roy, vice president for Finance and Administration, said there isn't much the university can do to inform students about the credit.

"Perhaps we could attach a notice to September's tuition bill, but who's to say that by [tax time] the student won't have forgotten about it," Roy said.

The credit is computed on Schedule CT by figuring the amount of tuition and uniform fees paid by the student in 1996 and multiplying by four percent. Tuition and fees covered by student loans may be included in this amount, but tuition and fees covered by scholarships, grants and a Michigan Education Trust contract must first be subtracted.

For example, if a student's tuition and fees for 1996 totaled \$3,000, and a Pell grant and a Board of Control scholarship covered \$2,000 of that, the \$1,000 paid out of the student's pocket or through loans would be subject to the tax credit. On schedule CT the student would figure four percent of \$1,000 is \$40 — the amount the student would list as his tuition tax credit on line 24 of MI1040.

The credit is non-refundable. A student cannot get a refund on this credit if it exceeds the amount of his taxes due.

Books, lab fees, parking tickets and other charges not assessed uniformly to all students can not be counted as tuition and fees that are subject to the credit.

The tax credit was enacted on March 8, 1995 under Gov. John Engler, to encourage education. The credit may be claimed for up to four years by college students.

Campus Crime

According to Northern Michigan University Public Safety and Police Services the following incidents occurred in the past week.

Feb. 13, Thursday

2:05 a.m. There was a traffic stop at Wright Street and Lincoln. Two citations were issued. One arrest for OUIL.

1:53 p.m. A male reported a hit-and-run accident.

3:25 p.m. There was a holdup alarm in Financial Services. It was accidentally set off.

Feb. 14, Friday

2:40 p.m. A female reported malicious destruction to a motor vehicle.

Feb. 15, Saturday

2:19 a.m. There was a traffic stop at Center Street and Wilkinson resulting in one arrest for OUIL and one minor in possession citation was issued.

4:27 p.m. A female reported larceny of a license plate.

8:40 p.m. Public Safety assisted the Marquette City Police with a domestic assault complaint at the Sugarloaf Apartments. EMS was requested.

9:26 p.m. A unit responded to a domestic complaint at the Summit Street apartments.

Feb. 16, Sunday

12:25 a.m. Public Safety responded to a roll-over accident on Tracy Street. Subject was gone on arrival. Report turned over to Marquette City Police.

11:57 a.m. One male under arrest for domestic assault.

Feb. 17, Monday

1:48 p.m. Central Dispatch requested assistance for a subject at the Jacobetti Center having a diabetic reaction. EMS transported the subject to MGH Emergency Room.

2:16 p.m. A male reported larceny from a motor vehicle.

3:00 p.m. There was a motion detector alarm at the Forensics Lab. An authorized subject was found in the lab.

10:00 p.m. A female reported harassing telephone calls.

Feb. 18, Tuesday

10:45 a.m. A female reported a hit-and-run traffic accident.

2:47 p.m. There was a motion detector alarm in the Forensics Lab.

Emergency services could benefit from NMU helicopter

By JAMES LAKE
News Staff Reporter

Helicopters are relied on throughout the world to facilitate otherwise difficult or impossible rescue operations and to assist in fire fighting in remote locations. But Marquette area emergency personnel — unless they were willing to wait hours for a Coast Guard helicopter to fly in from Traverse City — have been forced to do without.

There may be a solution.

NMU purchased an Army surplus helicopter from the Michigan National Guard two years ago, and the university is considering using it to assist regional emergency services.

"We know there is significant need in the community for public use of a helicopter," said Walter Anderson, head of the NMU aviation department. "We here in the U.P. have very few helicopters."

NMU purchased the 1965 Bell UH-1H helicopter for \$2,500.

Anderson said this model is worth between \$200,000 to \$300,000, and was made available to NMU because it is a university that teaches aircraft repair.

While the helicopter could be used for all emergencies in the area, it could not carry any passengers besides the pilot, crew chief and emergency personnel.

Anderson said the helicopter could be equipped with a "Bambi bucket," a device used to dump water on forest fires; a hoist for rescue operations; and a spotlight to assist in emergency searches.

While the benefits of having a helicopter in the Marquette area are obvious, Jim Dehlin, an associate professor in the aviation department, said the university will have to consider many things before allowing the helicopter to be used by the public.

"Aviation is the most highly regulated industry in the world," Dehlin said. "We have the Federal Aviation [Administration] regulations to con-

sider," as well as university liability and operating costs.

Anderson said most of these costs would be shared by the agencies that use the helicopter.

Mike Zorza, emergency program manager for Marquette County, said although support from the Coast Guard in Traverse City has been appreciated, a helicopter in the area would be better.

"Overall I think it could be a real asset to the area," Zorza said.

Ray Brown, a candidate for the crew chief position, approached emergency response agencies in 10 area counties with the possibility of the public-use helicopter and said the idea was met with enthusiasm.

"They're all wanting to get involved with this," he said.

Brown said this is a chance for Northern to share its assets with the entire community.

"This area has really needed [a helicopter]," Brown said. "I think this is going to be good for the community and good for the school, too."

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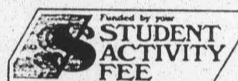


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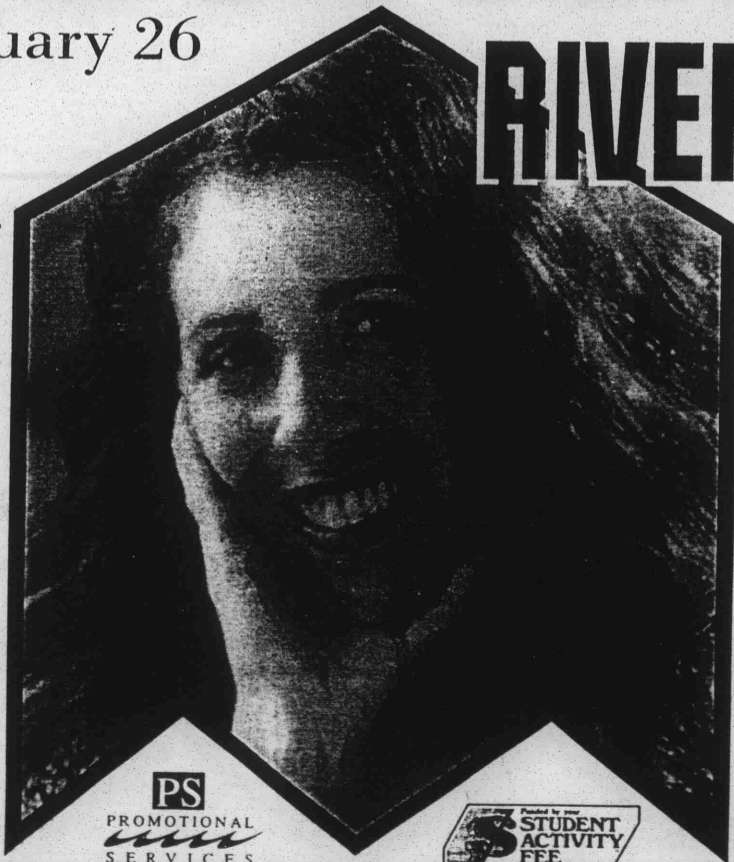
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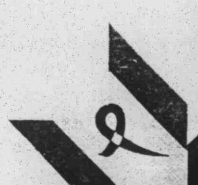
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*Editorial***Flat-rate tuition****The old debate is back once again**

Advocates of the flat-rate tuition plan vowed two years ago that their proposal was not dead by a long shot, and the re-emergence of the tuition debate proves that they were right (Please see story on Page 1).

The flat-rate plan deserves another round of discussion this year as the university tries to cope with the possibility of a less-than-hoped-for allocation from the state. It is important to keep in mind that no numbers are final yet, and the House and Senate have yet to make their own proposals, but it is likely that NMU students will be faced with a tuition increase when they return in the fall.

This proposal is a good idea now, as it was when it was debated extensively in winter 1995. Whether the majority of students agree with this will be determined in the next few months, when there will likely be several public forums.

The plan, which would set a single rate of tuition for students taking 12 to 20 credits, would be beneficial for several reasons. Perhaps the most important, and the one NMU administrators often point to, is that it will give students an incentive to graduate in the shortest possible time.

Many students are now limited to 12 credits because they can't afford to take more. These students will be able to take up to 20 and are more likely to graduate in around four years.

Another reason is that NMU is due for a tuition increase, and this seems to be the best way to offset it. The flat-rate plan will result in more revenue for the university.

A less important reason is that it will vastly simplify financial-aid procedures. Students will know exactly how much they will be required to pay each semester. It will also be easier for prospective students to compare NMU with other universities they are considering.

This debate is just getting started, and it will likely instigate the same response it did in 1995. Students are encouraged to make their views known by contacting their ASNMU representatives, attending University Priorities Committee meetings and writing letters to the editor of *The North Wind*.

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**Republican party practices
'unfortunate politics'**

Gov. John Engler has called the last two years the "most productive" Michigan Legislature in recent memory. Last November, however, voters chose to divide their legislature, rather than have it continue to make policy unimpeded by partisan differences.

**State Rep.
Curtis Hertel**
D-Detroit
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Why voters made that choice is a question which needs to be

understood by the governor and his political party before real progress can be made over the next two years. In choosing divided government both in Michigan and Washington, D.C., voters clearly indicated that they don't trust "rubber stamp" legislating.

Voters prefer healthy debate on the important issues which influence their lives. Here in Michigan, Republican dominance yielded the "change" promised by the GOP. The lack of results, however, left many families wondering about just how productive one-party rule actually was — and whether "change" was worth their trust, or their vote in 1996.

Republican business tax cuts failed to trickle down to families as promised. Tougher criminal laws cost taxpayers more for incarceration, but failed to protect families from crime. Republicans trimmed unemployment taxes for businesses, financed entirely by laid-off workers whose benefits were cut. Republicans went through the back door to enact the auto

insurance industry's reform agenda, which voters rejected twice in statewide ballot measures. Conservative education reformers expanded charter schools, but student performance continues to decline across the board. Republicans revel in Michigan's low unemployment rate and its strong economic forecast, but ignore the fact that these stem from a robust U.S. economy driven by the inflation-conscious economic policies of the Clinton Administration, including smaller budget deficits. In effect, Michigan has been riding the train of national prosperity, rather than driving it.

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—Rep. Curtis Hertel
D-Detroit

Some families, however, have been left behind at the station. Educational results are disturbing. Two-income families can't afford child care. Middle-aged working parents often must choose between college for their children, or health care for their elderly parents.

Middle class families haven't reaped the benefits of real tax relief. Crime hasn't been controlled. These are the abject failures of one-party rule. It is our duty to work bipartisanly to find solutions for every family in our state. Every family, not just the privileged few, should have a ticket to ride the train.

I commend Engler for his olive branch of bipartisan spirit in his

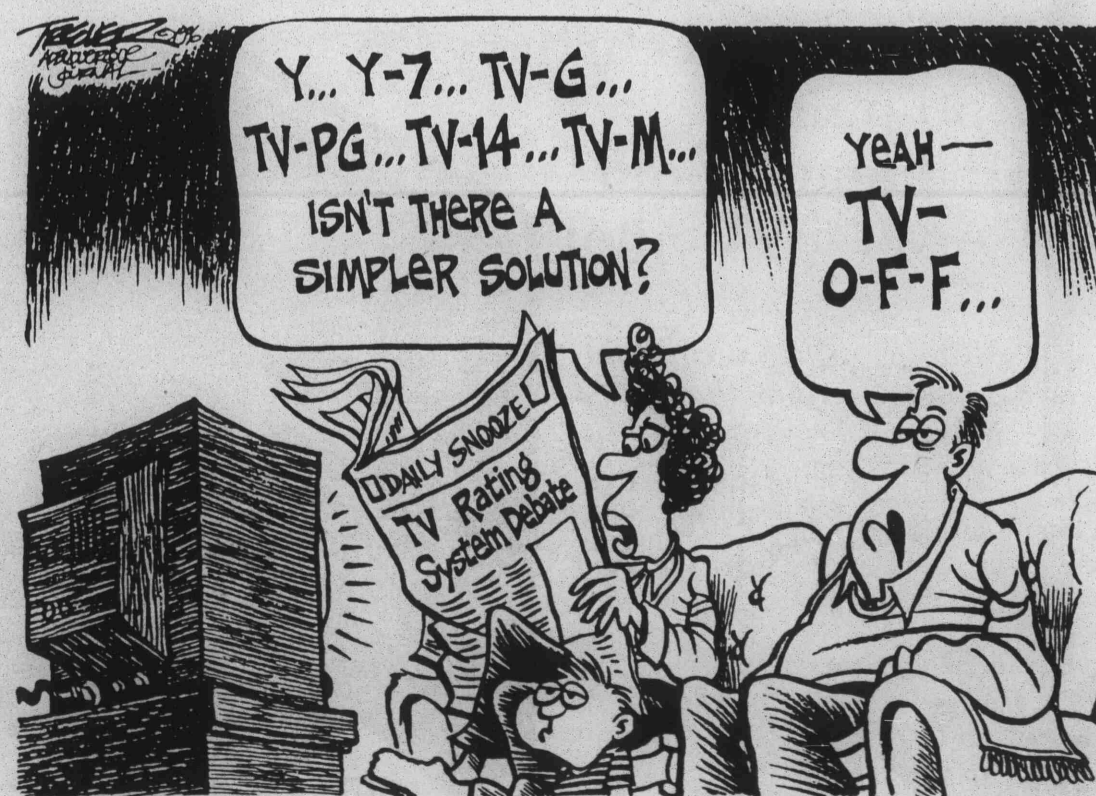
state-of-the-state message. "Let's all work together" is a challenge not just to the Legislature, however, but to the governor himself.

Our agenda includes common sense tax cuts for working families paying for child care, health insurance, home care for the elderly, and college tuition. It includes tax relief for small businesses. It helps working families by increasing the state's minimum wage and creating a state earned income tax credit to help low-income jobs pay the bills.

The House Democratic agenda expands community policing — a proven strategy which has reduced crime in Flint, Lansing and Muskegon. It also reinstates Michigan's core curriculum — academic standards which will improve student performance in reading, science, writing and math.

Republicans immediately assailed our plan as costly "big government," rather than examining it to find common ground. That's unfortunate politics.

Republicans can come out against more cops on the beat, educational standards for our schools, and tax relief for Michigan's families if they so desire. They may find themselves standing alone on the battlefield. Instead, on behalf of House Democrats, I invite the governor and the Republicans in the House and Senate to help us work out compromises to move Michigan forward, rather than leaving its citizens frustrated and angry at the politics of division. We can go forward, but only if we work together to find common ground on the important issues confronting Michigan's families.



Rude rules**Freedom, etiquette equally important**

Civility seems woefully out of fashion these days. Rude rules the roost. Stand-up comedians, sports celebrities, and 12-year-old girls throw the F-word around with equal abandon and glee. On the airwaves, Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern wannabees strive to see who can stretch the boundaries of taste the furthest, while some columnists would ~~not~~ know what to write about if they couldn't attack someone. It's a cold world out there, brother — and don't you forget it.

**Don
Wilkie**

*Staff
Columnist*

On the Internet, that increasingly popular mirror-site for reality, brashness and profanity are common, especially in so-called "chat rooms." Part of the reason, I suspect, is that there is such a sense of anonymity on the Internet; truth and fiction are relative terms, and from the other side of the screen, you can be whatever you want to be. (Maybe that's why computers

are in their own little corners, with their own little chairs.)

In a chat room, all you are is a nickname — and so hidden behind a mask, you say all those things you wouldn't say in polite company. And if anyone complains, F-word 'em! They don't know who you are, anyway.

"Flaming," or the act of insulting others on the Internet, has, in fact, achieved a certain tacit approval, much in the same way a misspelling and bad grammar have become an acceptable standard. It's almost as if Don Rickles were in charge of the Internet's deportment department. And in the same way that those who would promote improved language skills are told, "Hay, it don't matter just so you unnerstand, theres no rite way to spell or rite," those who would promote a more genteel vocabulary, a more polite society, are accused of trying to censor others, of trying to destroy that precious free speech we all love so much.

Because somehow, over the years, "standards" and "freedom" have become diametrically opposed in the minds of many. And those with the audacity to suggest that perhaps there are such things as correct and incorrect spelling, that there are such concepts as "right" and "wrong"? They're seen as the most evil of censors, horrible ogres who would sap the ability of others to express themselves. Free speech, they are told, implies no limits, not standards. In behavior, as in literature, the classic texts are being shunted aside, supplanted by "contemporary" and "alternative" versions, and grades have become secondary to feeling good about ourselves. Any way we be behaving be OK.

Well, as I see it, one can be a critic without being a censor; one can stick up for free speech without abandoning standards. In fact, I might suggest, you should use that free speech to encourage civility every chance you get. After all, there's more than a word or two's difference between saying, "You should be able to call your neighbor a fool" and saying, "You should not call your neighbor a fool — even if he is one." The former is a statement about freedom; the latter is a statement about etiquette.

Both are important.

**Professors should not teach beliefs**

To the Editor:

I am typing this editorial today concerning a major problem I have witnessed among two science classes I have taken here at NMU. This problem is the teaching of beliefs in the classroom. The belief is evolution.

Before I explain why I am concerned at this, I need to clear one thing up among the people who are sure to argue with me even though I am a Christian. I have always believed in the separation of church and state. To me it does not matter if Christianity, Buddhism, Scientology, or the belief in evolution is taught by professors because I feel it is uncalled for and should not be taught. When a professor begins to talk about how the Bible is wrong when in the book of Genesis it says: "Man should have dominion over the earth," I think that professor is out of line. However when I complained to the Biology department about Professor William Robinson it did nothing to correct the problem. As a result, I failed the BI-205 Environmental Science course because I was too offended to go back to it again.

When I retook the course this semester, I had a professor who did not express any beliefs at all about any religion. As a result, I passed with a C grade. The reason I write this letter is simple. I want to know: Should professors be allowed to cut down the Bible during class time? I also wonder if that same professor were to preach a fire and brimstone speech about going to hell, what his punishment would be. I think that if something isn't done to stop this problem, then the Board of Control will not be doing its job.

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"No, NMU needs to catch up because they're behind the rest of the state-funded universities."

Larry Thompson,
Senior



"Sure, if I ever end up paying for it."

Jacob Tocco,
Sophomore

Contract talks winding down

Agreement between NMU and professors is imminent

By **ERIC BRADLEY**
Staff Writer

Contract talks between the largest union on campus and the university might end as early as March, four months ahead of schedule, a university bargaining team member said last Thursday.

The talks between NMU and the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) started Nov. 25, earlier than usual due to the impending replacement of NMU President William Vandament later this summer.

Mike Clark, director of the Communications Department said: "The union most likely wanted to get the contract signed under a president they know might be more receptive than one they know nothing about." The issues on the table at this time include: major language changes to the current union contract, clarification of the description

and duties of the Academic Senate, issues associated with NMU's Distance Learning program, and an economic package affecting all union members.

Mary Vande Berg, nursing professor and president of the local chapter of the AAUP, said the economic package should include "not only a salary (across the board) increase, but also benefits such as sick leave and disability, optical and dental insurance and retirement fund options."

Vande Berg said the editorial changes the union wants involve provisions on promotion and tenure, and ambiguous language. "We want to make the language consistent with what is really going on," she said.

The current contract expires June 30. The contract being negotiated will last two years.

Vande Berg said the union wants nothing more than to deal with the issues so that both sides are satisfied

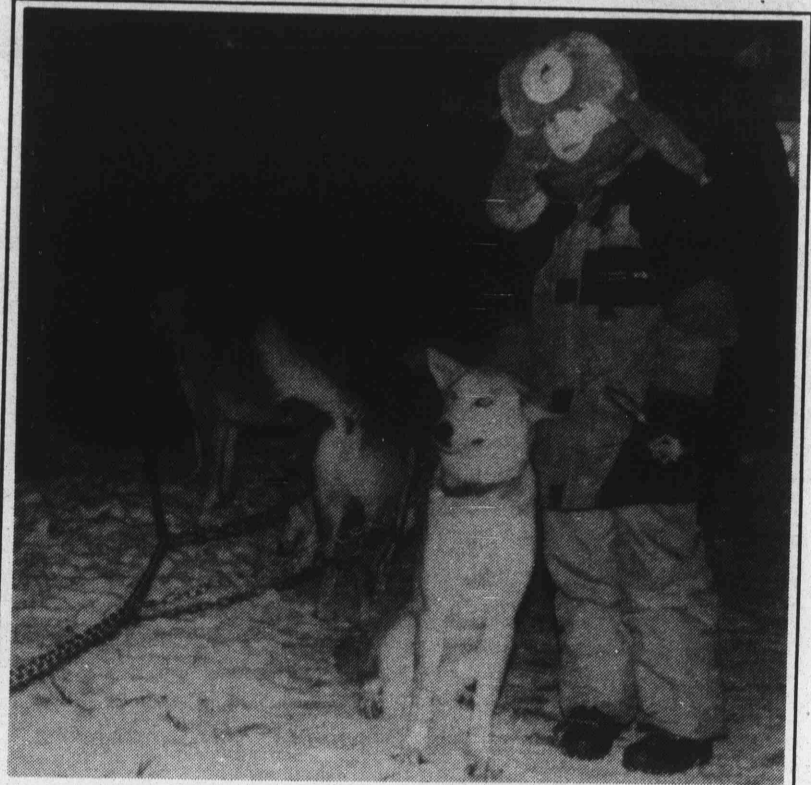
with the outcome.

When unions and establishments come together to work out issues the two may share, there are certain rules both must abide by. Included in these bargaining rules is the stipulation that restricts the discussion of issues outside of the closed session meetings, says university bargaining member Phil Beukema, vice president for Academic Affairs.

Beukema said the talks might end soon. "We hope to conclude the talks the first of March."

Beukema said that although the negotiation process has been in good faith, he has concerns about outside forces impeding the progress of the talks.

"The talks have been a two-way street. I think it's inappropriate for each side to publicly announce where they stand. That brings a lot of issues out in the open which shouldn't be during the negotiations."



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Fans young and old turned out for the U.P. 200 Sled Dog Championships last weekend in Marquette. The 240-mile race was won by Brian McDougal of Canada's Yukon Territory. He finished about 30 minutes in front of local favorite, Lloyd Gilbertson of Chatham.

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ASNMU loosens purse strings

By KEVIN WEED
News Staff Reporter

A grab bag of ideas and proposals was discussed and dealt with in a lengthy evening at the ASNMU meeting Sunday. The first of many items pulled out by the Governing Board was a resolution that would allow the spouses of students to purchase a spouse activity card entitling them to admission to a variety of NMU events.

"The student spouse activity card is something we had big discussions about last semester at the ASNMU," Family Housing Representative Terry Hall said in presenting the motion to the board.

"The Student Affairs Commit-

tee met, discussed it and recommended it for approval," Hall said. The board followed.

After a lengthy discussion, the Governing Board also passed a budget motion giving money from the ASNMU discretionary fund to the NMU cheerleading squad and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

The board earmarked \$200 to the NMU cheerleading squad to help them attend a national cheerleading competition.

"I know the cheerleaders have worked really hard," College of Behavioral Sciences Representative Kristi Larson said, "and I think they deserve our support."

The same motion sent \$50 to the Golden Key National Honor Society for a scholarship the group plans to establish in the name of NMU President William Vandament.

In an unrelated matter, ASNMU President Allisoyn Johnson reported to the board that she is working with Vandament to solicit student interest in buying reduced-price computers put together by NMU students.

"I'm familiar with this idea," Hall said, "and I'd just like to add, this is not about the university making money off this."

After some discussion, the board moved the matter to be considered by the Student Affairs Committee.

Museum gets few visitors

By ANNA NORDSTROM
Staff Writer

In the dark recesses of Jamrich Hall lies Northern Michigan University's museum collection.

Apart from University Historian Russel Magnaghi, few have seen the shelves loaded with old trophies, letter sweaters and fraternity pins.

Much of the collection is made up of donations.

"One woman gave us her stockings from gym class," Magnaghi said. Also in the collection: a Northern

sweater from the 1930s, Lucian Hunt's (Hunt Hall) academic gown, lead picture plates used to print the photographs in old bulletins, and the pen Gov. Hazen Pingree used to sign the bill that created Northern Normal School.

"I don't know how it survived," Magnaghi said of the pen.

"Generally, people are kind enough to give things to the university ... so we can serve a broader educational purpose," said NMU President William Vandament.

The university started the collection when some of U.P. author John Voelker's personal affects were donated to the university by his wife, Vandament said. "That's how we got started. But an added impetus was the approach of [Northern's] centennial."

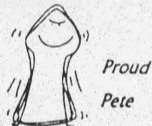
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Law may cause liquor shortage

Local businesses criticize private distributors

By **STEPHEN CHRISTIAN**
Staff Writer

Liquor stores, bars and restaurants across the Upper Peninsula are facing a serious problem — they are running out of liquor.

White's Party Store and the Blue Link are having a hard time keeping popular brands like 5 O'Clock and Captain Morgan's on the shelves.

The liquor aisle at Econo Foods is so bare that service desk workers say customers have been asking if the store has stopped selling liquor.

The root of this crisis appears to be the recent change from public to private liquor distribution, championed by Gov. John Engler. Before the Jan. 13 transition, the state controlled all liquor distribution, maintaining large warehouses in cities throughout Michigan, including Marquette. Licensed franchisees could call in orders and pick up their purchases the same day. Michigan Senate Bill 1171 changed all that.

Three downstate companies now control all liquor distribution in the Upper Peninsula. Instead of picking up orders for themselves, business that sell liquor must now wait for the private distributors' delivery truck to arrive at their front door.

Blue Link liquor sales associate Matt Manhart has some harsh criticism about these private deliveries.

"The truck drivers get lost. The deliveries don't arrive on time. The computer doubled our last order, but they still delivered only a fraction of it. One truck driver even hit our roof when he pulled in!" Manhart said. "There was nothing wrong with the system before. Now it's awful."



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto

Managers of area liquor stores, bars and restaurants are predicting a shortage of liquor after the privatization of distribution in the state.

Even NMU has concerns about the new liquor distribution system. "We ordered two cases of Hartley's brandy as a test," said Judy Williams, the NMU food and beverage manager who is in charge of maintaining the liquor stock for the university's cash bar. "We placed the order on Friday the seventh. It was supposed to arrive on the 12th. Now it's the 14th and it still hasn't been received."

Fortunately for bars and restaurants, the law contains a provision allowing them to buy up to one case of liquor per month from stores. This was intended as a safety valve for bars and restaurants. Most restaurant owners interviewed, however, were not aware of this. Worse yet, some thought they could buy as much liquor from stores as they wanted, putting an even greater drain on retailers' already meager supplies.

Proposed 'Hub' would consolidate services

By **WENDY BLEZEK**
News Staff Reporter

NMU is planning to consolidate many of its student services into one convenient location.

The "Hub," which is currently in the planning stages, will assist students with issues such as academic advisement, career planning and exploration, academic counseling, personal counseling, tutoring, study skills development, testing/assessment, orientation, disability services and student employment.

"We've really made an attempt to take into account the unique needs of Northern students," said Christine Platt, director of the NMU Counseling Center, who is also director of the Hub.

Platt said there are short- and long-term goals relating to the project. In the short term, personal and academic counseling and tutoring will be combined on the second floor of Cohodas.

In the long term, the Hub will be moved. As the renovation of West Science proceeds, room space will be reconfigured in Jamrich Hall.

"The counseling center is off by itself, and career services are fragmented," Platt said. "It will probably work better for students if they are under one roof."

A committee is looking at details of the project.

Students will play a large part in helping other students at the Hub. "We are hoping to make extensive use of paraprofessionals," Platt said.

One goal of the Hub is to improve freshman retention. The NMU Retention Committee has found that

retention of first- to third-semester freshmen and student persistence to graduate is at best "average" when compared with other universities.

The Hub could form an early link with students and provide what is tentatively being called "intrusive advising." Students will be furnished with structured advising in a welcoming environment.

Eventually orientation services will also work with the Hub.

Platt said orientation activities may be revised to involve freshmen in small groups that may continue to meet throughout the semester. Freshmen may also be able to participate in orientation a week before classes start.

"We have rich survey data on who our students are," Platt said. "We're really trying to be realistic about who we're planning for."

Karen Reese, vice president for Student Affairs, said funding for the project will come from reassignment of resources in the Student Affairs Division.

A task group composed of students and administrators was formed in October to develop a plan for the Hub.

The Hub will aid freshmen so they will be better sophomores. "Upperclassmen will be key in providing these services," Reese said. "It is not meant to be a remedial model."

The Hub project has received significant support. "Everybody we've talked to so far is very excited," Reese said. "The staff is very energized."

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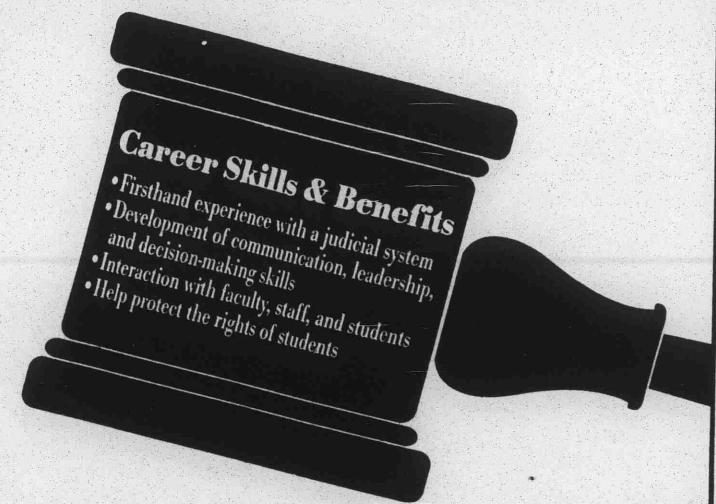
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Food Court floods

Inadequate pipe system suspected

By WENDY BLEZEK
News Staff Reporter

A backed-up floor drain flooded the Wildcat Den last Thursday.

At approximately 1 p.m., the clogged floor drain flooded the Food Court, which was closed immediately and didn't re-open until an hour later.

"We certainly apologize to students for the inconvenience," said Judy Williams, food and beverage manager.

"We have the pipes rodded once a month," Williams said. The pipes were rodded to clear debris earlier that morning, but still backed up.

The Food Service staff is working with campus plumbers and engineers to try to figure out the cause of the problem.

Williams said the pipe layout of the building has been checked, but engineers could not find a reason for the flooding.

"We continue to work on it," Williams said. "We're all very concerned."

Dick Wittman, director of Food Services, said part of the problem may be the old age of the Univer-

sity Center building itself.

Since its construction, there have been several additions and the pipe system may no longer be adequate, Wittman said.

Wittman said grease clogs in the drains are another possible cause of the flooding.

Grease is not dumped down the drains. However, there is enough grease left in pans to cause a buildup, Wittman said.

The kitchen is steam cleaned once a year to remove excess buildup, and grease traps are installed in the plumbing to prevent grease from entering sewer lines.

Running cold water through garbage disposals solidifies the grease in the pipes, Wittman said.

The effects of the flooding incidents are not significant setbacks for the Food Court, Wittman said. The extent of the inconvenience depends on what is going on in the building at the time.

A similar incident occurred last October when waste from the Food Court seeped through the floor to Radio X, resulting in a two-hour shutdown of the radio station.

Job hunt process faster, easier

By LEE STONE
Staff Writer

Recently added computer technology at the JOBSearch Center is designed to make NMU students' search for employment easier, faster and more productive.

Students seeking services from the JOBSearch Center may now take advantage of computer registration, a new Web site, and on-campus registration for the MESC Job Service.

"The whole idea is making things easy and accessible to students," said Connie Walt, JOBSearch Center counselor. "Our goal is to eliminate anything that impedes the student and employment."

Students soon to enter the job market can use the new computer registration to make a "client data sheet" that will be entered into a data base, where it can be matched up with prospective employers.

"There are obvious advantages to having things on computers," said Ivan Fende, associate director of the JOBSearch Center.

"We can do more for the students and spend more time matching than doing paper work."

The new registration program was first tested on NMU education majors a couple of years ago. "It has

worked exceedingly well," Fende said.

It is too early to tell exactly what kind of impact the new registration will have on increasing the quality of jobs students will find, but the overall results of the program will be good, Fende said.

The cost of the new program was minimal since the JOBSearch

"Only 10 to 12 percent of jobs are publicly advertised. How are you going to get what you want?"

— Connie Walt
JOBSearch Center Counselor

Center's own employees constructed and now maintain the system, Walt said.

It will also allow for less time spent on paperwork and a drastic reduction of paper use. So far the center has reduced its paper usage from 200 to 25 sheets per day.

"We hope to become a paperless office," Walt said. Eventually, all registration and referrals will be through e-mail, the Internet and on disk.

The JOBSearch Center Web site

is also a recent improvement. It provides students with campus and local job postings, national job billboards, a JOBSearch event schedule and a link to "AlumNet."

"People can sit in their dorm rooms and find campus jobs," Walt said.

AlumNet, a networking tool for NMU students, is an evolving list of NMU Alumni who can be contacted to learn more about the marketplace and job availability.

The MESC's Job Service now has a registration terminal in the JOBSearch Center. In the past, students had to go to the Marquette "unemployment office" to register and pick up a referral to contact employers.

Students are encouraged to register with the JOBSearch center at the end of their freshman year, Fende said.

"The sooner they start taking advantage of [the services], the better off they will be," he said.

The JOBSearch Center can help students with internships, volunteer jobs and a future career.

"Only 10 to 12 percent of jobs are publicly advertised. How are you going to get what you want?" Walt said.

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Being alone isn't all that bad, please pass the knitting needles

I looked up the words "group" and "alone" in my thesaurus, completing the lengthy research involved in writing one of these columns. There were many synonyms for group: company, gaggle, assemblage, clique, cluster and set.

The pickings were slim for the word alone: apart, solitary. It seems even in the world of Roget, being alone has become very unpopular.

I was given pause to ponder this subject the other night when I walked into a crowded bar by myself. I realized I had about 15 minutes to kill before my friends arrived, so I ordered a drink and settled in.

Alexandra Kloster

For What It's Worth



An oddly self-conscious feeling washed over me. I checked to make sure all essential buttons and zippers were secure, allowed myself a quick glance in the mirror above the bar to plaster down any out-of-control cowlicks, but still, people were staring.

I was the only person in the bar flying solo. It's no longer fashionable to serve my kind. I was an outcast.

Lately I get the feeling that by spending too much time alone and daring to go into public without a companion, I am proclaiming myself a walking aberration to what is good and right. Perhaps this abnormal behavior stems from spending my formative years viewing mainly kneecaps and the undersides of coffee tables.

You see, I was the only kid around for miles, and grown-ups were not the best playmates for my favorite pastimes — hunting for vampires (I was the product of Saturday afternoon Creature Feature movies) and propelling myself off the back deck into the snow bank.

I did have a cast of imaginary friends, but they would usually end up annoying me, so I would "Bewitch" them into thin air.

This innocent, albeit unnatural, behavior is fine for a 6-year-old, but 20 years later I'm starting to wonder if my agitation at not being able to make people disappear, no matter how hard I wiggle my nose at them, is harming me in some way.

There are still places where we outcasts may venture out alone: medical appointments of an unsavory nature, jail (although I'm sure you make fast friends upon arrival) and the bathroom (unless you're a female in a bar, in which case you go in groups of two or three, recruiting strangers from other tables if you must).

None of these options is very appealing to me, which is why I put up with humiliating situations just to get my fix.

The other day I let it slip to my nephew that I had gone to see a movie all by myself. With that one disclosure, I was "transmorphed" from young, vivacious aunt to spinster aunt complete with a cat and knitting needles.

I reminded him that I hate cats and that the only knitting needles in my house are called chopsticks, but it was too late. He was already covering my legs with a blanket and brewing a pot of chamomile. Well, that part wasn't as bad as it sounds.

Still, I'm starting to feel like an endangered species. If there are any of my ilk out there, perhaps we could meet briefly, discuss our liking for solitude and sleeping in the middle of the bed, and then go our separate ways so we can be alone.

I never found the companion so companionable as solitude.

— Henry David Thoreau

DIVERSIONS

The local music scene

Marquette isn't a mecca for musicians. It's not Berkeley or Nashville. But there is a wealth of talent hidden in the trees, and all one has to do is listen in order to find it.

Whether the musicians are local students or well-traveled professional minstrels, the variety seems endless. Several community groups are making them all accessible.

While many local bands dream of taking their acts to the big cities, Havoc, Northern Arts and Entertainment and Radio X are trying to get them to play here, and to bring other bands to join them.

Mike Porter, director of activities for Havoc, said Havoc's goal is to support local bands and provide entertainment at the same time.

"It's really a good opportunity for some of the local bands to play with some bigger acts," Porter said. "We're providing a service to the community and campus as well by bringing in acts that people wouldn't see unless they went to Chicago or

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North Wind photo by Marcel Chagnon. The Flat Broke Blues Band plays regularly at several bars around the area. Marquette has a wide variety of music available year-round.

The NORTH WIND Top Ten

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Dining out is a matter of personal taste

By JEREMIAH FRENCH
Features Staff Reporter

There comes a time in every college student's life when the Chicken Club and the endless supply of goulash from the cafeteria just don't cut it anymore.

Since a couple of new restaurants have recently opened in Marquette, now is the time to cash in that pile of returnables next to the refrigerator.

Mancino's, located at the corner of Washington Street and McClellan Avenue, is the new rave among Italian joints. It's not the usual pizza and sub shop, at least not when it comes to the scope of its selection.

Mancino's offers pizza of all kinds, but the truly impressive page of the menu includes 19 different "Grinders," a kind of sandwich that became the favorite of a group of Italian immigrants who used to grind the rivets

off metal warships.

Every possible combination is available. Half of a Grinder is 8 inches and is reasonably priced, between \$3.50 and \$4.50. Mancino's also has a good selection of salads and other items.

Not too far down the road from Mancino's on Washington is a new Chinese place called Mandarin Gardens.

It's the basic Chinese place in the tradition of Three Happiness and Szechuan but is a bit better priced. It has a great dinner buffet all week for \$8.95 and the same buffet for \$5.95 at lunchtime on the weekends.

The real downfall of Mandarin Gardens is the atmosphere.

The building used to be a Hardee's or some other such fast-food place and its new face-lift is about as fitting as a dress on Howard Stern. Along

with these new establishments, there are a couple of places in Marquette that are far too often overlooked.

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North Wind photo by Nathan Emsberger

Dan Flescher of local folk group "Matchbox" sets time with his bass.

asked Hansen if he'd like to book the concert. Hansen told her that he would, and Tony Bird became the first of 12 concerts that season.

"With that first concert there was enough support for me to realize that we'd be able to pull this thing off," Hansen said.

That support has continued, and comes from both the community and NMU's campus.

"I remember when a good con-

cert was really rare. Now we have high-quality concerts on a regular basis," volunteer Patty Clancy said.

From classical to thrash, folk to blues, Marquette has music to offer. And if the rest of the world never catches on, that will be okay. All the tourists might ruin the view.

Features Staff Reporters Jeremiah French, James Lake and Kerry Steinmetz contributed to this story.



North Wind photo by Marcel Chagnon

Junior Craig Nelson is a waiter at The Village Cafe, where Troy Crispigna, left, and Jason Wender recently enjoyed a breakfast of bagels and coffee. There are several restaurants in Marquette worth a visit, including the newly-opened Mancino's, Mandarin Garden and the New York Deli, a quaint little eatery with all the atmosphere that belongs with its name.

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"Musically confident and emotionally vulnerable," says Billboard. "His lyrics are refreshing and pleasantly unusual."

Jonathan comes home

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
Features Editor

If music is the heartbeat of life, songwriter Jonathan Rundman is proof that Upper Michigan is in its prime.

The 25-year-old Ishpeming native returns this week for his first official musical tour of the places where he spent 18 years of his life.

"I loved growing up in the U.P. I used to ride my bike everywhere as a kid," Rundman said. "At the same time, I wasn't a very good Yooper. While all my friends were out in the woods with their camouflage, I was at home playing piano like a good little geek."

While drawing comparisons with the heartland rock of the BoDeans and Paul Westerberg, the guitarist's crafty lyrics and catchy musical hooks stand out as strikingly original, which he credits to his upbringing.

His second album, "Wherever," has received airplay from the Midwest to the West, as well as gaining critical acclaim in Billboard magazine.

"I think the U.P. is a good place for artists, where there aren't distractions. When you live in Ishpeming you can't just go to the mall, and there's just more time to do better things," he said. "It's amazing to me just how much art is going in Marquette."

Rundman has spent the past four years in Eugene, Ore., but recently moved to Chicago, where he is touring coffee houses and other venues, playing the music that he has been writing since age 15.

The first tune he penned was an "I can't live without you" song for his girlfriend. It shows up on the "Wherever" album as the song, "No More Walls," an apt tribute to the woman who turned out to be his wife.

"It was sort of a self-fulfilling prophecy. I was such an idealistic romantic little guy," Rundman said.

Some local music favorites also

played an important part in the formation of the musician, who has performed all over North America, Canada and Europe, giving over 600 concerts in the two years after his graduation from Westwood High School in 1989.

"When I was a senior, I used to go listen to Jim and Ray at Vango's. It was my Thursday night ritual. They ruled the world back then."

He also remembers some of his earlier musical influences

"For my fifth birthday my parents bought me a little Fisher Price vinyl AM-FM radio, and that was a really pivotal point in my life. My parents had some Simon and Garfunkel albums on eight-track that we kept in the station wagon, so I was listening to that all the time.

"I used to go to Teletronics [music store] and buy records based on their album cover,

so I was really into listening to bands no one had ever heard of, like R.E.M., and I really didn't fit into the pop culture of the U.P."

Jonathan Rundman's Upper Michigan tour kicks off at 7 p.m. Monday with an intimate acoustic set at the Oasis Gallery on Washington Street.

The concert is sponsored by Anthony Catania, owner of The Melody Shop and School of Music.

Rundman will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Aunty's Cafe in Ishpeming and at 8 p.m. Thursday at Brew Bakers, on South Front Street in Marquette.

More performances are scheduled during the week at locations throughout the U.P., including a stop at Sub Urban Exchange in Houghton on March 1.

For more information please call 485-1267.

"I've been doing the independent touring thing since 1992," Rundman said, "but this is the first time I've ever done a tour of the U.P., and I'm really excited about that."



Jonathan Rundman returns this week for a tour of his homeland.

Meet the big man on campus

A closer look at the life of President Vandament

Full name: William Eugene Vandament

Birthdate: Sept. 6, 1931

Birthplace: Hannibal, Mo.

College degrees:

- B.A., 1952, Quincy College;
- M.S., 1953, Southern Illinois University;
- M.S., 1963, Ph.D., 1964, University of Massachusetts

Favorite films: "Baghdad Cafe," "Fargo," "Night of the Hunter"

Stage: "Haywire"

Favorite Musicians: Trumpeters Maynard Ferguson, Rafael Mendez, Wynton Marsalis; I enjoy most types of music, including foreign language operas, where you can imagine the lyrics are not trite.

Describe your family: "I was the second of four children. Father was a laborer; mother did the laundry of some wealthy families. I grew up during the Great Depression and would not recommend it!"

We have two married daughters and a grandson; we get to see them twice a year for a week or so. We'll be able to spend some more time with them when I retire."

Did you have any childhood nicknames?

My aunts called me "Billy Gene." That's why I left town at an early age!

What were you involved with in high school and college?

Band, orchestra, student government, newspaper, radio drama.

How did you meet your wife?

"We played in the school orchestra. Appeared in a Latin Festival musical comedy — she as Calpurnia,



Mr. & Mrs. William Vandament

I as Julius Caesar.

Imagine Calpurnia belting out the lyric, 'Somebody stabbed my man, he's gone and kicked the can!' Who could resist?"

Could you describe your job in laymen's terms, or what is a typical day at the office like?

"The job of the president has great variety in it. It can involve reviewing or thinking up budget and facilities strategies, academic program directions, fundraising possibilities, external political and community activities, methods to communicate university directions to internal and external groups, reports to the NMU Board.

The president is also the 'court of last resort' for students, staff and others who are having difficulties. The president must attend many university and community events to emphasize their importance.

I suspect I've given greetings or

comments at more than 600 events since coming to NMU in 1991; sometimes it's hard to know what to say!

In general, my days go by quickly. I find it challenging sometimes to shift attention from one topic to another as quickly as the situation requires. I'm lucky to have a staff that keeps things organized."

What has been your greatest accomplishment at NMU?

"Others will have to answer this one. We collectively have passed through some difficult financial times, but I believe the university's capacity for the future is strong. Many people deserve credit for that."

What have you enjoyed most about your time in Upper Michigan?

"Without a doubt, the people. Even young people here make old folks feel welcome."

Where would you like to live when you retire?

"We're returning to Long Beach, Calif., when I retire, but don't know how long we'll stay there. It's a big world."

What is one thing you would most like people to know about you that they may not already?

"Because people see me 'on stage' so much, I would like them to know that I'm capable of reflection and complicated thought."

If you could, what would you change in your life?

"I would have overcome a reluctance to face failure or embarrassment earlier in life. That reluctance slowed me down when I was young."

What wisdom would you give students about life?



President Vandament, Margery and their daughters, once upon a time.

"They should know that they can change over time and are not fixed in their ways. Today's crisis can be tomorrow's irrelevance if we keep trying."

If there was one person in history whom you could meet with, whom would it be and what would you ask him or her?

"I'd like to meet Abe Lincoln, Adlai Stevenson and Hubert Humphrey. I'm curious about their persistence and good humor under the discouraging circumstances they faced."

Questions for Mrs. Vandament
What was the first thing that

attracted you to Mr. Vandament?

"His sense of humor, his outrageous behavior, his trumpet playing (he really was very good when he practiced), but most of all, he was just so bright."

Where did he propose?

"In the front seat of a very old 1936 Chrysler."

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of profiles of NMU administrators. Suggested questions for future profiles can be e-mailed to nrthwind@nmu.edu. Photos were provided by the Vandament family.

— *Compiled by Nathan Ernsberger*

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Nuclear holocaust, flower children and the Gospel according to Matthew are brought together with an energetic cast in

'Godspell'

By RENE RIBANT
Theater Reviewer

Forest Roberts Theatre proved once again Tuesday night that Sega, sitcoms and Pamela Anderson are not the only forms of entertainment valued in our society.

"Godspell," directed by James Panowski, blazed across the stage with refreshing energy. It braided together an electric cast, orchestra and technical crew, and produced an unforgettable show.

The production opens with actors impersonating the great thinkers of the past expounding upon God, religion and their impact on society. The

creative use of flashlights in this scene is the first sign that the show will be memorable.

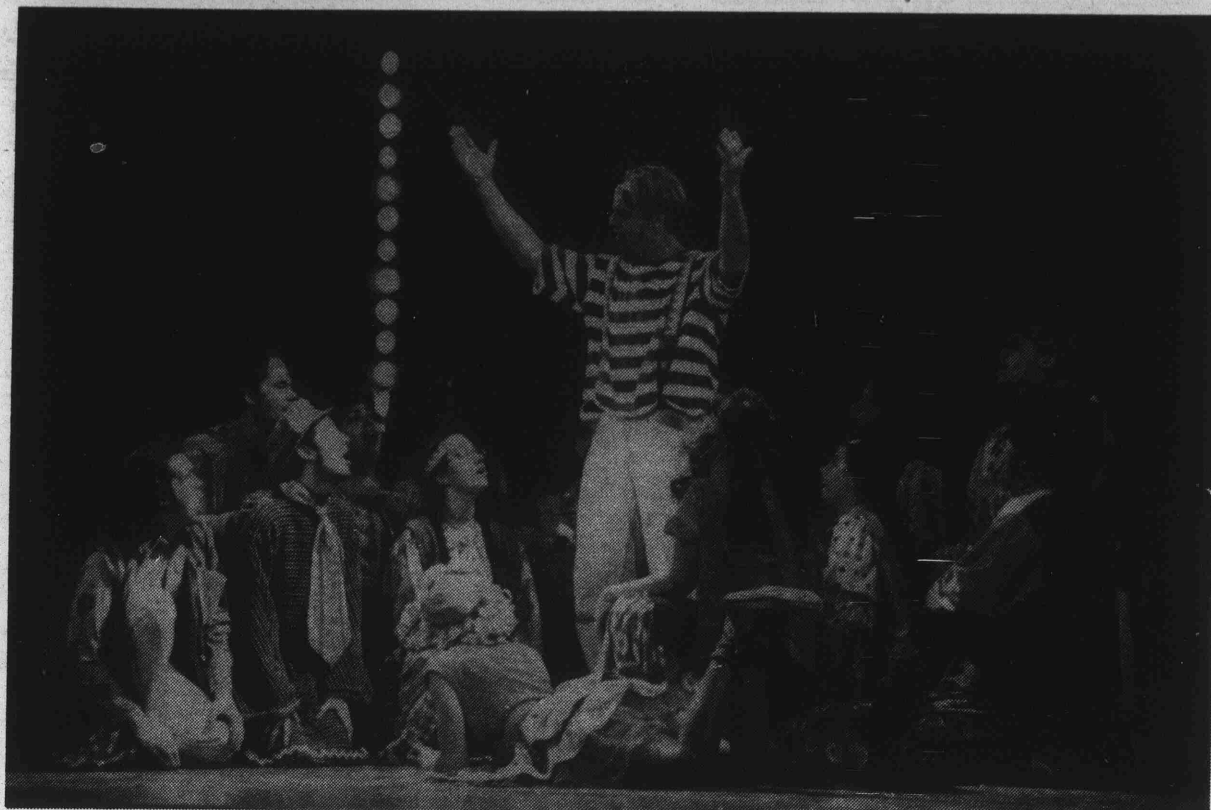
A nuclear holocaust hits and the profundity collapses. John the Baptist (John Manto) skips on stage with holy confetti and revives the crew. The actors make a transition into "flower children" of the past and realize that someone is needed to give meaning to their lives during the bleakness of nuclear aftermath. So begins "Godspell," a musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew.

The sassy cast acts out stories of the Gospel using such theatrical devices as pantomime, charades, satire and irresistible magic tricks performed by none other than Jesus himself. The actors skip and frolic around stage, making it impossible not to get pulled into the fun.

The production hugs the underlying meaning of the script with tact and respect, proving that "Godspell" is more than just a show about Jesus and his friends singing and dancing in an urban setting.

Fair representation is given to every color of the rainbow, and the vibrancy of the costumes alone instills a belief that the show is definitely a pot of gold. The '60s motif is accessorized with period wigs, peace belts, wild bell-bottom jeans and much stage smoke.

The ensemble cast is highlighted with the spine-tingling voices of Katie Harrington (Sonia), Leslie



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto

Liam Hughes (Stephen/Jesus) is surrounded by the rest of the cast in a scene from 'Godspell.' The musical adaptation of the Gospel according to Matthew runs tonight through Saturday in Forest Roberts Theatre.

Parkkonen (Robin) and Liam Hughes (Stephen/Jesus). Manto (David/John/Judas) adds depth and sensitivity to a free, fun, flower-powered show.

Mike Pizzuto (Herb) and Kimberly Bloom (Joanne) create zany characters with endearing quirks and eye-catching improvisation.

Manto displays his versatility by joining Sarah Barbret (Peggy) with his acoustic guitar for the inspirational song, "By My Side."

Harrington is ravishing and thoroughly convincing in her portrayal of Jesus's seductress. Ensemble

members Brian Rice and John Maxwell are charming and contribute greatly to the show's spunk. The orchestra sizzles in revealing the variety of levels of intensity that "Godspell" possesses.

The multidimensional mood of the show is enhanced with outrageous lighting effects and evocatively flowing tarps.

The production's excitement is kept high with tie-dyed playground equipment. A modern urban setting forces the audience into recognition before tossing them into a fantastic hippie land of the '60s and '70s.

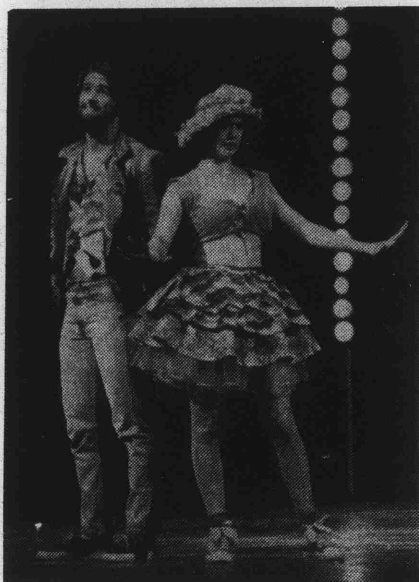
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NMU's production, however, does not encompass the typical idea of the Mass. Bubbles, basketballs and bopping rap music force one's mind to stretch and see the diverse beauty of the word of the Lord. Musical director and conductor Valeria Lari is commendable for her work, blending the talent of both the cast and the orchestra.

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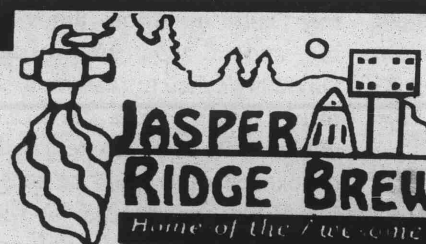
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Blind Melon after the rain

New release 'Nico' captures musician's essence

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
and JEFF COLLARD

Feature Staff Reporters

Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, John Belushi... Blind Melon's lead singer Shannon Hoon joined the crowd in October 1995, leaving his band without a front man and leaving his daughter fatherless.

Two years later, his surviving band mates have released a 13-song disc in tribute of Hoon called "Nico," after his daughter, Nico Blue Moon, who was only 13 weeks old when her father died.

Drummer Glen Graham recalls the first time he met Hoon.

"There he was, this little Tasmanian Devil. I don't know what he was talking about, but it was at very high volume. He was very intense," Graham said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "He lived on ten, no matter what it was."

"Nico" is a collection of songs for fans who listened to the band beyond the over-played MTV songs such as "No Rain," from their self-titled triple-platinum debut disc.

Hoon's passionate vocal style reigns over the project. The band was able to go back and add tracks to songs recorded before his untimely passing.

"Nico" includes some rough outtakes like a cover of Steppenwolf's "The Pusher" and John Lennon's "John Sinclair." Four of the tracks are unreleased songs, while "No



Photo by Danny Clinch

Blind Melon's new release features an eerie song that lead singer Shannon Hoon recorded on an answering machine before his death.

Rain" is a stripped-down version of the hit.

"I felt like 'The Pusher,' 'Hell,' 'Glitch' and 'No Rain' are more representative of us," Graham said. "It's sort of ironic that we were at the place we wanted to be — sonically, though not musically — on this disc. We definitely got better toward the end."

Graham also said "Nico" captured more of who Hoon was as a musician.

"The guy could sing! He was a live guy. He could put it across on a record to an extent, but you had to see him live. Shannon gets seen in a good light, performance-wise, on this

disc," he said.

Track 13 on "Nico" is an eerie dub of a tune that Hoon recorded on guitarist Chris Thorn's answering machine, which ends with an abrupt "beeeep" as the machine plays God with the song's life.

"Drugs are generally a waste of your time. They can be fun and can be useful, but ultimately they can be a waste," Graham said.

"Listen to what he sang, and who sang it, and where he is now."

The band is donating portions of the proceeds to Musician's Assistance Program, an organization helping artists recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

Actors, cinematography 'shine' in uplifting movie

By KELSEY MANN
Movie Reviewer

"Shine" is just another example that Hollywood is changing — the independent studios are now making the best films. Just look at the films nominated for Academy Awards. "Shine" is a wonderful film with amazing acting and an uplifting true storyline.

The plot centers around an Australian child prodigy, David Helfgoff. The tale of the great pianist is delivered non-sequentially. The audience learns about his troubled and difficult past by following David on a trip through his unconsciousness. Bits and pieces of his past show how he became the

way he is at the present time.

There are three actors who portray David in various times in his life, and all three are wonderful. David is pushed to become the best pianist by his strident and occasionally violent father. David's abilities do exceed others and he is given incredible opportunities to further his education in other countries, but his father refuses to let his only son leave the family behind.

The adult David is played by Oscar nominee Geoffrey Rush. He definitely deserves the Academy's recognition. He becomes totally engrossed in the character and delivers his chaotic lines smoothly.

The film's beautiful cinematography is one of the best parts of the picture. An excellent example is the scene in which David gives one of his greatest performances while studying in London. It bares resemblance to the scene in "Immortal

Beloved" when Beethoven conducts his "Ode to Joy." David becomes one with his music, which completely drains him of everything. It's a great film about one man's struggle to shine in this difficult and competitive world.

Gonzo: "Hype"

The GUESS Independent Film Tour presents an 84-minute chronicle of what came to be known as "Grunge," featuring a Who's Who of Northwest artists, on stage and off.

"Hype" includes must-see footage of Nirvana's first performance of "Teen Spirit" — a slightly ironic film in its documentation of the overplayed hysteria surrounding the Seattle scene in the '90s.

Campus Cinema: "Twister"

One of the first nature-strikes-back films that has great special effects and a really bland story. The film is fun to watch, but the problem

Hemingway's childhood tales

By ALEXANDRA KLOSTER

Book Reviewer

A comfortable familiarity surrounds Ernest Hemingway's "Nick Adams Stories." Hemingway remembers himself as Nick Adams, a character who spent his boyhood summers in Michigan learning about life, death and heartbreak.

Nick Adams shows up in many of Hemingway's compilations. As a young boy, soldier and married man, Nick's life surfaced a little bit at a time, in a disjointed fashion. However, in this volume, the stories have been collected and put into chronological order, creating more of an autobiographical novel than a series of short stories (also included are some unfinished "sketches" indicated by italics).

The tales are divided into the defining periods of Nick's life. We see him as a young boy facing his own mortality for the first time in "Three Shorts" and "Indian Camp." In "The Doctor and the Doctor's Wife," Nick discovers the sad reality all young boys must come to know when he learns that his father is fallible and capable of being intimidated by other men.

The most poignant anecdote takes place while Nick is still a young man. The story is "Ten Indians." Hemingway describes the boy's first ordeal with heartbreak and betrayal in a simple language, giving the illusion of effortless craft.

More lighthearted stories appear in the section entitled "On His Own." Nick encounters eccentric prostitutes, prize fighters and convicts as he travels through Michigan hopping trains in "Light of the World" and "The Battler." Concluding this section is "Crossing Mississippi" in which Nick undergoes transformation from young aimless man to soldier, thereby leading to the next section, "War."

Death and mortality again become prominent themes as war takes its gruesome toll on the land and life around Nick. In one short description, "Nick Sat Against the Wall..." Nick, having been wounded and dragged to a church, looks at the dead enemy soldier next to him and thinks, "You and me, we've made a separate peace."

In "Now I Lay Me" we see the fragile psyche of a soldier who has experienced so much horror that he must listen to the silkworms feeding to keep from falling asleep at night and being terrorized by his dreams.

Finally, in the last two sections, "A Soldier Home" and "Company of Two," we see Nick as a grown man dealing with the strain of relationships, marriage and a career. Still, there are shadows of the youth who learned that the spectrum of good and bad in people and in life, is as bright and wide as the lakes and land he called home, back when he was a boy in Michigan.

The Nick
Adams
Stories
by
Ernest
Hemingway
Scribner's



Photo by Charles Peterson

"Hype," the Gonzo film this week, documents the hysteria surrounding the Seattle scene in the '90s, including exclusive Nirvana footage.

is that you don't care about the characters because all you want to see is more tornadoes. But if you've never

seen a flying cow before, go to Jamrich 102 this weekend and see one.

Things to do

THURS., FEB. 20

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

Activity Night: The Glenn T. Seaborg Center is currently offering the following Spring 1997 Activity Night session: "Calculator Puzzles" which 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.

The Anishinabe Club: Weekly meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. to plan for the upcoming pow-wow. Volunteers are welcome. Drum practice will be held immediately following. For more information, call the Native Student office at 227-2138.

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.

Wesley House: "The Listening Post" will be held at the entrance to Jamrich Hall each Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 226-6301.

Wesley House: Wesley House, located at 811 W. Fair St., will be open for studying and recreation every Thursday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 226-6301.

Film: "Hype" (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.

Campus Crusade for Christ: Weekly meetings will be held at 8:15 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center. For information, call Gina at 227-3770 or Gretchen at 227-4725.

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

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

FRI., FEB. 21

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

Bahai Association: Should you believe in science or religion? 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 rolfe! 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.

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: "Infant Delayed Response Performance: Parametric Considerations and Ramifications for Prefrontal Cortex" 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. Michigan Tech at 7:05 p.m. in Lakeview Arena.

SAT., FEB. 22

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

Dreamscapes: "Do you fear shadows in the night? Seek adventure with friends." This is an organization dedicated to creativity through role playing. Weekly meetings will be held at noon in the Back Room of the University Center. For more information, call Dan at 226-8892.

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

Society for the Preservation of the Imagination: Do you like comic books? Come check us out! You can be your favorite comic book character with SPI! Be Rouge, the Incredible Hulk, Wonder Woman, or make up your own super hero. We meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Rooms of the University Center.

SUN., FEB. 23

Are you ready to get wet with Arctic House? The annual Arctic Plunge will take place at 1 p.m. If you are interested, call Steve at 227-4066 or Jim at 227-4064.

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.

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

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

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

MON., FEB. 23

Skill Builders: "Working With Difficult People in Difficult Situations" will be presented by Mar Siller from 7-9 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

TUES., FEB. 24

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.

Are you sick and tired of politics as usual? Then go to our meetings. Meet the people that represent you in local, state, and national politics. Don't let your future be planned for you. Weekly meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center. For more information, call Jason at 249-3407.

Hash Cooking Demo: DFF productions. Call JoJo at 227-3042.

WED., FEB. 25

His House Christian Fellowship: Fellowship meetings will be 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: Scripture Study will be held at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Campus Ministry Student Center in the University Center. For more information, call Sr. Cathy Mills at 228-3302.

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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 Hafman 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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Geary says team is prepared for postseason play

NMU women's basketball coach Mike Geary, whose team on Monday clinched the first GLIAC regular-season title in the program's history, met recently with *The North Wind's* Michael Murray. Here are excerpts of their conversation:

Q How does your current team compare with last year's team, which qualified for the NCAA Elite Eight for the first time?

A This year's team compares favorably. We've been a little more consistent, and we've gotten some better inside play. Mande Dafoe has helped us in that area, and I think Shana [DeCremer] is a little more comfortable. She's given us offense throughout the course of the year, whereas last year she had a period where she was just getting comfortable with her teammates. ... I don't think any of our players are satisfied with just winning the conference championship. They want to do some of the things the team did last year.

Q About a month ago, you said the team could reach a championship caliber if it developed consistency. Has the team reached that point yet?

A I think our team has reached the championship caliber, and the thing that separates us from some of the other teams in our league is our consistency. The girls said at the beginning of the year that they would focus on beating one team at a time, and I think they've done a great job doing that. I don't think they've overlooked anybody, and we've prepared for each game and performed for each game. I'm happy and proud that we can go into a hostile place like Michigan Tech and come out on top. Those are the kinds of games you have to win if you want to win a championship.

Q What are the most important things that the team needs to do to maintain its high level of play going into the conference tournament?

A We have to keep our intensity on defense. We cannot have a letup in there. We have to do the job rebounding the basketball at both ends. We have to get ourselves some second shots and limit the other team. It's very important that we continue to play with the poise and confidence that we have for most of the year on offense — passing, catching, having some patience and taking good shots. We've also limited our turnovers, and that's difficult to do when you're playing an up-tempo game.

Q This is the first year NMU has played host to the women's GLIAC tournament. What do you expect to gain from the home-court advantage?

A No. 1 is getting the bye on the first night, because I think that is big. The second thing is that we play the lowest-seeded team left on the second night and again, that's a nice advantage. The third thing is if we can continue to draw the crowds. We should get 1,500-2,000 people. I think the people who are missing seeing this team are missing something special. ... People are talking about our team and how nice it's going to be to have the tournament here. When those things are being said, those people go out and talk to some other people, and I think we'll draw well.

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The NMU women's basketball team has won its last 16 games. The Wildcats defeated three more GLIAC opponents to keep a perfect record in the conference and become

GLIAC champions

By JON SICOTTE
Sports Staff Reporter

The hostile Michigan Tech pep band and fans hurled insults upon former MTU player Shana DeCremer, shouting 'Benedict Arnold' and 'Traitor.' The NMU star lit up her former teammates as she pumped in a career-high 38 points along with nine rebounds to lead NMU out of the Student Development Complex of MTU with an 86-80 win and their first-ever GLIAC regular-season championship.

Almost 2,000 spectators witnessed a battle between the top two teams in the GLIAC North Division, but DeCremer said the jeering didn't bother her.

"Teamwise, I only played with four of the current players. It was a brand new team to me," DeCremer said. "There was no revenge factor."

The No. 7 Wildcats (23-2 overall, 17-0 GLIAC) and the No. 23 Huskies exchanged the lead back and forth throughout the game. MTU left for the locker room at the half with a one-point lead.

"This was the kind of game I expected," MTU head coach Kevin Borseth said. "We tried to get the ball inside, but they did a good job of taking it away. It was a great game."

Tech guard Kathie Kruiuzenga said MTU they never thought of stopping DeCremer.

"Our goal was to stop [junior guard Kris] Manske. We did a good job, but we forgot about Shana."

Manske scored 15 for NMU while Mande Dafoe chipped in 12.

In Saturday's matchup against Saginaw Valley State, NMU head coach Mike Geary was standing next to the water cooler with two-and-a-half



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Karla Strand and the Wildcats clinched NMU's first GLIAC regular-season championship by defeating Michigan Tech on Monday. They have won 16 straight games and will play host to the GLIAC tournament Feb. 27 to 29.

minutes left to go in the game sipping a cup of water.

It was just another day at the office.

The Wildcats took the lead quickly and never gave it up as they defeated the Cardinals 85-70.

Karla Strand came off the bench and knocked down 14 points in the first half, including a run in which she outscored the opposition 10-4 in a span of just over four minutes. She led the 'Cats to victory finishing with a career-high 23.

"Karla's strong," DeCremer said. "She may not stand out and make big plays, but she doesn't hurt us no matter what."

"It was a little strange being left wide open," Strand said. "I have to give credit to my teammates for getting me the ball."

Last Thursday the Wildcats had an off night, but still beat up Northwood,

86-54. DeCremer led all scorers with 25 as Northern shot poorly (43 percent from the field) but still trounced Northwood.

NMU travels to Lake Superior State tonight to try to extend its 16-game winning streak. DeCremer still expects to get some minutes.

"[The starters] will play a lot," she said. "I think 18-0 [in the GLIAC] would be a great accomplishment."

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

NMU — Johnston 1-4-6; Weber 0-2-2; Manske 4-5-15; DeCremer 11-14-38; Dafoe 5-2-12; Dykstra 0-3-3; Strand 5-0-10 Totals: 26-30-86.

Halftime Score: NMU 38, MTU 39
FG shooting: 26 of 52 (50 percent); MTU 29 of 65 (44 percent).

FT shooting: 30 of 39 (77 percent); MTU 13 of 16 (81 percent).

Rebounding: NMU 36 (DeCremer 9), MTU 34.

GLIAC Women's Basketball

| North Division | |
|-------------------|------|
| N. Michigan | 17-0 |
| Michigan Tech | 14-3 |
| Lake Superior St | 9-7 |
| Saginaw Valley St | 8-8 |
| Ferris State | 5-11 |
| Northwood | 3-13 |
| Grand Valley St | 2-14 |
| South Division | |
| Oakland | 13-3 |
| Ashland | 9-6 |
| Mercyhurst | 8-7 |
| Hillsdale | 7-8 |
| Gannon | 4-11 |
| Wayne State | 4-12 |

Hockey 'Cats split with No. 2 North Dakota

Goalie Kochan named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

Minnesota hockey coach Doug Woog said before Friday's game that all North Dakota had to do was show up on the bus in Marquette and they would beat NMU's hockey team.

He thought wrong. The Wildcats (10-22-2 overall, 6-21-1 WCHA) split two games last Friday and Saturday and almost pulled off a sweep against the WCHA-leading and No. 2-ranked team in the nation.

But NMU coach Rick Comley was looking for more: "I'm never going to be satisfied until we're back on top in the league, but I think we're making progress and we're moving in the right direction. They're ... as good as anybody we've played all year. We played well enough to win two games and that's encouraging."

"If we play coach's style of play in our barn we're a tough team to beat no matter who we're playing," NMU's Tyson Holly said.

The 'Cats are gaining momentum heading into the WCHA playoffs, which start March 7 and 8.

"Northern Michigan plays a hard-

nosed style of hockey," UND coach Dean Blais said. "They're a team that's going to be real dangerous in the playoffs. They could go in and beat someone by playing that style."

Dieter Kochan stoned the Sioux on 37 of 38 shots in Friday's game to lead NMU to a 2-1 victory.

"Dieter was on his game," Holly said. "He was just a wall. He was the best player on the ice tonight."

Kochan earned WCHA Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The Wildcats played a tight-checking game and didn't allow UND much room to skate.

The game was scoreless before Holly gave NMU a 1-0 lead with a slap shot that rocketed into the top-left corner at 11:00 of the second.

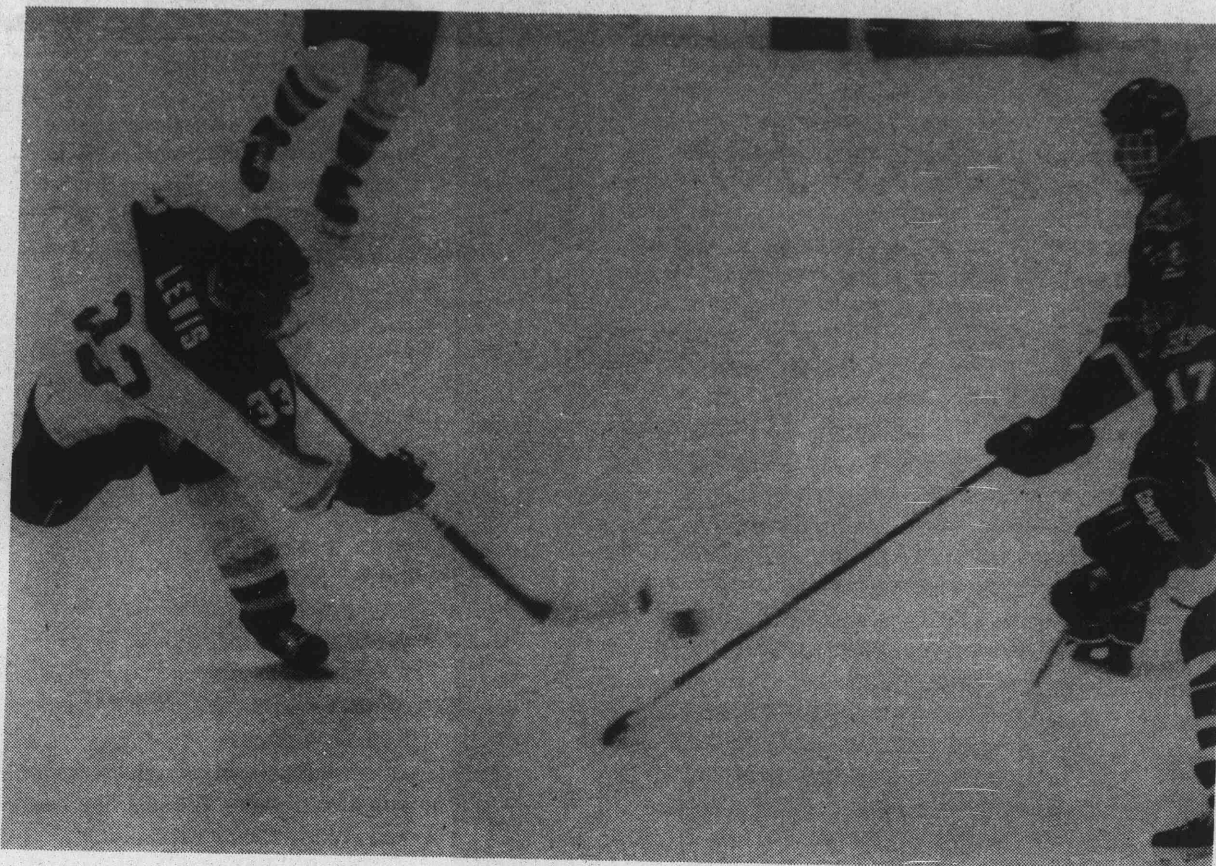
UND pulled its goalie with 2:05 remaining, and Aaron Cain tapped in an empty-net goal 1:24 later to put the game away for NMU. North Dakota spoiled Kochan's shutout hopes with one second remaining.

"I don't really care about the shutout," Kochan said. "It's just nice to get the win. It's something I would have liked to get, but I'm not down-beat because I lost my shutout."

Unfortunately for the Wildcats,

Kochan sprained his knee midway through the third. His status is uncertain for this weekend.

NMU held a 2-0 lead heading into the third period Saturday, but let



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Roger Lewis, 33, and the NMU hockey team defeated the top team in the WCHA, North Dakota, 2-1 Friday before dropping Saturday's contest 5-3. The Wildcats face Michigan Tech this weekend in a home-and-home series.

it slip away, losing 5-3.

"Going into the third with a two-goal lead, it doesn't matter what they're ranked," Bryan Phillips said. "I think we should have had a sweep, but it didn't happen and we can't be disappointed with a split."

John Coyle gave the 'Cats the early lead in the first when he skated in from NMU's blue line on UND goalie Aaron Schweitzer and attempted a pass to Roger Trudeau on a two-on-one. The defenseman blocked the pass, and Coyle picked it up and beat Schweitzer.

Phillips extended the Wildcats' lead to 2-0 midway through the first.

The Sioux tied the game by scoring twice within the first 10 minutes of the third. They went up 3-2 about three minutes later on a power-play goal. Tyler Barabonoff evened up the contest 1:07 later.

UND went ahead for good with another power-play goal with about 3:30 remaining in the game.

NMU plays Michigan Tech this Friday and Saturday in a home-and-home series. Friday's contest will be at Marquette's Lakeview Arena while Saturday's game will be at the MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton. Faceoff times for both games are 7:05 p.m.

Friday's summary:

First period — No scoring. Second period — 1. NMU, Tyson Holly (9) (Frattaroli, Tomlinson), 11:00. Third period — 2. NMU, Aaron Cain (5) (Metro, Ruff) ENG, 19:31; 3. UND, 19:59. Power-play opportunities: NMU, 0-5; UND, 0-4. Penalties: NMU, 6-12; UND, 5-10. Goale saves: NMU, 37 (Dieter Kochan, 9-12-16); UND, (10-7-2).

Saturday's summary:

First period — 1. NMU, John Coyle (4) (Metro), 3:39; 2. NMU, Bryan Phillips (4) (Holly, Tomlinson). Second period — No scoring. Third period — 3. UND, 3:09; 4. UND, 9:47; 5. UND, PPG 12:23; 6. NMU, Tyler Barabonoff (2) (unassisted), 13:31; 7. UND, PPG 16:29; 8. UND, ENG 19:50. Power-play opportunities: NMU, 0-3; UND, 2-6. Penalties: NMU, 10-20; UND, 7-14. Goale saves: NMU, 31 (Duane Hoey, 10-9-12); UND, (4-5-8).

Record may not show it, but Wildcats have improved

The NMU hockey team is having a successful season. I know what you're thinking: "What is this guy talking about? The team's record is 10-22-2. How is that successful?"

By "successful," I mean the team is a much improved team over last year.

Fans have complained about the team's performance, but they must keep in mind that this team consists of nine freshmen who play regularly. Until they gain experience, they will struggle.

At times they have shown glimpses of their potential. Last weekend was one of them. The 'Cats nearly swept the top team in the WCHA and the No. 2-ranked team in the country: North Dakota.

NMU head coach Rick

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Comley's No. 1 goal for the season — to be better than last year — has become a reality.

In addition to splitting with North Dakota, NMU has also defeated many of the other top teams in the league and country.

The 'Cats have topped Colorado College (No. 5 in the nation at the time), Minnesota (No. 3 at the time), Denver (17-11-4 overall), Saskatchewan (at the time, in first

place in the same league as teams that defeated nationally ranked North Dakota, Colorado College and St. Cloud State) and Wisconsin (entering the season, NMU was 8-27-0 all-time against Wisconsin and 1-14-3 in recent games). NMU has also tied nationally ranked Lake Superior State.

Last season's biggest win was against Minnesota-Duluth (20-17-1, fourth place in the WCHA).

The 'Cats have lost seven games this year when they outshot their opponents. If they would have won those games, their record would be 17-15-2. From the 1990-91 season through the '93-94 season (106-53-12 combined record), NMU was 70-28-9 when outshooting its opponents.

The 'Cats have also snapped five losing skids to WCHA

opponents this year. They had eight-game losing streaks to Colorado College, Denver and Minnesota. They were winless (0-8-1) against Wisconsin in their last nine meetings before the Wildcats topped the Badgers 4-1. The fifth was a seven-game losing streak that was broken last weekend against UND.

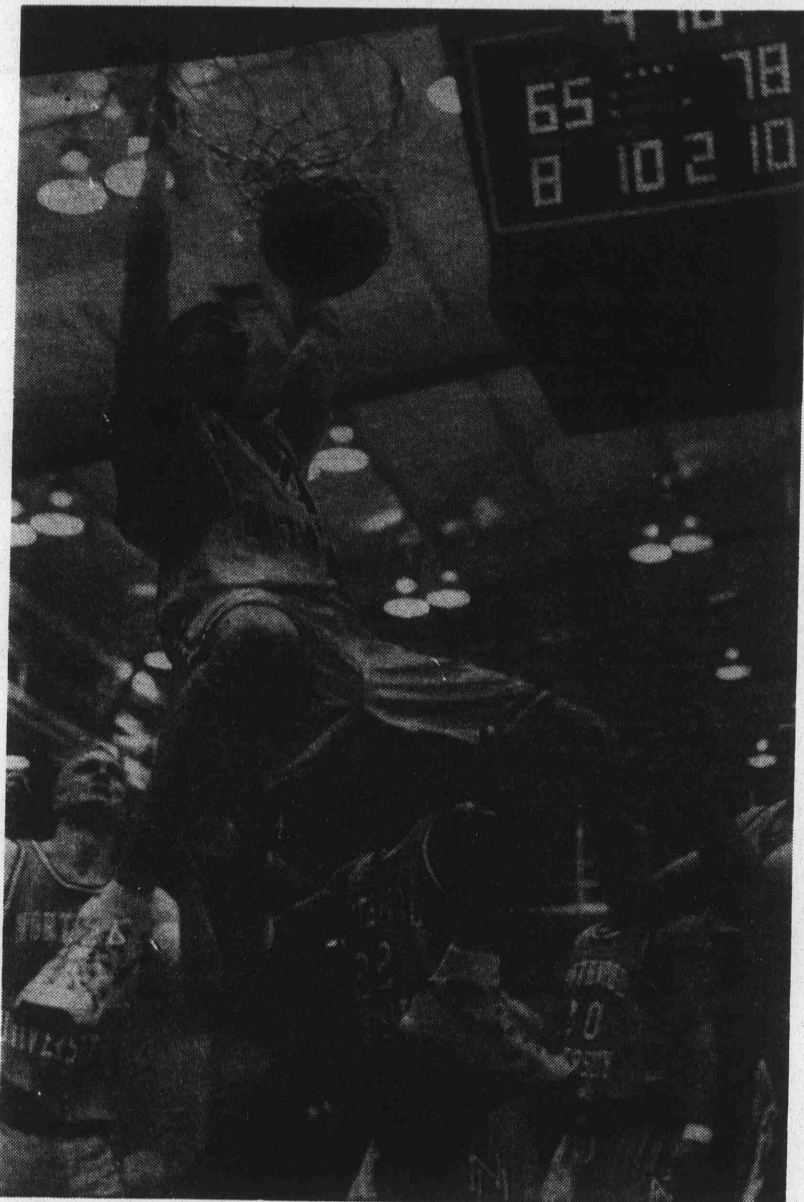
Experience is a valuable asset in the making of a championship team. NMU's power play has been struggling (11.6 percent) and it has not been successful in close games (2-6-1 when tied going into the third period). These are areas that will improve in the future with experience.

This year's team has proven that it has a lot of pride and never quits. The team made a courageous comeback against LSSU

early in the season when they were down 4-1. NMU earned a 4-4 tie in that contest. Denver went up 2-0 before the Wildcats roared back to earn a tie. Minnesota scored three quick goals in the first 10 minutes of a game, but NMU fought back to a 4-3 defeat.

Last year's team was blown out many times (losing 13 games by four or more goals, nine games by five or more, and it allowed double-digit goals on four occasions). This season NMU has lost eight games by four or more and four games by five or more goals, while they have never given up a double-digit score.

When the seniors on the 1991 national championship team were freshmen, they had a 16-20-4 record. So don't give up on the hockey Wildcats just yet.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Cory Brathol slams home a two-handed dunk against Northwood. The NMU men's basketball team lost three games against GLIAC opponents recently. The Wildcats end their season tonight against Lake Superior at 7:45.

Misfortune shadows Wildcats against GLIAC opponents

By CHRIS BARRUS
 Sports Staff Reporter

In the game of basketball momentum is seemingly everything and getting a few breaks definitely helps the team to get a victory. The Wildcats have not had many breaks go their way this season.

"I don't know why we haven't gotten any breaks," NMU senior Ed Canning said. "I guess it's just one of those years. I don't know if it is because of the youth or not. I've never quite seen it like this before where we can't get enough breaks to win a road game. It's just like that and I really cannot explain it."

The Wildcat men's basketball team (7-18 overall, 4-13 GLIAC) extended their losing streak to eight games this past week by dropping three GLIAC contests. The 'Cats lost to Northwood University 93-86 on Feb. 13; Saginaw Valley State University 94-56 Saturday, and Michigan Tech 92-81, Monday.

NMU head coach Dean Ellis started five freshmen against Northwood and for most of the first half the 'Cats dominated the tempo and

pushed their lead up to 18 points with about three minutes left in the half. Northwood with tough defense and a 12-3 run at the end of the half cut the Wildcats' lead to nine at the intermission.

"We put in a new lineup and they were excited to play together," Ellis said. "I thought that they did an outstanding job."

With the help of 14 second-half turnovers by the 'Cats, Northwood turned a nine-point deficit at the half into a 10-point lead midway through the second half. The lead and turnovers were too much for the Wildcats to overcome.

"Northwood made some big plays and we did not come back and make the necessary plays to counteract that," Canning said. "It just sort of snowballed and things went downhill from there."

Against Saginaw Valley the 'Cats legs were not with them as a strong Saginaw team rolled to an easy victory. Saginaw held a 14-point lead at the half.

"I think that we got very physically tired," Ellis said. "In the spurt before the half we could not get off their feet and they out-rebounded us on their offensive glass."

The second half faired no better for the Wildcats as Saginaw kept extending their lead to finish the game, winning by 38 points. Only two 'Cats reached double figures in

the loss, freshman Cory Brathol had 20 points, and freshman Kevin Coduti added 11.

"We came out flat," Canning said. "When you come out flat against a good team like Saginaw they are going to embarrass you."

With the loss to Michigan Tech in Houghton the Wildcats' road losing streak was extended to 12 games. The 'Cats have been unable to get a victory on the road this season.

"They could've extended their lead way into the double-digits, but we consistently fought back. We were within six points with about three minutes to go," Ellis said. "We missed a couple of free throws down the stretch that could have given us a chance to come back and win the game."

Tonight the Wildcats' season comes to an end as they travel to face GLIAC rival Lake Superior State University. Tip-off is at 7:45 p.m.

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

NMU — Maselter, 4-0-9; Price, 5-0-13; Coduti, 4-5-13; Canning, 1-0-2; Roberts, 5-0-13; Brathol, 7-2-17; Moe, 5-2-13; M. Coduti, 0-1-1. Totals, 14-11-42.

Halftime score: NMU 27, Michigan Tech 35.

FG shooting: NMU, 31 of 57 (54.4 percent); Michigan Tech, 27 of 55 (49.1 percent); **FT shooting:** NMU, 9 of 22 (40.9 percent); Michigan Tech, 7 of 18 (38.9 percent); **Rebounding:** NMU, 25 (Brathol, 13); Michigan Tech, 40.

It's 'crunch time' for NMU swimming and diving team

By KRISTY BASOLO
 Assistant Managing Editor

The Wildcat swimming and diving team plays host to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships for the first time since it took the conference crown in 1992.

"This is 'crunch time' for all the Wildcat swimmers and divers," junior diver Debbie Duncan said, "but the team is prepared and willing to work."

The Wildcats won their only GLIAC title in 1992, falling to Oakland for runner-up honors every year since. Northern lost to Oakland earlier this month, 186-113, in Rochester.

"Obviously it's our championship season, so we're taking the meet very seriously," NMU head coach Karl Zueger said. "We hope to qualify some new people for the national meet in San Antonio with some of them on the bubble for making national times."

The Wildcats have qualified seven individuals and three relays for nationals so far this season.

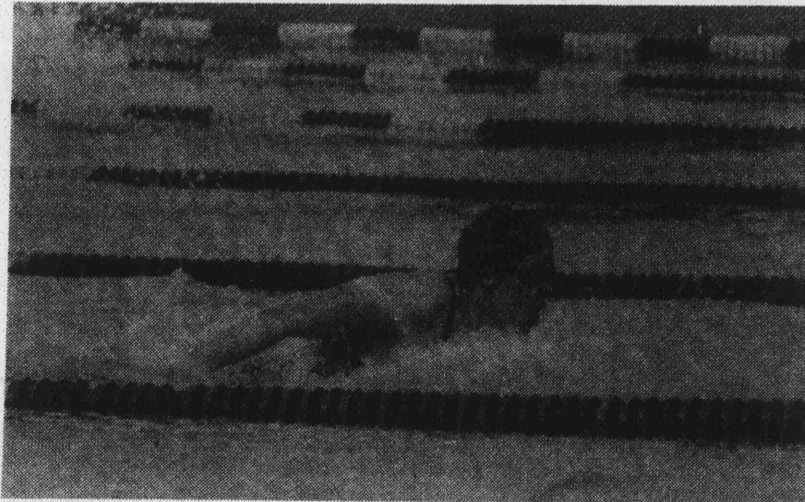
"The team has really come to-

gether in the last weeks and has been focused on the little things and supporting each other," sophomore Jenny Laughna said.

Going into the GLIAC Championships, six Wildcat swimmers were ranked in 17 events as well as five relay teams in the College Swimming Association of America Division II Top 20 list.

"It's going to be a faster meet than in the past with the addition of Ashland and Gannon," Zueger said.

"Their additional talent is going to spread Oakland and us out, making races a lot more solid from first place to 12th. There is going to be a lot of tight races and some exciting swimming and diving."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Michelle Gastineau and the Northern women's swimming and diving team hosts the GLIAC championships today through Saturday at the PEIF pool.

NMU faces Oakland, Ashland, Gannon, Grand Valley, Hillsdale and Wayne State in the championship.

"Our goal is to do our best. If we do our best we have nothing to complain about," Duncan said. "We're not concentrating on nationals until after conference."

The 19th annual GLIAC men's swimming and diving championships and the ninth annual women's

begin today.

The GLIAC Invitational will be held Sunday at the PEIF pool to provide teams with a "last-chance meet" to qualify swimmers and divers for the NCAA-II Championships.

Schedule:

Thursday, Feb. 20 — 9 a.m. - men's three-meter diving trials; 11

a.m. - trials; 1:30 p.m. - women's one-meter diving trials; 6 p.m. - finals. **Order of events:** 1. 200-meter freestyle relay; 2. 500-meter freestyle relay; 3. 200-meter IM; 4. 50-meter freestyle; 5. men's three-meter diving; 6. women's one-meter diving; 7. 400-meter medley relay.

Friday, Feb. 21 — 11 a.m. - trials; 1:30 p.m. - men's one-meter diving trials. **Order of events:** 1. 200-meter medley relay; 2. 400-meter IM; 3.

100-meter butterfly; 4. 200-meter freestyle; 5. 100-meter breaststroke; 6. 100-meter backstroke; 7. men's one-meter diving; 8. 800-meter freestyle relay.

Saturday, Feb. 22 — 11 a.m. - trials; 1:30 p.m. - women's three-meter diving trials; 6 p.m. - final. **Order of events:** 1. 1650-meter freestyle; 2. 200-meter backstroke; 3. 100-meter freestyle; 4. 200-meter breaststroke; 5. 200-meter butterfly; 6. women's three-meter diving; 7. 400-meter freestyle relay.

NMU swimmers ranked in CSAA Division II top 20:

Erin Vostad: 1st 100-meter butterfly, 6th 100-meter freestyle; 7th 50-meter freestyle; 15th 100-meter backstroke.
Val Nordquist: 3rd 100-meter backstroke; 6th 50-meter freestyle; 8th 200-meter backstroke.

Jenny Laughna: 3rd 200-IM; 6th 400-IM; 8th 100-meter breaststroke; 14th 200-breaststroke.

Daneen Taylor: 7th 100-meter breaststroke; 10th 200-meter IM; 15th 200-meter breaststroke.

Jennifer Crouse: 18th 500-meter freestyle; 19th 200-meter backstroke.

Nicole LeBaron: 13th 200-meter-IM.

Alpine skiers qualify for national finals

Salonen places first in giant slalom and second in slalom races

By KEVIN HADAS
Staff Writer

The NMU women's alpine ski team has qualified for a trip to "the biggest little city in the world."

By placing third at the Midwest Collegiate Ski Association regional finals last weekend at Marquette Mountain, the NMU women have earned a chance to compete in the national finals in Reno, Nev.

"I'm really proud of the efforts by all the girls," NMU head coach John Peppler said.

"[Freshman] Christy [Salonen] and [sophomore] Liz [Welles] were really on top of things today, and Liz's performance was her best of the season."

The Wildcats placed second in the slalom and third in the giant slalom.

"This was a good team effort," Peppler said.

Individually, Salonen earned a first-place finish in the giant slalom.

She also attacked the slalom, earning a second-place finish.

Welles skied impressively as well, placing third in the giant slalom and fourth in the slalom.

Welles said it was beneficial for the team to finally get an opportunity to race at home. The team has not had a home meet all year, but have had races in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and in the western U.P.

"It helped that we knew every inch of the hill, and we have skied it before so we knew what to expect."

Also contributing were freshmen Kelly Bauer and Katrina Lake, who



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

NMU's Christy Salonen leans into a gate at Marquette Mountain last weekend. The Northern Michigan University women's alpine skiing team placed third in the Midwest Collegiate Ski Association regional finals. The Wildcats earned a spot in the national finals at Diamond Peak Ski Area in Reno, Nev., March 3 to 8.

added to the team's overall totals in the slalom and giant slalom, respectively.

The United States Ski Association National Finals will be held March 3 to 8 at the Diamond Peak Ski Area in Reno. Peppler said the altitude could affect the team's performance.

"There's not much we can do about the altitude at 9,000 feet," he said. "Hopefully we'll be free of altitude sickness." Salonen is concerned about the national finals because the team is not accustomed to skiing in the mountains.

"It helped that we knew every inch of the hill, and we have skied it before so we knew what to expect."

— John Peppler
NMU head coach

"We will be tired, but there is not

much we can do," Salonen said. "Usually it takes about a day to get used to the high altitude."

Peppler expects the slalom course to be about the same length as it is at Marquette Mountain but expects the giant slalom to be twice as long.

Also receiving an invitation to the national finals are St. Olaf's College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which placed first and second in the Midwest Regionals, respectively.

Intramurals Run-n-Gun edges Krazy Ballz

By RONALD SEABERRY JR.
Staff Writer

Men's basketball this week featured some exciting games. Run-n-Gun beat Krazy Ballz, 49-47. Joe Soumis led all scorers with 23 for Krazy Ballz. Lost without a Cause beat Player's Club, 46-43. Mike Cousineau led Lost without a Cause with 22 points. Delta Chi ran past Section Eight, 54-45. The Player's scorched DDD's, 77-23. Jonathan Brown scored 15 for the Player's.

In women's basketball, Four-Peat blanked the Shooters, 37-32. Stephanie Anderson paced Four-Peat with 14 points.

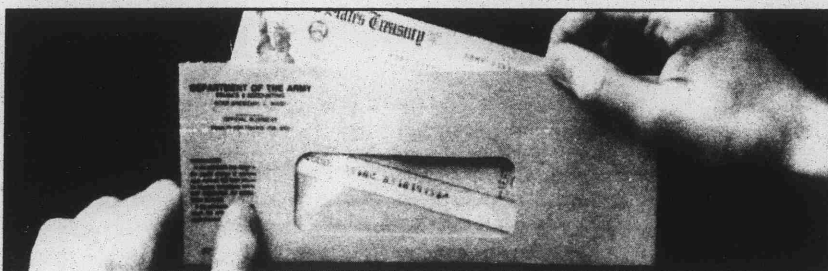
In co-rec basketball, Give-n-Go dumped JYD, 48-28. Terry Busse scored 13 for Give-n-Go, as Give-n-Go led 19-7 at halftime.

In wallyball, the Pack beat Happy Gilmore, 15-12, 11-15, 15-6. Unabomber spiked Negative Creeps 15-10, 15-1. The Tools lost out by forfeit to Four Play.

In ice hockey Home Grown routed the Ravens, 11-3. Mike Sullivan collected three goals and one assist, and Scott Ledwon scored a goal and assisted on five other goals. Home Grown defeated the Leftovers 6-2. Mark Phillips scored twice. The Young Guns and Cap'n Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters duelled to a 6-6 tie. Darcy Haugan and Pat Aldrich scored three each.

In volleyball action, Mortal Fish topped the Woosh Heads, 15-9, 15-9 and the Pack Attack took a forfeit victory over Flatware.

Broomball scores will be available in next week's North Wind.



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Hubble Space Telescope discovers outdoor 'heaven'

The Hubble Space Telescope has produced the first pictures since it was worked on by NASA astronauts. Although NASA's intentions were to find the "beginning" of everything, the telescope has failed.

Instead of finding this "begin-

Kevin Hadas

Outdoors Columnist



ning," the Hubble shot pictures of one particular planet outside our solar system. And outdoor lovers should be interested.

First, the Hubble pictures have revealed that the planet, in theory, could be suitable for human life.

Not only could we possibly live there, but Hubble pictures have shown that the rivers on this planet consist not of water, but ice-cold flowing lager. Sorry, the pictures do not reveal the brand.

These lager rivers are stuffed with various forms of trout that apparently feed exclusively on dry flies. Most of the flies appear to be of the larger variety and would be easy to imitate by almost any beginning fly tier.

On the sides of these mountain streams are signs that read, "Catch and release only" and "Save some stream lager for the fish." What a planet! Apparently, this planet also contains some of the finest skiing and snowboarding conditions known to man.

On one particular mountain range it constantly snows, making four-foot powder days a norm. All of this snow may lead people to believe it's cold, but don't let it fool you. The average temperature needed for snow is a mild 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

The valleys of this great world hold lakes and oceans where tarpon swim in abundance. Oddly enough there is not any sign of carp, bullheads or suckers. Instead there is a fish that seems to be a cross between an Atlantic salmon and a marlin.

Due to the clear water of the

lakes, there are signs of mermaids, but these signs are yet to be confirmed. This clearness of the water is also a sign that the skinny dipping would be outstanding.

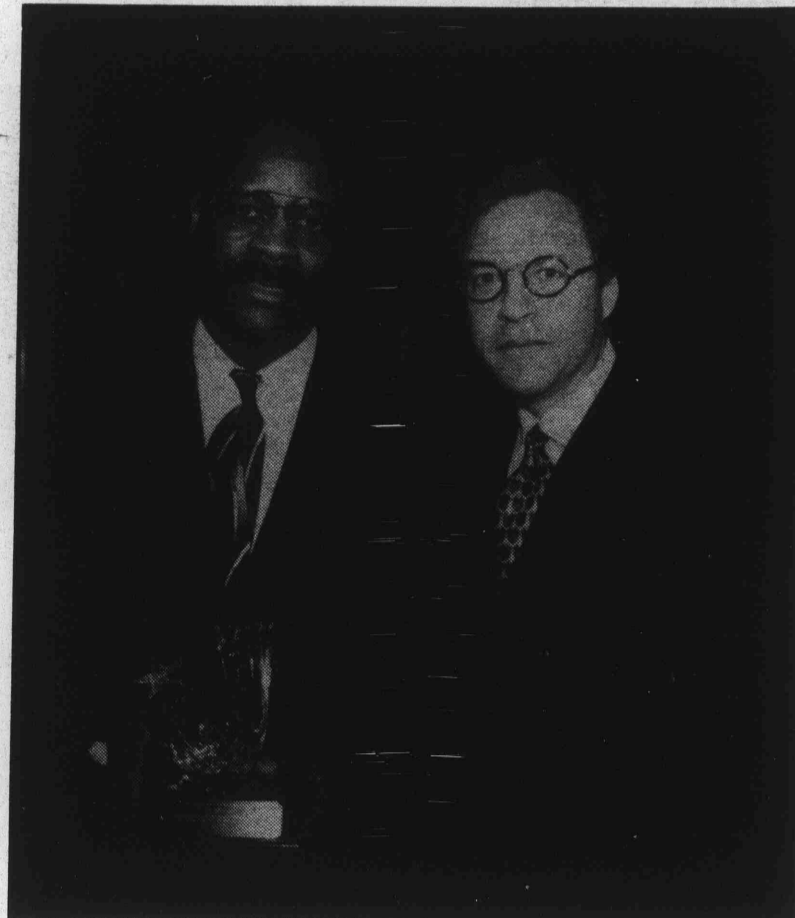
Ducks, deer, rabbits and game birds are in such abundance, and reproduce at such a rapid pace, hunting them could be a year-round activity. The white-tailed deer would be especially exciting to hunt. It seems an average deer has a rack with an inside spread of just over 30 inches! What a planet!

Unfortunately everything I just reported is not true, but it could be possible. It could be possible that TV was of little or no concern to people. It could also be possible that on this planet people would be more concerned with hunting or fishing than committing crimes.

And on this planet it's possible people would be more concerned with the beauty of the outdoors instead of destroying the planet.

It's possible that this planet could exist, and if it did we outdoors people would get to choose the name. We could call it great, terrific, or just spectacular, but I would call it ... "Heaven."

Mitchell recognized



USOEC photo

U.S. Olympic Education Center boxing coach Al Mitchell, left, was presented with the first "Rings of Gold" Person of the Year Award from the United States Olympic Committee on Feb. 15 in Atlanta. Bob Costas of NBC Sports, right, assisted in presenting the award.

Sports Briefs

Football

Two more student-athletes from Illinois have signed to play football at NMU. Dan Phillips, a 6-1 220-pounder played both fullback and linebacker at McHenry High School. Phillips led his team in scoring and tackles and led the conference in scoring. He was named first-team all-area and player of the year by the Northwest Herald. He also received first-team all-state honors by the Illinois High School Coaches Association. Bryan McNulty, a 6-2, 245-pound linebacker is a junior college transfer from the College of DuPage. At DuPage, McNulty received honorable mention All-American honors, first-team all-conference and team captain. McNulty attended Naperville Central High School where he was a USA Today special mention all-american, DuPage Valley Conference player of the year and a two-time, first-team, all-conference pick.

USOEC boxing

The U.S. Olympic Education Center boxing team defeated a team of Golden Gloves champions in seven of its nine matches in the American Boxing Classic at the Waukesha Expo Center in Wisconsin. Roberto Benitez defeated Joe Bush, with Clarence Vinson victorious over Ken Holtzman, 3-0. David Jackson and Larry Nicholson both won by decisions. LeChaunce Shepherd won 3-0 over Dillon Vargas, while Saeed Hawkins defeated Pierre Stevens. Eric Simmons stopped Jeremy Gault by a referee decision in the second round. One of the two losses came from the featured five-round bout. DaVarryl Williamson lost to Carl Gathwright, 2-1. Dallas Vargas was the other USOEC loss, 3-0, to Edwin Ferguson. The USOEC team will compete next in the U.S. Championships, March 7 to 14 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

USOEC speed skating

Three U.S. Olympic Education Center women speed skaters placed in the top 10 in overall standings at the final World Ranking Competition in Leeuwarden, Netherlands. Erin Porter, 18, dominated the women's competition, taking first place in all of her individual events. Julie Goskowitz finished third overall, taking second in the 3,000-meter and fourth in both the 500-meter and 1,000-meter events. Erin Gleason tied for fourth place with former USOEC skater Nikki Ziegelmeier. Gleason finished second in the 1,500-meter and fourth in the 3,000-meter competitions. In the men's competition, USOEC skater Kip Carpenter tied for fourth place overall. Carpenter finished second in the 500-meter, sixth in the 1500-meter and eighth in the 3,000-meter. The USOEC team will compete next at the U.S. Short Track Championships March 7 to 9 in Boston.

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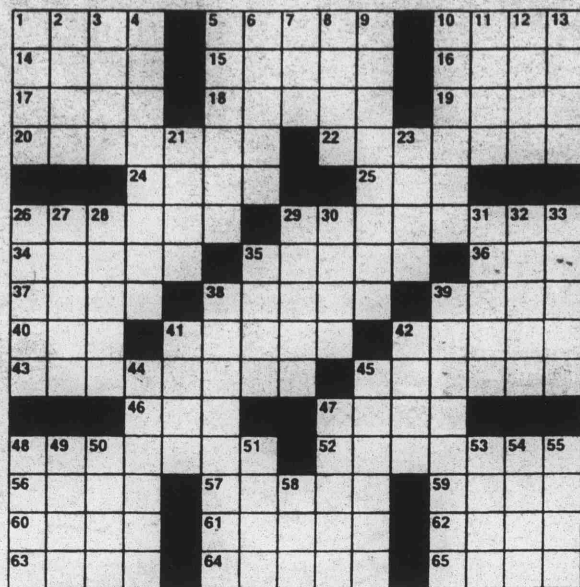
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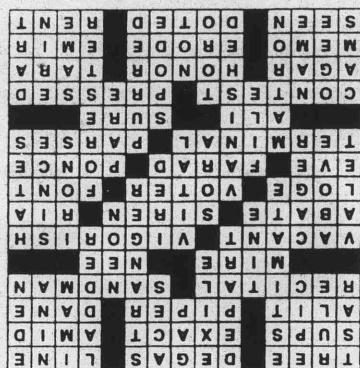
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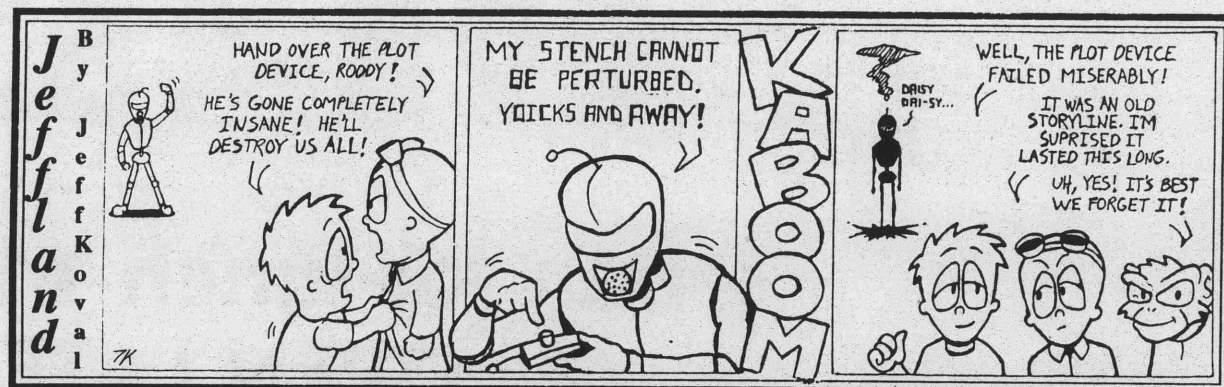
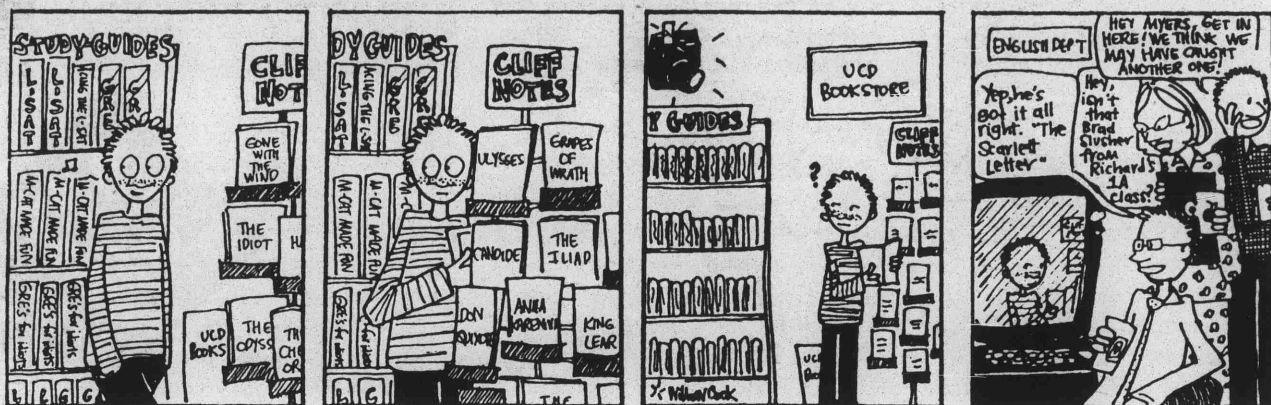
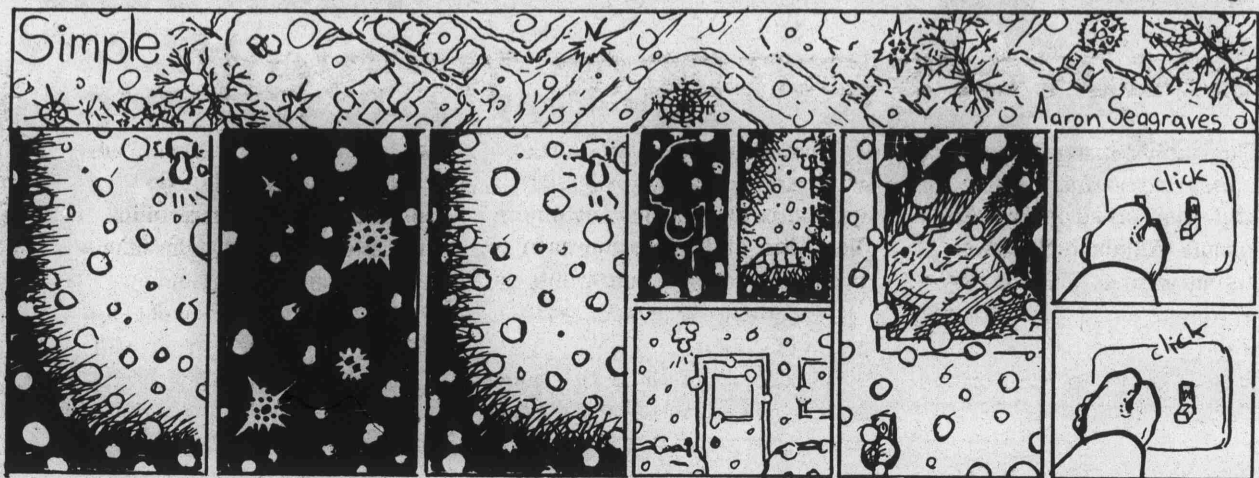


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