

**WEATHER**

• **Friday:** Mostly sunny, low 35, highs mid-50s.  
 • **Saturday:** Fair skies, low 35, highs mid-50s.  
 • **Sunday:** Chance of showers, lows 30s, high 50.

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**Musical weekend**

Many opportunities for music lovers in Marquette.

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**On the ice**

Hockey Wildcats get their new season underway.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER

NMU Public Safety has all the rights and responsibilities of any police department in the county.

## In charge

By **HEATHER JENSEN**  
 News Staff Reporter

NMU Public Safety officers have every authority in the attempt to enforce the law that city and county police do, department officials said.

"Students need to understand that we are a real police department, with jurisdiction over all of NMU-owned property," Investigator Victor LaDuke said.

### IN DEPTH

There is no limit to the type of crime that can be handled by Public Safety. The department is responsible for misdemeanors and felonies alike, if they occur on campus.

According to an area attorney, most of the cities that include a college campus have an agreement arranged between the two organizations detailing where one organization begins and the other ends.

The agreement between NMU Public Safety and the county is all-inclusive. Every Public Safety officer is deputized by the county sheriff. Although their primary focus is on the university, the officers will help other agencies.

"Normally if a student is involved, we're involved," said Darwin Gager, safety and fire prevention specialist for the university.

Officer Jeffrey Mincheff said Public Safety not only enforces statutes; it is also in charge of many other aspects of campus life.

"We're just like your hometown police department, plus," Mincheff said.

In addition to enforcing state law, university ordi-

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## 'Cats back in the CCHA

The Wildcats return to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association this season, but will first take on Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech in a home-and-home series. The teams play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lakeview Arena and then travel to Houghton on Saturday for a 7:35 p.m. faceoff in the MacInnes Student Ice Arena. Please see the preseason pull-out section in this issue.



North Wind photos by Duane Pape

"I try to get across what the president gets across. I speak for Ryan."



Hall

## Hall defines chief of staff responsibilities

By **ERIC BRADLEY**  
 News Staff Reporter

ASNMU Chief of Staff Terry Hall believes his duties include more than just taking notes and making sure the student government office runs efficiently.

The ASNMU Constitution defines the role of the appointed chief of staff as the person who serves as recording secretary during ASNMU meetings, assists the president in the execution of his duties and is responsible for the efficient and proper operation of the ASNMU office.

But Hall believes the chief of staff also must act as a shield to the president, and do his best to communicate what the president is thinking.

"My job is to get my name in the paper, not his," Hall said. "I try to get across what the president gets across. I speak for [ASNMU President] Ryan [Weidner]."

The title of the position was

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North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris  
 Members of Lambda Chi Alpha have added a twist to their annual food drive. See story on Page 4.

## Atypical is the norm for NMU students Classes are just a small part of life

By **AMY FORTNEY**  
 and **JONI GLEASON**  
 Staff Writers

Cathy Burleson gets three of her children off to school and leaves her 2-year-old with a babysitter, then leaves for school herself.

Burleson, 32, is a non-traditional stu-

dent, like about three-fourths of students enrolled at NMU.

The non-traditional classification includes married students, single parents, commuters, students older than 25 and those with military experience.

Burleson said she has found help in her transition to being a student.

"I think the professors are very support-

ive of non-traditional students, like when your kids are sick or you can't make it because of bad weather," Burleson said.

Third-year biology student George Allen added, "I thought it was easy to come back. I haven't had any problems."

Paul White, assistant dean of students, helps non-traditional students with the transition back to school.

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nances, parking and traffic, Public Safety is responsible for Americans with Disabilities Act enforcement, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Association and Federal Occupational Safety and Health Association requirements, fire safety and hazardous materials management.

Mincheff and Gager are interested in students using the programs

offered by Public Safety. The department offers programs to keep students aware and prepared.

Only one of the 14 four-year public institutions in Michigan does not have a police department like NMU's. Lake Superior State University has a security-only system and works with city police.

"There is a great benefit to the

students in the system we have at Lake State," said Pat Manor, director of security for LSSU. "The students have much more leeway; we can work through the all-campus judiciary, while other schools have to go through a prosecutor. Sault Ste. Marie is not a high-crime area; the system would never work in someplace like Grand Rapids or Lansing."

**Non-traditional***Continued from Page 1*

He is developing an advisory council with non-traditional students that will address issues such as child care, car pooling, renting problems and counseling services.

"I think non-traditional students as a group tend to be a bit more focused on their education, and they are a bit more realistic about their strengths and weaknesses," White said. "They are motivated with the attitude, 'I'm paying for this, I may as well get something out of it.' "

Lack of involvement in extra-cur-

ricular activities, however, is common among non-traditional students, White said.

"Other things often take priority: families, jobs and dance recitals," he said. "Because of this, they tend not to feel connected to the university."

White said the advisory council would help solve some of the problems non-traditional students may face. Those interested in being involved with the council should contact White at the Dean of Students Office in the University Center.

Such services are available to all students, but many non-traditional students may not know about them.

"I wasn't aware that NMU offered correspondence courses," said Steve Voldeck, 42, who returned to school after a 23-year absence. "This would have saved me time and made it easier for my work schedule."

"I enjoy school a lot, but I'm buried in my school work. I'm not involved in any extra-curricular activities. They are all pointed at the 'traditional' student."

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changed from executive secretary to chief of staff in spring 1996 to represent duties performed and the responsibilities expected.

Hall said he and the Governing Board do their best to educate students on campus issues that affect the students' academic lives.

"We try to get the students to look at issues as we think they truly are," he said. "My main goal is to give a better image to ASNMU."

Hall said in return for speaking for the president, he must deal with reactions to his and Weidner's decisions and comments.

"I get to be the bad guy," he said. "I take the bad press to make the president look good."

"I have little respect for the people who argue from emotion. I have found that a majority of people don't know why they believe what they believe."

Weidner said the chief of staff

is helpful, not only for him, but also for the students.

"I think the chief of staff's job should be determined by each president," Weidner said. "Terry and I work well as a team to keep students informed and handle any situations that arise for us to have to take a leadership position."

Hall said there were several decisions that were hard for him to make as chairman of the Appointments Committee.

Hall said earlier this year the committee members reached a tie on their vote for an off-campus representative position.

"It was between Nick Vivian and Kris Krueger," Hall said. "I voted to get those not involved [in student government] to get involved."

Krueger was appointed to the position on Sept. 7.

Vivian is a student representative on the Academic Senate.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Local

**City to spend cool million on ice arena**

The Marquette City Commission voted Monday to spend \$1 million on renovations for Lakeview Arena. The unanimous vote came in the wake of NMU's announcement that the university won't renew its lease for the city-owned arena beyond the 1998-99 hockey season. NMU plans to build its own \$9.5 million ice arena/event center by the fall of 1999, said NMU News Director Kristi Evans. The Lakeview Arena upgrade will be financed through the sale of bonds and won't result in a tax increase, City Manager Gerald Peterson said. Renovations, which will begin in the spring and take about 18 months to complete, will include a new lounge and concession area, enlarged locker rooms, additional seating and roof repairs.

## National

**Office repairs strand airline passengers**

Airline traffic at New York metropolitan area airports was snarled Wednesday after air traffic controllers at a regional facility became sick and were forced to leave the control room. A project to replace ceiling tiles in the air traffic control room at the facility in Garden City on Long Island was suspected as the cause of a host of symptoms, including scratchy throats, burning eyes and rashes, FAA spokeswoman Kathryn Creedy said in Washington. The illnesses kept about two-thirds of the controllers out of the facility, Creedy said. Scores of flights were canceled, and hundreds of thousands of passengers were delayed at New York area airports.

**City Council blames 'Pegleg' for blaze**

A Chicago City Council committee recommended approval of a resolution absolving Mrs. O'Leary and her cow of blame for the fire of 1871 that destroyed most of the city. The resolution cited new research pinning the blaze on Daniel "Pegleg" Sullivan, who went to the O'Leary barn to feed his mother's cow but probably dropped a match, pipe or lantern in hay or wood shavings. A published report shortly after the fire said the blaze appeared to have started in a barn where Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking a cow, which allegedly kicked over a lantern. Mrs. O'Leary denied it, but the story endured. The fire killed 250 to 300 people, destroyed 17,450 buildings and left 90,000 people homeless.

**One in five infected with genital herpes**

One in every five people in the United States is infected with herpes simplex virus type 2, genital herpes, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The report this week says the number of Americans living with the disease has increased by 30 percent since the late 1970s.

## International

**'Che' Guevara receives hero's funeral**

Thousands of people in Santa Clara, Cuba, lined up Wednesday to see a small wooden casket containing the remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara. The city, 220 miles southeast of Havana, was captured by Guevara on Jan. 1, 1959 in a battle that was decisive for the victory of Fidel Castro's army against former dictator Fulgencio Batista. The casket will be on display at the city's Jose Marti library until late today. Castro's communist government is giving Guevara the send-off of a national hero, with a funeral scheduled for Friday in Santa Clara. Guevara was executed in Bolivia in 1967 after an abortive mission to ignite a revolution. His remains were returned to Cuba three months ago.

— Briefs from news services



North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris

**SPIs  
among us**

Members of the Society for the Preservation of the Imagination play a fantasy card game called Magic. SPI, a registered student organization, meets at 5 p.m. every Saturday in the University Center.

**Sculpture will be more than  
inspiration on a pile of rocks**

By ERIC BRADLEY  
News Staff Reporter

NMU art and design professors Dale Wedig and Michael Cinelli want to create a monument.

Estimates are that it will tower 35 to 40 feet in the air and stretch 160 feet on either side of the Kaye Avenue entrance to the campus.

Cinelli said the Kaye Avenue Landmark will serve as a concrete and steel mesh testament to the history of NMU.

"The sculpture is meant to be a bridge from the past to the future; that's the theme of it," Cinelli said. "The solid foundation of the sculpture will be material from Kaye, Pierce and Longyear halls as a base on which the campus was founded."

Sculptures that will be placed on the top of the landmark will be made of half-inch steel plate screen.

Cinelli said the university hopes to have enough funding in place to begin construction during next spring in time for a dedication ceremony in conjunction with NMU's centennial.

Cinelli said former NMU President William Vandament proposed the idea to Cinelli last fall.

"He wanted to somehow create a formal, clearly defined entranceway to the university," Cinelli said.

Cinelli then met with Wedig to come up with a sculpture that would represent NMU and the area in which it thrives.

The cost associated with building the sculpture, the tower and a stone base is estimated to be between \$350,000 to \$410,000.

Cinelli said cost figures for the sculpture are changing rapidly.

"We will be pairing original figures down," Cinelli said. "For instance, we won't have the lighting,

and the university already owns the materials."

The tower will be a four-sided clock that Cinelli hopes will become a point of reference for the campus.

Cinelli said no money for this project will come from students — all funding for the sculpture will come from outside donations and volunteer labor.

Wedig, whose steel mesh designs will be welded to the top of the foundation, is planning to donate his time, and he said there may be a possibility for students to volunteer to work on the sculpture.

Wedig said the sculpture is more than just a pile of rocks and his inspiration welded to the top.

"It has to signify the end of the city of Marquette and where Northern's campus begins," Wedig said. "Our goal is to create a visually dominating structure."

**Student running for City Commission****Schlak says NMU is not represented**

By HEATHER JENSEN  
News Staff Reporter

NMU student James Schlak hopes that, in politics, the third time is the charm.

He's set his sights set on a City Commission seat in next month's election.

Schlak, 31, is an accounting major with a long-time interest in local politics.

The Flint native has lived in Marquette since 1984 and has run for the position twice before.

"NMU students are the largest group in the city with no representation on the City Commission," Schlak said. "It is time the commission has full representation of the Marquette community."

Schlak said it's everyone's civic duty to help the community, and that he wants to represent his fellow students.

The current commission doesn't reflect the community's demographics, he said.

"For many years the City Commission has been made up of citizens

who are at least 50 years old, and I believe it is time to elect someone with new attitudes and an understanding of today's generation's needs and the issues that concern them," Schlak said.

The commission's decisions, such as the garbage-collection issue, affect NMU students, Schlak said.

"We need someone on the commission who understands this type of issue and can make the other commissioners aware of its effect on the NMU population."

Incumbent Frank Sciotto and Dan Dallas will be on the Nov. 4 ballot, while Schlak is a write-in candidate.

# Lambda Chi: 'Slaves for the night'

## Contest added to annual food drive

By ANNA BAUER  
Staff Writer

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is adding a twist to its annual food drive.

Lambda Chi has challenged the three NMU sororities to compete against each other to see which could collect the most canned foods.

Lambda Chi will name its Halloween party after the winners, and the fraternity will cook dinner for the winners.

"We will become their slaves for the night," said Tom Flanigan, vice president of Lambda Chi.

"It is a great idea," said senior Lisa Fiacconi of Phi Sigma Sigma. "It benefits the community. Greeks are so misunderstood on campus. They think all we do is socialize. We do a lot of community service."

The winner of the sorority contest will be announced Oct. 30.

Lambda Chi has been collecting canned foods since the beginning of the semester, but with the ending date of Nov. 1 rapidly approaching, members are intensifying their drive, Flanigan said.

The chapter goal is 3,000 pounds of food. About 1,600 pounds have already been collected.

"We have always met our goal," Flanigan said.

On Oct. 25, the fraternity and Golden Z will pass out bags throughout the community for canned foods. The bags will be collected Nov. 1. The bags may be set on porches to make collection more convenient.

The Lambda Chi food drive is a volunteer effort, Flanigan said.

Lambda Chi has chosen to give the food it collects to the Salvation Army. The food that is collected stays in the area, Flanigan said.

One million pounds of food is the

goal for the 230 chapters across the United States and Canada.

"If we meet our goal, we'll feed 3 million people," Flanigan said.

Lambda Chi will collect food Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. at Econo Foods and Super One Foods, both in Marquette.

As customers enter the stores, fraternity members will ask them to buy a can of food. And as they leave, they can donate the cans to Lambda Chi. Money donations are also accepted. Every dollar is counted as one pound of food.

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**Thursday, October 9**

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11:40 p.m. Report of malicious destruction of property of university sign in progress.

**Friday, October 10**

8:07 a.m. Report of property damage accident Lot 5.  
9:09 a.m. Traffic stop Lot 16, verbal warning issued.  
11:19 a.m. Report of a larceny of a computer.  
12:29 p.m. Traffic stop Lot 16, one verbal warning.  
4:34 p.m. Report of possible heart attack. EMS dispatched.  
5:37 p.m. Report of larceny of CD player.  
9:50 p.m. Report of assault Lot 16.

**Saturday, October 11**

12:10 a.m. Report of passed-out subject outside Hunt Hall. EMS transported.  
12:48 a.m. Report of subject urinating near Lot 8. Two minor in possessions issued.

9:05 a.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to meters in Lot 30.  
5:33 p.m. Report of larceny of wallet from motor vehicle.  
6:12 p.m. EMS requested for knee injury at the Dome.

**Sunday, October 12**

1:46 a.m. Traffic stop Presque Isle, warning issued.  
2:09 a.m. Traffic stop Presque Isle and Waldo, warning issued.  
7:57 a.m. Traffic stop Presque Isle and Fair. One citation issued.  
1:39 p.m. Traffic stop Schaffer and Wright St., verbal warning.

**Monday, October 13**

10:01 a.m. Report of property

damage accident at Harden Circle Drive.

9:57 p.m. Traffic stop on Fair and McClellan, verbal warning.

10:32 p.m. Traffic stop on Wright at Lot 16, verbal warning.

**Tuesday, October 14**

4:55 a.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to vehicle in Lot 21.

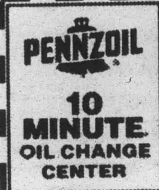
10:27 a.m. Report of larceny from residence halls.

12:07 p.m. Traffic stop Lot 64, verbal warning.

3:27 p.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to vehicle.

9:45 p.m. Traffic stop on Park and Third, verbal warning.

10 p.m. Traffic stop on Wilkinson and Wright, verbal warning.



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## EDITORIAL

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Make a difference

### A little raking can go a long way

On the last Saturday of October last year, more than 700 students from 54 campus organizations spent a day off — working.

As part of Make a Difference Day 1996, NMU students volunteered a few hours and a handful of blisters to rake leaves and wash windows at the homes of some elderly neighbors.

This one day every fall — it's Oct. 25 this year — highlights the volunteer activities of the university community, but NMU students are making a difference in people's lives every day.

Whether it's tutoring at an area elementary school, coaching a junior hockey team or working with a Girl Scout troop, students are giving of themselves.

It's important for the university to be a good neighbor in the Marquette community, and events like Make a Difference Day — held in conjunction with the Marquette County Volunteer Center and other local organizations — allow us to show that we accept the responsibility.

Volunteer activities in the area are virtually endless, ranging from after-school programs to library events, from health department seminars to Little League teams.

If you have talent and a desire to help out, volunteer officials can find a place for you.

This is also a great opportunity for student groups to get together and do something worthwhile. Volunteer work is nothing new to some organizations — see the story on Lambda Chi Alpha's food drive (Page 4) — and others can gain much from the experience.

Any NMU student or faculty or staff member interested in participating in Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 25 can call the NMU Volunteer Center at 227-2466 or stop by the office in Room 1206 of the University Center to check out the listing of volunteer activities.

For more information about other opportunities in the county, call the Marquette County Volunteer Center at 228-9111.

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### Phone system too expensive?

Through research on behalf of constituents of the Northern Michigan University family housing, a problem with the current long-distance telephone carrier has come to light.

Student Telephone Services, an Arizona-based company that is contracted by NMU to handle the on-campus long-distance phone services, is charging not from the moment of connection, but 30 seconds after the access code is entered.

What this means is that if the phone is just ringing on the other end for over 30 seconds, you are billed one minute. If you let it ring for a minute and a half, you are billed two minutes, etc.

Students need to be aware of this before choosing to use Student Telephone Services. If you find this to be an unfair practice (AT&T, MCI, Sprint and Ameritech all do), may I suggest buying a prepaid phone card. They will work just fine and save you money in the long run.

I also call on Northern Michigan University to look into this practice from a financial standpoint. According to a recently mailed flier titled "Shared Visions, Shared Expectations," NMU promised to "... offer good value for the students' dollars spent." I do not believe paying for a phone ringing unanswered is a "good value." It looks to me to actually be a waste of money. Northern?

— Frank Krieger

Family Housing Representative

### Newspaper biased against ASNMU?

Not one article in your paper that has covered an issue that I represent has been accurate. Most contain misquotes and misrepresentations. It is obvious to me that you have a bias against ASNMU in general and the inquiry into the weapons policy issue specifically. Fine, that is why you have an editorial column.

The latest article has contained the worst mistake to date. I am the representative for the College of Arts and Sciences. Any student in that college with any issue that needs representation — please contact me. Regardless of issue, if I can assist, I will. Your subsidized paper is the means by which most students can stay abreast of issues. Your shoddy, lazy inaccuracies have now begun to mislead my

constituents as to who I represent. These are the same constituents that subsidize your paper. Maybe you should remember who your customers are. I have not forgot who I represent and I invite them to communicate with me via e-mail or stop by the ASNMU office.

— Philip M. Webb  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Representative

### Band should be positive example

I am writing in response to the enormous amount of energy displayed by the marching band at the home football game on Oct. 11. I have not seen this amount of energy from any one group in a long time. However, not only was this energy used in an unsportsmanlike way, it was also uncalled for. Comments such as "warm up the bus" and "hey, No. 54 (on the Hillsdale side), you're the best player on our team" were made throughout the game, and were comments which I found to be unnecessary. I also found the tantalizing of players on the sideline to be rude and obnoxious.

It is sad that this enormous amount of energy was being used towards demeaning our opponents, when it could have been put to much better use in cheering for our own team. However, what was even sadder was the fact that neither the director nor the assistant director were doing anything to stifle the negative cheering by their band members. In fact, there were actually occasions in which they too were making comments towards the opposing team's members.

When at the football games, as well as at any other time, the marching band should be a representative of the fans and the student body. However, this

representation should be a positive one, and as both a fan and a student, I do not wish to be represented by the comments that were made by the band at last Saturday's football game.

— Laura Scott

### Reader appreciates police discretion

I am writing in response to Kurt Dabb's letter, "Public Safety's policies questioned." The gist of his argument seemed to be: the officer exercised his discretion and didn't give my friend a ticket, and when my friend continued to break the law, not once more but twice, the officer had the audacity to pull him over and write violations for all the laws he broke.

Officers have and are allowed discretion concerning when and if they write tickets. Instead of being upset with an authority figure when they enforce the rules or laws, just change your behaviors and don't do those things which will place you under the discretion of that authority.

The officer could have written more tickets, like for careless or even reckless driving (instead of three tickets for disobeying a traffic device), he could have arrested him for reckless endangerment of human life or a host of other much more serious crimes.

You, your friend, and all of us should be glad that officers have discretion and are not forced to write a ticket or make an arrest for every crime they see committed.

I would also like to thank Officer David Rice for attempting to shut the lights off on that vehicle in the university parking lot even though the car was locked and you were unsuccessful that time. It is the act that counts. Those acts of discretion are ones for which I am most thankful.

— Terrance A. Hall Jr.

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# LS&I Railroad becoming footnote in our history

The General Electric locomotives groan and shake as their combined 6,000 horsepower comes to life. We are headed out of the Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad's Eagle Mills yard with 111 loaded iron ore cars.

The enormous weight of the cars tugging back starts to burden the diesels' forward progress. Suddenly there is a slam, and I'm shoved back hard into the passenger seat. The engineer, a genteel sort named Pete, looks at my startled face and chuckles, "That's just the backlash of the cars as we take up the slack."

While I'm looking for my middle vertebra, the noise level in the cab of No. 3050 slowly rises to a crescendo somewhere between Niagara Falls and a Boeing 747. And it's right behind your ass, a thought that keeps popping into my head for the entire 22-mile run to the lower yard.

Looking out the tiny window toward the back of the train, as far as I can see, are these massive ore cars with their loads of iron ore pellets, still warm from the processing plant. The ore has been wetted down for transport, and steam curls up off the pellets into the cool, gray afternoon, eerily mixing with the haze of the overcast day.

This is the "Hill Job," a term the boys at LS&I gave to a loaded train headed for the ore dock — and rightly so, for most of the trip is down a slight grade, making the diesel engines more a braking mechanism than a hauler. As we begin to pull away from the yard, these giant pieces of machinery begin to vibrate incredibly from the weight of the cargo. Speeding up, the cab begins to rock back and forth in a seemingly endless motion. I start to think that

**John Council**

Staff  
Columnist



Dramamine might have been a good idea this morning. Out the window to my left, I notice another set of tracks, obviously unused for some time. Pete tells me those are the old Soo Line tracks that run to the abandoned ore dock downtown — and into our collective history, like so much steel and mortar and wood.

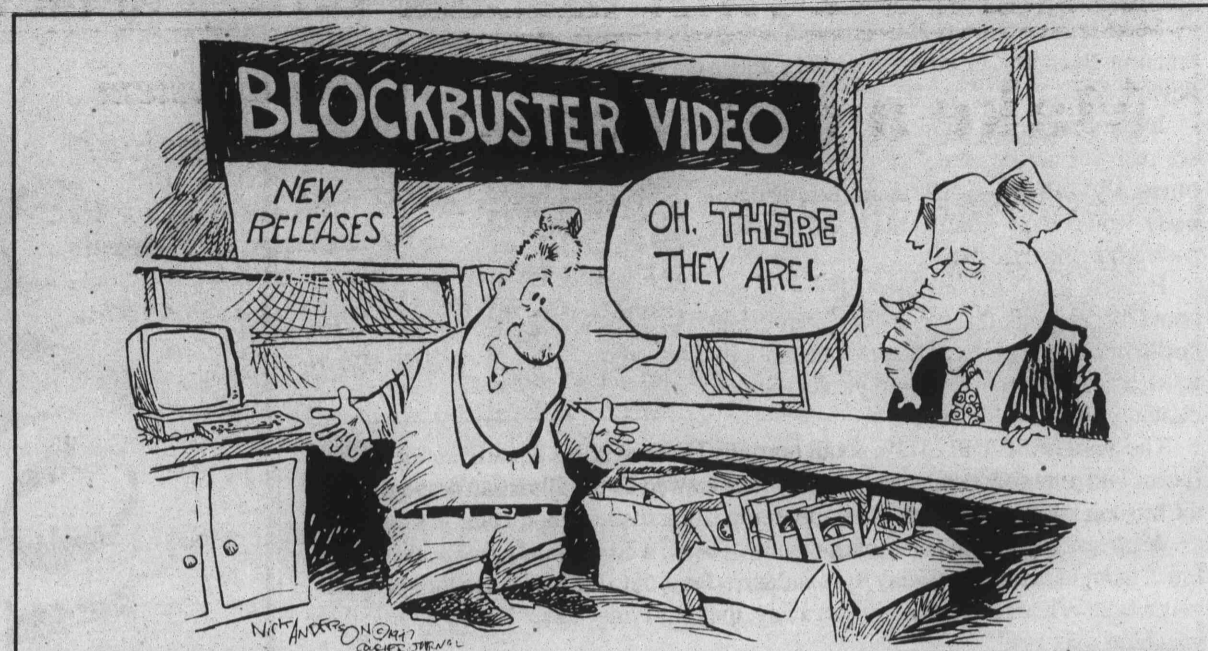
The Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad has just celebrated its 100th birthday. In a time when railroads are fast disappearing, this is the Little Railroad That Could. It's one of the last of a dying breed of small, independent lines that serve a single purpose. LS&I's is bringing iron ore from the two mines still operating on the once endless Marquette Range, to the Upper Harbor ore dock for loading into the giant ships that ply the Great Lakes. Gone are the days when LS&I hauled passengers, lumber or freight. Gone are the days when iron ore was king in the Upper Midwest.

All that is left is a small but dedicated group of men and women who love what they are doing — railroading. And what used to be a proud career has become but a footnote on the vast American landscape.

**Editor's note:** John Council wants to hear your stories of life at NMU. He can be reached at [jcouncil@nmu.edu](mailto:jcouncil@nmu.edu)

## NICK ANDERSON

The Louisville Courier-Journal/  
The Washington Post Writers Group



## Taking that final act out of hunting

As civilizations advance, they exercise more and more power over their environment, usually due to concurrent advances in technology. A three-day walk becomes a six-hour carriage ride becomes an afternoon drive; in the workshop, the latest tool makes old jobs easier. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the sport of hunting. We no longer need to hunt to survive, but we could — more easily than the most proficient Pleistocene hunter.

Time was, for a hunter to kill a deer, he would have to chase it down on foot, pursuing it for hour after hour as it gradually weakened, leaping aboard, driving it to the ground, and slicing its throat or poking it in the eye with a sharp stick. A lot of effort for lunch, but back then, he couldn't go down to the Village Pub for a burger.

As time passed, technology advanced, and sharp stones were replaced by projectile weapons. This made hunting much easier. No longer was it necessary to drive an animal to exhaustion; now, all hunters had to do was wait until

**Don Wilkie**

Staff  
Columnist



game wanders into range, and let fly. The bullets do the chasing.

That's only half the problem, though. We still have to find those pesky critters — and some of them are smart enough to know that November woods are a dangerous place. Locating game is difficult — but technology never says die.

Enter the newest "weapon" — bait piles. "Check this out," we tell our antlered prey. "Here is a tasty apple," we say. "Take, eat, and remember me — and where you got it. And if you need more, just come on back." Deer, being dolts, believe that sort of thing.

But have we advanced enough? I think not. The chase and the hunt have been mastered, but we need

to take technology one step more, to streamline the process further. We need to do something about that third part of the process, the actual kill itself. (Now I know some of you really enjoy that part — but try to keep your disappointment under control.)

And so I offer a proposal: poison bait piles. Oh, we'd have to put our scientists to work to come up with something that wouldn't spoil the meat, I suppose, something fatal to deer but harmless to humans. And no more painful than a bullet to the head or an arrow to the gut. And we'd still have to go out in our pickups to get the carcass, but nothing's perfect.

Just think. With this proposal, we can advance hunting one more step, bring it a little more in line with the rest of our civilization. No more running, no more searching — and now, no more shooting! Heck, that'll be even easier than going to the Pub for lunch!

**Editor's note:** Don Wilkie welcomes reactions to his columns. He can be reached at [dowilkie@nmu.edu](mailto:dowilkie@nmu.edu)

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Of course, you can also visit our office in Room 2310 of the University Center.

### PHOTO OPINION POLL

What do you think of the university's policy banning weapons on campus?



"I think it's a good idea. It's a good way to make sure people are safe on campus."

**Alysia Dozier**, senior, psychology



"Weapons just end up messing everything up, so I feel it's a good policy."

**Rory Baker**, sophomore, English



"I think it's good. What the hell do we need weapons on campus for, anyway!"

**Walter Smith**, junior, broadcasting



"It's a good idea because NMU is thought to be a safer university and the policy promotes it."

**Angela Zanetti**, freshman, undeclared

## Faith is not for the gutless

There are several bits of Christian theology that Christians in general seem rather embarrassed about these days: namely, those of heaven and hell, and especially the devil.

In some ways it is not surprising why this is so, and yet at the same time it is. Hell is obviously difficult to talk about because nobody would ever want to acknowledge that such a horrible fate exists.

Heaven has been made difficult to talk about because of the somewhat comic and cutesy imagery which is often associated with it, such as harps, robes and people floating on clouds, constantly singing.

The devil is difficult to talk about partially because of his equally corny imagery (horns and pitchfork) and also because he is viewed as the Christian scapegoat, and a Christian passing the buck is no more appealing than anybody else passing it.

What is surprising to me is that so many of those who wouldn't give heaven or hell much thought in their everyday lives suddenly latch onto the idea when the going truly gets rough. When a loved one passes away, they say things like, "I know he's up there watching over me."

Up where? Are we talking about heaven or not? If we are going to talk about heaven in our most serious moments, why must we shy away from it all the others?

Either heaven is a crutch which we use in our moments of need and are better off without, or it really is another realm which we may be wise to consider more seriously. And if we must consider heaven seriously, wouldn't it make sense to consider its polar opposite seriously?

Something which has often troubled me is how we seem to equate heaven with Disneyland. It's a shiny, happy place where everybody will kick back and have a jolly time and God is like a discriminating ticket master. At the end of the line, there he is dealing out our eternal fates. If you've been good and eaten all your broccoli he might be willing to let you in. If not, he pulls a lever and a trap door snaps open under your feet and you go to that "other" place.

This really cheapens the whole concept in my opinion. Heaven and God are the same thing. Knowing God IS heaven. However, the embarrassment doesn't stop there.

For example, I have noticed that I am more inclined to say "God" in a conversation that I am to say "Jesus." Why is that? Perhaps it is because "God" is printed on our money and some forefathers of ours equated God with liberty and all the other great things Americans are supposed to stand for. Since they mentioned him, and they were great men, I can't be all that stupid, right?

Or perhaps it is because "God" is a vague term which makes it more difficult for a skeptic to nail me for it. Maybe it even has to do with the fact that God starts with a stronger consonant than Jesus. (Doesn't that "G" sound assertive?)

Jesus also seems to bring out all kinds of problems the moment you mention him. Questions like, "Do you think he's God?" or "Do you think he's the only way to God?" The answer is hard for a lot of people to swallow. Yes, I do think so.

But wait, what was my point in all this ranting and preaching? If I remember correctly, my point was that I am tired of Christians who shuffle their feet and stare at the ground when the nitty-gritty of their beliefs are exposed.

Get some guts, learn your faith, or get out.



**Jeremiah French**

*For What It's Worth*

# DIVERSIONS

# Music for wander

By **MIRIAM MOELLER**  
Staff Writer

Hungarian folk group Muzsikás and Márta Sebestyén perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Marquette's Kaufman Auditorium.

"I look forward to presenting music that hasn't been to Marquette before," Quaystone director Chris Hansen said.

The group is one of the world's top groups performing traditional and native "gypsy" music of Hungary.

"I'm excited because they are unusual," Hansen said. "It's gypsy music."

Though the group has long been popular in Hungary, Europe and the United States became familiar with them mostly through the soundtrack of the movie "The English Patient," and the Grammy-winning "Bohème" by Deep Forest.

As a 12-year-old, Sebestyén received a prize for folk singing from Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly and started working with Muzsikás in the early 1980s when they were the leading group in the Hungarian dance house, or "dancé house."

The dance house style emerged in the 1970s as a means for students to express their feelings when Russian control started to loosen. The group's popularity made authorities suspicious.

As a result, their phones were tapped and their traveling privileges to other countries got restricted. But this restriction under political pressure didn't make them give up.

Through concerts, recordings, radio and television, Muzsikás now shares their musical tradition with the world.

Muzsikás members are Daniel Hamar on bass, hammer dulcimer



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and hit-gardon, which is a cross between cello and drum; violist Peter Eri, and fiddlers Mihaly Sipos and Laszlo Porteleki. The group is joined by two Hungarian dancers, Zoltan Farkas and Ildiko Toth.

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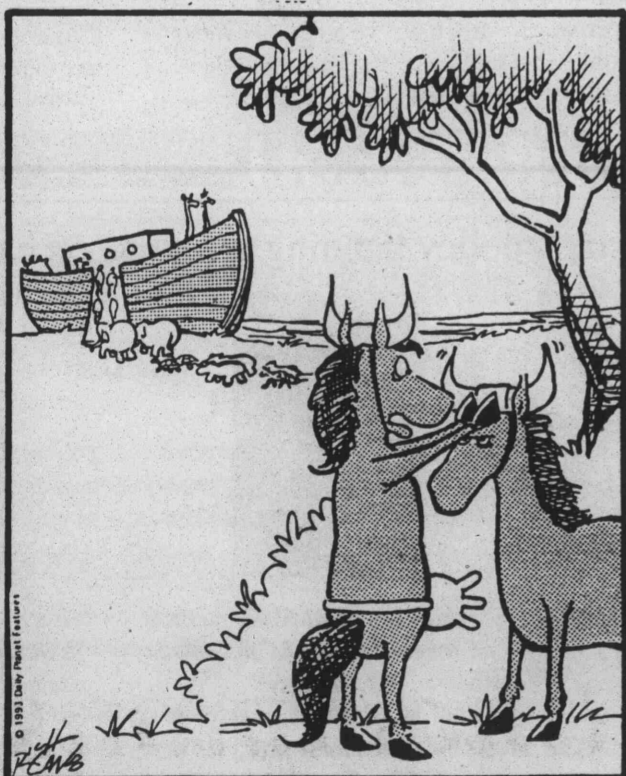
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Ticket prices are valid for public concert experience. Sebestyén's voices

By **BRIAN SHUSTER**

# CHAOS



"I know it's a long shot, but heck, he already has a pair of horses."

## Acid-surf rock with a punk-ska twist

By **AMY FORTNEY**  
Staff Writer

Free giveaways and good music — all the makings for another successful Fall Jam.

This year's Radio X Fall Jam, set for Friday, features a variety of music, from alternative to acid-surf rock.

Fall Jam, a five-year tradition at NMU, starts at 8 p.m. in the Great Lakes rooms of the University Center with Dogs Playing Poker. The Houghton band features a punk-ska style.

Milkhouse, a creative alternative band from Grand Rapids, performs at 8:30 p.m.

The Hentchmen, from Detroit, follow at 9:30 p.m. with their acid-surf rock style, a cross between the Beach Boys and early Nirvana.

"This year's Fall Jam celebrates the diversity of musical styles in Michigan. It incorporates styles that we haven't brought up before," said Radio X General Manager Bridgette Jaakola.

"We'd like to expose the campus community to new music, as well as bring up bands that people are familiar with and enjoy listening to."

The musical diversity selected for this year's Fall Jam may be indicative of the station's attempted change to a more user-friendly format.

"We're always working on the quality of our program content. We'd also like to be more involved with other campus organizations by airing their announcements and doing some volunteer activities," Jaakola said.

The station has already taken steps to improve its image.

"With the new administration within the last year or two, it's a lot more relaxed here and the D.J.s are having more fun," Station Manager Jim Moran said.

In the future, the station hopes to bring a bigger name to campus, such as Mud Honey or the Blood Hound Gang, for its Spring Jam.

But even without a big name for Fall Jam, the station still expects good attendance for the event, which in the past has attracted as many as 700 people.

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Tickets for Wednesday's performance are \$7 for students with a valid I.D. and \$12 for the general public or \$13 at the door.

The Quaystone crew promises concert-goers an extraordinary experience. In Hansen's view, Márta Sebestyén is "one of the top five voices anywhere."



Photo by Batman Perez

**Three-piece acid-surf rock band the Hentchmen are headlining Friday night's fifth annual Radio X Fall Jam at 8 p.m. The Detroit group's sound is described as being a cross between the Beach Boys and early Nirvana.**



Photo by Robert Nebel

## Avant-garde bands revive MQT stage

By ANNA NORDSTROM  
Features Staff Reporter

Live music will once again grace the stage of the old Club MQT on Saturday as the bands manRay 19 and One Shot Nothing play a benefit concert.

"There aren't many places in Marquette for avant-garde bands to play," said Kent Randell, who plays guitar and sings in manRay 19. "We don't play any Top 40 covers, and we're too loud for bars."

Matt Mahaffey of Tri-M Productions put the show together.

"It's going to be packed," he said.

"We're going to have to turn people away at the door."

The building that was home to Club MQT and the Kleen Klubb is in the process of becoming the Washington Street Pub.

Michael Canda, who will manage the bar, said the top three floors of the building will be a bar and the basement may become an all-ages concert hall. He said Saturday's concert will be a sort of trial.

"If everything goes well Saturday, we're going to have more gigs here," Canda said. "I think it's going to work out. [Marquette] may be a good social scene again."

The members of manRay 19 are:

Justin Worsham, "fuzz" bass and vocals; Jesse DeCaire, bass and background vocals; Evan Potila, drums; and Randell. He described manRay 19's sound as noisy yet melodic.

"There's no way to describe our band: we're not punk or hardcore. We're very loud," Randell said. "The most unusual thing about our band is that we have two bass players."

One is noisy and distorted beyond belief and the other bass is clean, he said. "We call them 'yin' and 'yang'."

Admission is \$5. Proceeds from the benefit will go to the U.P. Children's Museum. The show is open to all ages. Doors open at 7 p.m.

## Acting up

By MICHELLE KANGAS  
Staff Writer

Wednesday night marked the beginning of this semester's student-directed one-act plays. The performances run at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday in Room 105 of Jamrich Hall.

"Baby With the Bathwater," by Christopher Durang, is directed by Doug Modlin, and Rob Sherlin is directing "Wasp" by Steve Martin.

"Student-directed one-act plays give theater majors the opportunity to pull all aspects of their theater training together," said James Panowski, professor and theater director. "The success or failure of the production rests on that student."

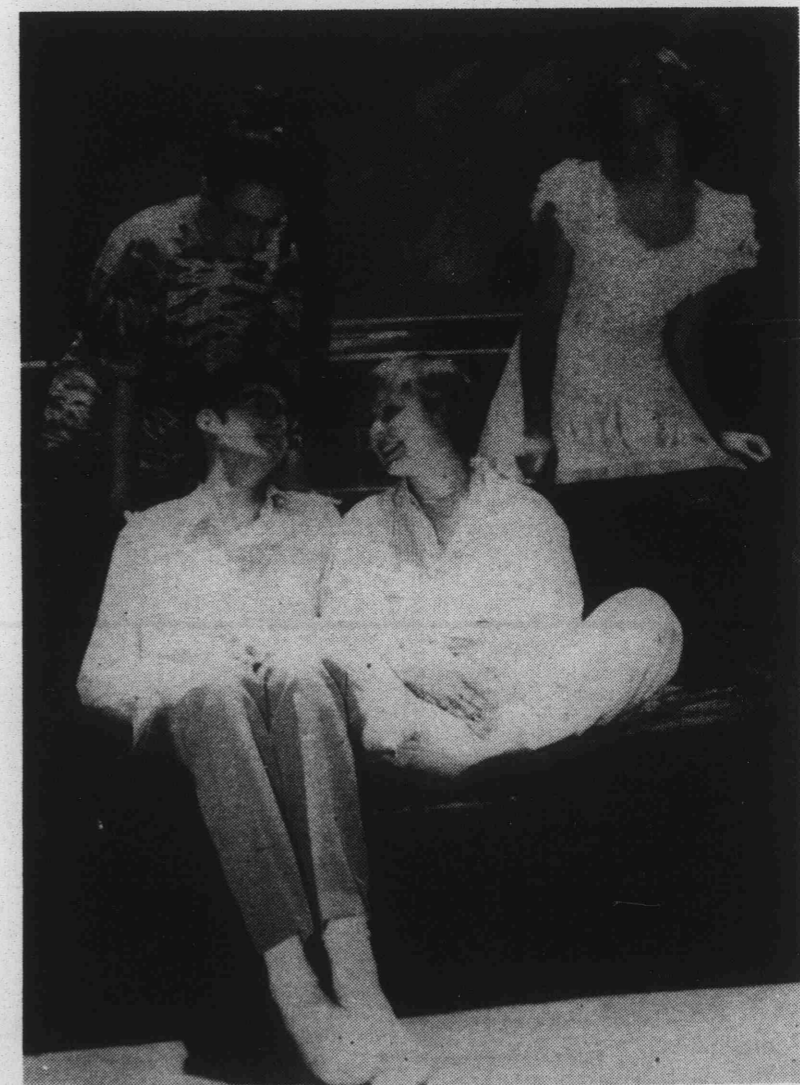
Auditions are open to the public for the one-act productions, but 95 percent of the actors are NMU students.

"The plays also give many young actors the opportunity to be seen," Panowski said.

Senior theater major Mindy Worel plays an unhappy mother trying to make the best of her role in a dysfunctional family in "Wasp."

"We rehearsed every day for about two-and-a-half weeks," she said.

Despite the hard work, Worel enjoys the informality and flexibility one-act productions offer.



North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris

**From left: Sara Barbet, John Maywell, Cheri Karbon and Jessica Durfee.**

"Rob explored with us and learned how to run a show," she said.

Because of its small size, NMU's theater department allows students

to be involved with all aspects of production. All theater majors are required to direct a one-act play before graduation.

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**THINGS TO DO**

**Thursday  
October 16**

"Total Eclipse" (R) will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

The American Marketing Association will have its brat sale from 11 to 3 p.m. between Jamrich and the LRC.

Catholic Campus Ministry will have a Rosary at Snowberry at 10:40 a.m.

Model UN will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC.

World Food Day will be celebrated with a teleconference in Room 241 of the PEIF from noon-3 p.m. Student Dietetic Assoc.

The College Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 311 of the LRC.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the UC.

The Academic and Career Advisement Center presents "Timing is Everything," a time-management seminar at 4 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC. Call 227-2971 for details.

Student Directed Plays will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 105 Jamrich.

College of Behavioral Sciences, Human Services and Education will have a Colloquium "Race and Depression: Early Life Choices as Intervening Variables" from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m. in Gries 167.

**Friday  
October 17**

The Wildcat volleyball team will host Ashland University at 6 p.m.

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The Wildcat hockey team will host Michigan Tech at 7 p.m. in Lakeview Arena.

Student Directed Plays will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 105 Jamrich.

NMU Kodiak Bear Club Hockey vs. Marquette University at 8 p.m. in the PEIF Ice Arena, free to students.

American Red Cross will have Community First Aid and Safety from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross Office. Cost is \$25.00.

Radio X Fall Jam 8 p.m. Great Lakes Rooms.

**Saturday  
October 18**

NMU Kodiak Bear Club Hockey vs. Marquette University at 6 p.m. in the PEIF Ice Arena, free to students.

Wildcat volleyball will host Findlay at 1 p.m.

Dreamscapes will have a role-playing session from noon to midnight in the Charcoal Room of the UC.

Society for the Preservation of the Imagination will have a meeting every Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight in the Pioneer Rooms of the UC.

"The Fifth Element" (R) will be shown

by Campus Cinema at 7 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

**Sunday  
October 19**

"The Fifth Element" (R) will be shown by Campus Cinema at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

Catholic Campus Ministry will have Mass at 7 p.m. in the Brule Room of the UC. Call Cathy Mills at 228-3302 for details.

His House Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. at 1701 Presque Isle Ave. across from the Dome.

Copper Country PRIDE will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the UC. All drug-free students welcome.

NMU Outlook will meet at 7 p.m. in 112 Carey Hall.

ASNMU will meet at 7 p.m. in the UC; check the announcement boards for room.

The Music Department will sponsor a Faculty Recital at 3 p.m. in 103 Jamrich.

**Monday  
October 20**

Catholic Campus Ministry will have a service committee meeting of MLT at 8 p.m. in the center.

Academic and Career Advisement Center sponsors "Things That Make You Go Human" reading improvement/comprehension at 3:30 p.m. in Jamrich 220. For more information, call 227-2971.

Catholic Campus Ministry will have a Spiritual Committee of CCM meeting at 8 p.m. at the CCM Center.

**Tuesday  
October 21**

Academic and Career Advisement Center sponsors "What Do You Really Want to Do With Your Life?" at 6 to 8 p.m. in 208 Cohodas. Call 227-2971 to register.

**Wednesday  
October 22**

Lutheran Campus Ministry will have "The Gathering" at 7 p.m. in UC Pioneer B.

His House Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. at 1701 Presque Isle Ave. across from the Dome.

The Safari Academy: My Encounter with the African Elephant hosted by the Biology Department, will be held at 11 a.m. in 239 West Science, presented by Jessica Kanitz.

Academic and Career Advisement Center sponsors "The Ideal Path to Career Planning and Decision Making" at 3 to 5 p.m. in 208 Cohodas. Call 227-2971 to register.

Wildcat volleyball vs. LSSU at 7 p.m.

Lecture, Morris Dees "Teaching Tolerance" 7:30 p.m. in Jamrich 105.

A free hunter safety course will be held Oct. 22, 23, & 24 in the Dome B 103 from 6-9 p.m. Call 227-2151 to register.

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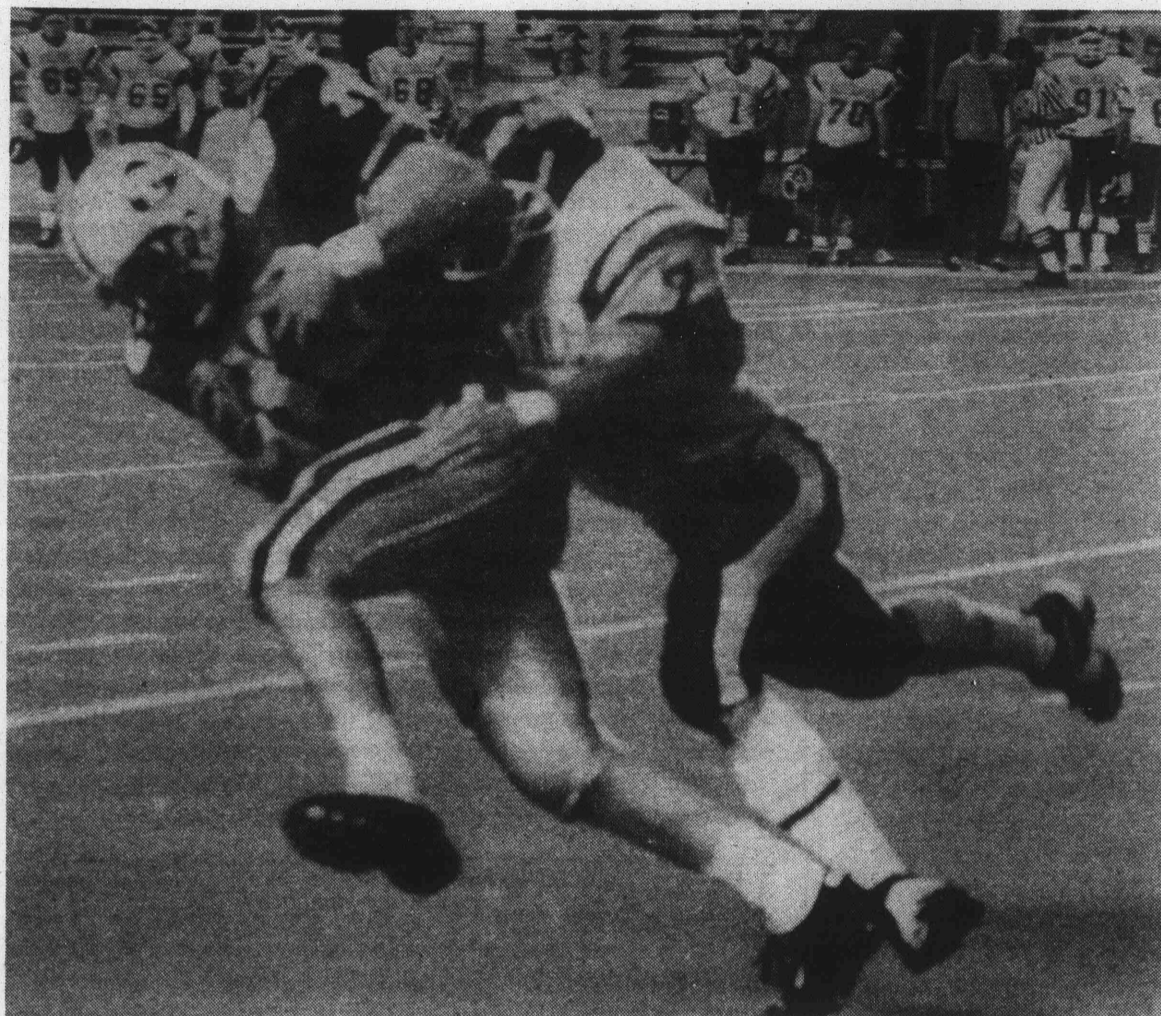
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Northern Michigan University tight end Matt Beauchamp is dragged down by Hillsdale's Brett Zilka in the Wildcats' 10-0 victory Saturday in the Superior Dome. NMU travels to No. 8 Grand Valley State on Saturday.

## Defense shuts down Hillsdale

### No. 8 Grand Valley up next

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

A defensive battle may not be as exciting to watch as an offensive contest, but the football Wildcats (5-1 overall, 5-1 MIFC) thought otherwise as they shut out Hillsdale, 10-0, Saturday in the Superior Dome.

"Everybody gets excited about a 60-40 game, but nobody gets as excited when you shut somebody out," NMU head coach Eric Holm said. "I'm excited because to play at

a championship level you have to play a championship-level defense."

It was the first shutout for NMU since the Wildcats beat Northwood 14-0 in 1994.

The 'Cats held the Chargers to just 169 total yards, but NMU gained only 207 yards.

"Our offense struggled today and the defense had to step up play after play and series after series," said linebacker Luke Miljour, who picked up his first career intercep-

tion late in the fourth quarter on the NMU one-yard line. "We just rose to the occasion today."

Northern's only touchdown came when safety Brian Pinks intercepted a Hillsdale pass and ran 52 yards for the score.

"It was a tight-end curl," said Pinks, who earned MIFC defensive player of the week honors. "Coach has been on me all week about that play and I wasn't getting there all week. Yesterday he told me, 'You gotta get there this week.' I saw it coming and I jumped in

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## NMU beats Laurentian in hockey opener

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

The NMU hockey team defeated Laurentian University on Friday, 10-1, in its season opener. The last time the Wildcats beat Laurentian by that score was in NMU's national championship season.

NMU head coach Rick Comley knows that probably won't happen this year, but he said he was pleased to get his players game experience before they face Michigan Tech this weekend.

"It's a game," Comley said. "I wouldn't want to play someone like [Michigan] Tech in the first game of the year. So the fact that they were out there in a game environment, with the crowd and an opponent — as

opposed to practicing in a scrimmage situation — will certainly help us get ready."

The Wildcats' freshmen combined for one goal and six assists.

"From what I watched I thought they played terrific with a few minor mistakes, but for the most part the score shows it all," senior defenseman Rocky Welsing said. "As far as I am concerned they're not freshmen anymore after today's game. Everyone's equal. It was very good to see. I thought they all played very, very well."

Northern out-shot Laurentian 63-20 and converted on six of 10 power-play opportunities. The 63 shots equalled an NMU record set in 1979, and the six power-

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## Two more victories keep 'Cats at No. 1

### Liu Jun's jersey to be retired

By MINDY KOZLOWSKI  
Sports Staff Reporter

For the second straight week, the volleyball Wildcats (18-1 overall, 10-0 GLIAC) are ranked No. 1 in the nation.

The honor comes after NMU ended a six-game, undefeated road swing with a 3-0 victory over Wayne State University (6-3 GLIAC, 20-5 overall) on Thursday and another 3-0 win against Hillsdale College (5-4 GLIAC, 16-7 overall) on Friday. This is the fifth consecutive year NMU has held the No. 1 position at some point during the season.

"Its nice. We're proud," NMU head coach Mark Rosen said. "But the rankings aren't important from

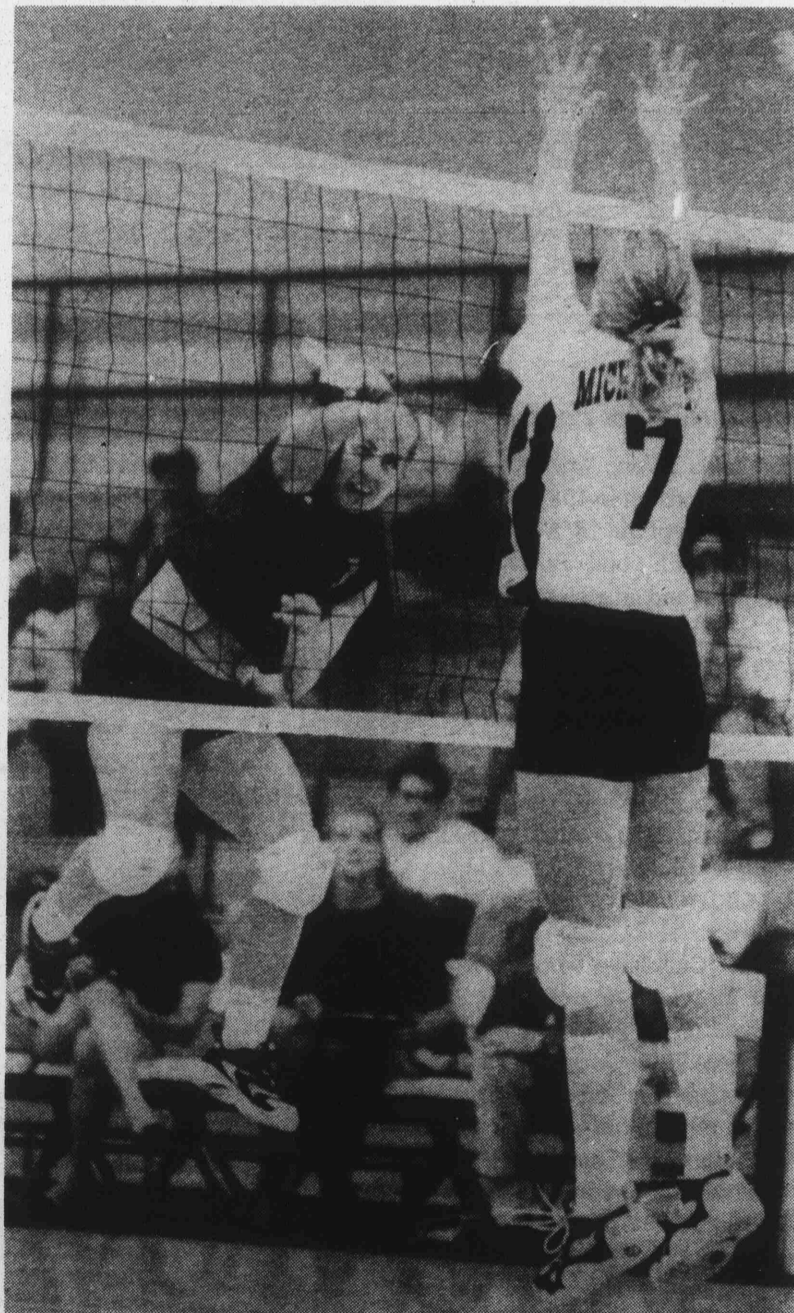
the standpoint that they don't get you anything. We just have to play games and win them. We're more focused on preparing for the next few matches."

During Thursday's victory, senior co-captain Kathy Jewell led the 'Cats with 12 kills and 14 digs. Jewell ranks fourth in the GLIAC in digs per game with an average of 3.28 and seventh in kills with 3.68.

After helping Northern to three victories last week, junior left-side hitter Lucia Pereira was named the GLIAC player of the week. Pereira had an attack percentage of .309 with 35 kills and collected 23 digs. Pereira leads NMU in both kills and attack percentage.

"It's a great honor for her," Rosen said. "She's been playing well. We are proud and pleased with how she's been playing."

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Kathy Jewell, left, and the Wildcats are the No. 1 Division II team in the nation. NMU has been No. 1 at least once in each of the past five seasons.

## Soccer team loses two at home

By MINDY KOZLOWSKI  
Sports Staff Reporter

The soccer Wildcats failed to notch a home victory this season.

In Saturday's match against Saginaw Valley State (0-3 GLIAC, 5-6 overall), NMU fell 3-2 after giving up an early lead.

NMU's Lisa Trotter opened the scoring 13 minutes into the first half on a breakaway goal. Saginaw Valley tied the game four minutes later when Danielle Dalton deflected the ball past Wildcat goalie Kate Selke.

SVSU would score two more goals in the first.

Trotter scored the second goal for the 'Cats off a penalty kick.

NMU head coach Milton Braga was happy with Trotter's two-goal performance.

"She deserved it," Braga said. "She worked hard. She's the top scorer on our team and would have gotten even more if she had some help."

On Sunday, NMU dropped another one-goal match to Grand Valley State (1-4 GLIAC, 3-9 overall). GVSU's Kristen Pletrasi scored the only goal of the contest midway through the first half.

Although he said his team played better defensively, Braga said offensive production was still lacking.

"We need some more people to step up," he said. "We have to go all out."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Kim Phelps, left, and the soccer Wildcats dropped a pair of one-goal matches last weekend to Saginaw Valley State and Grand Valley State.

## Football

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front of it and I just tried to keep my feet in and got in the end zone."

The Wildcat offense has only 13 points in the last 10 quarters.

"We're just not executing," quarterback Todd Drake said. "Everyone has their mistakes at one point or another in the offense. If one guy breaks down, whether it is me, a lineman or a back, it blows the play. I broke down a lot today and there are just different parts that aren't clicking right now. We just have to overcome our mistakes and start to move the ball better."

"[Hillsdale is] good up front and their linebackers are good. They were playing up in there tight. They knew I was struggling, and they knew we were going to try to run the ball."

NMU's defense, however, has allowed only 12 points in 10 quarters. "Our defense came up big," Pinks said. "We came out and just tried to execute every down, and we were well prepared. Hillsdale plays a pretty basic offense. We prepared

all week for the six or seven plays that they run. They run those plays well. We knew we had to stop them."

NMU's Ty Hartung, the MIFC's leading punter, kept the Wildcats in the game with many booming punts, averaging 49.9 per kick. He booted a career-long 75-yarder, a Superior Dome record, while the NFL's longest kick this year is 73 yards.

"We have a good punter, and that makes a huge difference," Holm said. "We are more willing to gamble, knowing we can create some field position with our punter."

### Up next

NMU will travel to Allendale on Saturday to take on the undefeated, eighth-ranked, and MIFC-leading Grand Valley State at 12:30 p.m.

"They are solid on defense and have some outstanding weapons on offense — a good quarterback, running back and receiver," Holm said. "They have good athletes on both sides of the ball."

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## Hockey

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play goals is one fewer than the school record set in 1981.

Fourteen of the 18 Wildcats that dressed had a point. Buddy Smith (two goals and an assist) and Curtis

Sheptak (four assists) led the attack.

The 'Cats hope the experience they gained against Laurentian will help them the rest of the season.

"It's a first step in a long step of

trying to work together and trying to build something here," Welsing said. "Next weekend is going to be a bigger test, and this game will help us meet that test."

## Volleyball

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This weekend, the 'Cats return home to face Ashland University (4-4 GLIAC, 11-11 overall) at 6 p.m. Friday and the University of Findlay (1-7 GLIAC, 6-11 overall) at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The 'Cats have won all six of their previous matches against Ashland.

Before Friday's match, former NMU setter Liu Jun's No. 6 jersey will be retired. Jun was a two-time AVCA Division II player of the year.

"If there is anyone in the world who should have their jersey retired, it is Liu Jun," Rosen said. "She brought the level of the program up and made the players around her better. She is one of the best Division II players ever to play."

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## Tennis team picks up a pair of wins

### Sweeps doubles for first time

By **MIKE HOARD**  
Sports Staff Reporter

The Wildcat tennis team won two matches last weekend, thanks to some improved doubles play against Gannon University (5-3) and Mercyhurst College (6-3).

The 'Cats (6-3) beat Mercyhurst by taking all three doubles matches for the first time this year.

"This is the best doubles performance I've seen this year," NMU head coach Troy Mattson said. "I am very proud of the way we've stayed focused."

Picking up wins for the 'Cats in

doubles were No. 1 Nancy Smith and Jessica Spelgatti [5-7, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5], No. 2 Michelle Somers and Jill Carson (6-1, 6-2), and Danielle Roderiguez and Nicky Golbeck (6-1, 6-2).

"We played really well today," Golbeck said. "When we were down we didn't get down on ourselves. We just kept coming back."

By winning all three doubles matches, NMU only had to take half of the singles to secure the win: No. 1 Smith (7-5, 6-3), No. 3 Roderiguez (6-7, 2-7, 7-5, 6-4) and No. 6 Golbeck (6-1, 6-2).

"When I was warming up I noticed [my opponent] was out of control," Smith said. "I was able to take advantage of her kind of play."

On Saturday the 'Cats disposed of Gannon rather quickly. Gannon

had to forfeit three matches and won only two. Taking singles victories were Smith (7-5, 6-2) and Roderiguez (6-0, 6-0), and Somers and Golbeck both won by forfeit.

In doubles action, Somers and Carson won, and Roderiguez and Golbeck won by forfeit.

"We really benefited from staying focused after last week's break because of the Rolex tournament," Mattson said.

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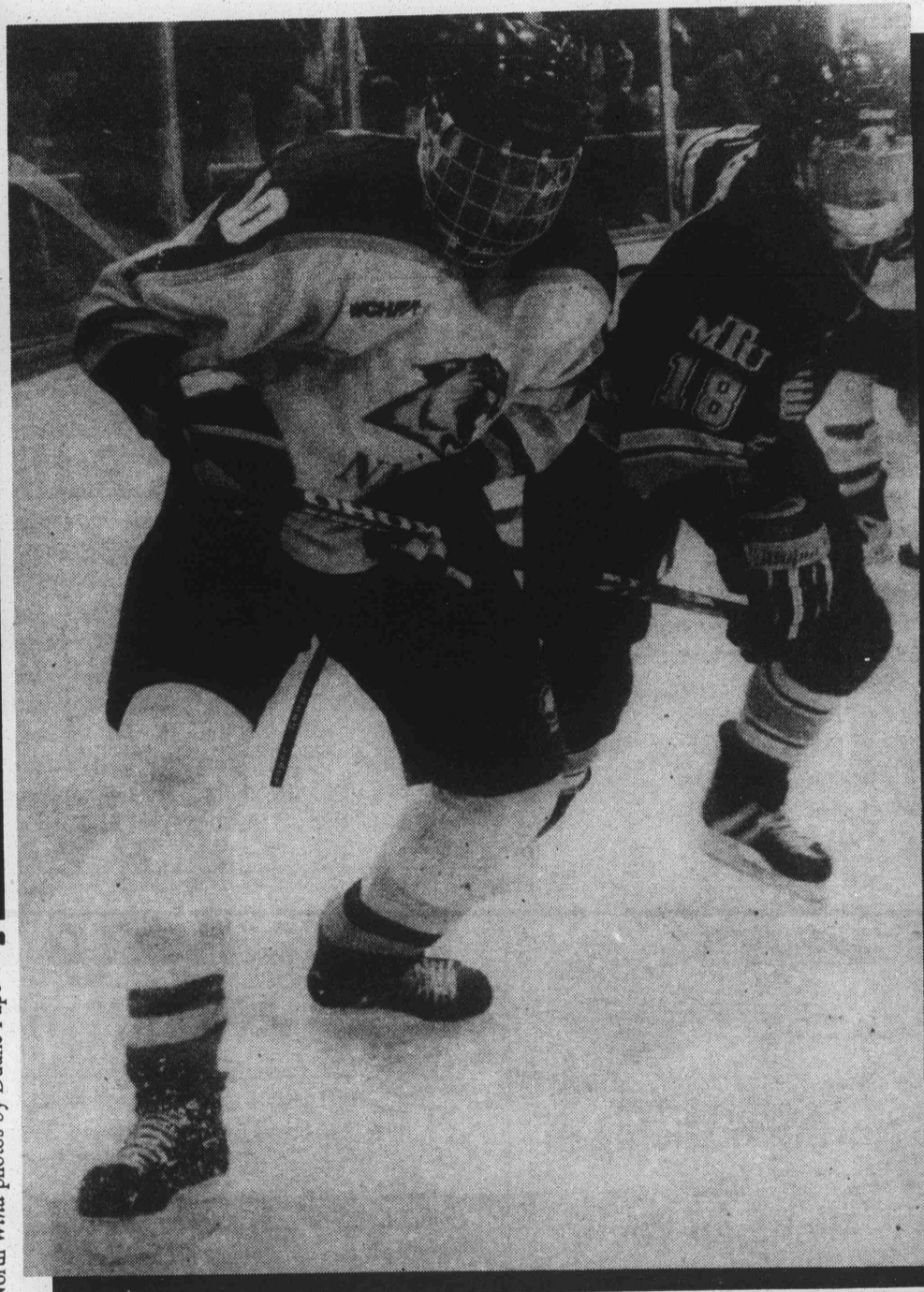
# 1997-98 Wildcat Hockey

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1996-97 WCHA All-Rookie Team member, Buddy Smith

The 'Cats return to the CCHA with 21 underclassmen in hopes of advancing in the playoffs.



Left-wing co-captain Roger Trudeau



North Wind photos by Duane Pape

## *Building Toward a Championship*

Northern returns to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association after a 13-year absence, and coach Rick Comley expects the league to be balanced from top to bottom without a dominant team.

## 'Cats bring in another large freshman class

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

The Northern Michigan University hockey players don't see this year as another learning experience. They have higher goals.

"I think definitely the goal is to make the playoffs and try to have home-ice advantage," senior defenseman Rocky Welsing said. "That would be a realistic goal. And once we get there anything can happen in the playoffs."

NMU finished last year with a 13-24-3 record, but the second half the 'Cats showed signs of a successful team by finishing 9-8-1, which included a split with eventual national champion North Dakota.

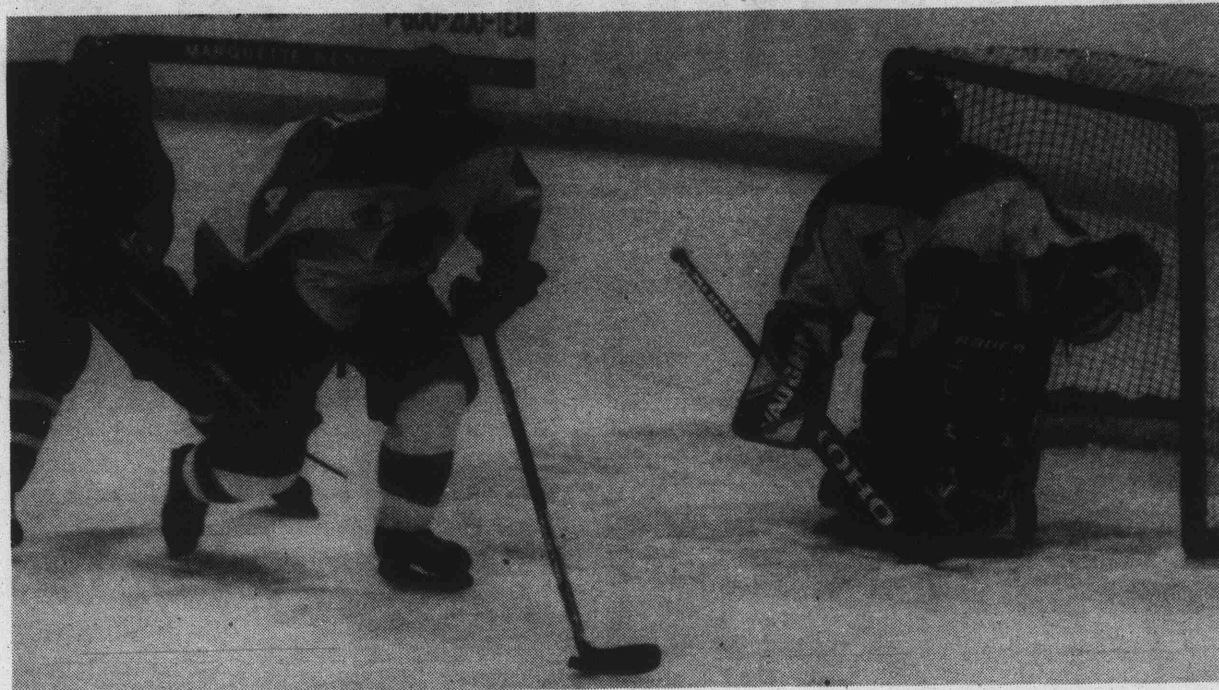
"Last year from Christmas on we came together as a team and we carried that off over into the summer by working hard," Welsing said. "Everyone came into camp this year pumped up, excited, and ready to go. The confidence is high. It's just a matter of taking that confidence and putting it to good use on the ice."

NMU head coach Rick Comley is confident that with the addition of this year's freshmen (six forwards, three defensemen and one goalie), the talent level has improved, but he said it's difficult to tell what kind of team the Wildcats will be.

"Right from Day 1 this year we are a better team than we were at any time last year," Comley said. "We



Comley



Freshman Doug Schmidt fights off a hook from a Laurentian player in last Friday's 10-1 NMU win. The Wildcats play a home-and-home series against Michigan Tech this weekend before beginning their CCHA schedule.

skate better and we move the puck better. If we work hard enough we can compete and win. We're building on that right now.

The 'Cats roster consists of 21 freshmen and sophomores with only three seniors and two juniors. The players are all between 18 and 22.

"This group is pretty close. It's probably the closest group of teammates that I've been with," Welsing said. "I think age has a lot to do with it because we're so close. We do a lot of things together. We go to the movies on a Thursday night before a game and things like that. The closeness can only help us in the long run."

Northern returns to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association after spending the last 13 years in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Welsing said he feels lucky to be able to play in both leagues, and he hopes the team will benefit from the CCHA's rink size and officiating.

"I think going into the same size arena every week is going to be a plus for us," Welsing said. "Since we play on a small rink it was tough to adjust to the Olympic-size rink. I heard that the officials let you play a little bit more in the CCHA. It's more physical. I think those things fit us well."

Comley said the CCHA is balanced this year, unlike in past years when the University of Michigan dominated the league by winning the last four season championships.


NMU's forwards will be led by the all-sophomore line of Buddy Smith, Roger Trudeau and J.P.

Vigier. Smith was named to the WCHA All-Rookie Team, and he led the team in goals (13), assists (20) and points (33). Trudeau (12) and Vigier (10) each reached double-digits in goals scored.

"The line of Trudeau, Smith and Vigier is critical for us," Comley said. "It is the first time in a while that we've had a line that I think can be as dominant as they can be. They'll be the key element for us to improve."

The team's defense should be strengthened by freshman Doug Schmidt, who has been drafted by the NHL's Colorado Avalanche, and Jeff White along with senior Curtis Sheptak's move back to the blue line. Welsing also returns after leading the 'Cats in penalties.

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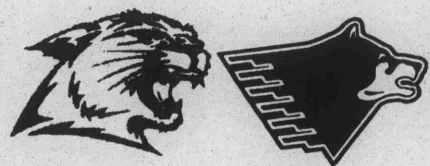
1996-97 STATS		
		
NMU	Opponent	
13	Wins	24
<b>OFFENSE</b>		
108/2.7	Goals (avg.)	152/3.78
167	Assists	241
275	Points	391
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
152/3.78	Goals against	108/2.7
0	Shutouts	3
.882	Save percentage	.907
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>		
12.5	PP percentage	21.2
79.8	PK percentage	87.5
22	PP goals	44
7	SH goals	4
838	Penalty min.	733

Welsing and Sheptak," Comley said. "They have really stepped up and the two freshmen — White and Schmidt — are playing in our top four. As a group we're going to be better."

NMU lost Dieter Kochan to graduation, and sophomore Duane Hoey and freshman Jason Flick are expected to battle for the starting position.

Comley said there are no definite plans at this point concerning who will be the starter, but he thinks the team can be better at this position.

"We're still unproven in this area with a sophomore and two freshmen on our roster," Comley said. "Jason Flick possesses excellent potential and fills a lot of the net with his size, and Duane Hoey showed some signs he could be someone we could depend on on a regular basis."



Northern Michigan  
vs.  
Michigan Tech

Friday at Lakeview Arena,  
7:30 p.m.  
Saturday at Houghton,  
7:35 p.m.

\*Series will be first non-conference meeting since 1981

## Wildcats to face rival Michigan Tech

### Series is only matchup of season

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

NMU hockey fans will have only one chance this year to see the Wildcats play their biggest rival — Michigan Tech University.

Northern faces the Huskies for the only time this season in a home-and-home series this Friday and Saturday. The matchup will be the first non-conference meeting since 1981.

"Everybody talks about getting up for Michigan and Michigan State," senior defenseman Rocky Welsing said. "I think I get up for Tech more than anybody because it's such a rivalry."

Last weekend the 'Cats defeated Laurentian University, 10-1, while MTU beat them 9-3.

"Our games with Michigan Tech are always filled with a high level of intensity, so we'll have to turn it up a notch in our games this weekend," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "With each team defeating Laurentian by a big margin, it should make it a very competitive matchup."

NMU leads the all-time series, 40-38-5, with a 21-15-2 record at home. The Huskies' top returning scorer, senior forward Andre Savage, led MTU in scoring last season with 18 goals and 38 points. Forwards Bret Meyers (23 points), Riley Nelson (15 points) are also scoring threats for the Huskies. Kevin Mulligan

led MTU's defensemen with 20 points. David Weninger (1-13-0, 4.14 GAA, .881 save percentage) will start in goal for Michigan Tech.

"They're in the same building process that we are in," Comley said. "They have a lot of young players. I think they play three freshmen on defense."

Welsing said he likes the atmosphere when playing at MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton.

"Besides at Lakeview Arena, I like to play at Michigan Tech the best," Welsing said. "Their fans are unbelievable. The band plays the entire game [which] drives you nuts, but it's college hockey at its best and the fans hate you. I wish we could play them four times [instead of two]."

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OCT. 10	LAURENTIAN	W, 10-1
OCT. 17	MICHIGAN TECH	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Michigan Tech	7:35 p.m.
OCT. 24-25	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE	7 p.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	at Western Michigan	7 p.m.
NOV. 7-8	MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
NOV. 14-15	ALASKA-FAIRBANKS	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Lake Superior State	7 p.m.
NOV. 28-29	OHIO STATE	7 p.m.
Dec. 12-13	at Miami	7 p.m.
Dec. 27	Boston College (at Badger Showdown)	6:05 p.m.
Dec. 28	Wisconsin or Harvard (at Badger Showdown)	TBA
JAN. 2	BOWLING GREEN	7 p.m.
JAN. 3	FERRIS STATE	7 p.m.
Jan. 9-10	at Michigan State	7 p.m.
JAN. 16	MIAMI	7 p.m.
JAN. 17	WESTERN MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Bowling Green	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Ohio State	7 p.m.
Jan. 30-31	at Ferris State	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Bowling Green	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Michigan	7 p.m.
FEB. 20	NOTRE DAME	7 p.m.
FEB. 21	ALASKA-FAIRBANKS	7 p.m.
Feb. 27-28	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.
March 7	MICHIGAN STATE	7 p.m.
March 13-21	CCHA Playoffs	TBA
March 27-April 4	NCAA Playoffs	TBA

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## Scoring line to lead Northern

'We play defense just as good as offense, we can check. ... We're not one-dimensional.'

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

Wildcat hockey fans this season could have the pleasure of watching a line that will produce many goals, deliver bone-crunching hits, and make many spectacular plays.

NMU's all-sophomore line of Buddy Smith, Roger Trudeau and J.P. Vigier is expected to lead the 'Cats this year.

"What this line gives us is a line which our opponents will have to stop and match up against," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "We've seen that they are able to score goals in bunches and are a threat to score any time they are on the ice."

The line was a large contributor to NMU's offense by scoring 32.4 percent of NMU's goals last season. But offense isn't the line's only strength.

"We play defense just as good as offense, and we can check," Smith said. "I think our strongest point is that we're not just one-dimensional."

The line showed its offensive explosiveness against Michigan Tech in the third period, when it scored four goals in four straight shifts to lead the Wildcats to a 5-3 road win.

Smith tied a school record with four points in a period which included a hat trick, while Vigier assisted on three goals and Trudeau collected a goal and an assist.

Vigier, who ranked second on the team in assists (14) and points (24), credits their success to hustle.

"Everyone works hard," Vigier said. "We give 110 percent every night, and that's all you can ask for."

Each of the players' individual talents pose a difficult matchup for opposing teams.

"They're both big wingers and they work the corners," Smith said. "I like to pass the puck and they like to shoot it. We all compliment each other."

Trudeau added, "Basically Buddy passes the puck and myself and Vigier crash the net. We all know our roles."

Comley said the line was as good as any line that NMU played against and he is confident they will be able to handle the pressure of being the best players on the team.



Smith



Trudeau



Vigier

Smith led the team in goals (13), assists (20) and points last season as a freshman to earn a spot on the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's All-Rookie Team.

"Buddy has a tremendous feel and knowledge for the game," Comley said. "He might be our best hockey player pound-for-pound with his passing and goal-scoring ability combined with his understanding of the game. He also has the knack to use big wingers around him and make them better."

Trudeau led the team with four power-play goals, was second in goals (12), and was named WCHA Rookie of the Week once.

The line will not be together, however, until the Lake Superior State series on Oct. 24 and 25 because Trudeau suffered a dislocated shoulder in a swimming-pool accident.

## Steady senior gets the job done

By JASON LAUREN  
Sports Editor

Rocky Welsing has delivered as many "hits" on the ice as there were in his favorite movie, "Pulp Fiction."

Welsing, a senior defenseman, describes himself as a defensive, aggressive and stable player who isn't flashy and just tries to keep the puck out of his team's net.

N M U head coach Rick Comley recruited Welsing from the Wisconsin Capitals of the United States Hockey League, where he was selected to play in its all-star game in 1994.

"When he's playing well he's a very controlled stay-at-home player," Comley said. "He's big and strong, understands the game well. Just as long as he doesn't try



Welsing

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— Rick Comley  
NMU hockey coach

to do too much, then I think he's a legitimate top defenseman in this league."

Welsing began his career playing twice a week in Beloit, Wis.

"I started playing hockey when I was 3 or 4," Welsing said. "They put a 2 by 4 on the red line and set the nets on the width of the boards and we played with a smaller puck."

Welsing credits his father for igniting his love for hockey.

"My father got me started. There was no doubt that I was going to be a hockey player," he said. "Whenever he would go to the rink to coach, he would bring me with, and I would hang out there. That's when I really started to love the game."

He said his most memorable moment when he was young was when his team won the gold medal in the inaugural Badger State Games.

Welsing tied an NMU record for most penalty minutes in a season in 1994-95 with 55 and was drafted in the seventh round by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in 1994.

"He can play pro hockey, but I don't know if he can play in the National Hockey League," Comley said. "For sure he can play pro hockey, it depends how much better he gets once he gets there."

Majoring in speech communications, Welsing hopes to continue his hockey career after graduating, but if he doesn't play he plans on helping out his father with his business or becoming a hockey coach.

Comley has been pleased with Welsing's off-ice work ethic.

"He's always had a positive attitude. He's really worked hard physically to get into better shape to improve his speed and quickness," Comley said. "I have a great deal of respect for him for the time he has put in to improve himself to make himself a better player."

"He plays positive, he's happy, upbeat, a good student and works hard in practice. He's been brought up well around athletics."



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Senior defenseman Rocky Welsing describes himself as an aggressive and stable player who just tries to keep the puck out of his team's net.

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