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Havoc's funding reinstated

Student Finance Committee reverses its decision

By LUCAS SPONSLER
 News Staff Reporter

The Student Finance Committee voted Wednesday evening to repeal its week-old decision to freeze the funding of Havoc, a student organization that sponsors concerts "atypical of the norm" in the Marquette area.

"We already had to cancel our next show," said Mike Porter, president of Havoc and lead singer of Redd Headed Stepchildren, a band that performed at the most recent Havoc show. "This is twice now this year that we've been set back in this way."

Porter is prepared to cooperate with the SFC, however.

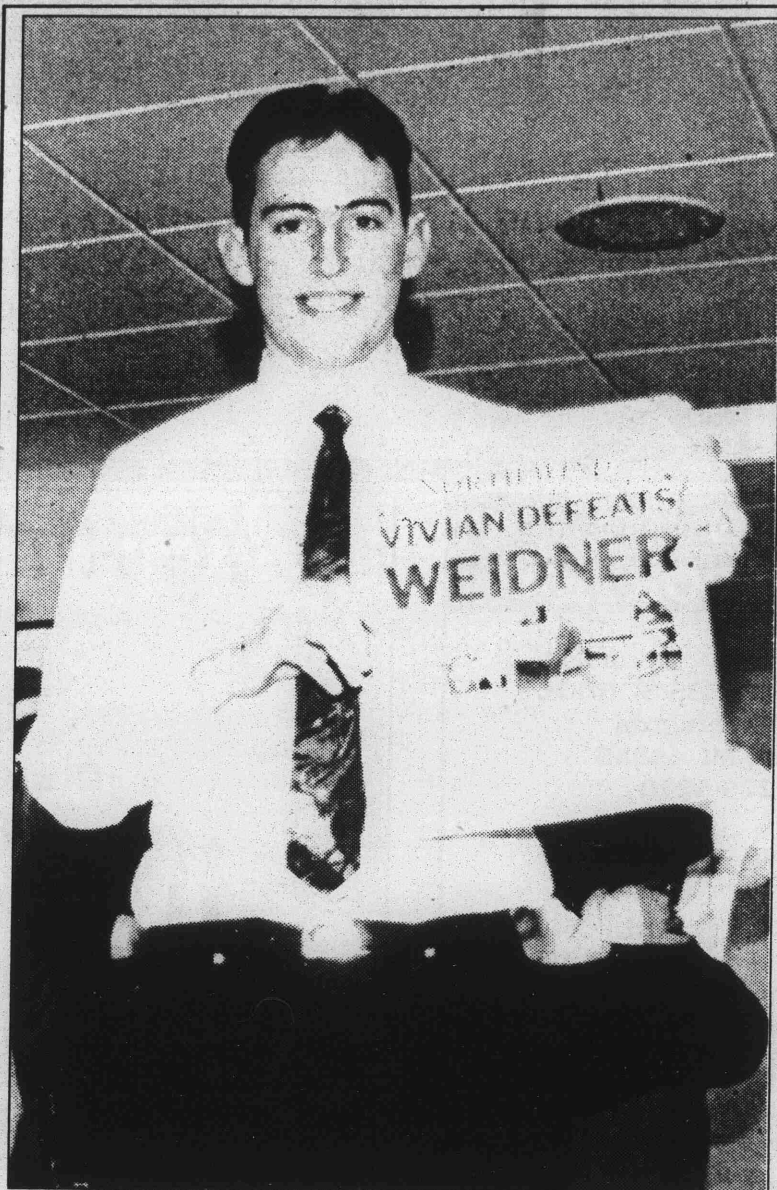
SFC member Chad Pyle said, "The intention of the fund freezing was to temporarily stop having students and Havoc band members from being paid by Havoc to perform, so that we could hash through the present process and fix it as best we can. ... We need to implement a procedure that will ensure that a student group doesn't vote themselves to be paid."

"I was never aware of that," Porter said. "I was led to believe that all funds and contracts would be frozen."

The SFC approved a motion that will prohibit Havoc from having any NMU students or any of its members perform for pay for the remainder of the winter semester.

Any contracts with such bands to perform during the fall semester must be preapproved by the SFC.

"Until we have something permanent in place ... this will keep us all safe from outside allegations," SFC member Robert Rees said.



North Wind photo by Todd Caduto

He's not exactly Harry Truman, but new ASNMU President Ryan Weidner jubilantly displays a copy of The North Wind's Midwest Edition from last week. The paper, basing its story on exit polls, incorrectly declared Nick Vivian the winner of the ASNMU election. Weidner actually won with 284 votes, compared with Vivian's 153. The paper corrected itself in the Metro and City Editions, but it serves as a reminder: Don't believe everything you read in newspapers.

Levin discusses education funding

Three proposals are being considered by the U.S. Senate.

By PAUL MARCOTTE
 News Editor

Education is important. That's what the American people told the folks in Washington who spend most of their time arguing about taxes and how to spend other people's money.

Carl Levin, Michigan's senior U.S. senator, spoke to a group of NMU students, faculty and staff

about proposed federal programs to promote higher education Tuesday.

"There is a tremendous thrust forward in the area of education," Levin said. "Education has tremendous support."

"The public spoke up strongly," Levin said of reaction to the plan by Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) to cut funding for education.

"The average high school graduate was making about two-thirds of what the average college graduate was making [10 years ago]," Levin said. The gap widened to about half

Faced with the best job market in eight years, college graduates finally have something to look forward to, besides minimum wage.

Get a real job

By ANDREW DIETDERICH
 Managing Editor

Some students go to school for four — or five or six — years with one goal in mind — landing the perfect job (or any, for that matter).

The good news is prospective and current job seekers are entering a job market that appears to offer more than rejection letters.

"This is the best job market since 1989," said Brian Enos, director of Northern Michigan University's JOBSearch Center. "The economy is simply better now than it has been recently."

The JOBSearch office reports a 76 percent placement of 1995-96 graduates, and Enos said it is the result of a better economy.

But a good job market does not mean students are going to have a guaranteed job waiting for them after graduation. The process of obtaining a job is a lengthy one, and the sooner a student gets started on it the better, Enos said.

"Ideally the student should begin the job-finding process 18 months before graduation."

Enos said there are some basic steps to take to ease the job-hunting process.

The first step is to find something a student wants to, and can do. After that, the job hunter should ask him-

"Ideally the student should begin the job-finding process 18 months before graduation."

—Brian Enos

Director, JOBSearch Center

self or herself whether he or she can offer anything the employers are looking for in a new hire. The final step is putting all of these things together into one collective effort to make the job search effective.

But Enos said one of the most important things to have is experience.

"Our experience has been a high percentage of students who have had relevant job experience will get the jobs," Enos said.

The JOBSearch Center offers assistance to NMU students in everything they could need to find a job, Enos said, including help with résumés and, more importantly, establishing contact with prospective employers.

However, he said the longer students wait to take advantage of the center, the more they miss.

"If they come in here right before graduation, we will do all we can to help, but it is a little late in the game."

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U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan)

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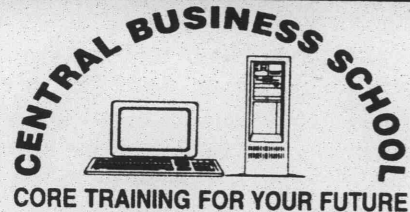
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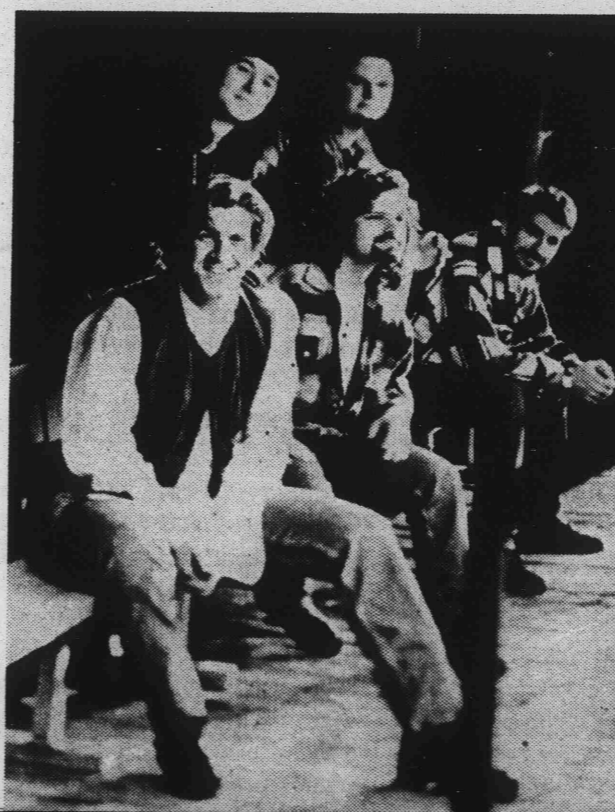
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News Briefs

International

Father of Godzilla dies

The man who brought Godzilla to the screen is dead. Japanese producer Tomoyuki Tanaka, 86, died of a stroke Wednesday, 16 months after his creation was killed off. Tanaka rose to fame in 1954 with the film "Godzilla," the story of a lizard-like creature awakened from a long slumber by hydrogen bomb testing in the South Pacific. The creature caught on in Japan and gained cult status abroad, leading to 22 Godzilla films before it met its end in the 1995 film "Godzilla Versus Destroyer." Tanaka produced more than 200 movies. His Godzilla will be revived next year in an American movie.

Firing squad, then crucifixion

A Yemeni appeals court Wednesday ruled that a man should be executed by firing squad and his body nailed on a cross for three days near the site where he killed four schoolchildren and two teachers. The three-judge panel said the execution and crucifixion will deter others. The doomed defendant says the shooting spree was an attempt to avenge the alleged rape of his daughter and the kidnapping of his daughter and son.

National

USDA investigates strawberries

The Agriculture Department is investigating the supplier of frozen strawberries that were tainted with hepatitis A. Hundreds of children and teachers in Michigan were made ill by the berries, and an estimated 9,000 in Los Angeles were exposed to the tainted fruit. The government is looking into whether any laws were violated by the distributor, San Diego-based Andrew & Williamson. The government said the firm could face criminal penalties if it is determined that the strawberries were imported from Mexico. Under U.S. law, any food distributed to the federal school lunch program must be produced in the United States.

Shuttle's insulation mystery

NASA officials are at a loss to explain why insulation that was supposed to protect a key space shuttle cooling system was missing from the shuttle Columbia and may have been missing for more than 13 years. The discovery that the insulating blankets were missing from four coolant pipes forced a one-day delay in Columbia's launch, which is set for Friday afternoon. Engineers are digging through mounds of paperwork to determine if the insulation was removed back in 1983 and never replaced. Although the shuttle has flown without the blankets many times and encountered no serious problems, a NASA official said mission managers decided to install the blankets "because it was the prudent thing to do."

Campus

Weidner takes the reins at ASNMU

As in any good democratic society, a smooth transition of power was made Monday night when Allison Johnson handed over the ASNMU gavel to new president Ryan Weidner. Johnson said last week that the outgoing board would try to foster a smooth transition for the new board: "I think there is some kind of obligation for this board to share its experience with the incoming board."

In his first official act as president, Weidner swore in Vice President Christopher Mann and the rest of the governing board representatives. Weidner also asked the newly appointed board to approve Terrance Hall as chief of staff and Joseph Bergh as treasurer, which it did. Hall, who moves from his position as last year's Family Housing Representative, and Bergh, who returns as treasurer, assumed their posts immediately.

— Briefs from news services

Forest Roberts bows out at 96

By WENDY BLEZEK

News Staff Reporter

Forest A. Roberts, professor emeritus at NMU, passed away Saturday in Madison, Wisconsin, at the age of 96.

There will be no immediate funeral services or wake for Roberts, James Panowski, director of the Forest Roberts Theatre, said.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is being planned at the Forest Roberts Theatre for the end of July.

Esther Roberts preceded her husband in death in 1993.

During his 38-year tenure at NMU, Roberts was founding head of the speech department. He designed a speech pathology curriculum that advanced speech and hearing therapy services throughout the region. He developed curricula in rhetoric and public address, drama, oral interpretation and radio-television.

Roberts was the first director of forensics and helped to develop a program in debate which enabled NMU teams to compete successfully with major universities nationwide. Roberts was the director of many stage productions. He toured the Upper Peninsula and also acted in a number of roles. In 1969, NMU elected to name the Forest Roberts Theatre in his honor. Roberts was presented with an honorary NMU doctor of humane letters degree in

1987.

In addition to academics, Roberts contributed his time and effort to community activities.

He was co-founder and lifetime member of the Marquette Community Concert Association Board of Directors; co-founder and President of the Marquette Summer Theater; and a member of the Michigan Education Association Board of Directors.

NMU professor James Rapport said Roberts was both a friend and a mentor. "When you grow up, you want to be like Forest Roberts," Rapport said.

"Forest Roberts ... must be considered as one of the finest human beings this community has been fortunate enough to call its own," Rapport said.

Roberts set an example for consistency in his time at NMU. "In his 38 years, he missed a day and half of school," Rapport said. "He thought of teaching as a calling rather than a profession."

Roberts was not a person who stopped working at five o'clock. "It was very easy to get a building named after him," Rapport said.

In his free time, Roberts enjoyed being outdoors, playing volleyball, walking and picking berries.

"That man lived a remarkably full life," Rapport said. "He had the best

life that you can imagine."

Panowski said Roberts possessed great charm and patience. "He treated everyone as if they were the most important people on earth while he was with them," Panowski said.

"I am naturally saddened to hear the news," Panowski said. "But I also consider myself very lucky to have known Forest for the past 20 years. He was an inspiration and always a true gentleman."

NMU President William Vandament said Forest Roberts' legacy is evident through the programs he left behind in the areas of communication and theater. "He was broad-gazed," Vandament said. "We have to give him credit for his ability to recognize talent. The strong theater program we have at NMU is due to his ability to recruit [faculty]."

Vandament said that Roberts was a person of grace who had a way of making people he dealt with feel important.

"Forest Roberts was a true pioneer in the teaching of theater, public speaking, and speech pathology," Vandament said. "In his 70-year association with Northern, both on the faculty and in retirement, Forest graced Northern with his scholarship, his humanity and his friendship. As well it should, his name will live on at Northern Michigan University."

Jobs

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They've already missed hundreds of job referrals and a lot of other opportunities."

Giving students opportunities to talk to employers is important to the JOBSearch Center. The center often sponsors job fairs like the U.P. Job Teaching Fair held on Wednesday afternoon. The fairs give employers a chance to meet students for the first time and provide a brief interview.

Ken Hammerberg, superintendent of Baraga Area Schools, attended the job fair and said the initial interview is extremely important to him.

"They have to inspire me,"

Hammerberg said. "They have to do something or say something to impress me. It may be unfair if they don't, but that's my impression."

Hammerberg said he will quickly write a "no" on the résumé if the student does something unacceptable. He said some people will show up enthusiastic, but that will diminish as the interview goes on.

Should the student make it through the initial interview, Hammerberg said he will next try to match up what his district needs with résumés he received at the fair.

"Just being open and honest is the

most important thing," Hammerberg said.

NMU senior Michael Westfall attended the fair and was hoping to make some contacts.

"I was a bit disappointed," Westfall said. "It was more like 'Here's the application. Fill it out.'"

But others, such as Robin Blair of Gladstone, said they are doing more than going to the job fair.

"I'm studying compulsively and volunteering to get as much experience as I can," Blair said.

The JOBSearch Center is located in Room 208 of Cohodas.

Levin

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"All of the bills are pending. None of them have passed," Levin said. "Until we adopt a budget we won't know if we've had success."

An agreement on the basic structure of the budget is still at least a month away, Levin said.

Republicans have proposed a package of educational investment accounts, student loan deductions and a plan making federal work-study nontaxable to students.

The Republican package would allow parents to invest \$1,000 a year per child, tax free, as long as it is used for education expenses.

Another part of the Republican package would create a deduction for student-loan interest that would allow a \$2,500 per year deduction for interest paid in the first 60 months on the loan.

Levin's proposal, which resembles Clinton's, would create a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for drug-free students who maintain a B average during the first two years of postsecondary education.

Another part of Levin's proposal is a tax deduction for 1998 and 1999 of \$5,000.

Shirley Niemi, assistant director

of Financial Aid, said the new tax initiatives don't affect the lower-income students.

She said about 50 to 60 percent of NMU students receiving federal financial aid will not benefit from the tax deductions. Pell Grant spending, however, has increased by 10 percent. The maximum Pell Grant a student may receive has increased from \$2,470 to \$2,700. Niemi said the maximum may rise to \$3,000 in 1998.

"It is a balancing issue," Levin said. "Increase Pell Grants and take pressure off middle income with tax provisions."

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Editorial

The cult craze

How to make the right choice

College students progressing toward degrees in their chosen fields of study are faced with many difficult choices: entering full-time employment, going to grad school, joining the military or securing a place on the welfare rolls.

Add to that list an option that most college students overlook: joining a cult.

While cults rarely send representatives to college jobs fairs — they don't want just *anyone* to join, you know — they are relatively easy to find. With a little investigation on your part, you'll have recruiters at your door in no time.

When the brochures, videos and free gifts arrive — and they will — examine them with the utmost care. This isn't something simple like choosing a college. This is serious.

And never, under any circumstances, accept a guided tour unless the cult is among your final two or three choices. If you're not serious, your indecision will be as obvious as a pig in a python.

Choosing the cult that's right for you is a delicate proposition. There are many factors that must be considered before you sign on the dotted line.

First, there is location. From the oil fields of east-central Texas to the lush hills of Southern California, from the wild mountains of Montana to a bunker in the middle of nowhere, the choices are almost endless.

Another vital tip is to take a "personal beliefs inventory." On one piece of paper, list all of the things you believe or would be willing to believe with a little coaxing. On another piece, list the things you will never believe, no matter how many times they say please. It is safest to join a cult that has a belief system that is closely aligned to yours.

For instance, if you think computers are part of the government's plot to make Spam consumption a federal law, you should avoid cults that focus on computers and/or Spam. Likewise, if you think the government is involved in a plot of any kind, you would probably be safe in almost any cult.

One final piece of advice: While some people think celibacy is a worthy objective, it's probably not worth dying for.

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Havoc is no reason to raise a ruckus

To the Editor:

Havoc is an organization that supports local bands. LOCAL bands.

I am upset at the SFC's treatment of this group. If Mike Porter's band did not have the Havoc concerts to play at I would never have gotten to hear them. If manRay did not have the Havoc concerts to play at I would not have heard them.

The SFC has been messing around the funds for this group all year. Earlier this year, Havoc had the very last Killdozer concert ever on tap, and the SFC froze funding then too. Call me stupid, but this just is not right.

Havoc is an excellent organization started by a group of students to fund the local bands, and now just because the same people who happen to be members of the group are playing in the band the SFC is whining. That is wrong.

I am aware that there are laws in which the SFC has to work, but those laws can be amended. Havoc concerts are something that I learn about and look forward to for a long time. Once you have been to one of their concerts, you learn that things are not the same in this world as they seem.

Who can forget, in October of 1996 the band F.U.N.? Or the naked fat white drummer trick that

the Redd Headed Stepchildren played two concerts ago? I had to miss this most recent concert because I was sick, but I bet it was just as fun as the other ones.

The SFC has been playing around with the Havoc organization ever since I started this college last year, and I wish that they would just leave them alone. This organization is my favorite one on campus, and I strongly believe that their concerts are the best part of my college experience so far.

I am sure that Mike Porter has done nothing illegal in the handling of the affairs of this group. His band is one of the best that I have seen, and I thoroughly enjoy their brand of music.

Does this freezing of the funds mean that now he can no longer bring his own band to the concerts? Does it mean that he has to resign to have an outlet for his band to play on campus? Because I believe that if this is so, it is wrong.

The bands that Havoc bring in are excellent, and not just Mike's band. ManRay, Tunes, the Pounding, Crawl, and that band with the really weird German name are all supported by this organization.

Does the SFC freezing of the funds mean that it no longer wants to help local bands?

Kelly Myers

ASNMU pres will work for changes

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank all the students who voted for me and/or helped me with my winning campaign.

The students wanted someone who was willing to speak out; I am that someone. The students wanted a voice among the administration; that voice is mine. Well, the votes have been tallied. The so-called "faithful 5 percent" that The North Wind wrote about showed up (PLUS SOME)! The North Wind felt that students didn't want to see someone with experience on the ASNMU board. The students disagreed. This election points to only one thing; Ryan Weidner, our new ASNMU president, has proved himself "worthy of a higher office" and "earned it" in the minds of the student body.

I will do all I can, to see that I meet the expectations that have been set before me by the students, the fellow board members, the university, and God. It is time for a change! The reason for this, is that everything around us is constantly changing. If we stand in the road with our hands in our pockets we are bound to be run over! I think that there is a lot of potential in our university, our administration, and our students at Northern. I am a student president who is willing to work hard to unleash that potential.

I will be a president who encourages students, when they see me, to ask, "Mr. President, what are you going to accomplish this week?" Busy people DO get things done. It is time for the university, as a whole, to get busy.
 Ryan Weidner
 ASNMU President

Holiday message welcome

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the faculty and staff that were listed with the Easter Affirmation last week.

It means a lot to fellow Christians when faculty and staff make a stand for Christ. The familiar names were encouraging to see. It is good to know that we Christians can take a stand and be heard. The courage and boldness of these people encourages me to likewise stand for Christ.

I know that I am not alone when saying thanks for standing up for your Christian beliefs and being associated with them. I encourage all to take the invitation and see what Jesus Christ can mean to you.

Sarah Hill



The Hale-Bopp Express:

Behavior regulation will hurt freedom

It's Easter Sunday as I write this, one of the two major celebrations of the Christian religion — and, some might well argue, a celebration which has survived longer than any other. It may have been politicized and canonized through the centuries, but this holiday which celebrates the resurrection of Spring, the return to life after a long, cold winter, touches us all on a primal level, as well. We might be civilized, but we still maintain that animal instinct that welcomes that long-sought warmth.

Don Wilkie

Staff
Columnist

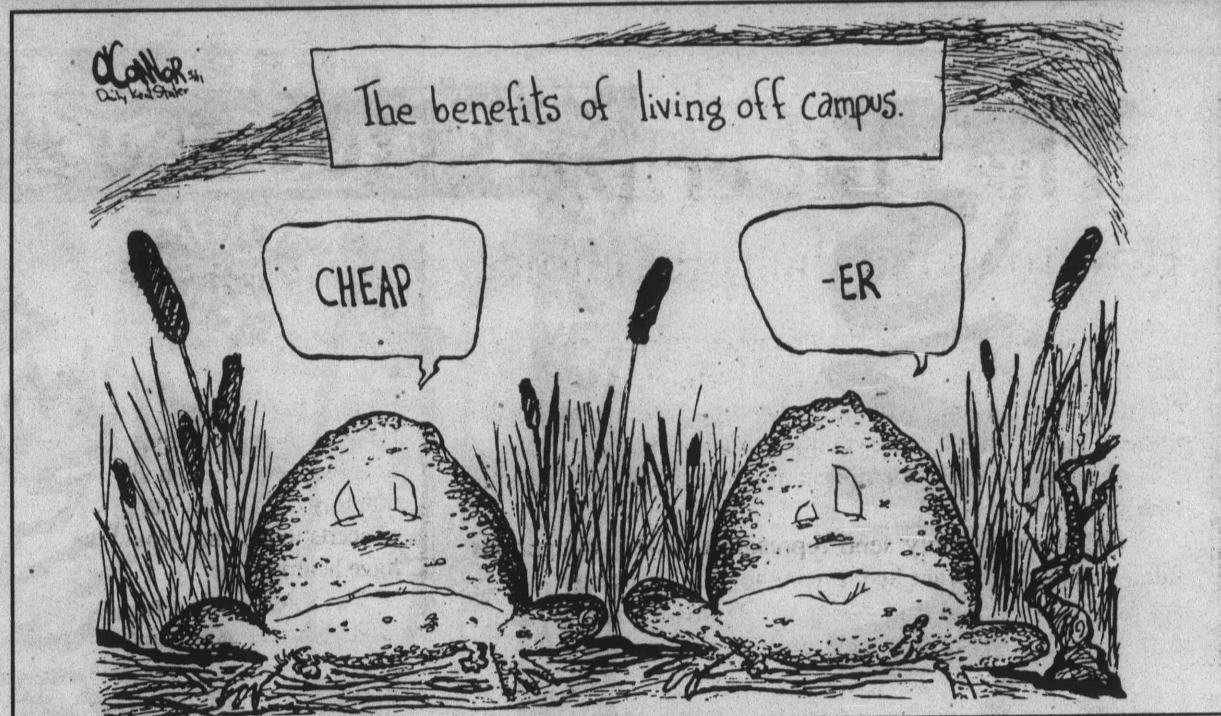
Meanwhile, out in California, authorities continue attempting to unravel the enigma of mass suicide committed by a religious cult that apparently believed that "gwine to hebbin" would be most easily accomplished by mixing stellar myths and fast-acting poison. No longer did they need to wait for some far-distant Redemption Day; the Hale-Bopp Express was coming down the street, and all they had to do was hop on and they'd be trodding those streets of gold come sundown. Crazy? Maybe, but the links between their ideas, Christian teachings and ancient myths of renewal are more than tenuous, I would suggest.

Besides, shouldn't these religious fanatics (although they may be a bit redundant) have the right to believe — and to proselytize — whatever they want? Shouldn't we all? Because we can't, you know. The old "names will never hurt me" free-speech philosophy has been supplanted by a new, more politically correct "keep your mouth shut or be sued for harassment." Just imagine Jesus being chastised for his Sermon on the Mount: "Well, it was nice as far as it went, but you didn't mention some of the other minorities, and we're really more concerned about diversity than we are about standards."

Free speech is more and more in danger; witness the attacks on the Internet access by means of the Communications Decency Act, for instance. Take a look at the books that have been banned from school libraries lately. Read some of the campus policies about "hate speech." You'll find that we are a whole lot less able to express ourselves than you might expect.

You might ask yourself, "Should the government have the last word regarding what I can say or do?" Of course not. And yet, more and more often, that seems to be the case. We no longer control our behaviors from within; we depend upon laws and regulations to control them for us. And the more behavior we allow to be regulated — whether it's seat belts, content-based television ratings, underage smoking laws (or any smoking laws, for that matter), or illegal search and seizure as implemented lately by the state Legislature — the closer we are to losing our freedom.

Because once behavior is sufficiently regulated, Big Brother will start to work on our beliefs. In fact, I might suggest he's already well on the way. All too soon, I fear, "thought crime" will be more than just a phrase from Mr. Orwell's book.



Student speechless from conversation

To the Editor:

I was in the cafeteria recently and overheard a group of students discussing selective breeding (i.e. eugenics). I was so astonished that I was speechless.

One of the more unbelievable points was that one was an African-American, and another stated that she was ADD with an ADHD child. This is an extremely sad commentary on our educational system, as well as the intelligence of our college students in America. Who do these students believe would make this decision on the criteria for selective breeding? Would it be President Bill "Show Me the Money" Clinton? Or, would it be President "Beautiful Sidewalks" Vandament? Or maybe it would be our representative Bark "Police State" Stupid?

Weren't these students educated in black history? This was tried in Germany in the middle of the century. They had a wonderful affirmative-action program! It was the disabled in the institutions, and the minority races who actually

beat the Jewish citizens to the ovens! I believe that Germany still has the patent rights in force for this wonderful procedure. In this country, every human being has the right to live, have liberty and the chance to succeed and contribute, regardless of race, color, age, sex, disability, etc. There hasn't been an American born yet with the intelligence to decide who lives or who dies. These fools need to get back and read some history books and quit wasting the taxpayers money by playing at going to college.

I am embarrassed that this is even being discussed! If this is truly how the people of America are thinking, we are truly bound to repeat history. And are they truly ignorant enough to consider this option. If this is how it is to be no wonder that the partial birth abortion ban was such an issue! IF the children being born aren't perfect, let's just jab a pair of forceps into the back of their neck and suck their brains out! What a great "final solution"!

Beth Frederick

Congratulations to the new student fellows

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What is your dream summer job?



"I'd like to be a dolphin trainer at Sea World."

Marti Chinn,
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"One where I can just sit on my butt all day."

Jennifer Priebe,
Sophomore



"Driving the Budweiser delivery truck."

Jodi Haight,
Freshman



"I'd like to be the towel girl at a men's health club."

Jodie Filpus,
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How to become a writer in two weeks or less

"The world and I have nothing left to say to each other. I have exhausted the mundane, scraped the bottom of the banal. I'm tapped," I wail to my mother. "You might as well turn me in and get your deposit."

This paranoid phone call has become my preliminary ritual to writing a column. I ooze uncertainty and self-doubt through the phone lines only to hear "Perk up," from my mother (who somehow mistakes me for a coffee pot) and "Put your mind to it." I could put my elbow to it, maybe even a finger or a toe to it. But most of the time my mind doesn't rise to the occasion. It doddles and meanders, making use of every rest stop on the way to productivity.

I chose to write about writing today (all right, I admit I hadn't a clue from the zoo what else to write about) because many, many people (you both know who you are) have stopped me right on the street and asked me what my process is when I write a column (OK, so they were only asking for directions, but the look in their eyes told me they were thirsty for secrets).

The whole thing usually takes about a week even though I race to get the actual writing done in about 45 minutes, since I'm always at least two days late for my deadline. (Yeah, yeah, mea culpa, mea culpa, I drip with contrition.) First I try very, very hard to think of a topic, come up with nothing, break into a sweat of terror, then watch a little TV (I recover quickly).

You see, I rarely come up with my own subjects. They usually just crawl onto my lap and beg to be mocked, twisted, and satirized.

For example, there's Pablo who works in my office. Little does he know that every time he's overcome with the desire to break into song while stapling or capture the mystery of improvisational dance on his way to answer the phone, I'm taking it all in and someday it'll come pouring out in print.

When I finally secure a topic I mull it over in the bathtub, in bed, on the sofa. A prone position is best for mulling. Then I resolve to get up at 5 a.m. the next morning and put fingers to keyboard. At around 10 a.m. I rise and travel the scenic route to my computer. After all, coffee must be made, music chosen and re-chosen, lights dimmed. I sit down and type my name.

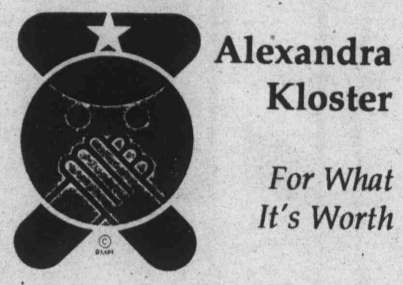
"Oh God, my name will be on this," I realize, and grimace with fear. I try to invoke my muse, but her machine says she's off inspiring Dave Barry, so I go it alone.

After many stops and starts, in between which I ask myself, "Who are you kidding?" and "Who do you think you are?" I eventually finish and fax it smoking and smoldering before I get a chance to retract anything.

I used to read each one to Jack before relinquishing my power over them. If I received laughter or annoyance, I knew I was on the right track. Anything in between was just boring.

Speaking of Jack, the two questions I am asked most often by readers are, "Is Jack a real person?" and "Why don't you change that picture in the paper?"

The answers are: A, as far as I know. And B, in my line of work the land of incognito is sometimes the best place to lurk.



Alexandra Kloster

For What It's Worth

DIVERSIONS

Working hard behind hard behind the scenes

The life of one of Northern's most dedicated servants is more than scrubbing floors

By ROGER WICKSTROM
Staff Writer

She loves auto racing and casino gambling, and once had to break a toilet to retrieve a misplaced deodorant stick. Barb Erickson is the custodian of Van Antwerp Hall.

Erickson is best known to the students she serves and the staff of NMU's housing and residence life as a hard worker—Director of Housing and Residence Life, Carl Holm,

attributes many of Van Antwerp's improvements to her—but there is much more to this gentle grandmother than meets the eye.

"I ran off and got married before graduation [from high school]," Erickson said with a smile. "I got married young, raised my kids when I was young and grew up with them."

Erickson was born and raised in Marquette, the second of seven children. She attended Bishop Baraga High School, but decided to postpone graduation to elope. She and her prospective husband, Gary, didn't

run too far for the ceremony, though; they got hitched in Marquette and have lived here ever since. They are the parents of five.

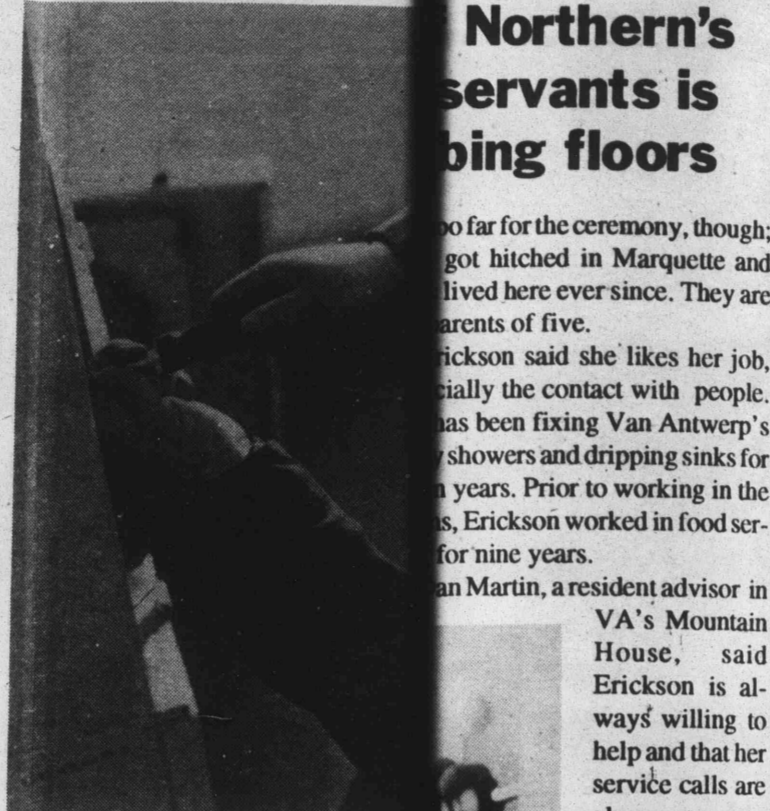
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Erik Bork, a VA resident and part-time custodial aide to Erickson, said, "She's one of the nicest people I've ever met. She gives up a lot of herself."

Bork said he enjoys working for Barb because she isn't always look-



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Erickson said the weirdest thing she has experienced while working in the dorms was a toilet that was plugged with a deodorant case.

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of-tricks, she had to break the toilet. "The toilet was a loss," Erickson said. She added that what was odder was "we had two of them like that—probably within a year's time."

Erickson and her husband enjoy auto racing, casino gambling, bowling and eating out in their free time.

"I'm a Dale Earnhardt fan," she said. "[Attending races] is something we do regularly; at least once a year we go to a NASCAR race."

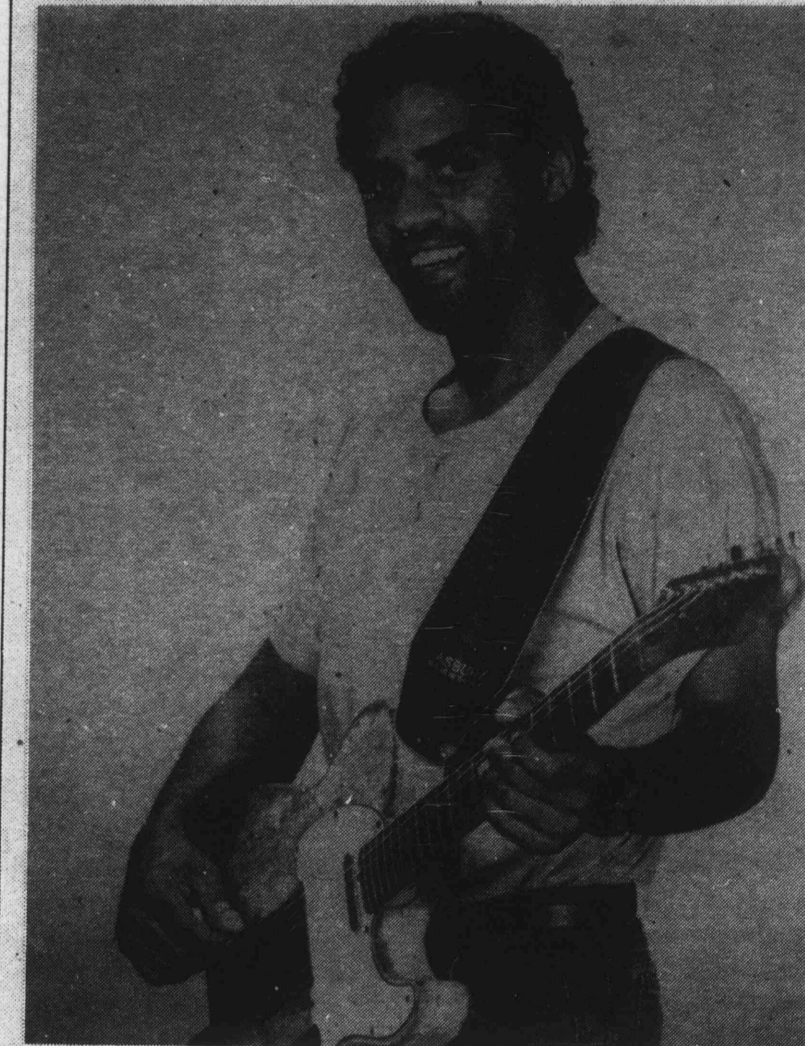
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They plan on watching the Goodwrench 400 at Michigan International Speedway this summer.

Erickson has not been to Las Vegas yet to satisfy her hankering for big winnings, but would like to go. "Usually we go on a little circuit around Michigan and Wisconsin—usually just a fast week-end," she said. She added she normally wins "just enough to keep me going."

Erickson has plenty of other things to keep her going, including seven grandchildren. The gambling grandma joked that having seven grandkids, with the eighth on the way, "puts quite a crunch on my money now." She said becoming a grandma was the neatest thing to ever happen to her.

Smooth blues



Kenny Neal, nationally known blues artist, performs in concert on Friday in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. The concert concludes this year's Cultural Events Series at NMU, beginning with local group Fast Eddie Blues Band at 7:30 p.m.

Neal performs beginning at 9 p.m. A dance floor and cash bar are provided. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU faculty and staff and \$10 for the general public. For more information call 227-1032.

—By Kerry Steinmetz

The NORTH WIND Top Ten

Top Ten Reasons to Join a Cult

10. Everyone else is doing it.
9. Your strange ideas are accepted by your friends.
8. You can view Hale-Bopp close up.
7. You don't have to watch TV to be brain washed.
6. It's your last chance to advance beyond human.
5. The great endorsement contracts with Nike.
4. You don't have to think for yourself.
3. They're to die for.
2. Free Kool-Aid.
1. Montana is a beautiful part of the country.

Experiencing culture at NMU—sort of at NMU—sort of

By JEREMIAH FRENCH
Features Staff Reporter

It would be interesting to find exactly how many students NMU has toted to the Windy City. Every semester for 25 or more years, the art and design department's "Social Structures and Concepts" class, which is required for art majors, has taken a four-day trip to Chicago.

It is the only class at Northern or Michigan Tech that takes such a trip, and since it has become such a long-standing tradition, nobody can really say how it got started.

Prof. Dale Wedig said the class is centered around how an artist relates to society, much of which is "real philosophical." Therefore, the trip is intended to introduce the students to the art world and show them firsthand what common artists contribute to society. Generally, it is a requirement that is well accepted by students.

"I think it's definitely a helpful trip," art student Yvonne LeMire said. "We went to some plays and a lot of art museums and many students

wouldn't go to those alone."

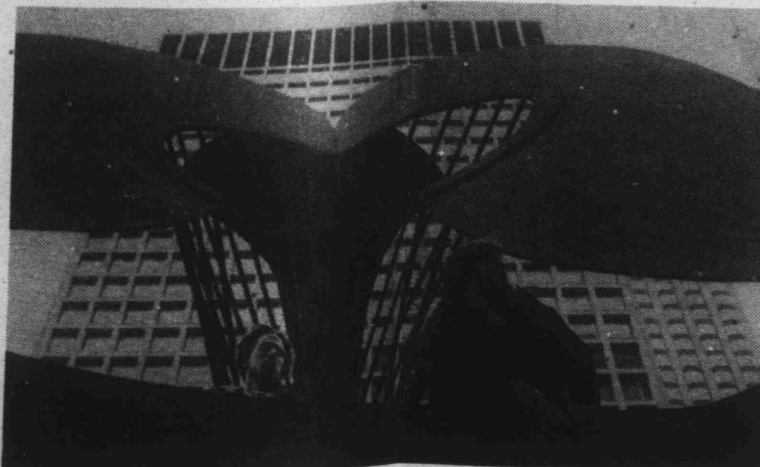
"It gets you thinking about your future and where you should be sending portfolios and how your work is going to be received," said Anastasia Bauman. "And when you go into galleries, you get to see how snooty they are."

For most, field trips may seem nothing but a fond memory of elementary school, but given the manageable size of most of Northern's classes, those glory days may be well within reach.

The only thing one really needs to get a class on its way is the cooperation of a faculty member and possibly some help from the Dean of Students Office. This

could prove helpful to many departments.

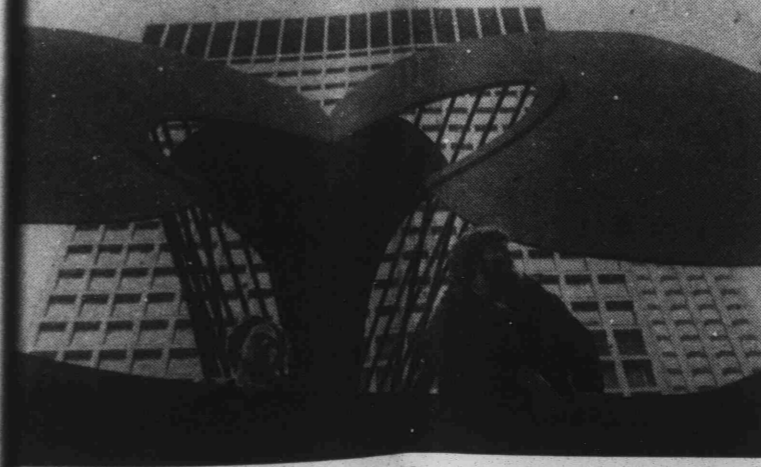
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Features Briefs

Opera Workshop

The NMU Opera Theater Workshop presents scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" at 7:30 tonight in Jamrich 103. Admission is free. For more information call 227-1038.

Renaissance Festival

A Celebration of Theatre and Cuisine takes place at NMU's Jacobetti Center at 6 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$25 for First Nighter Club members, \$30 for nonmembers. For more information call 227-2627.

Spring Carnival

Mortar Board and the International Students Club sponsor a winter-ending celebration at 7 p.m. Sunday in the U.C. Great Lakes Rooms. Free food, refreshments, free entertainment—everything is absolutely, positively, irrevocably free! For more information call 228-3891.

Kurt Vonnegut

Platform Personalities presents the author of "Slaughterhouse Five" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the U.C. Great Lakes Rooms. Admission is free to NMU students, \$3 for nonstudents. Vonnegut's appearance is funded by the Student Activity Fee.

Destined for greatness

By JEREMIAH FRENCH
Features Staff Reporter

Rachmaninoff? Liszt? Chopin? Here comes Northern student Angie Rohlik. The senior music major performs her senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Jamrich 103.

Senior recitals, a requirement for music majors, give faculty and students alike a chance to measure the progress made in four years.

With a slew of awards in various competitions and performances, Rohlik has made a habit of excellence. Her performance is twice the length of the average student's.

"I'm doing a little more than normal, which I don't know why I decided to do, but it's starting to affect me now," Rohlik said with a laugh.

Even with all her experience she still gets worked up and uneasy when it comes to performing.

"It hasn't gotten a whole lot easier. If I start worrying about who's in the audience, it starts to bother me."

Despite Angie's uneasiness, Dr. Nancy Redfern, who has worked with Angie for almost five years, has full confidence in her.

"Angie started, as a freshman, very well prepared. She has tackled some... difficult projects and done really well with them. Her recital is going to be kind of a monument to that," Redfern said.

In the future, Angie plans to attend graduate school and move on in the "music world." If nothing else she plans to conquer Rachmaninoff's third piano concerto.

"Rachmaninoff is like the piano god I think. There was another piano major here last year and we were like: 'Someday we'll be able to play that!' It's just an incredible piece."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Trevor Janicki, left, and the NMU Wildcats defeated the national champions, North Dakota, 2-1 in February.

'Cats take positive step

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

"Hop on! It's going to be a heck of a ride" should have been the warning given to NMU hockey fans before the 1996-97 season because it was a roller-coaster ride filled with many highs and lows.

The Wildcats rebounded from their worst season ever in 1995-96 with a respectable 13-24-3 record last season. NMU head coach Rick Comley was pleased the 'Cats improved, but he was looking for more. "I am happy from the standpoint that we're much improved over a year ago, but I still think we could have won a few more games," Comley said. "Overall it's a positive step, but I am not satisfied."

The season was highlighted with a win over eventual national champion North Dakota on Feb. 14. NMU defeated two other nationally ranked teams — Colorado College (No. 5 in the nation at the time and an eventual Final Four participant) and Minnesota (No. 3 in the nation at the time).

The freshmen had a vast impact on the team's success. Four freshmen — Bud Smith (13), Roger Trudeau (12), J.P. Vigier (10) and Tyson Holly (10) scored at least 10 goals. Only eight other freshmen in the WCHA reached that plateau. Smith led the team in goals, assists

(20) and points (33) to earn a spot on the WCHA All-Rookie Team. Vigier ranked second on the team with 24 points and Trudeau's 12 goals was second best. The freshmen contributed 59 percent of NMU's goals.

"The freshmen came in and performed extremely well," junior defenseman Rocky Welsing said. "Since I've been here the freshmen haven't had that much production."

Northern showed early signs of a team that could compete with the nation's best on Oct. 18. The Wildcats made a courageous comeback when nationally ranked Lake Superior State jumped out to a 4-1 lead before NMU roared back in front of an ecstatic crowd at Lakeview Arena to tie the contest. The 'Cats topped Colorado the next weekend.

"I was very encouraged to be playing good against teams like that, but it was too early to look ahead," Comley said.

The Wildcats then fell into a season-high eight-game losing streak. "We were frustrated," Comley said. "We lost some tough games that we could have gotten a point or two in."

NMU then split two games with Minnesota at home and stole three of four points from Denver. "It was clear to all of us that we were a much better team and we were going to do better at home than on the road," Comley said.

NMU played its first games ever outside of the U.S. by winning the Saskatchewan Chillout in December. The tournament started the Wildcats' longest winning streak (four games) of the season.

"The tournament was a real building block. The teams we played weren't the caliber of a Minnesota or a Colorado, but they were good teams and we played well, and it gave us a feeling of success," Comley said.

The 'Cats rolled over Laurentian, 9-3, before the winning streak came to an end at Madison, when Wisconsin handed NMU a 4-1 defeat.

The season hit a sudden, unexpected fall in January when NMU was swept at home against Alaska-Anchorage, which was three points behind the 'Cats prior to the series.

"That was the low point of the season. For the first and only time all year I kind of went into a series thinking we could win two games and were counting them before we actually played them," Comley said.

"I think we were overconfident heading into the series, but I don't mean that in a negative way. We looked a little bit ahead for the first time."

Northern's collapse was extended to six games before the Wildcats finished the season with a flurry. NMU closed the regular season with a 4-1-1 mark which included wins over North Dakota, Michigan Tech, and Minnesota-Duluth.

"In the whole second half I was encouraged and the last stretch I thought we were playing well. We went into the playoffs on a positive note," Comley said.

NMU had upset on its minds heading into the WCHA playoffs against St. Cloud State, but the season came to a screeching stop with 5-2 and 3-2 defeats.

DeCremer finishes career at NMU

By JON SICOTTE
Sports Staff Reporter

She's "tenacious" to NMU women's head basketball coach Mike Geary, she's a "cry-baby" to others in and around the league.

NMU forward basketball standout Shana DeCremer describes herself as a hard-nosed, physical player. "I've also been called the dirtiest player in the conference, just because I play hard," DeCremer said. "I like physical

play. If I was coaching against myself, I'd tell my players, 'Beat on DeCremer.'"

DeCremer said she credits her physical play to when she traveled 31 miles every Sunday to play against men.

DeCremer was born in L'Anse and raised in Trout Creek, Mich.

She said her first organized basketball game was in the fifth grade. After four years of playing varsity at Ewen-Trout Creek High School, she had earned the

Porcupine Mountain Conference MVP, the U.P. Class D MVP, a U.P. All-Class Dream Team selection, and also the MVP at the U.P. All-Star Game.

DeCremer's family, especially her grandfather, helped her out. "He was very hard on me," DeCremer said. "I had 43 points in one game and after [the game] he told me if I would have hit a few more layups, I could have had 50."

She really didn't know where she wanted to go to college after high school so she chose the school that recruited her first, Michigan Tech. After majoring in business management and playing for two years, DeCremer decided to trans-

fer to NMU so she could major in education. "The only thing I didn't like [about MTU] was the schooling. I didn't think that would make a big difference, but obviously it did," DeCremer said.

DeCremer knew that she would have to make a few adjustments by moving schools.

"I was more nervous with fitting in with the girls than playing with them," she said.

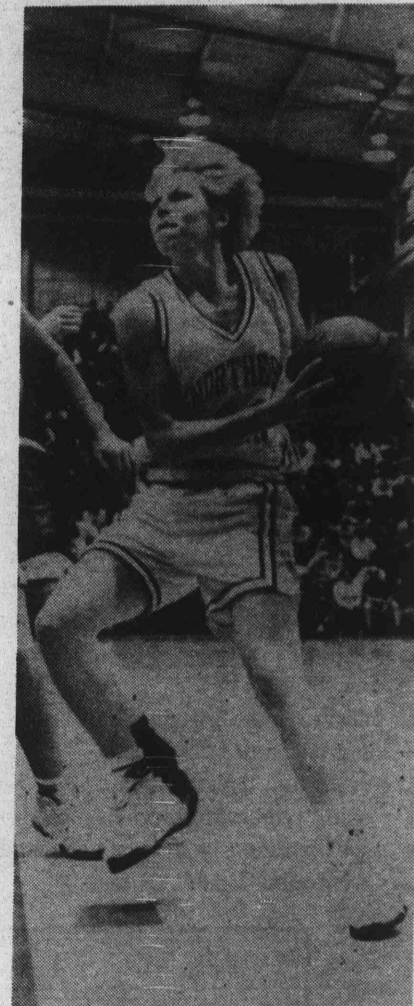
DeCremer led NMU to the regional finals in the NCAA and received an All-American nod this season, but she said she still considers the 1995-96 season as her favorite.

"Going to Kentucky [for the NCAA Great Lakes championship] and then North Dakota [for the Elite Eight] was just a lot of fun for everyone. It was harder this year because I knew it was my last year," she said.

DeCremer led the GLIAC in scoring (19.4 points a game) and rebounding (7.5 a game). She finished her career with 1,631 total points combined at NMU and MTU (68 points fewer than the all-time leading scorer at NMU).

There was a possibility for her to go to Europe to play professionally, but DeCremer knew that wasn't for her. "To be honest, I don't think I could go. I love the U.P. and I'm really close to my family. I don't think I could hop on a plane and leave this [area]."

Although her playing days are over she still plans on staying at NMU. "I'm going to finish up my degree and be a student assistant coach for the team next season. It'll be nice to stay, but watching the games will be hard."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Shana DeCremer finished as Northern Michigan University's 12th leading scorer of all-time.

Wildcat golfers finish 12th at District 4 Tournament

By CHRIS BARRUS
Sports Staff Reporter

The signs of spring are in the air, and although you might not be hearing anyone yell "fore" on your local golf course anytime soon, the NMU men's golf team has already gotten into the swing of its spring schedule.

The Wildcats traveled to Louisville, Ky., for the NCAA II District 4 Tournament held March 24 and 25. The tournament was played in terrible weather conditions with strong winds, cold temperatures and rain which affected the scores. The 'Cats finished with a total score of 670, coming home with 12th place among 17 teams.

The Wildcats, comprised of five sophomores, were led by

Casey VanDamme's and Preston Maki's 164s. NMU's Cory Korpi and Colin Oas both shot 173s and Dennis Jahn shot 175.

"We didn't play great, but we did OK considering we didn't have any practices before the tournament," VanDamme said.

VanDamme said a couple of the team members have been able to work on their swings using the golf simulator in the PEIF building to prepare for the season.

"I think we are capable of playing better than we did," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said, "although it is so hard to factor anything in because we are right out of the snow banks.

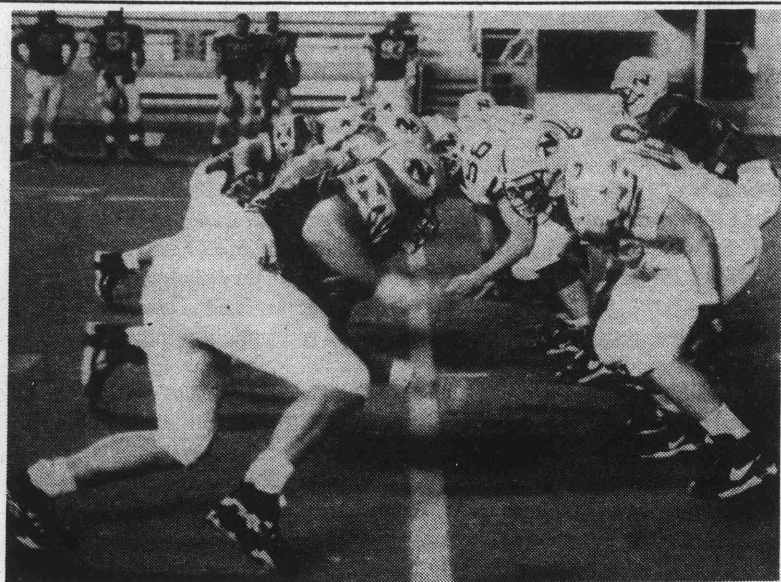
"The second day was great. I thought we played very good," Ellis said. "Our four and five guys both shot 84s, which

is a good score in that weather. Cory Korpi and Dennis Jahn were key scores for us and I think they will progress more as the season goes on."

VanDamme said one of the team's goals this year is to qualify for nationals as a team but feels like they might have to win the tournament in order to do that.

NMU's next meet will be April 18 and 19 at the Ashland (Ohio) Invitational.

"We won't be able to practice any time soon. The other schools in our league will get to practice because their courses are open. So we'll get behind, but our conference championship is in May. We will try to build for that as the season goes on and try to get as competitive as we can," Ellis said.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Northern Michigan's football spring practice schedule has started at the Superior Dome. The 'Cats annual spring scrimmage is on April 12.

Intramurals

Shooters stop 4-peat's legacy, 57-31 in finals

By RONALD SEABERRY JR.
Staff Writer

The Shooters prevented 4-peat from winning four consecutive women's basketball championships with a 57-31 thumping. Stephanie Anderson and Molly Sayen combined for 34 points for the Shooters, who played the entire game with five players.

The volleyball championship pitted Net Dreams against Freebirds. Net Dreams locked up the Freebirds in two straight games, 15-8, 15-5. Net Dreams is a team comprised of club volleyball players, and they have won the championship for the last three years.

In the final of co-rec basketball, Terra's scratched up the Panthers, 68-36. Tony Ranguette and Melissa Rinne led Terra's with 19 and 14 points, respectively.

In men's basketball, Gender Benders went undefeated throughout the entire season as they outlasted Sam Ragnone Attorney, 73-65, in the championship game. The Gender Benders were led by Matt Hoard's 23 points and Jason Charbonneau's 22 points.

Mackers macked all over Breakwater in floor hockey, 11-0, as Jason Gendron scored five goals and Steven Sherwood scored three for Mackers. In other floor hockey

games, Lambda Chi shut out Naked Slap Shooters, 1-0. Robert Greene scored the lone goal for Lambda Chi. Plute's Angels beat Octagon IV, 5-2, as Marc Pomroy scored three goals for Plute's Angels.

In a high-offensive softball duel, Yer Mother outscored Nimbo, 17-15. Kevin Bentz and Nick Baroski each reached base three times. 4U2NV spanked Delta Chi, 14-5. Kelly Marthen reached base five times for 4U2NV. The Sundevils scorched Stormfront, 15-0, in a mercy win in two innings. Softballs Hardbats smacked Bush League, 6-2, as Corey Cobanovich went three-for-four.

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

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

FRI., April 4

Cultural Events: Kenny Neal and His New Orleans Band will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$8 for NMU faculty/staff, and \$10 for the general public. For phone orders call 227-1032.

Bahai Association: "How do you know right from wrong?" This group discussion will be in 146 Magers from noon-1 p.m. For more information, call Rod Claren at 227-1881.

German Luncheon Table: Each Friday from noon until 1 p.m., the

"O, for a muse of fire, that would ascend the brightest heaven of invention! A kingdom for a stage, princes to act, and monarchs to behold the swelling scene!" -Henry V, II

German Club will hold a luncheon in conference room 130 B in the basement of the LRC. You're welcome to join us even though you may not speak German well. Das spielt keine rolle! The purpose is to have a good time and a leisurely lunch.

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

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

SAT., April 5

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

Women's Rugby: Practice will be held at 1 p.m. in the Aerobics Room at the PEIF. All are welcome. For more info, call Heather at 226-9504.

SUN., April 6

Women's Rugby Practice: 6:45 p.m. in the Aerobics Room at the PEIF. All are welcome. For more info, call Heather at 226-9504.

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.

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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 each week. Join the sisterhood! Dress casual. For more information, call Heather May at 226-9504.

Film: "Chain Reaction" (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., April 7

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Women's Rugby: Practice will be held at 6 p.m. in the Dome. All are welcome. For more info, call Heather at 226-9504.

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Graduate Assistant Association: The Graduate Assistant Association will be holding a meeting at 1 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center. Beverages will be provided; please bring a sack lunch. This meeting is open to all graduate students. For more information, call Michele at 227-2216.

WED., April 9

College Republicans: Weekly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 311. For more information, call Aimee at 228-7677.

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.

International Experiences Organization: Weekly meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 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 aemst@nmu.edu.

Women's Rugby: Practice will be held at 6 p.m. in the Dome. All are welcome. For more info, call Heather at 226-9504.

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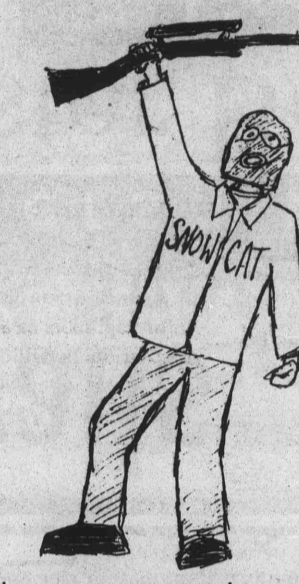
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Hockey Wildcats defeated by intramural team in overtime

By BRUCE LANGHORNEE-FITZGIBBON-RHEA

Staff Pimp

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Sports Staff "Writer"

If you thought the NMU hockey team played poorly in some of their games last season, you didn't see anything.

The Pride, the worst intramural hockey team besides a team that had women on it, defeated the NMU varsity hockey team, 3-2, in an exhibition game last Friday. "We took them for granted," NMU head hockey coach Slick Konley said. "We started off the game screwing around a little bit, then we got behind and it was too late. We're going to be inconsistent because we skate 10 freshmen a night, but it was a learning experience."

Pride goalie Kevin Smitty stopped 83 of 85 shots that were blasted at him by the Wildcats. "He played awesome," Pride forward Kor K. Korp said. "That was the best that I have ever seen a goalie play."

Konley was impressed too. "He will definitely get a shot on next year's team."

The Pride, even though they sucked against intramural teams, was confident that they could win. "Before the game I got this funny feeling that we could win," Smitty said. "I think I have ESPN."

The first period was scoreless before the Pride jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 3:37 of the second when Korp left NMU goalie Deedee Kochehead's jock hanging out on a breakaway. Spike Chiquet extended the Pride's lead to 2-0 at 13:39 of the second. Chiquet, a self-considered thug that can't skate, found himself in front of the net with the puck. "I can't believe we beat a Division I hockey team, and we couldn't beat a group of ex-Redmen icers," Chiquet said. "We really got frick'n lucky."

The Wildcats finally beat Smitty at 1:35 of the third. NMU tied the game 24 seconds later, but the Pride responded when Bruce Langhornee (the E's are silent) scored the game winning goal at 4:34 of overtime. "I made Kochehead look like an ass," Langhornee (the E's are silent) said. "I was pretty pumped when I saw the puck cross the line."

Coach/player Ed Einstien said, "Bring on the Denver Snowflakes! The Mighty *ucks! We'll kick all their asses!!!"

Summary:

1st base — No "scoring".

2nd base — 1. Pride, 3:37; Korp (666) (Langhornee (the e's are silent), Sergei Finnenen). 2. Pride, 13:39; Chiquet (1) (Ka-Ka Keller, Derlick Guppie)

3rd base — 3. NMU, 1:35; D.J. VanBuggin (2) (Roman Meal, Brat Timid) 4. NMU, 1:59; Meal (2) (VanBuggin, Timid)

Home Run — 5. Pride, 4:34; Langhornee (the E's are silent) (69) (Joe Z. "Hanson", Simon Says)

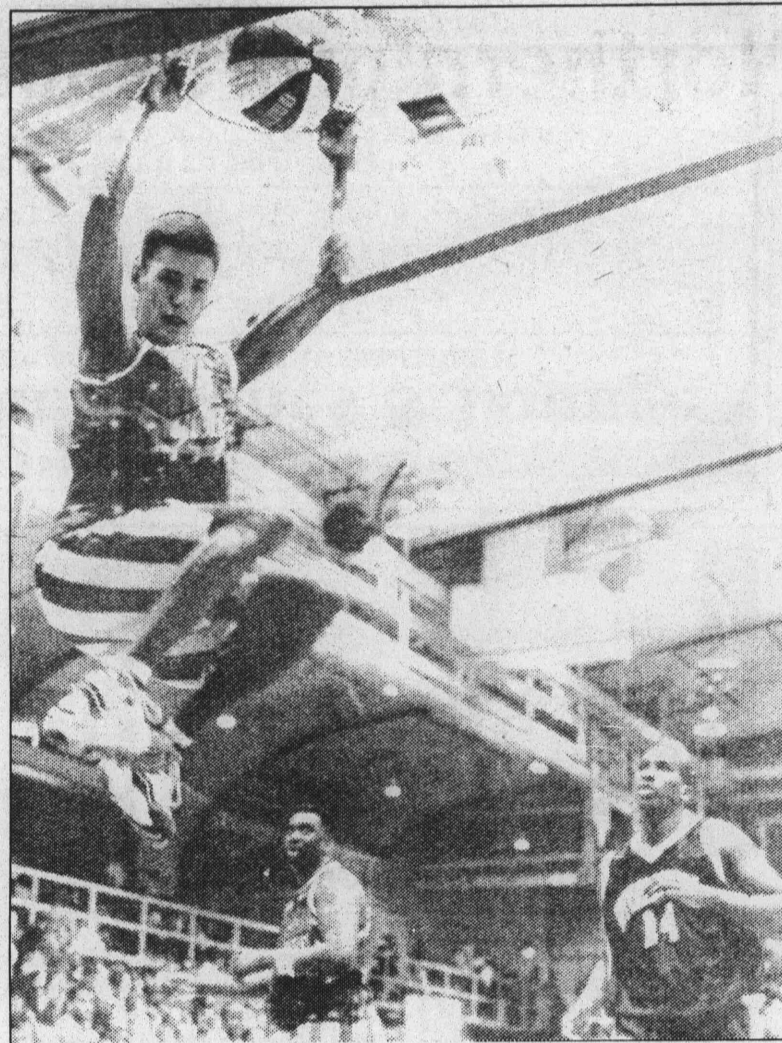
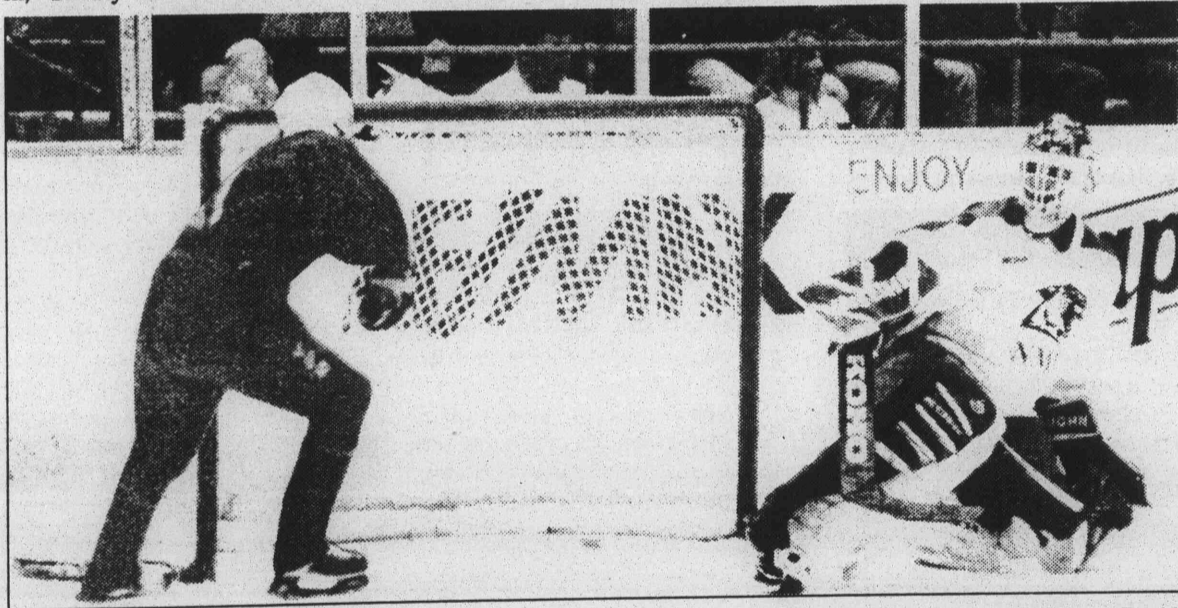


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Cory Brathol, NMU's leading scorer last season, has decided to quit playing basketball for NMU and has joined the Harlem Globtrotters. The News Factory obtained this photo from an unidentified source.



News Factory photo by Duane Buckhob

Kor K. Korp, forward for the Pride intramural hockey team and not actually 3 feet tall, slides the puck past NMU's Meatier Kochehole in an exhibition game last Friday. The Pride shocked NMU 3-2, winning in overtime.



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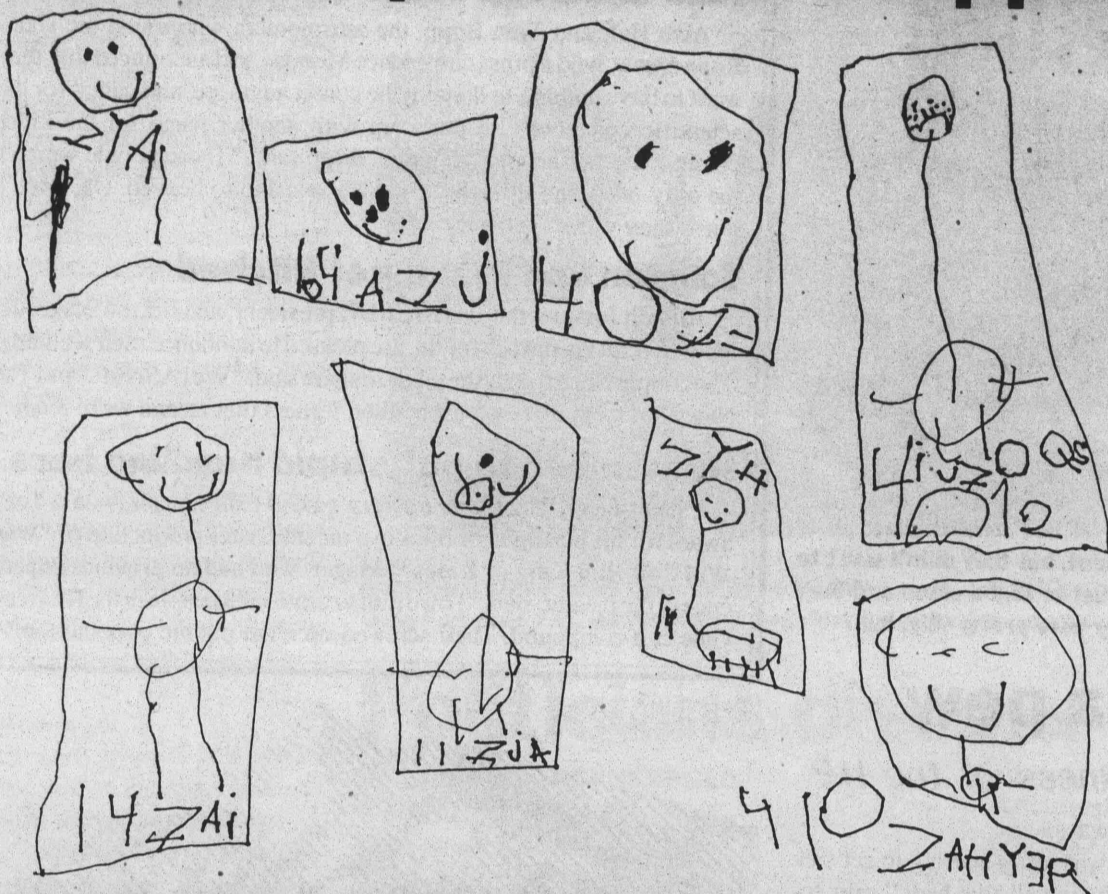
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"The North Wind snakes" by Zachary Fitzgibbon-Rhea is currently on display at the new campus art gallery.

By SPORT-O CUTSTRAIT-FITZGIBBON-RHEA

Tokin' Female

Five-year-old redshirt freshman art student Zachary

Fitzgibbon-Rhea slapped his professor Monday during class.

"He had bad breath," he said. "It made me want to puke."



name here

Eye witnesses said that there was a thin layer of crushed aspirin on the floor, but they didn't want to get close enough to the professor to find out for sure.

According to his parents, Fitzgibbon-Rhea is currently enduring a month-long ban on new toys.

"He is still allowed to get those Happy Meal toys," said his father Saul Fitzgibbon-Rhea, "but he is just going to have to wait for any new Tickle Me Elmo dolls."

The professors union marched on Cohodas after the incident, but then they realized that the ASNMU office was in the UC so they turned around and marched the other way.

But ASNMU said Fitzgibbon-Rhea was well within his rights, and, due to his lack of inexperience with professors, he reacted appropriately.

"Halitosis is a distraction to the entire learning environment," ASNMU said in a propaganda release. "We support Fitzgibbon-Rhea's actions."

The professor, who wished to be named but we decided not to, was referred to the 76 station for breath mints. He was also banned from Amigos until the situation is under control.

"Owie, owie, owie," said the professor. He refused to comment further.

Fitzgibbon-Rhea said he is enjoying the attention and doesn't want the incident to pass. He recently submitted artwork for display in the new art gallery.

"It's The North Wind snakes," he said.

The temperamental budding artist said he is inspired by his life of crime.

"I get out my anger in my art," Fitzgibbon-Rhea said as he

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I heard this story one time about these two girls who were looking for an apartment, but they didn't want to sublease the apartment over the summer and they didn't want to wait until August to find a place and they couldn't believe it when no landlords would save a place for them until fall. They were pretty silly, huh?

Grab your Bibles and find a pew

Marquette to become a guiding light in the darkness of the U.P.

By JIM BLAKE-FITZGIBBON-RHEA
Staff Chaplain

If the powers-that-be have their way, when the students return to Marquette in the fall, Northern Michigan University will be no more, and Northern Seminary will be up and running, cranking out new ministers and ministrresses.

NMU's retiring President Vandammit, the main initiator of the plan, sees this as a way to stick around.

"I said I was retiring from Northern Michigan University, not Northern Seminary," Vandammit said. "I've decided to do away with the Board of Mind-Control and hire myself as the president of the seminary."

Like it or not, students who have signed up for classes next fall are

locked into this arrangement for a two-year commitment, except for those signed up for any journalism, pre-law, or auto-body repair classes.

"These students are just plain undesirable," Vandammit said. "We've always known this, we just couldn't get rid of them while we were a state institution."

The classes students have signed up for will change, Vandammit said, by incorporating religion into every aspect of academics.

"For example," Vandammit said, "All English classes will now be about the Bible. All culinary arts classes will be about the preparation of communion wafers and grape juice."

While most students were originally upset when notified of the change, now the majority of them have seen the light — and the error of

their ways.

"I was really starting to get sick of drinking all that beer," said Joseph Shmoe, a junior studying economics/Bible literature. "And besides, my mom always wanted me to be a minister, and I'm addicted to those communion wafers."

In another surprise move, Vandammit revealed that only the faculty and staff members who ran an ad declaring their faith in a newspaper Easter week will be kept on staff.

"As with the journalism and pre-law students, these other faculty members are going to be run out of town," Vandammit said.

In response to the absence of his name on the Easter ad, Vandammit responded, "I meant to get it in [the ad], but I just missed the deadline. I swear to God."

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Soiled Briefs

Hale and Bopp call it quits for comet

Alan Hale and Tom Bopp, the astronomers who found the Hale-Bopp comet, held a press conference Monday and announced that they want to have nothing to do with the comet anymore, and called for the scientific community to come up with another name for the killer comet. "It's caused enough pain," Bopp said. "Those people weren't the only ones who thought it was a spaceship to heaven. Oh, wait, I guess they were."

Joinson and Blake get hitched

Allison Joinson, the ex-ABCDBD president, and Jimmy Blake, the News Factory's staff chaplain, are pleased to announce their wedding. The couple had a rough start, but Joinson said, "We [ASNMU and The News Factory] still hate each other. I guess that means we're ready."

Remember to put stupid headline here

Chad Mager, The News Factory's UFO Cult Leader, won a Tony award for his portrayal of Silas in a recent Easter production of "Who Will Call Him King of Kings?" Mager, who had no previous experience in the theater, said, "I owe it all to those nice people at the Heaven's Gate cult compound. Their screwed-up ideas put me over the top."



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shakes his rifle in the air, and shouts, "This bus ... go to Libya!" said Mike Foyder, one of the students who was on the bus.

"It was obvious that the one guy couldn't shoot worth a lick, so when we were pulling over I grabbed his Colt .45. He just fell down and started crying," NMU student Chris Dettmer said. "You know, the wierdest part of the whole thing was that all three of these guys were wearing Snow Cat jackets."

"The other guys threw down their weapons when Sean [Belote] started yelling 'Berzerker!' " Foyder said.

Police authorities had been tipped off by Redd Beenzenris, a truck driver. "When I seen these guys with ski masks standing up on that bus waving rifles over their heads, I knew somethin' just weren't right," Beenzenris said.

Beenzenris stopped at a nearby rest area, one of the many in lower Michigan, to call the authorities.

The terrorists, whose identities are yet to be released, seemed to be under the impression that Libya is in Ohio. Apparently they weren't aware of the fact that Libya is located in northern Africa.

The bus had been traveling southbound toward Flint when it was taken over by the terrorists.

The police, thinking that the terrorists were still in control of the bus, kept it surrounded throughout a four-hour standoff.

"Me an' Mariah [Lovely] were sittin' back here sayin', 'What kind of Crazy Bus is this?' " NMU student Josh Richley said.

"Ya know, I was kinda upset. I was kinda looking forward to seeing all that beautiful Lower Michigan has to offer. I was gettin' kinda hungry too. I wanted to eat in Flint, but no ... we had to sit in that damn bus," Richley said.

The three members of Ill Facade were arrested but released on recognisance bonds. Other than a ticket issued for the destruction of public property in the form of the shooting of the road sign, and five MIPs issued to passengers of the charter bus, charges are yet to be filed.

The remainder of the trip was canceled by the authorities as the 16 students were ordered to return to Marquette.

The group would have seen historic Pontiac Silverdome and Tiger Stadium, the world's largest walled prison in Jackson, the world's largest man-made waterfalls: the colorful Cascades Falls, the Bells Brewery and the many Meijer stores.

"Yep, we were gonna go to the Meijers in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Traverse City an' even Detroit." Richley said.



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Although pickled beets have gotten a bad rap, many celebrities continue to enjoy them on a regular basis, including Brad Pitt, Harrison Ford and Gov. Toilet Angler, who uses them in his relaxation exercises.

Politicians discuss bubblegum

By PHREDRIQ BERNSENGER-PHITSGIBBON-RHEA

GW Pretty Boy

Michigan dictator and road-crew chief Toilet Angler and NMU mascot Billy Vandammit met Friday in the Pussy Cat Den to discuss meditation techniques.

"I need a good burger and a barrel of them fried tater things first," Angler said. "It helps me focus my thoughts, and I'm on a very strict diet right now."

Angler donned an apron, killed a Domino's pizza jerk with a bottle of Surge and ran him through a wood chipper before patting the meat into a giant burger.

"Cool," Vandammit said. "Just like in Fargo, eh?"

After his meal, Angler hung his head and immediately slipped into a deep trance. Vandammit quietly picked up his copy of The News Factory and began staring at an "O" on the front page.

For the next three days neither man twitched even so much as a nose hair. NMU Spin Doctor Mik "Clark" Bar issued press releases every hour on the 17th minute proclaiming nothing had changed. At a Sunday news conference, "Clark" Bar said, "Um, um, um."

"Look, it's Santa Claus," said Zachary Fitzgibbon-Rhea as he passed through the Den. "Can I get some toys?" he asked his dad, Saul Fihtzababoon-Rhea.

Angler and Vandammit awoke at 6 a.m. Monday morning to discuss their meditative experiences for an

audience of over-stressed public-relations majors.

"The paper thing works very great for me," Vandammit said, "because nobody can tell if you're asleep or awake. I write my best speeches while staring at Alfred E. Neuman's nose, and the cover of 'The Illustrated Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy' works very great for writing trumpet solos."

Angler just said, "Hey, this guy kind of looks like Santa Claus."

"Clark" Bar closed the session by sending a press release to The News Factory that said, "Mu, mu, mu."

Then a purple chimpanzee from Kalamazoo, who had been hiding in an airduct above Vandammit's office, peed his diapers and Pubic Safety officers had to be called in to extract him, kicking and screeching, from Cohodas.

"After spending all that time in such close proximity to my office, you'd think his stress level would be very, very low," Vandammit said. "I think that little monkey needs to learn how to pretend to read."

"I don't know," Angler said. "I just don't know."

"Clark" Bar directed an unknown subject to write a press release with his name on it that said, "Um, mu, Um, mu, Um, mu," and he subjected the crying person to taunts of, "I'm sending you straight to the Mindless Urinal where you will live out the rest of your days. Type! Type! Type!"

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Radio Sex allowed Green and Rick, who are News Factory employees, to air their show in exchange for free advertising in the student paper.

"We canceled their radio show right away," Yackalot said.

The News Factory countered by dropping Radio Sex's free advertising. Then things got sloppy.

"I didn't see it coming, there was just a whistling sound," Radio Sex DJ Pat Service said. "I was doing my show and [a spit ball] hit me in the ear. The News Factory uses guerilla tactics."

Although they lack the inexperience with paper, the gurus of the airwaves have fought The News Factory to an impasse.

"I was eating lunch in the den when an errant spit ball knocked the peas off my spoon," News Factory Tokin' Female Kirsty Fitzgibbon-Rhea said. "They're poor shooters."

During the 24-hour cease fire, the two sides plan to set a time to discuss a time that they can get together to talk about negotiating a permanent cease fire.

There have been no casualties and no serious injuries in the war.

"It stings for a few seconds," Service said. "News Factory shooters tend to use a lot of spit. I always keep a towel close by."

Fitzgibbon-Rhea denies the allegations. "We follow the rules of engagement," Fitzgibbon-Rhea said. "We do not use guerrilla tactics, and our shooters are trained to conserve their saliva."

Both sides hope to normalize relationships before the end of the school year.

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