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NORTHWIND

NMU's new president didn't come to Marquette with an agenda, but she does have a good idea of the university's top priorities.

A clear mission

By MICHAEL MURRAY Editor in Chief

Judi Bailey says life won't change dramatically for Northern Michigan University students now that she is president, but that doesn't mean she doesn't have some firm ideas about the university's role in the future.

Bailey has said that she didn't come to NMU with an agenda to change the university because it is not an institution that needs fixing. But she does have some concerns and is clear about her top priorities.

"We need to be concerned with enrollment," said Bailey, who comes to Marquette via the University of Maine, where she last served as vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Enrollment figures aren't growing as rapidly as we had hoped, but that's not unlike what's happening across the state in a full-employment economy. We have to retain the students that are here and work on support systems to help them succeed."

Bailey also feels strongly about an often-criticized policy at NMU,

the "right-to-try" program. She said it is possible for a university to strive for academic excellence and accept at-risk students at the same time.

"We look at the regularly admitted student, and we're saying to the right-to-try student that it's not an easy ride," said Bailey, who has worked at other universities with similar programs. "We expect the same out of both students. They both need to carry out their responsibilities and do the work. It's our responsibility to make sure they get the support to achieve."

One area Bailey expects to spend a lot of time in during her tenure at NMU is fundraising. She realizes that just as former President William Vandament created ties with state legislatures, she must do the same to ensure that the university is well-represented in state allocations from

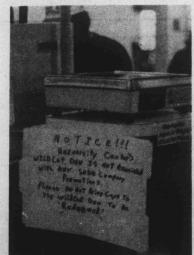
"I know a big priority will be the renovation of the West Science and Seaborg Center facility," she said. "That will open up opportunities for students and programs, and it will take us to a new level of capabilities in science and math education."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Mark Balisi, a senior psychology major from Holland, Mich., relaxes between classes Tuesday by entertaining passersby with his guitar.

Den honors caps for soda, not other prizes



North Wind photo by Duane Pape This sign has recently been removed from the Wildcat Den.

By JERI BELMONT Staff Writer

NMU students trying to redeem bottle caps for price breaks on food and free soda have been turned away recently from the Wildcat Den.

A sign stating the Wildcat Den is not associated with any soda company and will not redeem any prizes has been deterring students.

Both Pepsi and Coke products sponsor contests as an incentive for consumers to buy their products

Keith Blander, district manager of Marquette Bottle Company, said he was unaware of NMU's policy.

"I thought they were redeeming bottles at Northern," Blander said. "It's an obligation for people who sell Coke and Pepsi products."

But NMU Food Service Director Dick Whitman disagreed.

"The only thing we can honor are the redeemable caps for free soda," he said. "We cannot give students the coupons that come on the bottom of the caps."

In some cases there are coupons that give consumers a price break on certain food products.

"Its not a big issue," Whitman said. "We may get five a week if we are lucky."

Food Service turns the redeemed bottle caps in and is reimbursed by the company.

"Originally the UC wasn't accepting redeemable bottle caps and the Quad I was," Whitman said. "Now both the UC and Quad I are accepting redeemables."

A year ago Cat Trax was honoring one-liter redeemable bottle caps, according to Sharon Carey, food services marketing director.

"They do have to honor the caps and are at the Cat Trax," Carey said. "There must have been a misunderstanding regarding the caps, but we are redeeming them."

NMU hosts education summit

Conference set for Friday in UC

By HEATHER JENSEN News Staff Reporter

Several legislators will gather at Northern Michigan University's Don H. Bottum University Center for the Upper Peninsula Education Legislative Summit on Friday.

The summit will bring together 10 to 12 state legislators and 155 U.P. school superintendents and school board members. NMU faculty who focus on school administration will also be present in a supportive role.

The summit will feature state Rep. Mike Prusi (D-N at i o n a l Mine), who will speak at the opening session. A series of workshops, a legis-



Prus

lative panel, some interactive discussion and an evaluation period are also planned. The workshop topics include: indicators of success, how technology can support teaching/ learning, what do our graduates tell us, and Proposal A.

The lunch period is set up to promote networking between school systems, legislators and university personnel upholding the overall partnership theme.

The goals set by coordinators are drawn from a range of views as well as the roles that each institution expects to play. Marquette-Alger Area Schools Superintendent June Schafer was one of the coordinators of the event. Schafer's goal for the event is mainly concerning partnerships.

NEWS

Governing board reconvenes

Representatives discuss oncampus weapon policy at first meeting of the year

By ERIC BRADLEY
News Staff Reporter

College of Arts and Sciences Rep. Phil Webb discussed the possibility of clarifying the language of NMU's Student Code concerning recreational weapons on campus Sunday at ASNMU's first meeting of the school year.

Webb said he would like to see NMU's policy on possessing weapons correspond with the Michigan

Constitution

ASNMU

Constitution.

Webb said
several students were concerned

and the U.S.

with NMU's policy and basic rights written in the constitutions.

"The policy contradicts itself. We don't want to change the policy, we just want to clarify the language to be more consistent," Webb said.

NMU regulations state that all weapons used for recreational purposes must be registered and stored in the Public Safety and Police Services Office.

The weapons are available 24 hours a day to their owners.

In other business, Chief of Staff Terry Hall introduced an idea popular in other schools that features a student representative sitting in on the college and university boards of control.

Michigan State University and Oakland University have already started work on this idea to give the student bodies more say in university decisions.



Hall

Many issues, however, need to be addressed before that change takes place, Hall said; the governor currently appoints board members for all of Michigan's 15 public universities.

"There are a lot of considerations to take into account before this will happen. A student will have to be appointed or elected to the position. If that is the case, who will appoint them and if they are to be elected, how long can they serve?" Hall said.

Although ASNMU's Sunday night meeting failed to reach a quorum (the two thirds majority that is required for the gathering to be considered a "formal" meeting), members informally discussed the coming year and students' concerns

The lack of quorum was due to the absence of Jessica Gurn, offcampus rep. Currently, all members must be present to make quorum due to board vacancies.

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International

Diana's funeral plans expanded

Britain's royal family, under ferocious criticism for its remoteness over Princess Diana's death, issued a new statement Wednesday on its grief and tripled the route of her funeral cortege to allow more people to attend. It was its first statement since a brief communique Sunday following the fatal car crash. The royal family said it was "deeply touched and enormously grateful" for the public support in its "tremendous sense of loss and grief." Buckingham Palace said Diana's coffin would be moved from St. James's Palace to Kensington Palace, London, to triple the length of Saturday's funeral cortege to 3.5 miles, allowing more people to pay their final respects to the "people's

Plane crash in Cambodia kills 64

A Vietnam Airlines plane crashed while trying to land at Phnom Penh airport Wednesday, killing 64 of the 66 people aboard, mostly foreigners including Canadians and Americans. The Tupolev TU-134 was coming into Phnom Penh's Pochentong Airport from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in Southern Vietnam, when it crashed about 300 yards from the runway after what appeared to have been an aborted approach. At least four people, including a baby and a young child, were brought into a hospital alive after the crash but the two adults later died. The two children who survived the crash are in serious condition.

National

Anti-smoking initiative passes

In a victory for tobacco foes, the Senate reversed itself Wednesday and voted to fully fund the new Food and Drug Administration antiyouth smoking initiative. By a voice vote the Senate allocated \$34 million to enforce new rules requiring identification checks to prevent teens from illegally purchasing cigarettes. The program also includes anti-smoking education. In July, a similar measure failed in the Senate. Lawmakers said that during the recent summer break they heard from constituents who wanted them to be tougher on tobacco. The House later increased its funding for the program from \$24 million to \$34 million.

Clinton vows to fight for testing

President Clinton vowed Wednesday to fight congressional efforts to block his plan for national testing of school children, saying, "it would be a terrible mistake" if the tests were blocked. Clinton told a group of about 80 teachers at an elementary school on the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard that opponents of the plan have a "misguided notion that somehow the federal government's trying to take over education." The testing program that Clinton proposed to Congress calls for administering standardized reading tests to all fourth graders and math tests to all eighth graders.

Local

Literacy Conference to be held at NMU

Northern Michigan University and the Upper Peninsula Reading Association will present a conference titled "Literacy: School, Home, Community," Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9-10 at NMU. Speakers include Dr. Ray Guarendi and Dr. Katie Wood Ray. Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood problems, has been a consultant to a number of school districts and head start programs. He is also an award-winning, syndicated columnist. Ray, co-author of "Spelling in Use," teaches at Western Carolina University. Featured author, Patricia Polacco, has written many children's books. She will be speaking about the family during a luncheon, and later she will relate her publishing and school experience. Advanced registration deadline is Sept. 30.

Bailey's salary gains approval

Board of Control decides to increase pay

By HEATHER JENSEN News Staff Reporter

Northern Michigan University President Judi Bailey will receive an annual salary of \$145,000, effective July 15, 1997 through July 14, 1998. The NMU Board of Control voted in favor of a recommendation made by its presidential assessment and compensation committee.

The committee, consisting of Chairman Ellwood Mattson, Sam Benedict, Scott Holman and Robert Barabe, made the decision to suggest a raise in the president's salary based on an average of the salary levels of universities whose size is comparable to NMU's.

Mattson said, "The salary fell into the average of these comparable universities; it was on the lower end of the averages."

Bailey, the former vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Maine, did not make any salary requirement when applying for the position at NMU, Mattson said. "This decision was made in negotiations after Dr. Bailey expressed interest in coming to NMU."

The motion passed with six yes votes and one abstention, cast by Gil Zeigler, according to the unofficial minutes from the Aug. 15 meeting. Zeigler was unable to be contacted for comment.

Former President William Vandament was also increased to the same \$145,000 salary level, effective July 1 of this year, a change that one Board of Control member felt was due a year ago.

When asked why Vandament's salary was raised, Mattson said, "The committee felt it was fair to former



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

New NMU President Judi Bailey sits with her husband, Bren, and their dog, Jasmine, in the yard of Kaye House, the residence of the NMU president.

President Vandament."

The committee chair explained that early on in Vandament's tenure at Northern, he turned down a salary increase due to the financial condition the university was in. Upon leaving NMU, Vandament's salary was \$132,355.

In addition to the standard benefit package provided to NMU employees, the university president receives the following: reimbursement of moving expenses from a previous location to Marquette; use of the presidential residence, Kaye House; and use of an automobile, including maintenance, insurance, and fuel.

Bailey said about 20 percent of the house is available for personal use and much of the rest is used as an extension of the university.

"It gives the university a place where faculty, students, alumni and donors can come and be honored," she said. "It has a public function. There's a responsibility to use the house on behalf of the university."

She also said the automobile is for business travel only.

In the same Presidential Assessment and Compensation meeting report, the committee made a recommendation and the Board of Control passed a motion to approve expenditure of approximately \$23,500 from the Kaye House Maintenance Fund to refurbish the home.

There has been little or no scheduled maintenance or refurbishing of the home for more than a decade.

Summit -

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"What we would like to see happen is an ongoing, long-term partnership be developed between legislators and educators, so that if an issue evolves we don't just once deal with that, but learn from each other,"

Prusi also had some definite goals in coordinating the summit.

"I've been pushing to hold an education legislative summit for awhile," he said. "Government has the responsibility to provide U.P. educators and board members with the unique opportunity to interact and engage legislators. I believe that government needs to step up and take care of education and to ensure quality education, as it will benefit our society."

The role of the superintendents and school board is two-fold, according to Northern Michigan University President Judi Bailey.

"We want to take our ideas, which are in most cases unique to the U.P., and share them with [the Legislature] and we want to learn from [legislators] and others in the lower peninsula," Bailey said.

Bailey focused on the context the Upper Peninsula schools operate in and the role that the state organizations can play in their development.

"The topics we are looking at are issues state-wide, nation-wide in K-12 education, in the context [of the Upper Peninsula], here are some of the ways we are dealing with these issues, and we would like [the

Legislature's] input on how we can do this and their understanding of the context in which we work."

Bailey feels that because of the unique area that the Upper Peninsula is, NMU can be a tool for learning, teaching and understanding.

"Northern's role [in the future of U.P. education is to provide a space and a forum in an atmosphere that says we support exchange of ideas and building of relationships and partnerships, because education at all levels is important," Bailey said. "I see us as partners with the school districts and the Legislature."

An informal reception for conference attendees will be held tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Marquette.

CAMPUS NOTES

Student vehicles will be ticketed

Students who have not registered their vehicles can expect to find a \$40 ticket on their windshields beginning this week. Students can purchase the \$35 parking decal at the Public Safety Department between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Service to be held at **Presque Isle**

A memorial service for Josh Villalovos, USOEC biathlete who died in Montreal Aug. 25, will be held at 6 pm Friday on the east side of Presque Isle Park, near the Kawbawgam Memorial.

Applicants wanted

ASNMU is accepting applications for several positions until Sept. 22.

The openings include representatives from the nursing program and the Walker L. Cisler College of Business, among others. Applications can be picked up at the ASNMU offices in the University Center. For more information contact Chief of Staff Terry Hall at 227-2452.

Exhibit visits NMU Art Museum

A traveling exhibit, "Architecture in Perspective," will be at NMU's Art NMUs Art Museum at Lee Hall Sept. 4-29.

The 50 drawings that will be on display represent some of the entries received from all over the world for the 11th Annual International Juried Exhibition of Architectural Illustrators.

Gallery hours for this exhibit will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

NMU Graduate earns fellowship grant

James P. Picotte Jr., recent Northern graduate from Gwinn, earned a student fellowship grant from the Michigan Affiliate of the American Heart Association. The \$2,400 award was used for summer research. Picotte's project was to make mutant proteins and test their abilities to respond with a receptor molecule that could be instrumental in causing atherosclerosis. These discoveries may lead to drug development that can help prevent heart disease.

Charter granted to TRI High

By ANNA NORDSTROM Staff Reporter

The Northern Michigan University Board of Control has approved the charter for TRI High School, an alternative school in Ishpeming that has been in operation since the fall of

TRI High will be NMU's third charter school, but the first in the county. "We had a very successful [first] three years," said Mary St. Clair, principal at TRI High. "We've always had a really great positive environment."

The State of Michigan requires charter schools to function as public schools, said Steven Christopher, dean of behavioral sciences, human services and education at NMU. Michigan charter schools are officially called public school academies.

TRI High was established by the Negaunee, Ishpeming and N.I.C.E. school districts. For the first three years of operation, TRI High had an agreement with those three districts that students who were unsuccessful in public schools could be referred to TRI High.

"Before [NMU's charter], we needed the school's permission," said St. Clair. "Now, we don't need the school's permission. By law, we have to take every student."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape Lisa Marin of Ishpeming, and Mark Draviland, Paul Specker and Boyd Bolin of Negaunee all attend TRI High, Northern's newest charter school.

Northern had previously granted charters to two public school academies: Bahweting Anishinabe School in Sault Ste. Marie and Nah Tah Wahsh School in Hanahville, west of Escanaba. Both serve Native American communities.

TRI High students will benefit from increased funding for the school. "We now qualify for money that we didn't qualify for before," St. Clair said.

The charter agreement will provide NMU with another outlet for faculty and students to gain experience in the alternative school setting, Christopher said.

NMU's education program may especially benefit, as student teachers gain access to TRI High classrooms, said Rodney Clarken, associate education professor.

"It's something we'll be cosidering in the future," Clarken said. The new charter's Marquette County location will also help alleviate the problem of access to distant classrooms, he said.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to NMU

An open letter to Judi Bailey

Dear Dr. Bailey:

Welcome to Northern Michigan University, and congratulations on being named the 11th president in the school's history.

We know you've heard it a thousand times since taking over this summer, but you truly do have big shoes to fill. From what we've seen and heard so far, it looks like you'll do just fine.

Since you arrived, you've probably received more unsolicited advice than you can deal with, but we don't want to be left out. So, here are a few tips on living and working in Superiorland.

• Disregard all talk of parking-lot expansion. People like to have something to complain about, and this comes up every year. It's a non-issue.

• If you wake up one morning this winter and can see nothing but white outside your window, cancel classes. You will become a faculty and student favorite.

• On the same note, you might seriously consider purchasing a four-wheel-drive vehicle. It will make the winters bearable.

• You have said that one of your biggest priorities will be securing funding for the West Science renovation project, and you're exactly right. Now we have to convince the rest of the state — we need this.

• We hear complaints every year about the financial aid system here, and the biggest gripes are from transfer students. This might indicate that other schools have better systems and ours might need some realigning.

• Continue to be yourself. The best way to combat the negative stereotype of "The Administration" is being visible. We know you've made an effort to meet every student group on campus, and that is exactly what the university needs — a president who knows the students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader says, 'Life is nifty'

This is mostly in response to Mr. Korzenko's letter in the Aug. 28 edition of The North Wind, where he encouraged students to speak their opinions; I think it was a suggestion well made.

I agree with Mr. Korzenko's reasoning that led to the conclusion of a creator, at least that in my opinion, something had to be responsible for all we see. I can work out philosophically and logically the possibility of our existence being the result of enough random combinations to finally produce what we see, but I can't get my heart to buy into that. I did have one major problem with the arguments made in Mr. Korzenko's letter, however. The leap from proving that there is a creator, to assuming the form of that creator to be the Christian version, and the responsibilities that the belief requires. What reason would we have to make this assumption ... other than personal opinion?

As someone who has spent a few good years under the "Biblebelieving fundamentalist" banner, I can understand Mr. Korzenko's beliefs and his motivation for expressing them. But, I desire to see more accurate and truthful arguments. I no longer call myself a Christian, and do not believe the Bible to be the "one and only" word of God. I will openly listen to any good argument, no matter what the conclusion is, but it has to be reasonable and not just wishful thinking. However, I'm tired of cliches, plays on feelings, guilt trips, and "responsibility and duty to God" preaching.

I believe that a person can only do the best they can with what they have or know. I don't think that any God could rightfully expect someone to make a choice based on feelings, without offering some sort of undeniable proof. Especially since we have so many ideas and beliefs around the world. What stronger proof does Christianity have over any other belief system? Another problem is that "proof" is in the eye of the believer. Some people still think that the world is flat. What I would like to see in discussions of belief, especially in situations where someone is preaching a belief, is more rational thought and reasoning. If the Christian God is the "one true God," then there has to be a

reason. Let's talk about that reason if anyone knows what it is. But let's be intellectually honest, too. As the Bible says — "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meckness and fear" (I Peter 3:15).

My belief system has been a long and interesting road, especially for a guy who's only been around just under a quarter of a century. I've found myself coming almost full circle back to where I was in early high school - only, with a little more understanding of why I believe what I do. Right now, I believe in what seems obvious. I'm tired of drawn out explanations and hidden meanings, levels of learning and rank-based religious organizations. ... I believe that a belief needs to change based on our experience(s) throughout life. All each of us has to work from is our own experience. Our eyes are the only ones we can ever really see through. We can contemplate seeing through someone else's perceptions, but never truly experience it. I think if Christianity were the one path to God, then it would be the one that

think in our own way and have our own perceptions. Who's right and who's wrong and why? In Christianity it's said that God gives us a "choice" because we were made with free will. But a choice between life and death is no "choice" at all. It merely gives the believer a sense of independence that comforts the rebel in their heart. We were given brains, and I think we do our creator the greatest disservice by not using them.

So, keeping in the spirit of Mr. Korzenko's letter, here's my suggestion for people this semester: Experience life in all ways possible, be thankful for getting the chance to be a part of this grand work of art that is the universe, and seek to understand everything that's thrown in front of us. Other people are one of the greatest resources and experiences available to us. Share your opinions with others! Seek out other people's thoughts! And realize how beautiful life is!

— Nathan Lyle

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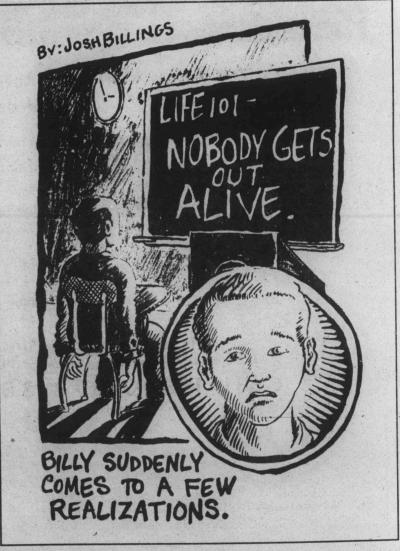
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everybody was already on. There

are so many different religions in

the world, because there's a lot of

people in the world, and we all



Columnist laments two senseless deaths

Like a lot of Americans, I was perplexed by this intense scrutiny of Diana, The Little Girl Who Would Be Princess. (For that matter, celebrities in general.) I just don't get it. The incessant chasing and the sheer brutality of the paparazzi photographing thismother of two was, at times, maddening to me. Now, innocent people are dead from this sick fascination. It is time for this madness to stop.

I'm aware the Princess used the press to further her causes, and they were many. A person in the position of Diana could exert a lot of power in certain areas. Maybe that's why I always admired her. She didn't sit around collecting her money and getting fat. Diana went out into the world and tried to do some good with all her publicity. She showed great compassion and humanity. But that publicity is a double-edge sword. You can cut with it: turning the world's attention to the horrors of unexploded land mines, breast cancer, orphaned children or AIDS. And that same publicity can turn right around and slice the hand it feeds.

The paparazzi stalked her, hounded her and finally chased Diana to her death. Fleeing at high speeds early Sunday morning, on street in the beautiful City of Lights, The Little Girl Who Would Be Princess died a tragic and senseless death.

A Candle in the Wind,

Here in our own Enchanted Kingdom, another Girl Who Would Be a Princess, trying to free herself from an abusive marriage and turn her life around, was brutally murdered by her estranged husband in broad daylight, right

John Council

Staff Columnist



How could this happen?

I can tell you one of the reasons. Some judges simply don't take domestic violence seriously. Instead, certain magistrates in our Little Corner of Paradise feel that pot users are the real criminals, and they deserve the stiff sentences, while the creeps who do serious damage to our society saunter away, virtually unscathed.

Recently in Marquette District Court, Judge James Collins sentenced a man for marijuana use to 180 days in jail, while giving time served and probation to a domestic-violence offender and a second-offense DUI.

It should be noted that drunk drivers last year killed or maimed nearly twice the number of people than all those who died from any kind of drug-related death. And God only knows how many women died last year at the hands of a domestic partner.

So people who terrorize their spouse and families, and people who are stupid enough to drink and drive after a first conviction, walk in Marquette, while smoking a joint lands you a half year in jail. That, my friends, is criminal.

Editor's note: John Council would like your comments, questions and stories of life at NMU. He can be reached via e-mail at jcouncil@nmu.edu.

Seeking success or avoiding failure

A few people in this world are motivated by the desire to succeed; most, however, are motivated by the desire to avoid failure. You might think, "What's the difference?" Because on the surface, those two motivations may seem to be interchangeable, but if you look a little deeper, you'll find there is a considerable difference, both in the process and in the ultimate result. The first leads to striving, and to the attainment of a higher level; the second leads to minimal effort, and implies that one's current level of attainment is just fine, thanks :and if it isn't, well, we'll work

Institutions fall into these two categories, too. Which is NMU? Well, we spend a lot of time and effort on recruitment of "at risk" (a nice way of saying "substandard") students and their "retention" (a nice way of saying "keep them here, even if they don't reach acceptable standards"). Our focus is on avoiding failure, in other words.

But how much effort do we put into providing programs for those on the other end of the scale? Count the "honors" sections in vour course listings if you can find any and compare them against remedial courses -

Don Wilke Staff Columnist the 090s. courses designed to help students

learn what they should have learned in high school. We put considerable effort into boosting the lower levels, but little into pushing our upper limits.

Now, what does this portend for NMU? What are the consequences of being in "avoid failure" mode? Well, we look good — efforts to teach those who cannot or will not learn easily provide a sheen of self-righteousness, much like that achieved by liberals who work in a soup kitchen helping those "poor unfortunates." We see NMU as a

college of last resort, a place where underdogs can join the rest of the diploma-toting pack.

We turn out a lot of students who never thought they'd make it - and, I might suggest, a lot of students who shouldn't have. And then we wonder why a diploma from Northern doesn't carry the same sort of prestige as one from say, Wellesley or Michigan.

I sometimes label NMU a "first-class, second-rate university." Because we do well at providing an education to those who might not make it to U of M. But wouldn't it be nice if we tried to be a first-rate university? If we limited enrollment to those who showed promise? If we stood for elitism rather than for open admissions?

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that our volleyball team felt the same way. Suppose they let anyone play who wanted to, and spent more time trying to teach fundamentals to neophytes than they did honing the skills of superior players? Well, I'll tell you one thing — we wouldn't have all those NCAA banners hanging in the gym, that's for sure.

Living fairy tale ends in tragedy

I learned of Princess Diana's death while watching the Lions' game. "Tonight on Fox: 'Diana - Princess to the People' ... blah, blah. .. right up to her tragic death." Huh? I turned to my brother. He nodded, "Yeah. Killed in a car accident in Paris." I was stunned, and I'm not sure why. I'm not one of those people who obsess over the British Royal Family. Usually, I couldn't care less, but I was genuinely affected when I heard she died.

Matt Zastrow Staff Columnist

Three hundred people were . beheaded in Algeria on Friday. Heads were piled up in the street. But for some reason, that doesn't seem to bother me as much as the death of Princess Diana. It doesn't seem to bother most people as much. Why is that?

I don't think she was intrinsically more important than other people. But we were more aware of her. People were interested in what she did, and more often than not, this interest was rewarded. Princess Diana reflected traits that people like to see. She was beautiful; she was caring. Royal with a touch of commonness.

She was like a living fairy tale. When the fairy tale started to go sour, she redefined herself as an individual and transcended those conflicts. Maybe this was just an image, but it was an image people bought into. It meant something to them; people felt a connection to her. The fairy tale was real. And now it's over.

This will leave an absence in many people's lives. Not so much for her, but for the fairy tale. There are people who will grieve over the loss of Diana the person, but most people will grieve over Diana the princess. While the loss of her person is infinitely more acute than the loss of her image, the latter is also very real and deserves to be recognized. For better or worse, to many people she was more important than 300 people in Algeria. Maybe it is trivial, but it's also real.

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What should new NMU President Judi Bailey's top priorities be?



"Her priority should be the student body, making sure the students' needs are met as far as financial aid and morale." Julie Brich,

Freshman



"Her priority should be students who get jipped out of class credits. She should get to know the students." Hayley Terese Kocur,

Senior



"To give some thought on the parking situation. We pay so much money and can't find a parking spot."

Natasha Hautamaki, Junior



"She should get to know the needs of all the students and make herself available."

> Vicki Gibson, Freshman

Food Service hours victim of budget cuts

By BEN MILLER Staff Writer

In an effort to cut costs and balance the food service budget, Northern Michigan University's dining hall hours have been reduced.

Instead of closing at 11 p.m., as it has in past years, the Wildcat Den now closes at 9 p.m. Down campus, Quad II's Cat Trax now opens at 10 a.m. on Sunday - two hours later than last semester.

Dick Wittman, director of food services, said the change is due to the minimum wage increase.

"Our costs went up, so we made the budget cuts that affected students least," Wittman said of the decision not to raise housing and food costs.

Last year's minimum wage increase created a budget deficit of \$66,000, Whitman said.

An increase in the number of students living in the residence halls and participating in the a la carte meal plan offset the higher costs, he

"We anticipate having about a hundred less students on the plan (a la carte) this semester than last," Whitman said.

The second phase of the mini-



North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris

Wildcat Den customers have fewer hours to dine. Increased costs have forced management to cut food service hours at the Den and Cat Trax.

mum wage increase, which affected NMU August 24, is expected to create another \$55,000 budget shortfall, Wittman said.

Employee positions have not been cut, he said. Only the number of work hours have been cut.

Lisa Inch, coffee shop attendant at the Wild Cat Den, said the sevenperson closing shift at the food court leaves two hours earlier than last year, but no student positions have hours," Wittman said.

been eliminated.

One full-time position, however, was eliminated from the food court with a retirement, she said.

Wittman said he doesn't anticipate future reductions in hours, but if resident hall occupancy and a la carte participants change drastically, further cuts will be considered.

"If numbers were substantially up we might consider adding the

NMU student records only a phone call away

BY HEATHER JENSEN **News Staff Reporter**

Northern Michigan University students are now able to access their university records at home with a phone or on the internet.

Using the new Student On Line Access to Records System, students can look up grades for the previous three semesters, current course schedules, and demographic data such as address, major, minor and advisor's name.

Senior, Angela Metro served on the advance committee for the project and said the system will benefit students.

"I think the system will work out great. I know other colleges have it, and it worked out well for their students, they were able to register [for classes] a lot easier," Metro said.

The system will be expanding over the fall and winter semesters. A list of all courses available, course registration, financial aid status, account review (balance or refund due, payments, processing status, charges), paying by credit card, address changes and unofficial transcripts will be available in the future.

However, the personal nature of the information available gives rise to security issues.

With students' transcripts and finances available over the phone, NMU has taken percautions to protect the system from cavesdroppers and imposters.

A social security number and personal identification number are used to access SOLAR. The system also uses public-key encryption, hashing and authentication techniques.

"I haven't heard of any problems occuring yet. I have had grades shown over the internet and I didn't have any problems there." Metro said.

To access SOLAR call 227-1280 on a touchtone phone, or http://www.nmu.edu, select "personal data."

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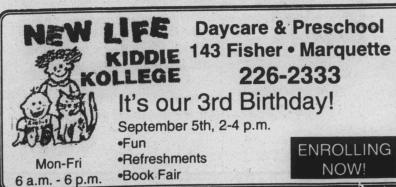
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Time runs thin as usual. It is early morning and I am tapping away at my keyboard. In moments of solitude like this, it's difficult not to become philosophical. My mind wanders down several differ-

ent paths and sometimes it's hard to differentiate between the serene joy and somber melancholy of what I find there. Sometimes the world seems like a very crazy place.

I remember seeing an interview with Charles Manson (no, not Marilyn the singer guy, but the killer) and Jane Pauly asked him a question like "Is Charles Manson crazy?" Without hesitation he said something like "Sure, but who the hell cares? Jeremiah French For What It's Worth

Fifty years ago being crazy meant something, nowadays everybody's crazy." It was weird to hear him say that and I never forgot it because I couldn't help but agree with him. Is this really the world I live in? Don't we all stop once in a while and think that we've been born in the wrong generation? There are certain days when I watch the news and I laugh in shock or disbelief. The truth really is stranger

than fiction.

Cloning people? What's that all about? As if things weren't difficult enough, now we have to worry about the ethics of manipulating our own genes? There's also that probe on Mars checking to see if we can use it for something, and perhaps someday there will be a little colony of us kicking around up there.

And what's the deal with that internet thing? Has anybody found a truly worthwhile use for it? They say it's the "information superhighway" but ninety nine percent of it is garbage and the rest is nearly impossible to find. Anything you might find worth any interest probably won't cite references and therefore some sociopathic Mansonite might just be jerking you around.

The internet is more like the universal bathroom wall than anything else. Most websites which actually attempt to make a point end up as just a ranting, raving fit — much like this column. (By the way, be sure to check out the North Wind online.

I'm no exception to the insanity though. I must admit I'm as guilty as anyone, I check my email a couple times a day (even though I hardly ever get any, hint, hint ... jfrench@nmu.edu.)

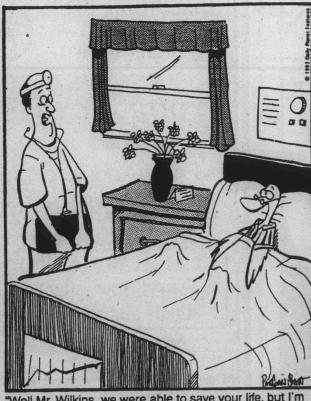
If the world is truly getting smaller, then we should be getting closer to one another, but with things set up as they are, one could practically live his entire life within his own home. In a world this confusing, it's easy to forget what's important.

Yes, I know what you're thinking: "Get off your soapbox." But please keep in mind that my tirade is fueled not only by my passion for humanity, but also by a lack of sleep and an overdue deadline.

So what are the important things? What about God in all of this mess? A friend of mine recently reminded me of a quote from Aristotle: "If God did not exist, we would invent one."

But here I think Aristotle is wrong (yes, at 5 a.m. even great world philosophers are subject to my abuse.) I think a better saying would be "If God did not exist, we would make ourselves one." And I think some of us do every day.

BRIAN SHUSTER



Well Mr. Wilkins, we were able to save your life, but I'm afraid we had to give you a heart from a duck...and a duck's kidneys...and, well, look, I've got to be honest..." Senior Dawn Holt prepares for marching band season.

Just for the th

By JASON NICHOLAS Staff Writer

Paul Revello may fall asleep in class like other freshmen, but as he dozes he has plenty to dream about. Revello is a beginning sky diver with three jumps under his belt who doesn't plan to stop jumping out of perfectly safe airplanes anytime soon.

"On the bar of the plane, your heart races and your body gets flooded with adrenaline," Revello said. "You let go of the bar. Your mind turns to mush. Then the static line pulls your chute. Everything is good and you get a pleasant, peaceful, and scenic ride to the earth."

An avid pilot and sky diver, Ryan Pelkola, asked Revello if he would ever like to "throw himself out of an airplane."

Revello was intrigued by the idea, and early in July found himself gearing up for what would be the craziest thing he had ever done.

"It is the best and worst feeling you can ever have. In the plane, it scares the hell out of you. Climbing

out onto the wing and hanging from the bar is equally displeasing. When you let go of the bar

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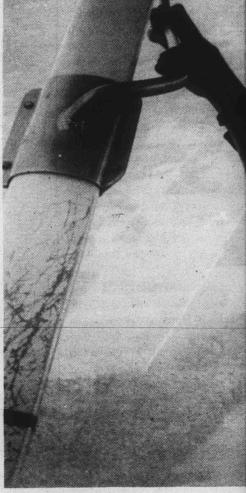
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By MICHELLE KANGAS Staff Writer

With three new faculty members, a new student organization, and muchneeded renovations to the Thomas Fine Arts building, NMU's music department has kicked off the new year on the right note.

Three new faculty were assigned to different sections of the department. James Strain directs percussion, Stephen Grugin directs the bands, and



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

gram to give individual lessons to students.

"Lessons are given at no cost for those who are eligible," Grant said.

Students having over 12 but less than 18 credit hours can participate in the thirty-minute sessions once a week. Ten faculty members are available and work individually with up to 20 students apiece.

Even students who are not music majors or minors can get involved with NMU's music department. A new organization, Friends of Jazz, is open to anyone on campus, and will work to bring jazz to Northern. The organization does not involve playing an instrument.

"All you have to do to join is love jazz," member Liz Greening said.

For students who do play an instrument or have vocal ability, opportunities abound throughout the music department. NMU performing groups include marching, concert, and jazz bands; university orchestra and chamber ensemble; jazz ensemble; University Choir, Madrigal Singers, Marquette Choral Society and the NMU Lake Effect Showchoir. Rehearsals are in progress, and performances will be announced later in the year.

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There is a sky diving club in the area. Baraga has an airport three miles past the Ojibawa Casino. Anyone interested can learn all the required information to start and con-

The price is \$120 for the first jump and \$25 for the second. There are also group rates. For nine or more people in a party, the second jump is free. The prices get progres-

By ANGIE ZINGER

Staff Writer

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For more information, call the Baraga Airport at (906) 353-7593 on the weekends and ask for Sonny or leave a message.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles about unique pastimes and interests. If you have an unusual hobby and want to tell the world about it, please call the North Wind at 227-2545.

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Band, Fast Eddie, Jim & Ray and Head.

The bands are performing for about one hour each.

"I would go. It's a good thing to have alcohol awareness on campus. People should realize that if they drink they need to be smart about it," sophomore Robin Deckrow said. "You have to understand the effects noon to 5 p.m. Saturday to give NMU of alcohol around you."

Sophomore Kelly Baur is also excited about the event.

"I know most of the guys that are going to be there and they talked me into it. I think it is going to be fun!"

The rain date for the concert is September 20.

"Lambda Jam gives us the oportunity to have fun and get a chance to know each other," Lambda lar local bands The Flat Broke Blues Chi brother Eric Page said.

Across the world

By MIRIAM MOLLER Staff Writer

Summer offered students a variety of experiences, but some were more exhilarating than working with noisy kids at summer camp.

The study abroad program at Northern made several students' summer vacation fantasies come true. Studying the country, locals and life in Belize, Central America, and Kenya, Africa, became a substitute for boring studies in naked classrooms.

"[The trip to Belize was] a nice little vacation for three credits," said Kara Sands, a senior majoring in Business and Management.

Hal Dorf, director of the office of international affairs, and his twelve students went on a nine-day tour through Belize. They studied the country, focusing on tourism and how it affects the environment

But beside the natural wonders the country hid. Sands said the culture and its native inhabitants were more than interesting.

"Everybody is so friendly," she said. "Everybody knew about the U.S. and of course they all knew Michael Jordan."

The group also met an alumnus of NMU in Belize. James Scott from Champion, Mich., worked at the president's office at Northern. After his graduation he was involved with the Peace Corp and went to Belize were he now runs a nature center and two resorts. Scott showed the students several things, including a butterfly farm and the resort "Journey's End."

"Expect the unexpected" was the motto of the 17 students who went to Kenya for six weeks in the end of June. Mutu wa Gethoi, history professor at NMU and native Kenyan, guided the group through a quite different country to discover the African culture.

The six-week program contained, besides other experiences, camping in the Rift Valley where the group helped Kikuyus, a native tribe, to build a water system.

"Working with these people was an experience first hand," said Erin Nigel, international studies major. "The native people were amazed by the students' white skin and

Nigel said the Kikuyus live in houses made of mud and are hardworking people who live simply. She also noted that the tribe does not count with money --- they count in goats.

Wealthy Kikuyus have a lot of

In Nairobi, the group's motto, "Expect the Unexpected", originated from a few extrordinary events. Two students found themselves in the middle of a big riot of market people in downtown Nairobi who were demonstrating in front of the city hall. Fortunately, they saved themselves by ducking in a cafe before about 200 people would have knocked them down.

Events like that are normal for the people who live in Nairobi, but for the students it was a scary experience. The group ran into a hundred people stoning a man who was caught breaking into a car. The man eventually ran to the policemen who saved him from the crowd.

These bad experiences were only a minority of the things that happened during the trip. Each trip member became very attached to the culture. Students are still in contact with many people they met in Africa and for most it was an experience they won't forget.

"I want to go back to Africa and give these people back what they gave me," Bob Woodruff said. "I had to leave this wonderful place to find out how wonderful it actually



North Wind photo

Members of the Safari Academy model their favorite summer fashions in Kenya's Maasai Mara National Park. From left are Rob Kremheemer, Kamweti Mutu, Nate Kline, Bill Pelton, Jeff Fisher and Bob Woodruff.

Stallone's "Copland" is Oscar-worthy

Film: "Copland" Starring: Sylvestor Stallone, Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel **Director: James Mangold**

It only took a couple of decades and an extra forty pounds for the actor in Sylvestor Stallone to resurface. He hasn't acted this well since the first "Rocky," and ever since then his career took a nose dive into such empty and banal films as "Over the Top," "Daylight," and "Stop or My Mom Will Shoot!"

Stallone was never a terrible actor, he simply chose film roles that gave him dollars and not Oscars. People began to wrongly think of him as a mumbling buffoon. Most people don't realize that he can act and also write (it was him who penned the Oscar-winning "Rocky" script). "Copland" will re-energize his career like "Pulp Fiction" did to John Travolta.

Sly plays Frank Heflin, a bullied sheriff of Garrison, a small town in New Jersey (just over the George Washington Bridge). Frank tried to join the force, but an ear injury prevented him. The town is home to many police officers who cross the bridge everyday to police the New York streets.

The story doesn't evolve around the crimes that occur, but it's about police and how they handle crimes. It's basically a story of small town cops versus the big city cops. It's about standing up and doing the right thing even if it means doing it alone, which makes it very similar to "High Noon."

The cast in this film is wonderful. Stallone leads the pack, but Ray Liota (another small town cop) and Harvey Keitel (the baddest of the inner city cops) also give stellar performances.

"Copland" is an Oscar-worthy film. I hope that Stallone receives a nomination, he certainly deserves it. He goes against his typical role of the tough-as-nails personality and plays the more human role of a man trying to find that quality within him. It's something we can all relate to.



Kelsey Mann

Movie Reviewer

Music to brand cattle by

Lords of Acid "Our Little Secret" **Antler Subway Records**

Generally, I am not a bootyspanking kind of girl, but I really like the Lords of Acid.

Everything I've ever heard by this band has been full of racing, thumping, hard-core techno beats that somehow manage to get even the most anti-industrial of us to shake a little something while listening to it.

The Lords of Acid are different from a lot of techno bands because the music actually incorporates singing into it.

"Our Little Secret" is the second full-length release by the band. Their first album, "Voodoo U," was a bump-and-grind composition full of sexually graphic but gender-ambiguous lyrics and a male lead. "Our Little Secret" is about sex and drugs as well, but with a female vocalist the songs become more musical and complex. This album also focuses more on danceability than on rhythm.

You almost have to respect this

Bridgette Jaakola

Music Reviewer



band because of what they've done in two albums. "Voodoo U" has a Rod Stewart cover, and "Our Little Secret" varies greatly from track to track. With songs referred to as "Rubber Doll Opus" and "Spank My Booty Reprise," the Lords of Acid definitely continue to make great music in this sophomore effort.

If you are sensitive to explicit lyrics, pass this CD by, but you don't have to be on it to like The Lords of

Geraldine Fibbers "Butch" Virgin Records

If I hadn't have been so busy listening to Top 40 radio when I was in high school, I would have saved

up my allowance and bought a CD by the Geraldine Fibbers. They are one of the coolest bands I've heard in an extremely long time.

Vocalist Carla Bozulitch sounds kind of like Emily from the Indigo Girls if Emily got drunk, picked up a microphone and sang about her parents, incest, income tax, and stinky cheese. Her voice is rich and calming.

The instrumentations on this album are intricate, rotating violins, clarinets and cowbells when appropriate. "Butch" alternates between angry and sensitive lyrics, and more than once in this CD the pace changes abruptly from "music to groove by" to "music to brand cattle by."

The Geraldine Fibbers are one of those rare bands that can resist labeling. They've been called "cowpunk," "punkfolk," and "southern alternafolk," but really, they're all of those and more.

To check out the Geraldine Fibbers, listen to the Radio X News Show Friday at 1:30 for a yetunreleased track by this multi-faceted and wonderful band.

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Anyone can make a web page these days. In the past, it wasn't easy. A person first needed to find a server, a computer network joined to the internet, that would give them space to put their page.

Until a few years ago, colleges were one of the only places the average person could get web space without having to buy or rent it. To get information on the 'net, people needed to learn HTML, the HyperText Markup Language.

HTML is the code, or language, all web pages are written in. Back then, personal web pages were for the most part bleak and boring due to the lack of technology and interest in the field. Grey was the most popular color and very few pictures could be found. Technol-





Max Nault

Internet Reviewer

ogy has advanced considerably, though. The average Joe can build a stylish page in half an hour.

Servers are no longer hard to find. There are commercial ones that will let people build a page in their space for free. Some require that people advertise for them on the pages they build. This advertising is usually in the form of small banners or buttons on the bottom of a web page.

Geocities is one such example. Geocities provides space for free, but uses the page as a kind of commercial. Not all servers require this.

Angelfire and Tripod only ask politely that people include a link to their business somewhere on the page. Each company has its good points. Though Geocities requires advertisements, pages there commonly get more exposure.

People don't have to learn a second language to make a web page now, either. Programs can translate English into HTML.

Geocities, Angelfire, and Tripod all supply their own easy-touse HTML translators, so the ordinary person can create a cool page with little effort.

A person can make a page about anything: hobbies, friends, academic goals, hamsters, or bellybutton lint collections. The list is as endless as it is varied. If one wants their page read, though, it must be interesting. Boring, unoriginal sites don't get famous.

Geocities is located at www.geocities.com, Angelfire is at www.angelfire.com, and Tripod is at www.tripod.com. The intro page at each site contains instructions on how to start building a web page right away.

Next week, we'll have hints and tips on how to make a better, more exiting page, as well as reviews of a few more crazy web

Editor's note: Max Nault can be reached at manault@nmu.edu.

Mystery, crime and romance

By JASON NICHOLAS Staff Writer

The book is titled "In Hiding." The author is Marquette's own Donald Woodworth.

His first published novel since he started writing at the age of 12 was concieved under a tree during a November deer hunting season.

"If I wasn't writing on paper, I was writing in my head," Woodworth said.

Woodworth, who has lived in Marquette for the past nine years, graduated from Central Michigan University in 1979.

The book "In Hiding," published by Commonwealth Publications in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is a story with romance, crime and ad-

According to Woodworth, people seem to think the book is a John Grisham-type novel with a lot of law and suspense. However, it is anything but "Grisham," with the lawyer being killed in the first chapter.

In bookstores like B. Dalton since mid July, "In Hiding" has already sold out once.

Woodworth, whose favorite au-

thors include Louie Lamoure and Isaac Asimov, is holding a booksigning from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in front of the bookstore in the University Center.

"It is a book with a little for everyone," Woodworth said.

YOUR CONTACT

Your contact for the Diversions section is Nathan Ernsberger, features editor of The North Wind.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or snide remarks about these pages, call him at 227-2545 or send e-mail to nrthwind@nmu.edu or nernsber@nmu.edu.

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THINGS TO DO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Golden Key National Honor Society: The honor society invites you to stop by and meet their current members at the Information Table they will hold from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the University Center Atrium.

American Marketing Association will have their weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the University center, all majors are welcome. If you desire more information please call Amy Ralya at 225-9027.

Local Mining Historian Leo LaFond will discuss "Early Day Mining" at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Peter White Public Library. His presentation will feature a display of photos and artifacts, as well as a discussion of several U.P. mining disasters. LaFond's interviews with older miners have included the lone survivor of the 1926 Barnes-Hecker disaster. For further information, call 228-9510.

Gonzo will be showing "Crash" rated (NC-17) at 7 and 10 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

The NMU Volunteer Fair will be occurring in the Academic Mall from 10:30 a.m., to 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SLFP Fall retreat begins.

Student Finance Committee Meeting in Pioneer B in the University Center at 4:00 p.m. Call Kari at 227-4588 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SLFP Fall retreat continues

Grand Island-Pine Martin Run Mountain Bike Trip. Pedal two of the premiere biking systems in the Midwest. Come for one day or both. 25 miles per day of moderate biking on log woods roads. Ferry cost to Grand Island: \$13.00. Call Richard Posey at 226-7934 for more information.

Lambda Jam featuring Flat Broke Blues Band, Head, Jim & Ray, and Fast Eddie will be held in the Payne/ Halverson Field from 12-5 p.m. Free admission for all.

Catholic Campus Ministry will hike to Little Presque Isle at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the center, car pool to hike site and enjoy the beautiful Upper Peninsula. Call Erik Kaeding at 228-3302 for more information.

Are you interested in Role-playing, Magic the Gathering, Science Fiction or Fantasy Movies? Then come and see SPI. Meetings are Saturdays at 5:30 until Midnight. Call or e-mail Michelle at 227-4714 or mcable@nmu.edu.

"Come sink your teeth into adventure!" Dreamscapes is an organization dedicated to creativity and imagination utilizing TSR and White Wolf Role playing aids. Meetings are held Saturdays from noon until 6

p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center. For more information contact Jeanie Saville at 227-3033.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Catholic Campus Ministry: Sunday Mass on Campus will beheld every Sunday evening at 7 p.m., in the Brule Room of the University Center. For more information call Cathy Mills at 228-3302.

Catholic Campus Ministry will have a ministry leadership team meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the university center. This is an organizational meeting for those interested in helping to plan and carry out the activities and events sponsored by the ministry this year.

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The Luthern Campus Ministry will hold Gaudeamus at 6:00 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Be there for Free Food. Call 227-1433 for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Catholic Campus Ministry: "More Mark," a scripture study will be held at the Catholic Campus Ministry Student Center at 7 p.m. This week the topic "Mark, what's your plan?" explores what Mark was setting out to say an do when he wrote the first Gospel.

Lutheran Campus Ministry will host an Open House from 7-9 p.m. in 115 Hunt Hall. Welcome Back Everyone! Come check us out!

Tuesday night is Wine Night!
Discuss various philosophical questions with friends or at home.

ARTISTS ON THE WALK

Downtown Marquette Friday, September 5, 1997

The Downtown Marquette Association and the Marquette Arts Council announce "Artists On The Walk." We are presently seeking local artists to come Downtown on Friday, September 5, between the hours of 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and create reproductions of classic works or original works in chalk on the downtown sidewalks. Judging will take place on Friday, September 5, at 9:00 p.m. We'll supply the chalk.

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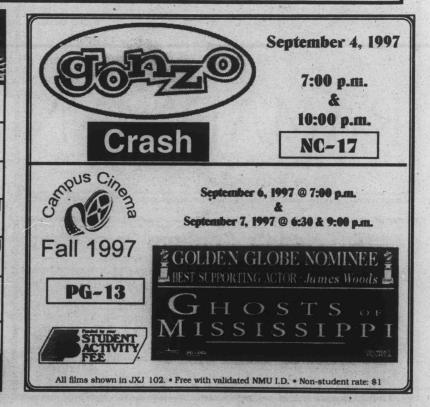
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North Wind photo by Daune Pape

Kari McEnroe had 25 kills, four service aces, and 18 digs last weekend in Northern's sweep of the Asics Invitational at the NMU Volleyball Arena.

Volleyball 'Cats capture **Asics Invitational title**

Northern challenged by top-ranked opponents in weekend tournament

The Wildcat volleyball team will test its strength against two nationally-ranked opponents at the Elite Invitational in Alaska this weekend.

After clinching the Asics Invitational title last weekend, the team looks to challenge No. 6 CSU-Bakersfield and No. 8 North Alabama in Anchorage, Alaska on

"It was good for our entire team to gain some confidence in the Asics Invitational last weekend, especially after receiving a good test and defeating Minnesota Duluth," Wildcat head coach Mark Rosen said.

At the Asics Invitational, NMU defeated Cornerstone College, Edinboro (Pa.) University, Quincy (III.) University and Minnesota-Duluth, all by 3-0 margins at the NMU Volleyball Arena.

Sophomore middle blocker Kari McEnroe collected a team-high five blocks in the match against Edinboro. Senior co-captains Erin Hamilton and Kathy Jewell led the team against Minnesota-Duluth with 15 kills and 20 digs, respectively.

Junior leftside hitter Lucia Pereira was named tournament most valuable player and Mizer, Hamilton and Jewell received all-tournament team honors.

"We're still experimenting with new roles for some more of our players such as Heather Mizer, Jill Heinrich at rightside hitter as well as Lucia Pereira playing for the first time since her knee injury last season," Rosen said.

Currently Pereira leads the team in kills with 43. Hamilton leads NMU in total blocks with 12. Jewell has the most digs with 42. Sophomore setter Heather Mizer

had 148 assists on the weekend. Joy Hanzal leads the team with 11 service aces.

NMU traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, for the UAA Elite Invitational beginning today and continuing through Saturday.

The Wildcats' first match is tonight at 11 p.m. against Alask-Anchorage. NMU leads its all-time series against UAA by a 2-0 margin and will be facing the Seawolves for the first time since 1992.



On Friday, NMU faces North Alabama at 5:30 p.m. and California State University at Bakersfield at 9 p.m.

NMU has never played North Alabama, however the Lions are now caoched by Matt Peck, the former head coach of conference rival Wayne State University.

The Wildcats trail their all-time serios against CSU-Bakersfield by a 5-4 margin. They defeated the Roadrunners in the 1993 and 1994 NCAA finals. Cal. State defeated Northern last year at their USC-Bakersfield Fall Classic, 3-0, however.

"We're certanly expecting some tougher tests this weekend," Rosen said. "But I think our team likes to rise to the occasion against quality opponents and face a good

The Wildcats's matches against UAA and CSU-Bakersfield will be broadcast live by WMQT-FM (107.7). as well as the Championship and third-place matches at

NMU defense too much for Minnesota-Duluth

By JASON LAUREN Sports Editor

The football Wildcats struggled in the first three quarters against Minnesota-Duluth, but their effort in the final stanza was too much for the Bulldogs in a 24-7 victory in Duluth.

"We've made a point that we want to be the best team in

the fourth quarter," NMU head coach Eric Holm said. "I don't think it's anything physical as much as it is mental. Our kids made up their minds in



Wilkinson

the fourth quarter that they were going to win the game and that's what they did."

The Wildcat defense held the Bulldogs to 228 total yards. NMU stuffed UMD's running attack by

3.5 yards while UMD connected on only eight of 22 pass attempts.

the ball. Especially with the type of ball because were playing more man coverage," Holm said. "It helps when one guy misses there is somebody else there to make the play... We had some good pressure up front. They didn't have time to sit and wait on their receivers. Our defensive line in particular did a good job."

Luke Miljour led the NMU defense with 12 tackles, three were for

NMU wide receiver Jeremy Wilkinson proved that he can still

rack up big numbers without former quaterback Matt Hoard. Wilkinson caught seven of Todd Drake's 11 completions for 118 yards and two touchdowns.

"I tried to run quick routes," Wilkinson said. "I am bigger than most defensive backs and I think holding their average carry to under coach Holm is going to try to take advantage of that more this year."

The 'Cats took a 7-0 lead with a "We tried to get a lot of people to 37-yard touchdown pass to Wilkinson. "It was a middle screen. defense were playing right now it I took the ball and saw the blockers allows us to get more people to the upfield," Wilkinson said. "John Duginski made a block for me at about the two [yard line] and I walked in untouched."

UMD tied the contest with only 40 seconds left in the half after a long 11 play, 60 yard drive that was capped with a six yard touchdown pass.

The Wildcats held a 10-7 lead into the fourth quarter before they pulled away when Drake connected with Wilkinson again on a 17-yard strike. Hector Castellanos sealed the game when he ran from 24 yards out for a touchdown with five seconds Our offensive line kept hammering remaining in the contest.

"[Our offense] struggled at times. We didn't execute like we would have liked to," Holm said. "It's not unusual [this] early [in the season]...

and we were patient and finally things broke loose for us."

One of the big question marks this

See Football on Page 16



North Wind photo by Daune Pape

Todd Stoner, 21, rounds the corner against Minnesota-Duluth last Saturday. The football Wildcats open its season with a 24-7 victory.

Football

Continued from Page 15 season was at quaterback, but Holm was pleased with Drake's perfor-

"He performed very well for the first time out. He threw some balls into coverage a little bit, but he also made some big plays. He scrambled and chose the right receiver. He made a big play with a touchdown pass at the end of the game which came at the right time," Holm said.

"That's a mark of a good quaterback too. So I was very pleased with his play."

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NMU — Wilkinson 17 pass from Drake (Duginski kick), 3:30 NMU — Castellanos 24 run (Duginski

Soccer team starts season Saturday

The Northern Michigan University women's soccer team (2-9-0 overall, 1-6-0 GLIAC in 1996) opens its 1997 season on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. EDT with a home match versus St. Norbert (Wis.) College at the NMU Soccer Field.

In last year's meeting between the two schools, the Wildcats dropped a 4-0 decision to the Green Knights in Depere, Wis.

"We're very excited to be opening our season," NMU head coach

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Milton Braga said.

"This year's team has a new attitude as well with some new players who should contribute immediately. I think we'll be more competitive this year and be a team that plays with a lot of pride."

Northern will continue its season-opening two-match homestand on Wed., Sept. 10 versus Northland (Wis.) College with a match beginning at 4 p.m.

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- NMU Sports Release

Wildcat Sports Calendar

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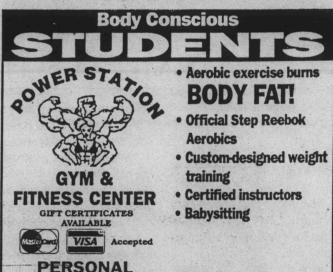


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SPORTS

Hunting goose is for the boys' If you have your limit you should walk away

As the once-vacant fields begin to fill up with geese on their migratory route, they also begin to fill up with hunters.

These people are coming from all parts of the U.S. in search of that prize goose they hope to bring home and make their next meal out of.

These people will search for the most ideal field that they can call

They will have their shiny new shotguns with hundreds and hundereds of rounds of ammo, their very best-looking decoys, goose calls, dogs, and whatever else it takes to drop a big one.

Upon finding the golden field where only the biggest geese land, the hunters will lay in wait for the flock to appear from the horizon.

As soon as the flock has been spotted the goose calls will break the silence and continue until the flock has once again disappeared into the same sky from which it had first appeared.

This process will continue until that one flock is enticed and decides it needs a break.

Once the flock has reached the hunters range, bullets begin flying, Buck Wickstrom

Outdoors Columnist



people begin shouting, and chaos has begun.

Once the goose has been shot down, unless killed, the chase then begins.

Grown men will be sprinting like the young boys they once were, hoping to catch the goose they shot. The limit is two geese per person and if all goes well, each person has "caught" their limit.

The hunters will then go back to their lodge telling their stories, and complaining of sprained ankles, sore backs, legs, or whatever else they could have injured in the process.

The geese will then be made into various stews or other "special recipes," generally consisting of a lot of away. pepper, hot sauce, or beer.

Some will save the geese to make

mounts, or some will take pictures to prove to their wives that they really were hunting. There are going to be a lot of hunters flocking to the woods throughout the goose season.

This means there will be a lot of guns firing througout the goose season and precautions are needed in order to prevent accidents.

First, when you find that certain special field you can call your own, set it up so you and all of your friends are shooting in different directions. This may seem like a stupid thing to say, but some people get a little trigger-happy, and forget where they are shooting once they see a goose.

Second, if you down a goose, but don't kill it, make every effort to retrieve the goose and kill it.

Don't assume that the goose will eventually be picked up and start shooting again.

Finally, if you have your limit, regardless of where you are in the woods, whether there are DNR officials around or not and you have hundreds of geese around you, walk

There is always tomorrow. Let them go until then.

Intramural deadlines are approaching quickly

By LUKE MARSY Staff Writer

As another year of school starts ere at NMU, so does another season of intramural sports for the stu-

"The more that sign up, the more competition we get...It's a great way to go out and meet people," said John Wright, assistant intramural supervisor.

The sports available for this year are indoor soccer, flag football, indoor softball, ice hockey, a preholiday 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and a punt, pass, and kick competition.

The deadlines for the indoor soccer league and the flag football are today at 6 p.m., in the Superior Dome. Rosters are due and there will be a manager's meeting.

Soccer teams consist of six players. There will be an open division for soccer, unless enough entries permit there to be male and female divisions.

The flag football league will consist of teams of seven players. There will be a co-rec division along with

both male and female divisions.

Rosters are due and the manager's meeting for indoor softball league is Sept. 17 at 6 p.m in the dome. It's also recommended that players be available to play on Mondays through Thursdays from 6 to 11 p.m. and on Sundays from 6 to 10 p.m.

Each softball team consists of 10 players. There will be male, female and co-rec divisions. The co-rec teams must consist of five male and five female players. There will be a 16 team limit in each division.

The pre-holiday 3-on-3 basketball sign-up deadline is Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. in the dome.

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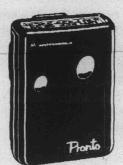
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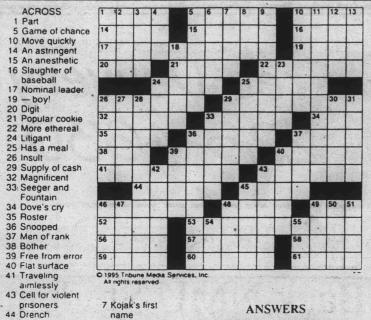
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'Cats go after the MIFC title in 1997.

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Main target

Wilkinson again will be primary receiver.

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Drake steps in as starting quarterback.

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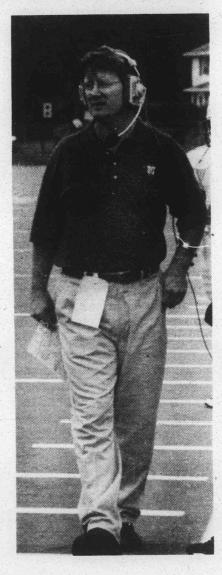
A look at the Wildcats' conference opponents.

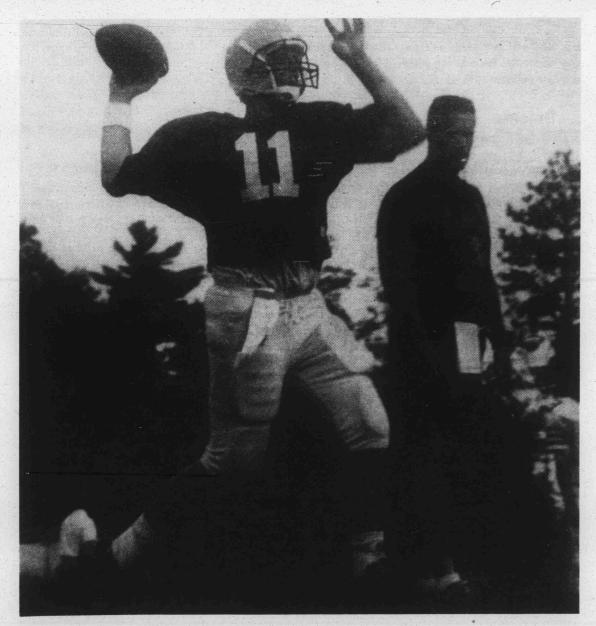
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Wildcats ready for conference competition

Third-year coach Eric Holm expects his team to be competitive every game and display balance on the field in 1997.

By MICHAEL MURRAY Editor in Chief

Eric Holm isn't making any bold predictions about the 1997 football season

In Holm's first two years at Northern Michigan University — 1995 and '96 — the Wildcats recorded back-to-back 7-3 seasons, good for third place in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference each year.

This season, as the 'Cats look to take another step toward the NCAA Division II playoffs and a conference title, Holm said the team will be balanced and competitive.

"One of our biggest strengths is that we will have good balance — we don't have any one area that's weaker than any other," said Holm, who has a 51-25 overall record in seven seasons. "I think that when we walk on the field on Saturdays we'll be competitive."

One key to the Wildcats' competitiveness on offense this year will be how well sophomore quarterback Todd Drake (6-4, 240, Grosse Pointe) can fill the void left by 1996 MIFC player of the year Matt Hoard, who had 22 touchdowns and 2,482 passing yards last season.

Going into the season-opening 24-7 win over Minnesota-Duluth last Saturday, Drake had taken only five snaps in competition. But he has the confidence of his coach and teammates

"At first I didn't know how Todd was going to take it," said junior flanker Jeremy Wilkinson (6-2, 211, Kalkaska), an All-MIFC first-teamer who in '96 had 50 catches for a league-high 997 yards and a school-record 12 touchdowns. "That's a lot of weight on his shoulders, but since two-a-days started, he's looked really sharp."

Offense

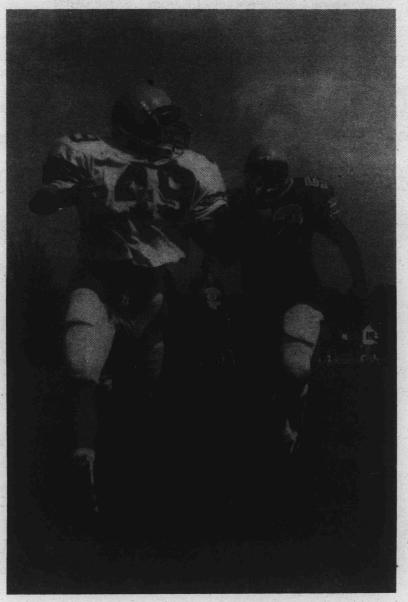
Nine starters return to the Wildcat offense that led the MIFC in passing and was second in scoring and total yardage.

BACKFIELD — Drake will be joined in the backfield by a pair of seniors — tailback Jason McGlone (5-9, 188, Appleton, Wis.) and full-back Rhyan Lindley (5-10, 225, Waunakee, Wis.). McGlone was named to the 1996 All-MIFC second team after leading the conference in scoring and finishing second in total yards. But he is injured and will be replaced by junior Todd Stoner (5-7, 179, Kenosha, Wis.) and senior P.J. Lewis (6-0, 204, Sebring, Fla.). Stoner had 93 yards on 16 carries in the season opener against Duluth.

Redshirt freshman Hector Castellanos (5-10, 209, DesPlaines, Ill.) will get time at fullback, and he scored on a 24-yard run on his second collegiate carry in the fourth quarter Saturday.

LINE — The offensive line will be anchored by junior center Mike Sarnowski (6-1, 245, Sault Ste. Marie), senior guard Cary VanSluys (6-2, 290, Cedarburg, Wis.), sophomore guard Shawn Ryan (6-1, 289, Janesville, Wis.), senior tackle Josh Riley (6-4, 303, State Center, Iowa) and sophomore tackle Jack Stephan (6-4, 271, DePere, Wis.). Stephan has been injured, and his replacement is redshirt freshman Nick Anderson (6-3, 261, Escanaba).

RECEIVERS — Drake will be able to throw to all of Hoard's targets. In addition to Wilkinson, junior tight end Matt Beauchamp (6-1, 232, Skandia) and junior split end John Duginski (5-8, 187, Cudahy, Wis.) return. Beauchamp was a second-team All-MIFC pick in '96 after hauling in 31 passes. Duginski had 40 catches and 413 yards. Senior Travis Whelan (5-6, 153, Poynette, Wis.) will also see action at split end.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Freshman tight end Jeff Sarnowski gets ready to haul in a pass during preseason workouts. He is being pursued by another newcomer to the team — junior college transfer and linebacker Bryan McNulty.

Defense

The biggest challenges on defense will be replacing three key elements of the 1996 team — graduated line-backers Jovan Dewitt and Matt Ellisen and defensive coordinator Kirby Cannon.

Keith Jordan is the new coordinator, and he said NMU's opponents this year can expect a more aggressive defense.

"Philosophically, we're going to try to put a little more pressure on," he said. "We play less 'bend-butdon't-break.' We'll get after you and see if you can hold up and see if we can hold up."

LINE—Jordan said the strength of the defensive unit will be the line, which has both talent and depth. Senior end Seth Hammes (6-3, 245, Cato, Wis.), a second-team All-MIFC pick, and junior tackles Randy Knoll (6-2, 237, Vassar) and Joe Kelenic (6-2, 270, New Berlin, Wis.) have the most experience there.

Junior David Finley (6-0, 271, Milton, Wis.) and senior Brad Tipple (6-2, 265, Wausau, Wis.) have started, and Jordan said several oth-

ers will compete for playing time: junior Shawn Dittrich (6-3, 244, Sheboygan, Wis.) and sophomores Eliot Bares (6-3, 239, Elkhart Lake, Wis.), Brent Pastuschyn (6-1, 251, Center Line) and Jason Larsen (6-0, 228, Escanaba).

LINEBACKERS — Senior Joe Bourcier (6-0, 220, Taylor) is starting for the third year, and junior Luke Miljour (6-0, 232, Negaunee) moved into the lineup late last year after Ellisen went down with an injury. Junior college transfer Bryan McNulty (6-2, 245, Naperville, Ill.) could get a lot of playing time, and sophomore Justin Cheyka (5-10, 212, Schofield, Wis.) and redshirt freshman Todd Johnson (6-0, 219, Waunakee, Wis.) will compete for playing time.

SECONDARY — Junior Carson Rose (5-11, 208, Traverse City) was a two-year starter at safety and moves to the nickel position. He will be backed up by senior Jesse Whipkey (5-11, 199, Grand Marais, Minn.) and redshirt freshman Shane Richardson (5-10, 208, Lake Odessa).

Junior cornerback Cornelius Coe (5-10, 177, Chicago) was named to the past two All-MIFC first teams. Junior Joe Pfankuch (5-10, 210, Menominee) moves from safety to corner, and junior Kory Hyvonen (5-10, 197, Shawano, Wis.) and redshirt freshman Edwin Cisneros (5-10, 189, Chicago) will likely get playing time.

Senior Brian Pinks (6-0, 209, Iron Mountain) will play safety along with sophomore Jason Wender (6-0, 195, Iron Mountain) and sophomore transfer Mark Bliven (6-0, 190, Rockford, Ill.).

Special Teams

All-MIFC second-team punter Ty Hartung (6-3, 217, Green Bay, Wis.) led the conference with a 39.8-yard average in '96 as a freshman.

McGlone and Duginski shared place-kicking duties, and Duginski did the job in the Duluth game. Freshman Pat Gibson (5-9, 175, Walled Lake), an all-state selection in high school, could ease into the role over the course of the season.



Jeremy Wilkinson

Wilkinson remains the primary target

By MICHAEL MURRAY Editor in Chief

If Jeremy Wilkinson had any concerns that new quarterback Todd Drake would be able to get him the ball, the Wildcats' season-opening win against Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday answered them.

Wilkinson, a junior flanker who was named to the 1996 All-MIFC first team after catching 50 passes

for 997 yards and a school-record 12 touchdowns, caught seven of Drake's 11 passes, including scores from 37 and 17 yards.

Drake, a sophomore who had taken only five snaps before the 24-7 non-conference win, is being called upon to replace Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference player of the year Matt Hoard.

The quarterback situation was the team's biggest question mark enter-

ing the season, and Wilkinson, Hoard's favorite target a year ago, said he wondered how well Drake would handle the role.

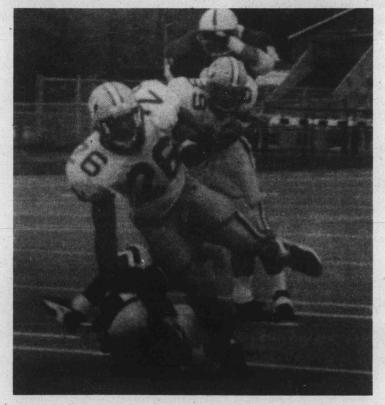
"At first I didn't know how Todd was going to take it," Wilkinson said a week before the season opener. "That's a lot of weight on his shoulders, but since the beginning of two-a-days, he's looked sharp."

Drake said Wilkinson (6-2, 211) will probably get most of his passes,

but the quarterback knows he also has a capable group of receivers to throw to if Wilkinson isn't open.

"[Tight end Matt] Beauchamp probably runs the best routes of anybody," Drake said. "Then we have [now-injured tailback Jason] McGlone coming out of the backfield and Travis Whelan and John Duginski. You can look at any position and find someone you can throw the ball to."

North Wind photo by Duane Pape With starting tailback Jason McGlone out with an injury, backups Todd Stoner, above, and P.J. Lewis will get more playing time.



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OCT. 11	HILLSDALE COLLEGE*	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Grand Valley State*	1 p.m.
OCT. 25	ASHLAND UNIVERSITY*	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Wayne State*	1 p.m.
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Drake ready to take over

New signal caller accepts challenges

By MICHAEL MURRAY Editor in Chief

Todd Drake said there is some pressure in his new role as starting quarterback of the football Wildcats, but he keeps reminding himself that he is surrounded by nine returning starters on offense.

"I'm not the guy who's going to have to go out there and win the game for us," said Drake, who is taking over for 1996 Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference player of the year and offensive back of the year Matt Hoard. "We have enough guys with experience that I don't have to put all of that pressure on myself. Our offensive line is fabulous, and our running backs can go out and rush for 100 yards. As long as I take care of the ball, we'll be all right."

In the Wildcats' season-opening victory Saturday against Minnesota-Duluth, Drake gave up the ball once —on an interception in the end zone - but he made up for it with two touchdown passes to junior flanker Jeremy Wilkinson. Of Drake's 11 completions, seven were to Wilkinson, a 1996 All-MIFC receiver who had 50 catches last season for nearly 1,000 yards and a school-record 12 touchdowns.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Quarterback Todd Drake

NMU head coach Eric Holm said he is entrusting the top passing offense in the conference to Drake for a number of reasons.

"One, he's tall and has a strong arm," said Holm, now in his third year at NMU. "Plus, he's much further along than the other kids in terms of learning the offense and doing what we need to do as far as

reads, audibles and throwing the ball to the right person. He's got a year of experience there, and that makes a big difference, and that's what's really helping him out."

In Drake's debut as a starter, a 24-7 non-conference win at Minnesota-Duluth last Saturday, he completed 11 of 19 passes for 181 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. He connected on passes of 37 and 17 yards to Wilkinson, plus a 30-yarder to senior split end Travis Whelan and a 20-yard pass to junior tight end Matt Beauchamp.

Drake said the talented receivers will take some of the pressure off.

"Wilkinson is a huge target and runs well, too," Drake said. "Beauchamp probably runs the best routes of anybody. Then we have [injured tailback Jason] McGlone coming out of the backfield, and Whelan and John Duginski. You can look at any position and find someone you can throw the ball to."

Drake, who was redshirted in 1995, has been studying Holm's offense for over two years. He said it took a while to pick up because of its complexity. One aspect of being the starting quarterback that he isn't quite accustomed to yet is leadership.

"It's tough to get used to at first, but you gain confidence as you go along," he said. "But we have nine starters back on offense around me, so they're there to help too. But like I said earlier, I just have to remember that I don't have to be the one to win the ball games. As long as I take care of the ball and get help from my teammates, we'll be all right."

Bourcier leads by words, actions

By JASON LAUREN **Sports Editor**

Northern Michigan University outside linebacker Joe Bourcier hopes to lead the football Wildcats to the next level this season.

"I am a very big part of leading this team," Bourcier said. "I am a team leader. I am going to lead this

team as far as I can along with the other seniors and just have the best possible season we can.

NMU head coach Eric Holm considers Bourcier one of the best athletes at linebacker.



"He's a team leader and a talented guy," Holm said. "He is a great athlete. He's probably one of the best athletes around for a guy playing linebacker."

Bourcier was the fourth-leading tackler for the 'Cats last season, which gained him a spot on the All-MIFC defensive honorable mention team. Eight of his tackles were for losses, including two quarterback sacks. He also picked up a fumble that he returned 32 yards for a touchdown. His performance against Northwood and Indianapolis gained him the NMU linebacker of the week award.

In the 1995 campaign Bourcier was an All-MIFC defensive honorable mention pick while he was the second-leading tackler for the Wildcats. He was named MIFC player of the week when he recorded 10 tackles, two interceptions and one pass breakup against Hillsdale.

Before NMU disposed of Minnesota-Duluth last week, Bourcier was pleased with the team's preseason effort.

"There is a lot more concentration in this camp than in past camps that I've been involved with. All the guys are happy to be here and everyone is working hard," he said.

"Our team strengths are the defensive line, and the most important thing is our team unity. We consider ourselves a family this year." Bourcier said. "The new guys are contributing and they are earning a lot of respect with the other guys."

Bourcier's football playing days started back in the third grade. He said he liked Walter Payton and watched a lot of football on TV. He attended Divine Child High School in Taylor, Mich., where he earned All-Catholic and all-league honors in football as a running back and defensive back. His favorite team is the Detroit Lions, but he admitted to liking the Green Bay Packers too.

"We definitely want to win the conference. We're taking each game one step at a time," Bourcier said. "We have to clean up the mental mistakes. We have the ability and the players, we just have to lock it up and play solid defense and offense."

September 6 at Midland, Mich.

Northwood Timberwolves

• 1996: 6-5 overall, 5-5 MIFC (sixth). Vs. NMU: NMU won 21-3 and leads series

16-0.
• 1997 preseason poll:

• PLAYERS

TO WATCH: Keith Mathis, OG, 6-2, 300, Sr. (1996 All-MIFC); Kevin Babcock, DE, 6-0, 235, Sr.; Chris Wisinski, C, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Dwayne Jones, RB, 5-8, 160, Jr.

• SEASON OUTLOOK: The Timberwolves ranked fifth in the country in 1996 in rushing offense, and they should be near the top again. The Northwood ground game features the "Woodbone" offense, a variation of the wishbone. Three quarterbacks will get playing time, and running backs Dwayne Jones and Tom Tyson are capable of picking up huge chunks of yardage, but the defense again will be a liability.

September 13 Superior Dome

Saint Francis Fighting Saints

•1996: 3-8 overall, 2-8 MIFC (tied for last). Vs. NMU: NMU won 34-19 and leads se-

ries 5-1.
• 1997 preseason poll:

10th
• PLAYERS

TO WATCH: Brian VanderLuitgaren, QB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Michael Van Tassel, RB, 5-10, 162, Jr.; Joe Kostro, WR, 5-10, 162, Sr.; Jerry Verde, ILB, 6-1, 233, Jr.

• SEASON OUTLOOK: VanderLuitgaren is a four-year starter at quarterback and holds nearly every CSF passing record, but he needs a strong running game to be effective. Van Tassel missed seven games last year with an injury, and if he's healthy he will take some pressure off the quarterback. The Saints upset No. 18 Grand Valley State last season, and they could surprise some people this year.

September 20 Superior Dome

Ferris State Bulldogs

• 1996: 10-2 overall, 9-1 MIFC (first). Vs. NMU: FSU won 38-33; NMU leads se-

ries 10-7-6.
• 1997 pre-

season poll: first
• PLAYERS
TO WATCH:

Jeff Fisher, OLB, 6-0, 225, Sr. (1996 All-MIFC); Kelly Snell, CB, 5-10, 183, Jr. (1996 All-MIFC); Matt McCarthy, QB, 5-11, 196, Jr. (All-MIFC second team);

Ray Wilson, FL, 5-11, 182, Sr.

• SEASON OUTLOOK: The Bulldogs are favored to earn their sixth straight MIFC championship, but they must overcome the loss of seven starters on offense, including three All-MIFC first-team picks. Ferris State has already lost to Ashland, a middle-of-the-pack team, and appears vulnerable for the first time in several years. Fisher and Snell lead a solid defense, but the Bulldogs' streak could end this year.

October 4 at Indianapolis

Indianapolis Greyhounds

• 1996: 3-8 overall, 3-7 MIFC (eighth). Vs. NMU: NMU won 38-9 and leads series

6-1.
• 1997 preseason poll:

• PLAYERS TO WATCH:

eighth

Ted Liette, LB, 5-11, 205, Jr. (1996 All-MIFC); Gary Isza, WR, 5-10, 170, Jr. (1996 All-MIFC second team); Kevin Kreinhagen, QB, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Marty Heelam, TB, 5-11, 201, Sr.

• SEASON OUTLOOK: Isza set an MIFC record with 57 catches in 1996, and Kreinhagen is a three-year starter at quarterback. Liette's 198 tackles last year led the conference. Head coach Joe Polizzi says the Greyhounds will be better than an eighth-place team in 1997, and they certainly have the talent in several key positions to make that possible. Depth is a concern.

October 11 Superior Dome

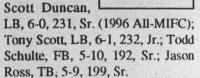
Hillsdale Chargers

• 1996: 6-5 overall, 6-4 MIFC (fifth). Vs. NMU: Hillsdale won 24-14 and leads se-

ries 18-9-1.
• 1997 pre-

 1997 preseasonpoll: fifth

• PLAYERS
TO WATCH:



• SEASONOUTLOOK: The biggest change for Hillsdale in 1997 will be on the sidelines, where long-time defensive coordinator Dave Dye takes over for legendary head coach Dick Lowry. The Chargers' defense will again be the strength of this team. Offensive depth is a concern, especially on the line, and many young players will be in key roles. Duncan, a team captain and four-year starter, is an All-America candidate at linebacker.



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October 18 at Allendale, Mich.

Grand Valley State Lakers

• 1996: 8-3 overall, 8-2 MIFC (second). Vs. NMU: NMU won 14-9 and leads series 13-7.

· 1997 preseason poll: second

 PLAYERS TO WATCH:

Jeff Fox, QB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Kenny Brown, WR, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Kelton Davis, DT, 6-2, 285, Sr. (1996 All-MIFC second team); Kevin Clemens, DE, 6-0, 262, Jr.

 SEASON OUTLOOK: Fox is one of the top three returning quarterbacks in the conference, and the Lakers are among a handful of teams with a legitimate shot at the title. Grand Valley returns eight starters on both sides of the ball, so the No. 2 offense and No. 3 defense of 1996 will remain largely intact. All-MIFC kicker Doug Kochanski (leagueleading 13 field goals in '96) returns, so special teams are also solid.

October 25 **Superior Dome**

Ashland Eagles

• 1996: 4-7 overall, 4-6 MIFC (seventh). Vs. NMU: Ashland won 17-16 and leads

series 5-2. • 1997 preseason poll: sev-

PLAYERS

TO WATCH:

Donald Church, RB, 5-9, 195, Jr. (1996 All-MIFC); Omari Parks, RB, 6-3, 190, Jr.; Bubba Harris, DE, 6-3, 230, Sr. (1996 All-MIFC, led conference with 16 sacks); Chris Fichtner, FS, 6-2, 200, Sr.

 SEASON OUTLOOK: Head coach Gary Keller expects an improvement in his team's record, and that's likely. The Eagles opened the season with a 26-7 win at Ferris State, which was predicted to win the MIFC for the sixth straight year. Ashland upset NMU near the end of 1996, and many of the key players are returning. Church and Parks are a great backfield combination.

November 1 at Detroit

Wayne State Tartars

• 1996: 2-9 overall, 2-8 MIFC (tied for last). Vs. NMU: NMU won

37-23 and leads series 10-5.

• 1997 preseason poll: 11th

 PLAYERS TO WATCH: Daishawn

Franklin, DE, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Derek Lindsay, DT, 6-2, 270; Sr.; Rodney Simmons, ILB, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Tony Hawk, CB, 5-7, 170, Sr. (1996 All-MIFC second team).

 SEASON OUTLOOK: Former Ferris State offensive coordinator Barry Fagan takes over as head coach of a team that is 5-15 in the MIFC the past two years. The good news for the Tartars is that 19 of 22 starters return from last year. But Fagan, who is accustomed to winning at FSU, will discover that experience is no match for talent. The defense is the strength of this team, as it has been in recent years.

November 8 Superior Dome

Michigan Tech Huskies

• 1996: .2-8 overall and MIFC (tied for last). Vs. NMU: NMU won 20-17 and leads

series 34-31-5.

• 1997 preseason poll: ninth

 PLAYERS TO WATCH:

Aaron Steger, DT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Joe Prior, HB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Gary Sweet, C, 6-2, 275, Jr.; Jason Bailey, ILB, 6-1, 220, So.

· SEASON OUTLOOK: The ninth-place prediction in the conference coaches' poll is realistic, considering the fact that MTU will start a redshirt freshman at quarterback. There will also be four new starters in the defensive backfield, and leading tackler Nick Sturm will miss the season with a torn achilles tendon. The most experienced unit is the offensive backfield, where Prior and Dennis Cannoot will be featured in MTU's Wing-T offense.

November 15 at University Center, Mich.

Saginaw Valley St. **Cardinals**

• 1996: 7-3 overall and MIFC (tied for third with NMU): Vs. NMU; NMU won 52-

42 and leads series 14-3.

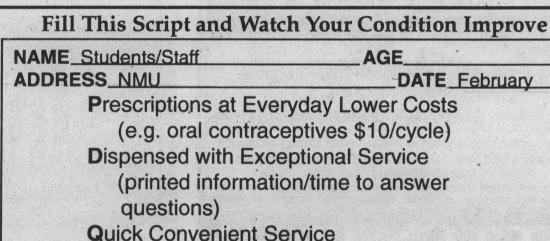
• 1997 preseason poll: third •PLAYERS TO



WATCH: Jeff Klopf, QB, 5-11, 178, Jr.; Tim Neelands, RB, 5-11, 163, Jr.; Maurice Hills, CB, 6-0, 150, So.; Lamar King, LB, 6-5, 285, Jr.

 SEASON OUTLOOK: The Cardinals have a legitimate chance of challenging for the MIFC championship. They have finished first in the conference and fourth in the nation in rushing the past two seasons behind a lethal split-back veer option. This is one of the fastest teams in the MIFC, and it has the potential to embarrass some teams. Klopf gained 660 yards on the ground in 1996 despite missing five games with a shoulder injury.





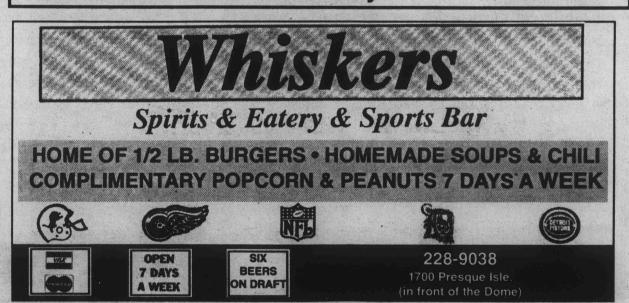
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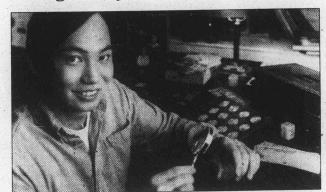
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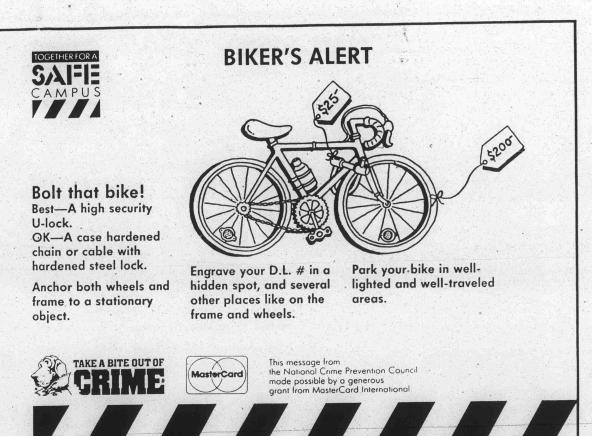


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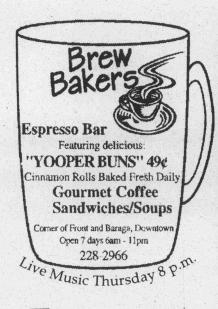


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