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DIVERSIONS

'Fifth of July'

Forest Roberts Theatre delivers unique comedy.

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Angry and stressed-out drivers are searching for ways to release their tension. Aggressive driving is common on campus, where there are many cars in a small area.

Road rage: Wrath on wheels

By **ERIC BRADLEY**
 News Staff Reporter

Junior Jennifer Priebe, like many drivers suffering from road rage, wants to run you over.

"I lay on the horn, tailgate or if I'm in front of a bad driver, I slam on the brakes. I've also passed on the shoulder," said Priebe, a self-described queen of road rage.

Priebe is one of a steadily increasing number of American motorists who get enraged while driving.

"I feel I'm a better driver than the person

"I lay on the horn, tailgate or if I'm in front of a bad driver, I slam on the brakes. I've also passed on the shoulder."

— **Jennifer Priebe**
 Queen of Road Rage

in front of me," Priebe said. "If people trust the way they drive they can [speed]. The ones who don't trust the way they drive are the ones who speed into uncertainty."

According to an American Automobile Association study last year, a majority of

road rage perpetrators are males between the ages of 18 and 26.

Within the six years studied, a total of 12,828 people were killed or injured as the result of aggressive driving.

Road rage is also a common occurrence on campus.

"There is a larger instance of aggressive driving on campus than in other areas of the Upper Peninsula," said Capt. Jeffrey Mincheff of NMU Public Safety. "There are simply a lot of cars in a small area. I'm sure that words

IN DEPTH

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North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris
 Cast members rehearse for 'Fifth of July,' which opened Wednesday at Forest Roberts Theatre. Please see Page 10 for a review.



Classic shutout

Wildcat hockey players celebrate a goal by Fred Mattersdorfer that put NMU up 1-0 against the Michigan Wolverines on Saturday in Lakeview Arena. The 'Cats won by that score and split the series with Michigan.

North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Internships offer hands-on experience

JobSearch Center offers assistance

By **AMY FORTNEY**
 Staff Writer

Last semester, instead of sitting in a classroom learning about hospital labs, NMU student Michelle Staples was working in one.

The experience was part of a degree-

required internship. Staples, who is well on her way to earning a clinical lab technician degree, was glad for the chance to learn about her occupation first-hand.

"It was definitely a good experience," Staples said. "You learn a lot more from doing hands-on work than you do just being in the classroom."

Internships are open to most students in

almost every field, not just medical-oriented ones.

"They're available in any kind of area you are looking for, from parks and recreation to the FBI," said John Frick, director of the JobSearch Center on campus. "They are available in pretty much any major."

Frick urges students who are interested in applying for any type of internship to stop by

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Referendum process begins

Deadline set for status requests

By **ERIC BRADLEY**
 News Staff Reporter

Student organizations have until Dec. 2 to submit requests to become Direct Allocation Groups, ASNMU's Referendum Committee ruled at its last meeting.

ASNMU Chief of Staff Terry Hall, chairman of the committee, said the process is moving along.

"I don't see any student organization having a difficult time with the referendum process," Hall said. "There will be a letter sent to each contact person and adviser of every organization to let them know the referendum process is underway."

Any registered student organization may place a request for funds. The Referendum Committee reviews the group to determine eligibility for money from the Student Discretionary Fund. The student body then votes on which organizations will be funded.

Hall said the committee will begin reviewing

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Road rage

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and hand gestures are exchanged on a routine basis."

Mincheff's advice is to be patient, give yourself a few extra minutes, and remember that everybody makes a mistake.

"Don't take it personally, let the police do their job and handle the enforcement," he said.

Like Mincheff, the AAA study makes an effort to warn people of potentially hazardous behavior. The study recommends that motorists don't take their eyes off the road, avoid eye contact with aggressive drivers and don't react to provocation.

The study also suggests that drivers refrain from making obscene gestures, and control their reactions to traffic snarls.

Drivers who travel slowly should pull over and allow traffic to pass, the study recommends.

The AAA study suggested that better enforcement of traffic regulations could prevent many such incidents before they happen. Mincheff said Public Safety has taken steps to prevent it in the future.

"We have increased speed en-



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Several recent studies of traffic reveal that there are many angry and stressed out drivers trying to express their feelings on the highways.

forcement on campus and stepped up other enforcement because of the university community's concerns for safety of all involved," Mincheff said.

Assistant Professor Mary Pelton-Cooper of the NMU Counseling Center said people who engage in road rage are harboring some other stress that is looking for some form

of release. She said people may be having problems at work or any other major stressful event in their lives.

"There aren't many ways to relieve this stress and anger," she said. "They are finding an anonymous way of expressing their stress and anger."

Behavior like road rage can lead

to domestic violence and even alcoholism because of its underlying implementations, she said.

Pelton-Cooper said people can take steps to avoid becoming enraged when driving. They range from keeping an anger journal to stopping and taking a deep breath.

"You may need anger management or medication, short term," she said. "One of the ways to decrease your stress is to try physical activity, talk to somebody you trust and go into counseling."

Pelton-Cooper said Priebe needs to address her anger and her driving habits when she leaves her house or she may live to regret it. "She needs to do something. She may need to sort it out with a counselor," Pelton-Cooper said. "Sometimes people do not know what is upsetting them."

John Carroll, spokesman for State Farm Insurance Co., said drivers who engage in road rage hurt all Michigan motorists and could be to blame for higher insurance premiums for college-aged people. In 1994, 38,200 of 12.4 million male drivers and 14,600 of the 7.6 million female drivers were involved in fatal crashes, according to State Farm.

Carroll said that although males are the most prevalent road-ragers,

insurance rates are the same for males and females.

"Under the Essential Insurance Law passed in 1980, companies are prohibited from charging insurance rates based on sex," Carroll said. "This in turn creates higher rates all across the board."

Carroll said that in 1994, 8.9 million drivers were under age 20, representing 5 percent of all drivers.

"They were involved in 13 percent of all accidents," he said. "That's a very high incident rate."

State Farm produces a program that introduces safe driving and the fatal and financial outcomes of road rage. The program, called "Keys to Safe Wheels," interviews families whose children were killed within a year of getting their license.

"What is it that gets their attention? Well, it's getting killed," Carroll said.

The program, Carroll said, is only successful to a point.

"We can print all the brochures in the world, but if people don't read them ... When it is an accident it's an accident. But when it's intentionally caused, it's a different ball game."

Traffic confrontation leads to charges

By HEATHER JENSEN
News Staff Reporter

Marquette resident Larry Zdunek will be in court today to answer charges that he allegedly attacked a Northern Michigan University student in a campus parking lot on Oct. 10.

A pre-trial hearing for the assault and battery charge against Zdunek, 50, will be held before Judge Patricia Micklow in Marquette District Court.

The confrontation occurred when both Zdunek and his alleged victim were pulling into traffic on a busy street, according to Investigator Victor LaDuke of NMU Public Safety.

The student reportedly pulled into the street in front of Zdunek's vehicle and honked to let him know that she was in the road.

Hand gestures were exchanged and Zdunek allegedly pursued the student to Lot 16, where both got out of their vehicles. A verbal confrontation followed and Zdunek then al-

legedly shoved the student into her vehicle.

This most recent instance of "road rage" was one of the few to be reported on campus this year, according to NMU Public Safety Capt. Jeffrey Mincheff.

"The high concentration of cars in a small area, heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and the influx of traffic at class times all cause stress on campus drivers," Mincheff said.

No serious injuries occurred as a result of the alleged attack.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Local

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Winter has come to Upper Michigan with 18 inches of snow falling in Marquette and similar amounts reported throughout the area. With conditions continuing to be just above freezing, motorists are faced with hazardous driving on the icy roads.

Area police officers remind motorists that intersections have a tendency to be slippery. Being prepared for winter driving is important, officers said. Motorists should carry extra blankets, gloves and boots for unexpected breakdowns and accidents.

National

Unabomber suspect under the button

Theodore Kaczynski, the mathematician-turned-hermit who is accused of being the Unabomber, goes on trial for his life this week. The Illinois native is accused of mailing a series of bombs in an anti-technology campaign. Three people were killed and 27 injured by bombs attributed to the Unabomber during a 17-year bombing spree.

In court papers arguing for the death penalty, the head of the FBI's Unabomber Task Force considered Kaczynski too dangerous to be allowed to live. Jury selection from a pool of about 600 Sacramento, Calif., residents will include questioning by the judge on their willingness to impose the death penalty.

Four Americans shot in Pakistan

Four Americans shot while caught in a traffic jam were victims of a "target killing" that police strongly suspect was retaliation for the conviction of a Pakistani who killed two CIA employees. The Americans were driving to work when two gunmen pulled up next to their car. The gunmen reportedly jumped from the car and emptied the clips of their rifles into the Americans' car.

The attackers reportedly checked to make sure the Americans were dead before fleeing the scene. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, but the police suspect a connection to the Mir Aimal Kasi's conviction and sentencing.

International

Battle of the buffet

A fight broke out at a dinner honoring German guests in the Southern England town of Bridgewater. It began when the caterers mistakenly delivered the Germans' food, along with all of the food for a Czech gathering, to the German's room. The Czechs' host noticed his group was "getting the bad end of the buffet" and went to get a plate of chicken legs and salami and never returned.

The host said he was hit from all sides by people from the German reception. The trip for seconds turned into a food fight when the whole Czech reception defended their host and shocked innocent bystanders, including one woman who got a plateful of chicken in the face. The Germans later locked themselves in their dining room with all the food.

U.N. passes travel ban on Iraqi officials

The United Nations Security Council passed a travel ban on Iraqi officials in response to continued noncompliance with a Gulf War cease-fire resolution. Imposing the ban, which U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said was the first new sanction against Iraq since the 1991 Gulf War, expressed the council's intentions to take further measures if Iraq does not comply with its demands.

Iraq's deputy prime minister denounced the U.N. resolution, saying Iraq would not be intimidated by the move and would continue its efforts to defend its legitimate rights. "It is not for Iraq to set the terms of its compliance," Richardson said. "Iraq must simply comply. This resolution demonstrates that there will be consequences for Iraq if it fails to do so."

— Briefs from news services



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Construction outside of Gries Hall is only one of many places on campus where the earth has been turned this year. NMU officials are currently planning to build a new events center, major remodeling to the West Science Building and they also envision renovations to all the major campus buildings after the turn of the century.

Building a better university

Construction plans continue into the 21st century

By HEATHER JENSEN
News Staff Reporter

Changes are in store for nearly every major building on campus, according to plans that would take renovation projects into the 21st century.

In addition to the new events center and the remodeling of the West Science Building, plans are in store for changes to the Olson Library, John X. Jamrich Hall, Hedgcock Fieldhouse, Cohodas Administrative Building, the Physical Education Instructional Facility and recently acquired land south of Wright Street.

The \$9.5 million events center is scheduled to begin construction in May 1998 and to be completed in August 1999. Hockey, men's and women's basketball, United States Olympic Education Center short-track speedskating and student affairs activities currently held in Hedgcock will then take place in the events center.

At a meeting to discuss proposed construction, members of the community questioned the adequacy of the building's proposed size, but officials held the 3,768-seat structure would be sufficient.

"We were driven by cost," said Michael Roy, vice president for finance and administration. "We looked at making the building capable of expanding, but as we moved the ceiling higher the price also rose." During construction the planners

"The first priority for university expansion is the West Science-Seaborg Center project. Timing was such that the events center is being built first."

— Bruce Raudio
Director of facilities

anticipate only minimal displacement, Roy said. The renovation of West Science will follow the events center on the university's construction calendar.

"[West Science] is the largest construction project the university will take on," Roy said.

Roy said the West Science project will cause substantial displacement of faculty and students. Faculty offices will be moved to the Learning Resource Center, McClintock Hall and Carey Hall during the two-year construction period. The addition will be constructed first and then used while the original structure is remodeled.

For the duration of the project, Elizabeth Harden Circle Drive and Kaye Street will be rerouted and the parking lot near that intersection will be moved.

In addition to its present departments, the renovated West Science building will include areas for communication disorders, clinical lab sciences and the nursing arts lab.

Further renovations will increase space for storage and circulation in the Learning Resource Center and will connect frequently used buildings with heated walkways, Roy said. The West Science project will cost an anticipated \$47 million, with the university responsible for \$12 million.

Despite the price tag, NMU students seem to share the officials' opinions concerning the construction.

"It's a really good idea," said NMU freshman Heidi Kaempfer. "More technology and easier access to the buildings in the winter will draw more students to the campus."

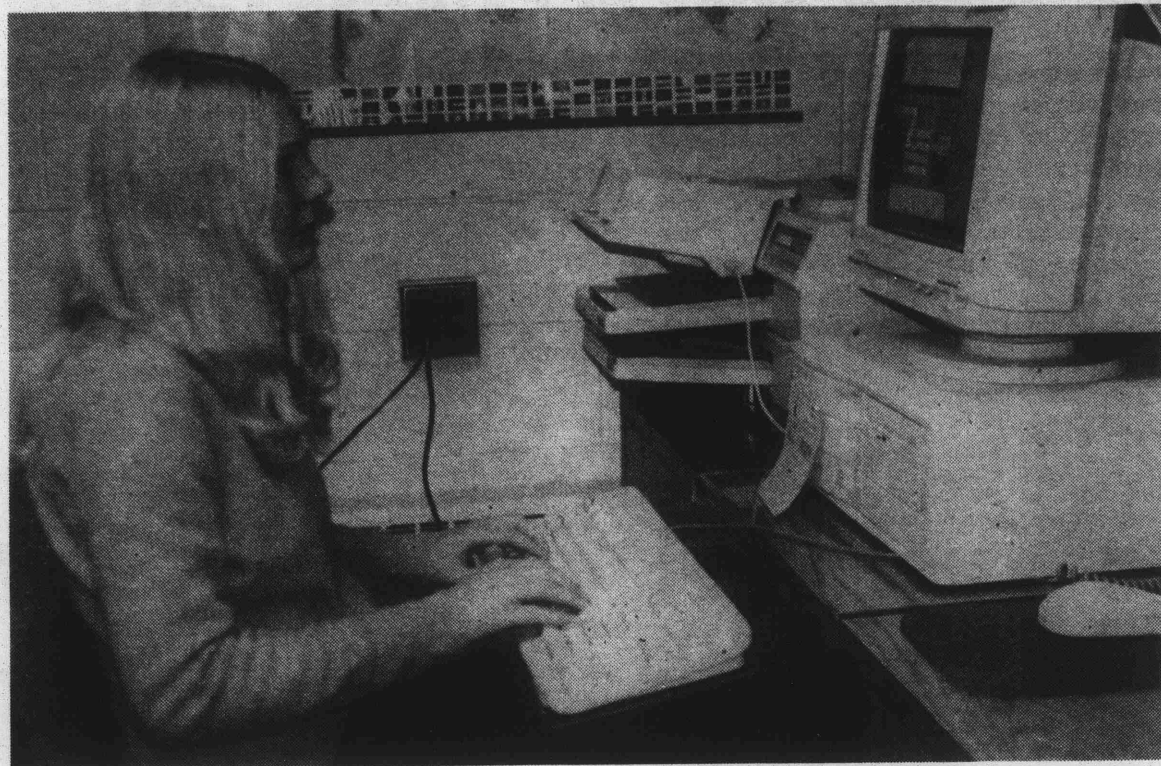
"I think the focus should be more on the academic buildings first," Kaempfer said. "We already have an adequate building for sports; the problem is with our academic buildings."

"The first priority for university expansion is the West Science-Seaborg Center project," said Bruce Raudio, director of facilities. "Timing was such that the events center is being built first."

"The events center and the West Science project are being planned simultaneously."

The university's lease was running out on the use of Lakeview Arena, and the planners chose to build now to avoid renegotiating a 15-year lease, Raudio said.

According to Roy, one level of McClintock, Thomas Fine Arts and Forest Roberts Theatre are also in line for large renovations. He also said future possibilities include construction of a fine arts facility and a parking ramp.



North Wind photo by Jun Otsu

Senior English major Erica Lund is an intern at the U.S. Olympic Education Center this semester.

Interns

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the JobSearch Center.

"We offer one-on-one counseling to assist in developing resumes," Frisk said. "We also have workshops to help with things such

as interviewing skills. We will help you with cover letters and researching the company that you are interested in."

The Center will offer a workshop

entitled "Internships and Summer Jobs, Your Key to Experience" at noon Tuesday. Students must sign up in advance by contacting the JobSearch Center.

Referendum

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student groups' requests in January and examine organization budgets in February.

Committee member and former chairman Mark Broemer said he was upset at the way notification was given to committee members and that little notification was given to students that referendum meetings are taking place.

"I was notified a day before the meeting and had to work," Broemer said. "What if students wanted to sit in on the proceedings? As far as legality is concerned I can't have an objection. I can only object to the principle of holding the meeting on such short notice. The referendum committee is the most important committee on campus and has the most responsibility. Students should be concerned with where their money

is going. Groups should have a clear outline from now until the election."

Organizations currently receiving a direct allocation from the Student Discretionary Fund, except the Student Finance Committee, must annually submit a year-end report to the Governing Board of ASNMU. Each group that receives a direct allocation can request an increase in the amount given. Funding requests are voted on every two years.

Student groups currently receiving funds include the Student Finance Committee, ASNMU, Radio X and The North Wind.



Hall

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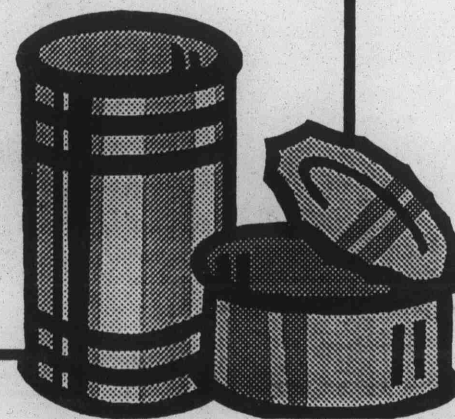
The Don H. Bottum University Center is sponsoring the first ever
"NMU Can Build It"

- Start collecting non-perishable food items and unopened toys now through December 2
- Bring your collected items to the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm
- Use the items you've collected to build something... Build Anything... Be Creative!

Judging will begin at 8pm with prizes awarded to the top 5 groups
TV-6 will be there so wear your NMU or student organization sweatshirt
The winning group will represent NMU when the cans are dropped off at
TV-6 during a live broadcast at the annual TV-6 Can-A-Thon!

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including t-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic passes, and gift certificates!



Nation-wide merchants may now accept Wildcat Express Card

By ANNA BAUER
News Staff Reporter

Students planning on travelling this year can now take a piece of NMU with them — the Wildcat Express Card.

The card is now accepted nationwide and can be used as a debit or

ATM card when the BankStripe feature is linked to a First of America checking account. This allows cardholders to use it at any Cirrus ATM and at any merchant that accepts ATM cards.

"We are excited about this enhancement because it gives cardholders more opportunity and flexibility to use their cards at a

variety of merchant locations," said Becky Wiessner, campus card regional manager for First of America.

The Wildcat Express Card requires a personal identification number whenever withdrawals are made from the First of America account for security reasons.

"If I didn't already have a bankcard, I would use it," said NMU

junior Dylan Morgan.

NMU sophomore Holly Worachek said the cards are of poor quality. "They tear easily and the chip falls out," she said. "I'm already on my second card. I would just use my bankcard."

Andy Wasilewski, University Center director, has detected these problems. He said research has been

done to improve the card and chip and that there is a 5 to 6 percent failure rate with the current cards.

There is a fee of 35 cents to the merchant whenever the card is used, Wasilewski said. This may result in a minimum purchase for students to use their card. For example, Willy's Snak Shak may require a minimum \$4 purchase.

CAMPUS NOTES

Female applicants sought for award

The Business and Professional Women of Marquette are offering \$500 BPW Scholarship Program for women interested in obtaining a scholarship for the upcoming winter semester.

Applicants must be women who wish to continue their education at the college level in order to re-enter the workforce. Recipients will be selected based on financial need.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 30 and are available through the Financial Aid Office at NMU. For more information, please contact Michelle Williams at 226-2211.

Northern names interim director

NMU has named John Weting interim director of International Affairs.

Weting succeeds Hal Dorf, who resigned to devote more attention to teaching and student service activities. Weting had been assisting Dorf since January.

Weting's interim position will continue for the next several months while NMU administrators reevaluate the International Affairs area.

Dorf, who spent three years as director, has transferred to the College of Business.

GLIAC volleyball tickets on sale

Tickets for the 1997 GLIAC women's volleyball tournament are on sale at all NMU ticket outlets.

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting the NMU Ticket Office at 227-1032. Prices for the single-day tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

NMU's first match of the tournament will be at 5 p.m. Friday in the Vandament Arena.

The semifinal, third-place and championship matches will be held Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Saddam & Bush: 1991 all over again

The paragraphs are back

Due to a surprisingly favorable debut last week of a new feature — the editorial paragraph — we thought it would be a good opportunity to build on that momentum.

For those of you who happened to miss the editorial last time on your way to The Amoeba Set, the editorial paragraph provides an opportunity for the editorial writer to mention a brief news item and then offer a comment on it without taking up a lot of valuable space. Here are this week's offerings:

Saddam Hussein is back in the world's spotlight for his neighborly activities. Either this guy has a horrible memory or he thought the Gulf War was the best two out of three.

Many students participate in internships during their college careers (see story on Page 1). Internships in some cases can be more valuable than any class you can take, but there is one key word of advice: If you don't get paid, it's not an internship. That's called slave labor.

That TV ratings system keeps popping up every once in a while. Apparently, some people want the networks to get a little more detailed than they would like to get. How's this rating for NBC's "Union Square," that masterpiece in the prime slot between "Friends" and "Seinfeld" on Thursday nights? TV-WLTF. Translation: Won't Last Til February.

George Bush's presidential library opened last week at Texas A&M University. It contains a room designed like his office at Camp David and a replica of the plane he flew in World War II, among other spiffy features. Heard there's a special room in there that constantly plays Bush's presidential speeches. All of the ex-presidents just love it — it's perfect for nap time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenure vital to professors' jobs

Your article "Professors protected by tenure" may leave some readers with a distorted idea of tenure, an important part of college research, teaching and learning. First, let me try to say what tenure is not. Tenure is not a way of protecting faculty who don't do their jobs. A faculty member not meeting his class (as alleged in your article) is neither authorized to do so nor shielded in such an event by tenure.

The purpose of tenure is to foster an environment of free enquiry. In order to ensure an environment in which professors are free to research what they judge important and teach the fruits of that research, professors need to be protected against possible pressure against doing so. A professor's research may be unpopular among her peers or may offend a segment of the public. Such a professor might find herself pressured by colleagues or administrators or students not to pursue such unpopular ideas. And pressure can be strong. Tenure is intended to protect professors from such pressure, not to shield them

from the consequences of not doing their jobs.

In protecting free enquiry, tenure doesn't protect just the professor. A professor who does not feel free to teach the results of his research no matter where they lead, but instead presents a "safe" version to his students is doing them a disservice. Students are benefited by a teacher who feels free to tell them what he really thinks. And such a feeling of freedom is contagious. Students learning in an environment of free enquiry feel free themselves to pursue issues wherever they may lead.

Now, as with anything else, tenure can be abused. If it is abused, then the specific case should be dealt with. But such real — or imagined — abuse should not be used to tar a vital element in college research, teaching and learning.

— Professor Alan Rose

Published letter is also public forum

In response to the comments made by Geoff Hineman in his letter to the editor published in the Nov. 6 edition of The North Wind,

Reaching a chronological mile-marker

Thoughts turn to mortality, family matters

I had an odd sensation last summer. I could almost feel myself pass from one generation into another. It wasn't any particular event that made me feel this way; it was more like a variety of experiences that all supported the same conclusion. "Hey Matt! Guess what! You're a grown-up!"

I'm 25 years old, which is pretty old to be an undergraduate. It's especially old when you remove from the average those undergraduates who have already had a career of some sort and are now on the second or third phases of their lives. I know that in the grand scheme of things, 25 isn't old; I'm not trying to say that it is. It's just some kind of chronological mile-marker that seems like it's supposed to mean something. I don't know whether it does or not, but I've come to some conclusions anyway.

I first started to notice this generational shift during the summer. My cousin Paul died of



Matt
Zastrow

Staff
Columnist

relatively natural causes at age 36. He was the first of "the cousins" to die, the first family member from my generation. My grandparents from this side of the family had died many years ago, and my father died almost 10 years ago. I remember remarking that Death had "moved down a generation" in the family. But that's not really the case. We all moved up. Paul just got there first. It got me thinking.

I started looking at the other side of my family. My grandmother is in a nursing home, hardly a matter of who she once was. My grandfather's getting older too; the once strong, stoic Swede has slowed down considerably, and all the gray has given way to white. It probably won't be too many years before one of them dies. After they're gone, my mom will be the eldest. She will no longer be the mother figure, but

we the "half-witted henchmen" would like to present a few points which he may have overlooked.

Mr. Hineman does not seem to realize that as soon as his letter was printed, it too became public forum. Referring to individuals as "irresponsible jack-asses" and "half-witted henchmen" is just as tasteless and more slanderous than what he claims we broadcast.

He also seems to think that when choosing to attend this institution, individuals leave their rights at the threshold. The question we wish to ask is, does enrollment dissolve a student's constitutional rights?

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Tinker vs. the Des Moines School District* that students' First Amendment rights do not disappear at the school-yard gates.

This ruling shows that both our and Mr. Hineman's rights are protected on campus. Rulings such as this allow him to sling mud, and also supports our late-night debauchery.

So Mr. Hineman, we ask, are you clutching to the same security blanket as us? It seems that your statements are either hypocritical, extremely uninformed or both.

— Matthew Sayles
and Christopher Dettmer

the grandmother figure. And someday she'll be gone too. Then I'll be the patriarch of the family, and then ...

I think about the past almost as much as I think about the future. My dad was my age when he married my mom, and this was after he had graduated from college and had gone to war in Vietnam. I don't feel old enough to fight a war and get married, but I guess I am. Although I have to admit, sometimes I find myself thinking about what kind of dad I'll be.

These thoughts aren't meant to be morbid, but it's understandable when they are. Maybe it's even healthy. After all, what's this issue all about? Mortality. Death. These are important things for people to think about. I'm not saying we should obsess over them, but I think it's wise to consider them. I feel like I've got plenty of time, and chances are I do. But maybe not. All the things I want to do — will I ever do them? My hope is that when I get to the end of my road, I'll be able to look back and feel that it was time well spent.

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Computers only a tool, not the answer

If I thought the proposal mandating the purchase of a computer by all incoming students might make a difference in their performance, I'd be all for it. Heck, if I thought watching Public TV 13 made people smarter, I'd suggest putting a TV set in every dorm room, too. But computers are only a tool. A motorist might have the finest of tire irons in his trunk, and a state-of-the-art hydraulic jack, but if he doesn't know enough to take off the lug nuts, he'll never get that tire changed.

Many years ago, I took a composition class which, among other things, required the purchase of a particular dictionary. At the time, I thought it was ridiculous, but long after I had discarded my rhetorical manuals and American Lit texts, I found that I kept my trusty Webster's New World. Even now, hardly a day goes by that I don't open its pages.

The dictionary's a tool. A tire iron's a tool. And a computer's a tool, too, albeit a more complex

Don
Wilkie

Staff
Columnist



and costly one. Will using one help a student do better in class? I'm not sure we can answer that easily — there are many factors involved. On the one hand, copying graphics doesn't make someone an artist, and a paper's quality doesn't improve with laser printing. But being able to virtually visit the world's museums might possibly give someone a better grasp of what that art stuff is all about, and judicious use of ubiquitous "cut and paste" functions makes rewriting an essay nearly painless.

But the question is not really whether owning a computer will

help students; the question is whether owning one should be a prerequisite for attending NMU. Should we require students — our "workers," as it were — to purchase the tools we consider necessary? Should we add "dictionary" or "graphing calculator" or "a selection of variously colored highlighters" to the list as well?

Or, should we take the opposite tack, and provide every tool our students need? Maybe President Weidner and his ASNMU minions could demand that the university furnish them with a computer lab filled with an infinite number of printers to go along with their parking lot filled with an infinite number of parking spaces. Not only would incoming students have access, but we could put tutors in the labs to do their work. Imagine the jump in our retention rates then!

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End the war — make drugs a health issue

War, what is it good for? ...
Absolutely nothin'.

The war: the prohibition of drugs. The battlefield: the inner cities of this country. The losers: the residents of those inner cities, who cannot defend themselves against the tidal wave of crime associated with illegal drug use. The winners: every scum-sucking gang member who's been made a millionaire by this war, not to mention an entire sub-species of industries, from more cops and prison guards to liberal "feel good" social programmers and right-wing demagogues with private armies to rent. Let's not forget the arms merchants, who peddle the latest in high-tech weaponry, and the corner drug store, where you can buy security lighting, deadbolt locks and a drug-testing kit for your kid. It's so *American*.

We spent nearly \$40 billion last year on this war. You would think by that number people must be dying from drugs by the truckload. It should look like "Soylent Green" in East L.A. Why else would we spend that kind of money? Why indeed, when only 13,000 people died last year from drug use. That's roughly half the number that died from drunk driving. Another 740,000 expired from heart-related ailments last year. I can assure you we are not spending anything close to \$40 billion a year on heart disease.

What's going on here? Why aren't drugs looked at like alcoholism — a disease by AMA standards — and treated like a health issue? Why doesn't the government distribute (medicalize) drugs, bypassing the criminal element and putting a gigantic dent in the criminal enterprise of importation, distribution and sales?

Could it be that those who have

John
Council

Staff
Columnist



the power to change these things find it very distasteful, sounding a little too much like *legalization*? Perhaps it's because those who object the most to this idea don't live in the war zone. They are the generals in this conflict, ordering the troops around from a safe distance. I'll bet if they lived in the line of fire, they would decide very quickly that giving some stupid junkies their dope is far less distasteful than having them shoot your family for a TV.

Realistically speaking, drugs do cause huge misery in this country, but not so much to the people taking them as the people victimized by the crime associated with their illegality. In spite of our best efforts and imprisoning nearly two million people (did he say two million?), drugs are still here, crime is still rampant, the war is still lost. In the meantime, we have become a paranoid, polarized, alienated society of busybodies and malcontents. And as a free society, we are slowly sinking into the abyss of a police state. If we stop the war, and make drugs what they really are — a health issue — we win hands down. Continue to fight, and the Thought Police are right around the corner.

Just ask George Orwell.

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PHOTOOPINIONPOLL

If there were another day in the week, how would you spend it?



"I'd spend the day wondering where the extra day came from."

Kevin Gill
junior, philosophy



"Sleeping all day."

Angel Leslie
senior, business education



"Catch up on my soap operas."

Kelly Rich
senior, English



"Watching TV and going to the bar later on."

Anthony Stewart
freshman, general studies

Classrooms from a distance

Technology takes NMU classes to students

By **AMY FORTNEY**
Staff Writer

About 100 students register every semester for NMU courses and never set foot on campus, but most of these students are present for nearly every class.

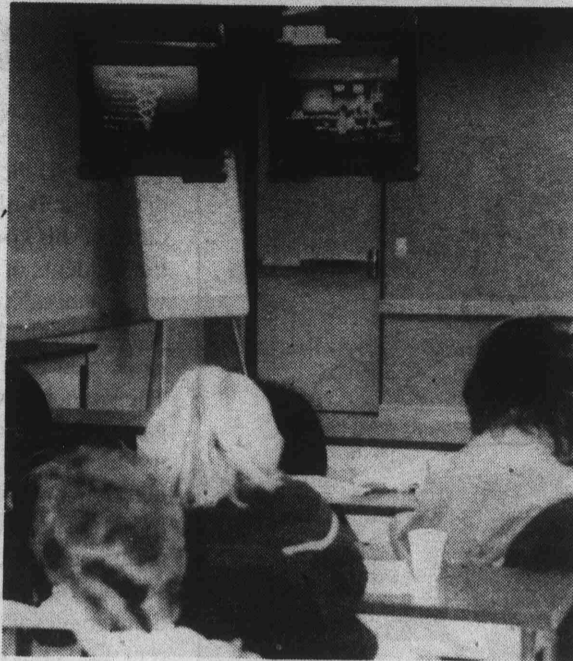
They are Distance Learning students enrolled in a program which makes college accessible for students with time constraints or long commutes.

Using a technique called video-conferencing, courses are broadcast from NMU to the Houghton-Hancock area, Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba, North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, Ironwood, St. Ignace and Iron Mountain.

"It's a convenience being able to offer courses to students who would otherwise not be able to take the course because of the drive or a job commitment," said Mike Bath, NMU audio visual operations supervisor.

The university has offered correspondence courses for 27 years. Video conferencing was not instituted until the last five years, however.

"It really has evolved as a result of students at remote locations requesting services," said Perrin Fenske, director of continuing education. "We couldn't provide all classes with the number of faculty we had on staff, so we set [video-conferencing] up so we could get



North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris

Through video-conferencing, Distance Learning makes college more accessible to students in remote areas.

to the students without having to go to the remote sites."

Jeremy Rakowski, a student at Michigan Tech, said the service offers students at a specialized school the chance to take classes outside their major.

"NMU offers three video-conferencing courses this semester at Tech," Rakowski said. "It's great because it gives us a chance to take classes that otherwise wouldn't be offered here."

CAMPUSSCANNER

Wednesday, Nov. 5

12:51 a.m. Traffic stop Wright and Sugarloaf, two citations issued.

2:13 a.m. Traffic stop Lot 7, verbal warning.

6:51 a.m. Traffic stop Wright and Lincoln, verbal warning.

2:08 p.m. Subject reporting larceny of money.

4:56 p.m. Property damage accident Lot 8.

5:00 p.m. Subject reporting larceny from office.

Thursday, Nov. 6

11:14 a.m. Traffic stop Lot 8, verbal warning.

1:18 p.m. Subject reporting larceny of personal items.

2:38 p.m. Traffic stop Norwood and VanEvera, two citations issued.

11:22 p.m. Malicious destruction of property to door in West Science.

Friday, Nov. 7

1:09 p.m. Well being check on subject in Payne Hall.

10:53 p.m. Traffic stop Lot 16, verbal warning.

1:01 p.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to traffic

meters in Lot 30.

Saturday, Nov. 8

9:50 p.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to university sign.

1:36 p.m. Traffic stop 8th and Kaye, verbal warning.

Sunday, Nov. 9

2:00 a.m. Report of an intoxicated subject at Halverson Hall, emergency medical service requested.

4:12 a.m. Report of malicious destruction of property to state vehicle, two subjects in custody.

10:39 p.m. Report of larceny from laundry room Gant Hall.

Monday, Nov. 10

8:13 a.m. Subject reporting harassing e-mail messages.

12:32 p.m. Subject reporting assault and battery complaint.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

1:12 p.m. Subject reporting hit and run property damage accident.

2:13 p.m. Subject reporting hit and run property damage accident.

7:12 p.m. Property damage accident 7th and Harden Circle Drive.

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Academic Senate examine underqualified students

By ANNA BAUER
Staff Writer

Some underqualified students may be taking up space in classes that other, qualified students are unable to get into, said Academic Senate Chairwoman Gloria Urban.

At Tuesday's Academic Senate

meeting, Sandra Michaels, dean of students, and Teresa Kynell, associate professor of English and chairwoman of the Admissions and Academic Policies Committee, addressed the issue of technical studies admissions.

Several faculty members have expressed concern over teaching dif-

ferent levels of students in the same class, Urban said.

Some students who are admitted to the technical studies program take courses they're not qualified for, using technical studies admission to take courses designed for students on degree tracks, she said.

"Whether it's two students or 200,

we need to fix the problem and close the loophole," said sophomore Nick Vivian, Academic Senate member.

Students who do not meet NMU's admissions standards may be accepted into the university through the technical studies program, said Chris Fries, coordinator of Vocational Support Services. The pro-

gram limits technical studies students to 12 to 14 credits per semester, he said.

"We try to make sure students are successful, that we are not just setting them up for failure," Fries said.

The Senate voted unanimously to postpone any action until further information is obtained.

Presidential installation expenses keep rolling in

By HEATHER JENSEN
News Staff Reporter

Costs for activities surrounding the installation of NMU President Judi Bailey are still arriving, but with one of the major costs out of the way, university officials predict that estimates were correct.

As of Nov. 6, the financial records for the installment activities reflect an expense of \$15,320.59.

The total is about 61 percent of the anticipated \$25,000 price tag for the event.

"We have one of the major costs out of the way, being the food," said Pam Grundstrum, administrative assistant to the president. "Printing will be another."

Currently, the expenses reflect costs of: advertising, room rentals, photography, gifts, tuxedo rentals, part for the printing costs, postage, travel and meals.

NMU paperweights were given to guests who attended the dinner. The paperweights cost \$2.97, and the university purchased 500. The gifts are still being given to visiting legislators.

Travel costs include the \$380 rental of two buses to transport the

Installation Costs

Printing	\$166.62
LRC Services	\$174.21
Other Services	\$241.80
Other Supplies*	\$350
Travel	\$380
UC Rental	\$435
Professional Services	\$672
Postage and Shipping	\$1,018.94
Administrative Expenses**	\$2,633.01
Meals	\$9,249.01

Total to date \$15,320.59

* Other supplies include advertising and flower rental.

** Administrative expenses include tuxedo rental, photography and paperweights.

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platform party about three blocks from the University Center to the Superior Dome for the installation ceremony.

Costs for the majority of the printing have yet to be accounted for, Grundstrum said.

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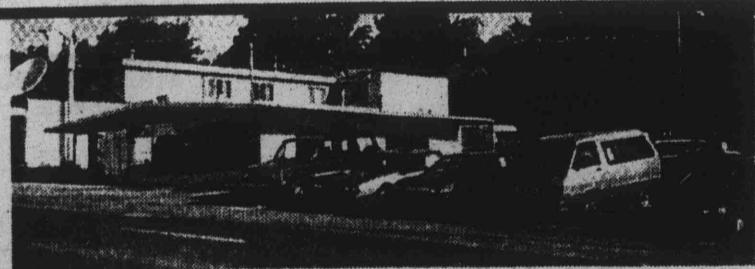
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Washed whiter than snow

Laundry detergent is good for the soul. It's true. Just stop by the detergent aisle at any local grocery store and see for yourself. It is perhaps the most optimistic place on earth.

At a glance you are bombarded with a plethora of brilliant colors and triumphant names that ring with positive power. Names like Cheer, Yes, All, Gain, Fab, Dynamo and of course my favorite: Bold.

Then there's Bold Plus. I guess the "Plus" version is sort of like regular Bold hopped up on steroids. The name practically drips with testosterone. I think because it's "Plus" you don't have to use as much.

Kinda makes you wonder why anybody would buy regular Bold. Perhaps the people who do are the same people who buy fifty gallons of low fat ice-cream. What's the point? "Hi, I was wondering if you have any of that not-so-bold Bold? I'm trying to cut back."

Then again, I'm not sure if they even make regular Bold anymore. Every detergent on the shelf these days is "Super, Ultra, Maximum Strength" or "Plus." It seems to be a pretty effective strategy though.

I think it would be great if churches were presented in the same way; maybe more people would go. Where would you rather go: "First Baptist" or "First Baptist Plus"? Perhaps "Maximum Strength Assembly of God" or "Ultra Episcopalian" would better suit your needs. It would be even better if there were church-laundromat hybrids. Maybe on the sign out front they could have catchy slogans like "Communion: A little dab'll do ya!" or "Christ with bleach powers out the stain of sin!"

People could bring in their dirty laundry both literally and metaphorically. It would be fantastic. The communion cups could have fill lines on them. "Regular attendees fill to this line, heathens fill to the higher one." Just like the detergent, the sermon would have to be condensed, which I'm sure everybody would appreciate. Of course if you needed your clothes dry cleaned, you'd have to go to a liturgical service.

Wait a minute, how did this little analogy get so out of hand? Sometimes I think I'm pouncing all over that fine line between humor and blasphemy. (I know, you're thinking, "What? That was supposed to be funny?" Well, I try.)

What I'm really trying to say here is, sometimes in the midst of the age of spiffy packaging and snappy jingles, the truth gets lost. And no, I'm not talking about detergent anymore.

The truth is, despite what some might say, being a Christian doesn't solve all your problems and despite what some might think, really following Christ is more than dropping by to clean up your act every now and then.

Don't mistake me here; in knowing God there certainly is a "joy unspeakable," but it is the kind of joy that you find in a living relationship with someone, a relationship that has its trials like any other. When you strip away the lights and music and flashy clothes and grand steeples, you're left with Christ who died on a cross out of love.

Christianity, laundry detergent ...

Let me just say in closing that I grew up attending a very conservative church, which was sort of comparable to one of the more stoic detergents like Oxydol.

Now I have nothing against Oxydol. It get's the job done and what more can you ask? (Well, OK, maybe a little dancing and some upbeat music would be nice ...)



Jeremiah French

For What It's Worth

DIVERSIONS

Fifth of July in N

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
Features Editor

Sometimes the best things in life come last: dessert, the punch line of a good joke. Patience is a virtue in the case of "Fifth of July," which opened Wednesday evening in Forest Roberts Theatre.

The unique comedy by Lanford Wilson asks its audience for attentive eyes and ears as it moves over sometimes-confusing ground before reaching a satisfying conclusion.

Four college roommates and assorted family members come together for two days at a Missouri farmhouse, where memories of their lives and discussions of the future gurgle forth like water from an artesian well. The characters are struggling with inevitable change, trying to avoid their respective demons.

Ken Talley, Jr. (Michael Pizzuto) is a battered Vietnam veteran living



York Griffith, Tiana Janosco and Michael Pizzuto argue their way through a steamy July day in 1977.

with his aunt, his lover (Phil Cooper), his sister June (Tiana Janosco) and her adolescent daughter Shirley, played delightfully by Kim Bloom.

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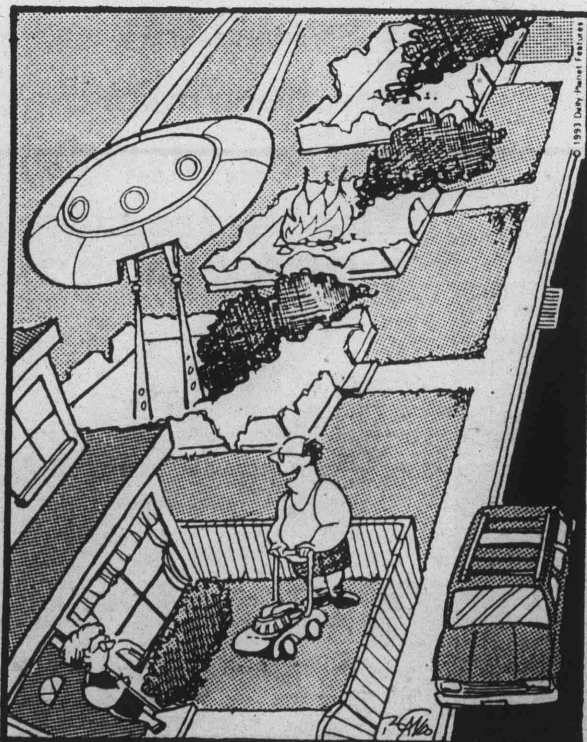
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By BRIAN SHUSTER

CHAOS



"Hey Marge, take a look at what just happened to the Havachecks next-door. Ha! Guess we won't have to worry 'bout that loud music no more."



North Wind photo by Jun Otsu

Getting a mouthful of

By MICHELLE KANGAS
Staff Writer

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hard choices that nearly every person must face at some point in life.

The play garnered scattered laughter throughout, but left without commanding more than polite clapping from a first-night

audience not accustomed to Wilson's brand of dry humor.

"It comes together at the end,"

said Junior Emily Smith, "and it made me laugh."

An unobtrusive and effective set aids the show to its successful end, though the rapidly-changing lighted backdrop tends to be distracting during the first act.

President Judi Bailey said she liked her second Forest Roberts Theatre production.

"I enjoy the theater," Bailey said. "This was a tough play to put together and they did a good job of it."

The play runs through Saturday.

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American food is difficult for many international students.

"I had a hard time because I lived in the dorm my first year," she said. "I wasn't used to the food. There were too many dairy products and I didn't like the bread at all."

She hopes that Sunday's dinner will help some people understand what it is like to eat foods they aren't accustomed to.

"People will be wearing traditional dress and giving greetings in their native languages, just to give people a little idea of where we are coming from," Kubo said.

Northern has hosted the food fest since 1992. Students belonging to the International Students Club, exchange students from area high schools, Native American students and any others who wish to share an international recipe are encouraged

to participate in the festival.

Pauline Byron was a Rotary exchange student in Australia for one year when she was in high school. This will be the second year she has prepared a dish for the food fest.

"This event is special. You spend \$4 at McDonald's for a value meal. You spend the same amount of money to attend the food fest and get so much more, a taste of culture," she said.

Byron will be preparing pumpkin soup, a popular Australian dish.

"This event is an opportunity to show Marquette that there are active international students at NMU. It shows that there is diversity at NMU," Syed said.

"This isn't something you can eat in any ethnic restaurant, even in a big city," Kubo said, "so this is a good chance to get some great food."

Opening day is almost here.
The U.P. Whitetail Association
encourages hunters to remain calm in the face of

Buck fever

By BETHANY SIMONSEN
Staff Writer

Two days isn't a long time, but to hunters waiting anxiously for opening day, it can seem an eternity.

This year, as deer season approaches and hunters take off for camp, local hunters' advocacy groups are encouraging them to take an important idea into the woods — conservation.

The U.P. Whitetail Association consists of many chapters, all of which serve to preserve and protect the deer population.

Marquette County's Whitetail Association, a non-profit organization, is doing its part to inform the area's hunters. Most of the club's 635

members are hunters and conservationists concerned with the well-being of the whitetail deer.

"We work closely with the DNR to follow the area's deer population and improve their habitat," said Gary Modlin, spokesman for the group.

The Marquette chapter has many projects to their credit. They recently held their annual Training Day for kids. The day was spent giving youngsters safety tips and educating them about whitetail deer. They are also helping to build a shooting range for Boy Scouts at Camp Hiawatha.

In the past, the association has worked with the DNR to trap and tag deer on Presque Isle before transporting them to under-populated ar-

eas. They have also run special programs on public TV and each year they provide funding to augment winter feeding of deer.

In addition to their annual banquet fund-raiser, this year the association is raffling five rifles. The drawing will be held at the banquet Feb. 28.

Members of the Whitetail Association aren't the only ones concerned with conservation. Freshmen Mike

O'Rourke and Vince Emrick plan to leave for the woods at 4 a.m. on opening day in hopes of getting their deer. They both agree that it's common practice among most hunters to let the little ones go.

Sophomore Trevor Balzer of Unionville is writing a proposal that deals with controlling the deer population in Tuscola

and surrounding counties in Michigan's "thumb" area. His proposal involves banning antler hunting for one year in hopes of bringing down the high doe population.

"When we hunt we usually pass on spikes and even four-points," Balzer said.

Giving the bucks a chance to mature and breed is an important part of the U.P. Whitetail Association's conservation plan. They're reminding hunters to "Let 'Em Go, Let 'Em Grow" as they head for the woods on Nov. 15.

For information on joining Marquette County's Whitetail Association or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Gary Modlin at 249-9120.



North Wind photos by Duane Pape

The U.P. Whitetail Association encourages area hunters to "Let 'Em Go, Let 'Em Grow" in an effort to rebuild a faltering whitetail deer population.

Musicians worthy of adolescent infatuation

The Bloodhound Gang
"One Fierce Beer Coaster"
Cheese Factory/Geffen

If there is one band in the world not enough people are listening to, it's the Bloodhound Gang. I'm not ashamed to admit that I am undeniably and completely in love with this band. Part of the reason they aren't getting the attention they deserve could be that there is no one in the world that the Bloodhound Gang hasn't insulted, but there has never been a more creative and hilarious group of disgruntled young men from the East Coast than this one.

"One Fierce Beer Coaster" is not a new album — I believe it came out over a year ago. In fact, you may have seen the video for "Fire Water Burn" on MTV, but the word about the sheer magnitude of the greatness of this band has not yet spread far enough throughout the stereo-owning populations of the earth.

My friends and co-workers may tell you that I am merely infatuated with a couple of the members of the group, and I admit that I haven't been so star-obsessed in many moons. Not since my all-encompassing, pre-teen, cover-my-walls-with-pictures-from-Teen-Beat crush on Corey Feldman, actually. But the fact remains that the Bloodhound Gang kicks ass and is one of the coolest new bands in college music.

The Bloodhound Gang formed a few years ago with a MacIntosh sound editor and lots of free time. Soon they were signed to Cheese Factory Records and released "Use Your Fingers," a sample-filled, hip-hoppy homage to seventies pop culture, 'skanky' girls and amateur gay pornography. Eventually they got signed to Republic Records.

Some of the members, including the very visible Daddy Long Legs, MSG and Skip O'Pot2mus then left the group to pursue other interests. In fact, the only two left were Jimmy Pop Ali and Lupus. Enter Spanky G (who looks like he's about eight), DJ Q-Ball, and Evil Jared along with the desire to play some real instruments, and what do you have? "One Fierce Beer Coaster."

Though I wouldn't say that this album is necessarily better than "Use Your Fingers," it is technically more advanced. There are still some cool samples and painfully dorky lyrics, but the band members have learned how to create new music and that makes it more interesting as far as musical analyses go.

This is a group that knows how to give props and nods to the right people. You will find references to such pop icons as Mr. McFeelie, Jack Tripper, Gilligan, Rip Taylor, and Jimmy Dean sausage, plus a special tribute

Bridgette
Jaakola

Music
Reviewer



to Rick Allen, the one-armed drummer from Def Leppard.

If you get some free time, look this band up on the internet. It's about the only place you can get "Use Your Fingers."

Some of the other star tracks on "Beer Coaster" include, "Lift Your Head Up High and Blow Your Brains Out," and "I Wish I Was Queer So I

Could Get Chicks." All of the songs are a veritable melange of rap, rock and metal with nostalgic references to One Day at a Time, This Old House and M*A*S*H.

I am so hopelessly geeked about this band that I took the risk of personal insult and e-mailed them. I got a response from Lupus, which I printed out and framed. It hangs over my bed now. Anyway, he was not only nice, he appreciated the questions. That's the cool thing about not-yet-famous bands. They'll talk to you. Lupus told me that this album is so different because of the actual musical talent involved. "One Fierce Beer Coaster" is more than us just f---ing around on the computer. It's good," he wrote. I asked him if they would consider playing here at Northern in the spring, and he seemed pretty positive about it, but only after I promised him a BJ if they would. Don't hold your breath, but it just might happen. The concert, I mean.

In the meantime, buy as much of the Bloodhound Gang as you can afford. Don't blame me though, if you find that you are personally insulted. I warned you.

Occasionally we become aware of individual human beings who for some reason or another are the subject of our idolatry; people like Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, the Ayatollah Khomeini, Chairman Mao, Elvis, Corey Feldman. Perhaps one day the Bloodhound Gang or Mr. Bean will be among these.



Mr. Bean!

British slapstick artist reminds audiences of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin

Film: "Bean"

Starring: Rowan Atkinson,
Peter MacNichol

Director: Mel Smith

Rating: 8 out of 10

Kelsey
Mann

Movie
Reviewer



The man that we only refer to by his last name has now taken the leap onto the large screen. He has successfully survived public television, cable (HBO and Comedy Central) and video. This bumbling bafloon is a creation by Rowan Atkinson, known as Mr. Bean.

What you need to know about Bean is that not everyone does or will like watching this juvenile adult. I was raised on such comedies as "Good Neighbors" and "Faulty Towers," so I've always enjoyed British comedy. You'll either love him right from the beginning, or find him incredibly stupid and banal.

Bean bears a striking resemblance to such comedic geniuses as Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, so if you enjoy that type of humor you'll enjoy Mr. Bean. It's not really what happens to him that makes you laugh, but how he reacts, or the humorous facial and body movements Atkinson does that evoke laughter.

Bean is a British art museum security guard who is given the task to accompany Whistler's masterpiece, "Mother" (or "Arrangement in Black and White" to you art lovers) as it returns to the U.S. He is set up to live with an art critic, Peter MacNichol ("Ally McBeal"), who thinks Bean is an art genius. Of course all hell breaks loose when Bean gets involved.

The only problem I have with the film is that many of the successful situations he used in his

television show have poured into "Bean." Those of you that have seen him before will see a lot of things he's done before.

But it's also very different from the television show. In order to carry a film, Bean is going to need to interact with the other characters in the film much more. In the show, Bean barely says more than 3 words at a time, and all of the supporting characters do just the same. In "Bean," he's asked to give a twenty minute speech.

At first, I was apprehensive to a talking Bean, but when he talks, you can't help but laugh at the way he says such words as "microscopic" or "magic." They had him talk, but not too much that it changed the character and didn't work.

"Bean" is a very funny film. You will also need to keep in mind that this is a British comedy, which means lots of "toilet" humor. This is the only part I don't like about Mr. Bean, but without it, he wouldn't be himself. It probably wouldn't work.

Some of the television episodes may be funnier, but those are only shorts. They really did a good job of stretching Bean to fit the two hours or so. Don't worry, if you love the show, you'll love the movie, and don't forget to stay until the end of the credits, you'll get another two minutes of Bean.

'Comfort Woman' lends rationality to madness

Comfort Woman
by Nora Okja Keller
Viking Press, 1997

Elizabeth
Nader

Book
Reviewer



I admit, shamefully, that I never heard the words "internment camp" or "recreation camp" until I was in my mid-twenties. And then, when I heard it, it was not in a history class, but a literature class. Often, when history fails to deliver, literature eventually tries to fill those gaps. The novel *Comfort Woman* is one such offering.

Opening with the lines "On the fifth anniversary of my father's death, my mother confessed to his murder.

We had been peeling shrimp for his chesa ..." it grabs the reader with a promise of a who-dunnit. We find out immediately the mystery isn't here, but in the history of two women's lives, each attempting to reconcile one with another.

The point of view changes between mother and daughter. Akiko, a Korean, was sold into the Japanese "recreation camps" of World War II to pay for her sister's dowry. It is here where she "was murdered, fourteen when I looked into the Yalu River, and ... knew that I was dead."

Beccah, her daughter, discovers her mother's secret past, and it forces her to find meaning in her own life.

Akiko also suffers from a madness she calls "Induk." Beccah refers to it as "spirits calling to her." Induk died in the camps, and Akiko is forced to replace her.

When Akiko leaves the camp to

marry a minister (Beccah's father) and moves to America, she replaces her pain with madness, unable to communicate for days at a time.

"Comfort Woman" is not for the faint of heart. The term "recreation" in our society means optimism, a new beginning. For Akiko, it means losing herself, but still it is a recreation.

This book deserves to be read and studied for the literary masterpiece that it is. It makes even madness seem rational. I suspect this book will find its way into literature classes and then it can be given the dissection and praise it deserves.

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Then again, you could always just stop by our office in Room 2310 of the University Center.

Making a dollar the old-fashioned way: blood, sweat and tears

By ANNA NORDSTROM
Staff Reporter

Traditionally, most college students wait until they graduate to start a career, but some begin earlier.

Michael Kanda put off his last semester in the field of product design to pursue an idea that had been brewing for years.

Kanda said he thought for some time that the building in downtown Marquette, most recently home to Club MQT, should be put to better use. Until the last 10 years or so, the building has housed mainly drinking establishments, Kanda said.

He found investors to help purchase the building, presenting Motivo Enterprises, Inc. with his plans to turn part of the building into the Washington Street Pub.

"I guess what it takes to open a business is developing an idea ... organizing everything that is required," Kanda said. "I'm still in the whole process, definitely the learning process."

Parts of the building are under renovation and the bar is scheduled to open in mid-December. However, most of the work being done is superficial.

"The atmosphere is already there," Kanda said.

He said starting a business isn't an easy venture.

"I'm going to be the guy sweeping the floors at night. That's what it's going to take for me," Kanda said.

Connie Walt, assistant director of Employer and Information Services, said, "When you own a business it can be more work than working for other people."

NMU's JobSearch Center offers help for people with entrepreneurial ideas. Last semester the center offered a workshop for people wishing to open a business.

In the 1998 winter semester, an entrepreneurial major in business administration is being added to the business curriculum, beginning with the first entrepreneurial class.

So far, only a few students have signed up for the major, said business Professor Bruce Sharony. "I think it will start out small, but it will grow."

Sharony said that students in the major will focus on their business plans in marketing, accounting and other business classes.

"It's a testing ground to develop a business plan," he said. "Most [students] become entrepreneurs after they graduate. We're hoping some will start while they're still in school."

Sue Boback has an associate degree in business, and is considering taking some of the new entrepreneurial classes to help with her home

business, "Esbeez."

Boback makes note cards and calendars from outdoor photographs she takes herself.

"I kept telling myself, 'I'm not going to do this,' but it never went away," she said. "I finally got the right push."

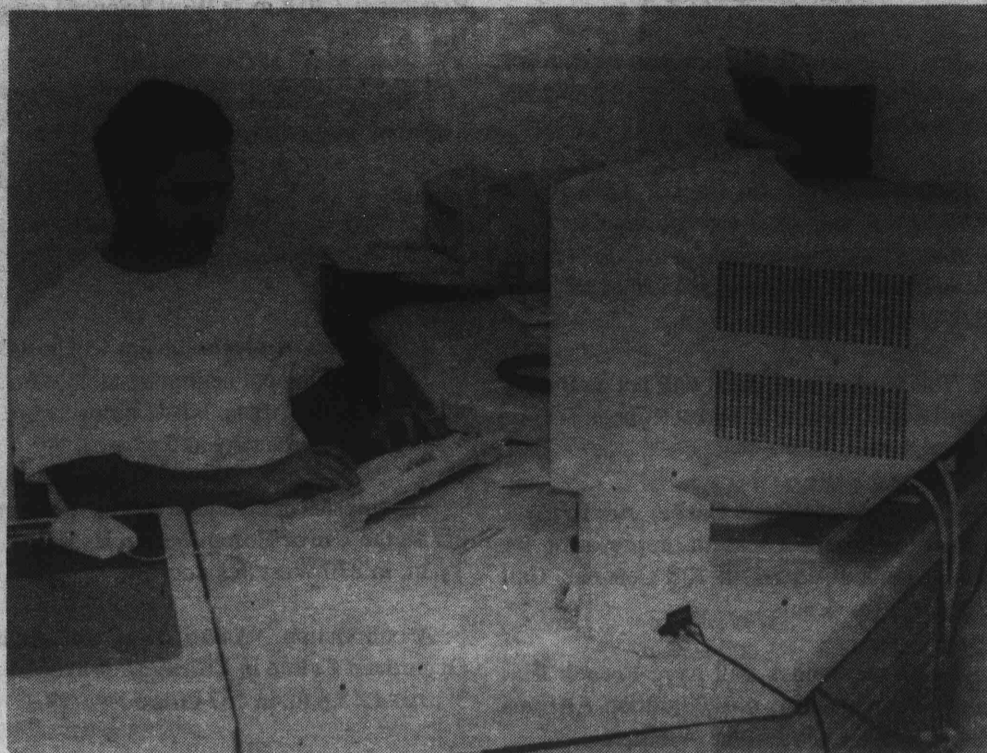
Boback took the marketing course for her degree and she said it changed her life. One of the professors had a sign on his door that read, "Marketing is the essence of business."

Boback told him there was a mistake. She said, "Marketing is the essence of life."

Boback said she believes that a passion for what one is trying to do is necessary to anyone trying to start their own business.

"I never go anywhere without my camera. Never."

In every one of her calendars is a note that reads, "Esbeez is a result of years and years of wishing my eyes could be a camera. ... It seemed a crime to experience such beauty



North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris

Marc Honey, owner of I-Tech, dropped out of NMU after starting his computer business.

and not share it with you."

Jeff Blackman is a Northern alum who began his own business during his junior year.

Future Basix is a computer resource center, providing training, consulting, programming and hardware.

"There was a lot of need for it. A lot of the clients we worked with liked the personal attention," he said.

When Blackman started the business in 1993, he ran it out of his home, working with people on an

individual basis.

He said there are two sides to business. One is the talent for what one wants to do. The other is marketing and delivery of a product, which can be learned by working with experienced people in that field.

His advice is to first work in an established business in their field.

"I was having a hard time finding a job doing what I wanted to do, so I ended up creating a job for myself," Blackman said.



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**Thursday
November 13**

An impromptu percussion jam session at 1 a.m. in Room 2310 of the UC. Call 227-2545 for details.

The Academic and Career Advisement Center will have a creative career and life planning strategies session for the adult learner from 12 to 2 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC. Call 228-2971 to register.

The Music Department will put on Bach's Lunch at 12:10 p.m. in Forest Roberts Theatre Foyer.

The Academic and Career Advisement Center will have a session on preparing for final exams at 4 p.m. in 208 Cohodas. Call 228-2971 for details.

Les Francophiles will have French film night from 6 to 8 p.m. in 220 Jamrich. All films are in French with English subtitles.

The American Red Cross will have a community CPR review from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross Office. Call 228-3659 to register, cost is \$15.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the UC.

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

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

The American Association of University Women meet at 7 p.m. at the Federated Women's Clubhouse where Michigan's Teacher of the Year, Sue Szczepanski, will speak.

Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills will make a presentation for Native American Heritage Month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room in the UC.

"Fifth of July" will be performed in the Forest Roberts Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

"The Science Behind Solving a Crime" will be presented by forensic scientist Jill Renders at 7:30 p.m. in West Science Lecture Hall A.

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

**Friday
November 14**

The Wildcat volleyball team will host the GLIAC Tournament beginning at 11 a.m. in the Vandament Arena. NMU faces Saginaw Valley State University at 5 p.m.

The physics department will have a seminar on the Use of Computers in Research at 3 p.m. in 270 West Science.

A colloquium, "Asian Gang and Asian Organized Crime in Chicago," will be from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m. in 167 Gries.

The Wildcat hockey team will host the University of Alaska-Fairbanks at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Arena.

The music department will present an NMU orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Jamrich.

"Fifth of July" will be performed in the Forest Roberts Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday
November 15**

The Wildcat volleyball team continues to host the GLIAC Tournament beginning at 10 a.m. in the Vandament Arena. The semi-final matches are at 10 a.m. and noon. The third-place match and the Championship will be held at 3 and 5 p.m., respectively. If NMU wins Friday they will play at noon.

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

The Society for the Preservation of the Imagination will meet from 5 p.m. to mid-

night in the Pioneer Rooms in the UC.

"Men in Black" (R) will be shown at 7 p.m. in 102 Jamrich.

The Wildcat Hockey team will host the University of Alaska-Fairbanks at 7 p.m.

"Fifth of July" will be performed in the Forest Roberts Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

A march against domestic violence will take place in the UC.

**Sunday
November 16**

The NMU Greek Council will have a garage sale from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Quad II Cafeteria.

A storytellers' workshop will be held for Native American Heritage Month festivities from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

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

The International Students Club will hold their Eighth Annual International Food Festival from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Quad I Cafeteria. Cost is \$4 for NMU students and \$6 for non-students.

"Men in Black" (R) will be shown at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in 102 Jamrich.

Catholic Campus Ministry will have Mass at 7 p.m. in the Brule Room in 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.

NMU Outlook will meet at 7 p.m. in the chapel in the UC. Call 361-2343 for details.

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

**Monday
November 17**

A Native American Heritage Month presentation by Don Abel will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in 102 Jamrich.

The student chapter of Upper Peninsula Planned Parenthood will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC.

**Tuesday
November 18**

The Student Art Gallery Board of Directors will meet at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A in the UC.

The Academic and Career Advisement Center will have a career planning session from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC. Call 227-2971 to register.

Native American Heritage Month open reading with writer Penny Olson will be at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

The People's Knowledgeable and Ethical Government Party will meet at Lucas's. Call 227-3023 for details.

**Wednesday
November 19**

Native American Heritage Month will show "Medicine Fiddle" at 6:30 p.m. in 102 Jamrich.

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

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

The Academic and Career Advisement Center will have a career planning session from 7 to 9 p.m. in Payne/Halverson Hall basement. Call 227-2971 to register.

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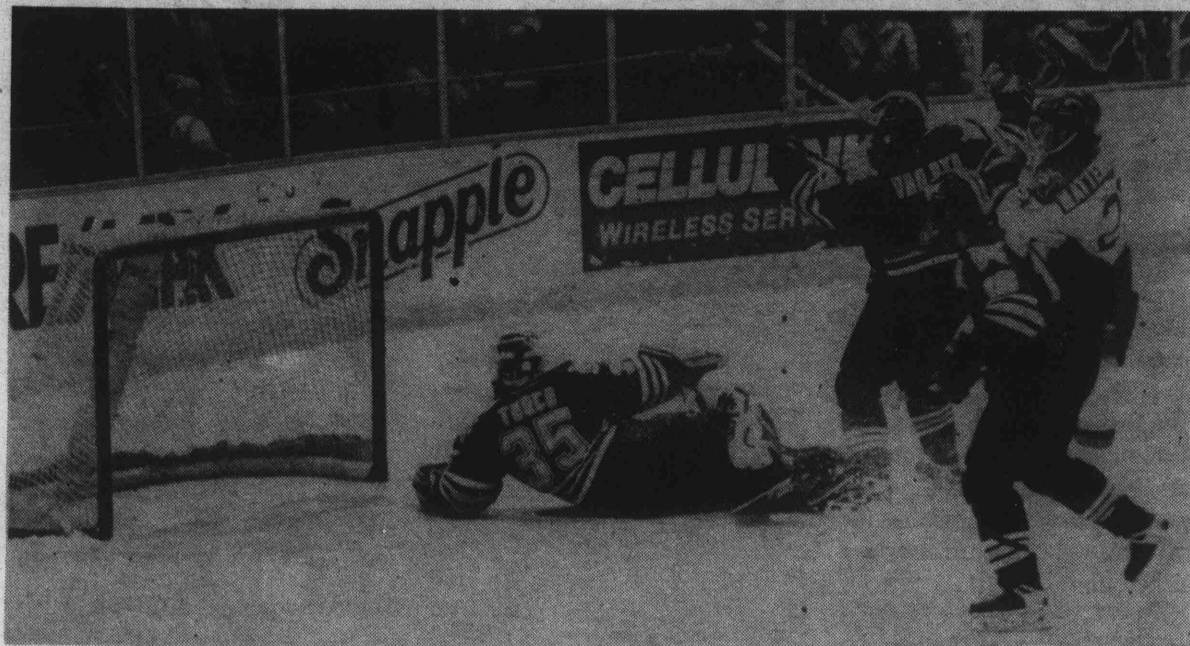
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Michigan's Marty Turco scrambles for the puck as Fred Mattersdorfer scores the game-winning goal on a pass from Bryan Phillips on Saturday. The Wildcats went on to a 1-0 victory over the Wolverines, splitting the series.

Wildcats shooting for a home series sweep to gain first place

NMU seeks first power-play goal

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

The NMU Wildcats (4-1-1 Central Collegiate Hockey Association, 5-2-2 overall) hope to continue their best start since the 1993-94 season when they face the University of Alaska-Fairbanks (1-6-0 CCHA, 2-7-1 overall) on Friday and Saturday at Marquette's Lakeview Arena.

Faceoff time for both games is 7 p.m.

"We have to build on the success that we're having and that is the message that I'm trying to send to [my players]," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "This is an important series for us to do well in and to try to win two games."

Comley said the Wildcats, second in the CCHA, are not looking past the last-place Nanooks.

"Every game is a big game in this league if you want to stay on top," junior left wing Rich Metro said. "You gotta play every game like it's your last game."

NMU has registered two shutouts in its last four games, with sophomore goaltender Duane Hoey in net, for only the second time in school history. The last occasion came in the 1981-82 season, but Comley said he would like to get freshman goalie Jason Flick some action this weekend.

The Nanooks split a two-game series with Lake Superior State last weekend before losing to Ferris State

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THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L-T	UAF
5-2-2		2-7-1
OFFENSE		
3.51	Goals (avg.)	3.20
55	Assists	51
89	Points	83
32.0	Shots (avg.)	24.1
DEFENSE		
2.73	Goals against (avg.)	5.20
2	Shutouts	1
24.0	Opp. shots (avg.)	32.1
88.4	Save percentage	83.8
SPECIAL TEAMS		
13.0	PP percentage	20.3
79.7	PK percentage	75.0
7	PP goals	13
2	SH goals	1
209	Penalty min.	291

Northern splits with No. 8 Michigan

By JASON LAUREN
Sports Editor

The NMU hockey team split a series last weekend against the former eighth-ranked University of Michigan Wolverines in front of the largest two-game home crowd since February, 1994.

The 'Cats improved their overall record to 5-2-2 and 4-1-1 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

"[NMU's] record is pretty good and they have beaten some pretty good teams," Michigan head coach Red Berenson said. "Based on their play against us they'll be in a dog fight for the top six positions. It might be first or it might be sixth, but they look like they are a very good team. We played four periods to a tie over the weekend so these teams are evenly matched."

Michigan is the defending CCHA champions, but Northern was looking for the sweep.

"It's definitely good to get a win, especially against Michigan," said freshman Fred Mattersdorfer, who scored Saturday's only goal in NMU's win. "Everybody would have liked to win two, but we're happy with one win against one of the best teams in the nation."

On Saturday the Wildcats shutout the Wolverines, 1-0, for Michigan's first scoreless game in 80 contests.

"It's the biggest win so far and it's probably going to be one of the biggest wins all year," Mattersdorfer said.

NMU goalie Duane Hoey saved 22 Michigan shots for his second shutout in his last four games.

"Our forecheck wasn't quite as intense as [Friday's game]," said NMU center Buddy Smith, who didn't register a point in a series for only the third time in his career. "Sometimes we got caught with three men deep in the zone and [Saturday] we were pretty conscious about keeping a guy high and it really paid off."

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Hosting the GLIAC tournament this weekend may give the volleyball Wildcats the edge they need to live up to their own

Great expectations

By KRISTY BASOLO
Managing Editor

Continuing the tradition, the Wildcat women's volleyball team will host the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament this weekend in the Vandament Arena.

NMU has hosted the competition in each year of its existence. The team has a 62-match GLIAC home-court win streak that dates back to 1990.

"The biggest advantage to hosting the tournament is that teams hate coming up here because of the atmosphere," head coach Mark Rosen said. "We've got a great crowd."



Jewell

The Wildcats have high expectations for the tournament, although co-captain Kathy Jewell said there are several key factors for the team to come out victorious.

"We have to be ready to play aggressively and have no regrets," Jewell said. "We have to hustle for every ball and play a steady game. We have been riding the roller coaster lately and we need to get off of it."

Sophomore setter Heather Mizer also feels the 'Cats must stick to their strategy to win the championship.

The 'Cats' first match is 5 p.m. Friday when they take on Saginaw

"The big advantage to hosting the tournament is that teams hate coming up here because of the atmosphere."

— Mark Rosen

NMU head volleyball coach

Valley (7-11 GLIAC, 15-16 overall). NMU defeated Saginaw Valley last weekend, 3-0 (15-11, 15-8, 15-5). In October the 'Cats also beat the Cardinals, 3-0 (16-14, 18-16, 15-9).

"It is almost a good thing to be playing Saginaw back to back," Rosen said. "They will be a lot different as a team than last weekend because they played people out of position in the last match."

If the Wildcats win they face the winner of the Michigan Tech and Hillsdale match. Rosen expects to meet Michigan Tech in the semi-final matchup and then Northwood in the championship. Northwood is led by last year's freshman of the year, Lucie Jara. Jara had 15 kills and seven digs again NMU last weekend.

"Northwood is strong this year," Jewell said. "I think they will be the one to beat. They should come out on top in their bracket."

Jewell is confident in the team but said it will have to present a top-notch performance to ensure a championship.

"It's not going to be an easy ride this year, like it has been easy in the past," Jewell said.

"The other teams are getting better and we have to step it up to compete."



Wildcats victorious in last home game

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

NMU senior safety and punt returner Brian Pinks made his last performance in the Superior Dome a memorable one.

Pinks' 89-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first quarter Saturday set the tone in the Wildcats' 17-12 win over Michigan Tech. The return also set an NCAA Division II record.

With 99 return yards in the game, Pinks passed former California-Davis returner Armin Anderson on the Division II career punt-return yardage list. Anderson gained 1,207 yards from 1983-85, and Pinks now has 1,225 with a game to play. The 89-yard return set the NMU and Superior Dome records, and tied the conference mark for the longest punt return.

"It feels pretty good," Pinks said of setting the NCAA record. "But I didn't do it myself. We have guys making two or three blocks on every return, and they've been doing that for a couple of years. We've had a lot of fun with that [punt return] team."

NMU head coach Eric Holm added: "You have to be able to make the first guy miss, and [Pinks] has that knack."

Pinks' touchdown made the score 10-0 with 1:28 to play in the first quarter, and the Wildcats' first score — a 38-yard field goal by John Duginski — was also set up by a Pinks return on special teams.

With 5:32 to go in the first, Michigan Tech lined up for a 26-yard field goal. The kick was blocked by senior defensive end Seth Hammes, and Pinks caught the ball and ran it back 74 yards to the Huskies' 22. The 'Cats failed to move the ball further, and Duginski's kick put NMU on the scoreboard first.

Pinks is the second Wildcat in two weeks to be named MIFC Defensive Player of the Week. Junior defensive back Joe Pfankuch earned the honor for his play the previous week.

The NMU offense recorded one more score before halftime following a seven-play, 61-yard drive. Freshman quarterback Mark Ulvila completed three of four passes on the drive for 45 yards, and scored on a one-yard run with about eight minutes left in the half.

"I thought at the half we might have a chance to put them away," NMU head coach Eric Holm said. "We felt like we were in control."

But two NMU turnovers in the second half allowed the Huskies to get back into the game. The first came with 6:56 to play in the third

quarter, when quarterback Todd Drake — who entered the game when Ulvila went down with a knee injury — was intercepted by Michigan Tech's Ben Wickstrom. MTU quarterback Jeff Geisz scored on a one-yard run five plays later to make it 17-6.

NMU's James Randle fumbled the next kickoff after a 43-yard return, and the Huskies went on a 13-play drive that lasted over seven minutes. MTU cut the lead to 17-12 when Alex Kowalski threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to Eric Tree.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Brian Pinks set a NCAA record for punt return yards against Michigan Tech last Saturday in the Dome.

'Cats eye Saginaw's running game

NMU seniors prepare for season-ending game against SVSU

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

It's business as usual for linebacker Joe Bourcier and safety Brian Pinks.

Bourcier and Pinks — and the 10 other seniors on the NMU football team — are about to play the last game of their college careers, but they're treating it like just any other Saturday afternoon.

NMU (7-3 overall, 6-3 Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference) takes on Saginaw Valley State (8-2, 7-2) at noon Saturday in University Center, Mich., and it didn't take long for the Wildcats to start focusing on the Cardinals — about 30 minutes, in fact.

Bourcier and Pinks were still in their game uniforms last Saturday after the 'Cats beat Michigan Tech, 17-12; when their attention turned to Saginaw Valley.

It's no wonder — the Cardinals lead the conference in total offense, rushing offense and scoring offense.

"We have to stop the option, and to do that, we have to get to the quarterback," said Bourcier, the second-leading tackler on the team. "He's quick and smart and makes good decisions. We have to stop him."

Saginaw Valley's quarterback is



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Northern's Brad Tipple rushes Michigan Tech quarterback Alex Kowalski for one of the Wildcat's seven sacks in NMU's 17-12 victory Saturday.

junior Jeff Klopf, the leading rusher in the MIFC with 1,071 yards. He has run for a team-high 14 touchdowns and thrown for another six.

A victory would give the Wildcats eight wins this season, most since 1988, and would preserve the senior class' perfect record against the Cardinals. NMU has won four straight games in the series.

In addition to Bourcier, Pinks and Lewis, the Wildcats suiting up for the final time are: split end Travis Whelan, fullback Rhyon Lindley, linebacker Jesse Whipkey, defensive end Brad Tipple, defensive end

Seth Hammes, guard Cary VanSluys, tackle Josh Riley and center Chris Roethe. Another senior, tailback Jason McGlone, has missed the entire season with a knee injury.

Pinks, who was named MIFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Michigan Tech, said beating the Cardinals again would be the perfect ending to the season.

"This is a big football game," Pinks said. "We haven't lost to Saginaw Valley since [NMU head coach Eric Holm] has been here, and we're looking forward to it."

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

Friday, November 14
Alaska-Fairbanks at NMU hockey, 7 p.m.
Saginaw Valley at NMU volleyball (GLIAC Tournament), 5 p.m.
Saturday, November 15
NMU football at Saginaw Valley, noon
NMU w-basketball at Bemidji St., 8:30 p.m.
Alaska-Fairbanks at NMU hockey, 7 p.m.
NMU m-basketball at Bemidji St., 8:30 p.m.
TBA at NMU volleyball (GLIAC Tournament)

Monday, November 17
NMU m-basketball at Minn.-Duluth, 8:30 p.m.

MIFC STANDINGS

	MIFC OVERALL	
Ashland	9-1	9-1
Grand Valley State	8-1	8-2
Indianapolis	7-2	8-2
Saginaw Valley State	7-2	8-2
NORTHERN MICHIGAN	6-3	7-3
Hillsdale	4-6	4-7
Ferris State	3-7	3-7
Northwood	3-7	3-7
Wayne State	3-7	3-8
Michigan Tech	2-8	2-8
St. Francis	1-9	2-9

UPCOMING MIFC GAMES

Saturday, November 15
Indianapolis at Grand Valley St., 1 p.m.
N. Michigan at Saginaw Valley St., noon
END OF REGULAR SEASON

NMU 17, MTU 12

Michigan Tech	0	0	6	6	12
N. Michigan	10	7	0	0	17
First Quarter					
NMU — John Duginski 38-yard field goal,					
4:05.					
NMU — Brian Pinks 89-yard punt return					

(Duginski kick), 1:28.
Second Quarter
NMU — Mark Ulvila 1-yard run (Duginski kick), 7:53.

Third Quarter
MTU — Jeff Geisz 1-yard run (Todd Werner kick blocked), 5:11.

Fourth Quarter
MTU — Eric Tree 7-yard pass from Alex Kowalski (Kowalski pass failed), 12:45.

FIRST DOWNS— MTU 21, WSU 12.
RUSHING— MTU 53-186 (Bryan Wedan 10-50); NMU 32-82 (P.J. Lewis 17-58).
PASSING— MTU Kowalski 7-11-1-76, Geisz 2-8-1-36; NMU Drake 4-7-1-50, Ulvila 4-6-0-64.
RECEIVING— MTU Christian Millhiser 2-36; NMU Jeremy Wilkinson 4-50.

CCHA STANDINGS

Team (overall)	W-L-T	PTS.
Michigan State (7-1-2)	5-1-1	11
N. Michigan (5-2-2)	4-1-1	9
Western Michigan (4-4-2)	3-4-1	7
Ferris State (3-6-1)	3-3-1	7
Miami (6-1-0)	3-1-0	6
Michigan (6-3-0)	3-2-0	6
Notre Dame (5-3-0)	2-2-0	4
Bowling Green (2-7-1)	1-2-1	3
Lake Superior State (2-5-1)	1-3-1	3
Ohio State (4-3-1)	1-2-0	2
Alaska-Fairbanks (2-7-1)	1-8-0	2

UPCOMING CCHA GAMES

Friday, November 14
Alaska-Fairbanks at Northern Michigan
Lake Superior State at Western Michigan
Ferris State at Michigan
Saturday, November 15
Alaska-Fairbanks at Northern Michigan
Notre Dame at Miami

Ohio State at Bowling Green
Sunday, November 16
Michigan vs. Ohio State, 2 p.m.
Notre Dame at Ohio State, 3 p.m.
* all games begin at 7 p.m. unless noted

HOCKEY POLL

U.S. COLLEGE HOCKEY ONLINE POLL	W-L-T	Last
Team (First Place Votes)		
1. North Dakota (19)	2-1-1	1
2. Boston University (10)	4-0-0	3
3. Michigan State (1)	5-1-2	4
4. Colorado College	3-1-2	2
5. Miami	6-1-0	7
6. Maine	4-2-1	6
7. Cornell	3-0-0	10
New Hampshire	5-2-0	5
9. Boston College	5-1-0	-
10. Michigan	5-3-0	8

Others receiving votes: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Rensselaer, Northern Michigan, Providence, Colgate, Princeton, Mankato St., Notre Dame, St. Cloud.

NMU 1, MICHIGAN 0

Michigan	0	0	0	—	0
Northern Michigan	0	0	1	—	1
First Period — No scoring.					
Second Period — No scoring.					
Third Period — 1, NMU, Fred Mattersdorfer 4 (Bryan Phillips), 15:41.					
Power-play opportunities — UM, 0-6; NMU, 0-7.					
Penalties — UM, 12-24; NMU, 11-22.					
Goalie saves — UM, 21 (Marty Turco 9-7-5); NMU, 22 (Duane Hoey 4-6-12).					

MICHIGAN 5, NMU 3

Michigan	1	2	—	5
Northern Michigan	1	2	—	3

First Period — 1, NMU, Brad Frattaroli 3 (Rich Metro), 4 on 4, 6:06; 2, UM, Mike VanRyn 3 (Scott Matzka, Bill Muckalt), ppg, 11:01.

Second Period — 3, NMU, Frattaroli 4 (Fred Mattersdorfer, Tyler Barabonoff), 2:59; 4, UM Mark Kosick 4 (Sean Peach, Bubba Berenzweig), ppg, 8:12; 5, UM, Chris Fox 2 (Kosick, Geoff Koch), ppg, 10:36; 6, NMU, Mike Sandbeck 1 (Ryan Riipi), 15:36.

Third Period — 7, UM, Muckalt 7 (Josh Langfeld, Koch), 0:20; 8, UM, Bobby Hayes 2 (Matzka), shg, 4:55.

Power-play opportunities — UM, 3-8; NMU, 0-6.

Penalties — UM, 7-14; NMU, 9-18.

Goalie saves — UM, 21 (Marty Turco 8-5-8); NMU, 11 (Duane Hoey 5-0-6).

GLIAC VOLLEYBALL

FINAL STANDINGS

NORTH DIVISION

	GLIAC OVERALL	
N. MICHIGAN#	18-0	30-1
Northwood*	14-4	29-4
Michigan Tech*	14-4	21-11
Grand Valley State*	12-6	19-13
Saginaw Valley State*	7-11	15-16
Ferris State	6-12	14-18
Lake Superior State	4-14	10-20

SOUTH DIVISION

Wayne State#	13-4	28-6
Hillsdale*	10-7	23-11
Ashland*	9-8	16-17
Gannon	5-12	6-21
Findlay	2-15	7-22
Mercyhurst	0-17	3-26

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*- GLIAC Tournament qualifier

Wildcats finish GLIAC season undefeated

By KRISTY BASOLO
Managing Editor

The No. 1-ranked women's volleyball team in the nation recorded an undefeated season in their conference and re-established another first-place rating this weekend.

With 851 fans passing through the turnstyle Saturday at the newly-named Vandament Arena, Northern Michigan University set the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record for the largest crowd at a regular-season match.

The previous record of 811 spectators was also held by the 'Cats in a 1994 match against Michigan Technological University.

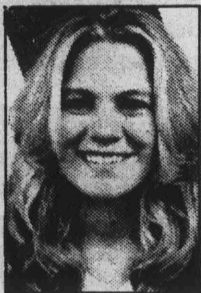
"It was pretty loud at times, Northern Michigan University's co-captain Kathy Jewell said. "We love it when the stands are filled and everyone is cheering — we love to play in front of that many fans."

The Wildcats defeated Northwood University on Saturday, the only GLIAC team that has won a game against the Wildcats this season, by a 3-2 (10-15, 15-3, 10-15, 15-5, 15-9) margin.

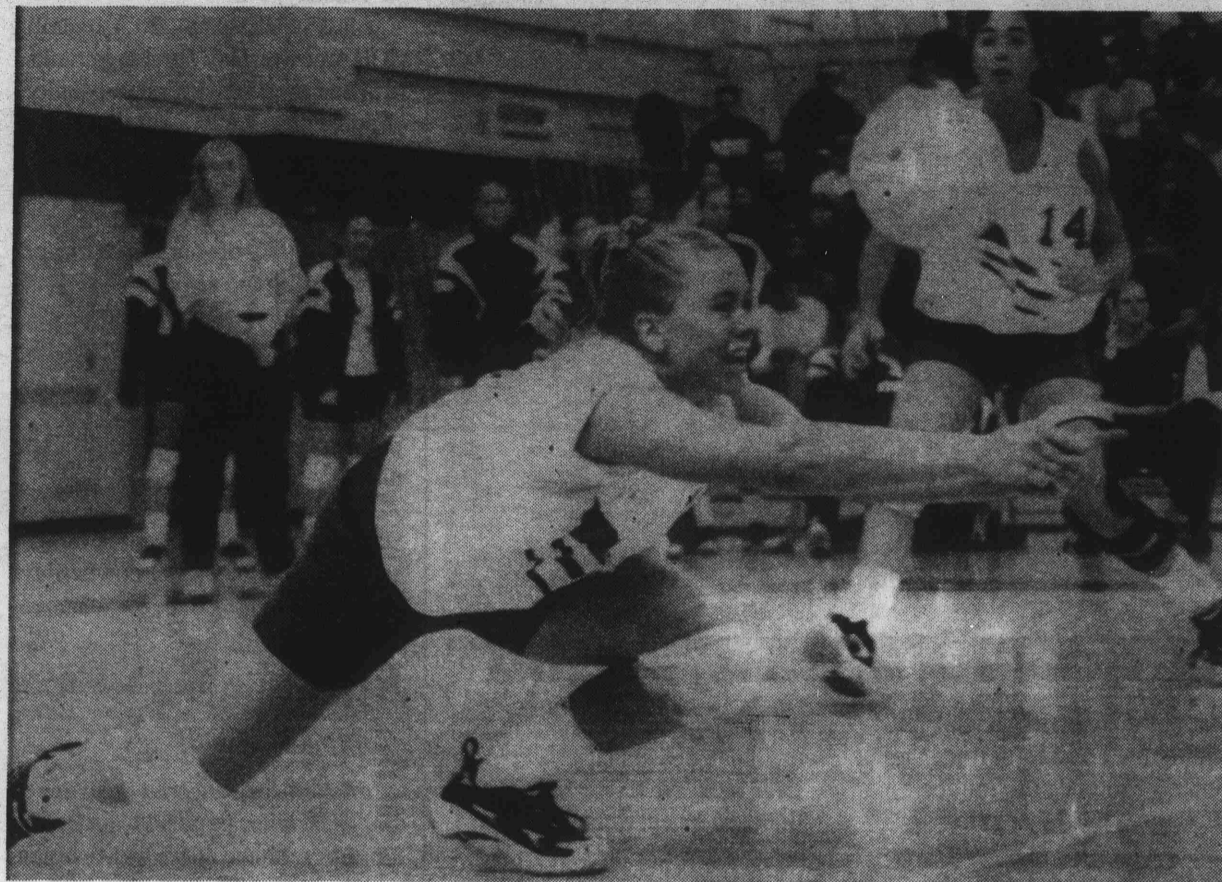
"Northwood came out and played great — they couldn't do anything wrong, Rosen said. "We didn't play hard enough to break their momentum in the beginning, and then it switched and we took over."

"I didn't think our execution was great, but I liked our level of competitiveness. We had our backs against the wall for the first time in our gym in a long time."

Junior leftside hitter Lucia Pereira



Mizer



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Sophomore setter Heather Mizer and the Northern Michigan University women's volleyball team defeated Northwood University, 3-2, and Saginaw Valley State University, 3-0, last weekend. The Wildcats face Saginaw Valley State again at 5 p.m. Friday in the first round of their conference tournament at the Vandament Arena.

contributed a team-high 22 kills. The five-game match was the first for the Wildcats in a GLIAC match since Sept. 26, 1994 against Michigan Tech.

"I told the team that playing a rally-scoring match was the best thing for us right now, Rosen said. "It was a great lesson for us. We played well and it was helpful to gain confidence and experience for next time are in that situation."

Rosen said his team had the momentum at the end of the match and his team agreed.

"In the fourth and fifth games the momentum was definitely in our favor, sophomore setter Heather Mizer said. "We didn't come out very sharp

in the first games, but we played well at times."

"It was good for us to see how we reacted in rally scoring, Jewell said. "We had to do it before we were in that situation in a championship match or in nationals."

On Sunday the Wildcats outlasted Saginaw Valley State University, 3-0 (15-11, 15-5, 15-8).

Pereira led the team in kills for the eighth-straight match with 15 and collected a team-high 12 digs. Pereira currently leads the team in kills with 384, averaging 5.05 kills a game.

Jewell said Senior Day festivities and the arena dedication gave the team incentive. "It gave us a little

boost, she said.

"It was an emotional day but we tried to put it in back of our mind. We focused on the match first."

With the weekend wins, Northern ended its regular season with an 18-0 record (30-1 overall). Sophomore setter Heather Mizer finished first in assists per game, averaging 14.07. She also leads the country in assists per game with 13.61.

"We figured out what we need to work on after last weekend's matches," Mizer said.

As a team, the Wildcats lead the GLIAC in kills (17.07), assists (15.26) and service aces (2.07) per game. The 'Cats also lead the nation in assists per game with 14.89.

'Cats sink in dual meet

By MINDY KOZLOWSKI
Sports Staff Reporter

History repeated itself this weekend for NMU's swimming and diving team.

The 'Cats (2-1) were defeated 209-88 by University of Wisconsin. The loss was Northern's first dual meet loss of the season.

"They are among the top teams in the nation," NMU diving coach Milton Braga said. "They were very strong. It's good for us to have competition like that. We can bring what we learn home and work at it."

Freshman Cary Gregor placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.01) and second



Duncan

in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:32.07). Erin Vostad took second in the 100-yard freestyle (:54.22), Jenny Laughna finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.85) and Nitole LeBaron placed second in the 200-yard backstroke (2:17.39).

In diving, senior Debbie Duncan, the NCAA II Diver of the Year last season, took second on the one-meter board. Duncan's performance qualified her for the NCAA II competition. Alison Snapp took first on the three-meter board.

"I think [Duncan] did very well," Braga said. "She has a positive effect on our team — the team benefits from her."

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On Nov. 14, you may notice a slight amount of sweat on the brow of each hunter preparing to go to camp for the next seven days. During the night, the hunters will dream wonderful dreams of 12-point deer coming to their bait piles to eat.

The day that causes a lot of people to go temporarily insane is the opening day of firearm deer season.

The hunter will wake up and immediately go for the hot pot of coffee or Tylenol, depending on the previous night.

The person will proceed to his blind with gallons of adrenaline pumping through his veins, causing him to have strange delusions. Every movement will appear to be a deer, and every stick will appear to be antlers upon the deer's head. He will not be able to see, causing him to trip over anything and everything in his path, but through all of the problems, he makes it to his blind, and has a seat.

The hunter sits in the darkness shaking from the remaining adrenaline in his system, and the thermos of coffee he drank. The woods are then filled with gun shots coming from the surrounding



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

The official opening of firearm deer season starts Saturday. Many Yoopers will head out to their respective camps in search of a buck.

area, but there is only a squirrel running back and forth from the hunter's bait pile. The hunter rationalizes this by convincing himself that a lot of people have doe tags this year.

The hunter proceeds to sit in his blind with no significant action. This is when the hunter leaves perturbed.

The hunter then goes back to camp to listen to other stories of the morning hunt hoping their luck was as good as his. After learning that nobody was as unlucky as he was, he leaves the camp with fire in his eyes.

The hunter sprints, but has no problems getting to his blind this time. He sits until it is impossible to see without infrared goggles, but has the same amount of action as in the morning hunt. He then goes

back to camp not uttering a single word, and goes to bed.

The next five days, the hunter will be the object of many jokes. This person takes the many jokes because it is camp ritual, but when he finally shoots a deer, he returns to camp with a glow of vengeance about him. Unfortunately, he finds the camp has been deserted.

The hunter is not mad because he did not get to show off his quarry this time, but instead happy because he knows he can get his vengeance in a couple of weeks.

The moral of this story is that deer season is a time to learn the lesson of humility; just because you do not shoot a deer does not mean you are weird, it just means that you have to work that much harder so you do not have to learn this lesson again.

UAF

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on Tuesday, 7-2.

Alaska-Fairbanks' 20.3 overall CCHA power play percentage ranks fifth and they are second in penalty minutes per game overall in the league.

"Fairbanks is a team that is big and physical," Comley said. "Every game that they play involves lots of penalties for and against."

"They have a very good power play and it will be a challenge for us."

The 'Cats are scoreless on 35 power play opportunities in CCHA play.

"Fortunately we are off to a decent start without a power play," Comley said. "If we can get the power play going that's going to be a real bonus for us."

Michigan

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Mattersdorfer scored the game's only goal when he picked up a Bryan Phillips rebound and beat Michigan goalie Marty Turco with less than five minutes remaining in the final period.

"I was just glad to score," Mattersdorfer said. "Everyone wanted to win so bad and it felt like we were going to win right when it went in."

On Friday Northern matched every Wolverine goal in the first two periods before Michigan scored the third period's only two goals to win, 5-3.

Brad Frattaroli scored the 'Cats' first two goals for his first multi-goal game of his career, but he said it doesn't make up for the loss.

The game showed its intensity

The Nanooks goaltenders are the worst in CCHA overall goals against average with juniors Ian Perkins (4.45 GAA) and Chris Marvel (5.44 GAA) splitting time in net. Center Jeff Trembecky and right wing Sjon Wynia lead UAF with 10 points each.

Junior Buddy Smith leads NMU with 11 points, which is eighth in overall CCHA scoring. Freshman Fred Mattersdorfer's seven points is the team's second best.

Hoey's 1.97 GAA is second best in league games and his .918 save percentage ranks third in the conference.

"We just got to work to get better and take care of ourselves," Comley said. "We need to take less penalties and improve our overall quality of play, get the power play going and kill penalties well and generate some more five-on-five offense."

with physical play.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game," Michigan senior Bill Muckalt said. "On my first shift, I got an elbow in the head and I knew it was going to be one of those nights."

The Wolverines converted on three of their eight power plays, while the Wildcats were unsuccessful on six tries.

"They just put it to the net, screened our goalie and got rebounds [on their power play]," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "It wasn't that they were overly fancy. They were just able to get it in."

The Wolverines broke the tie in the third when they scored within the first 20 seconds of the period.

"Clearing the rebounds and the penalty kill wasn't too sharp and they took advantage of it," Frattaroli said.

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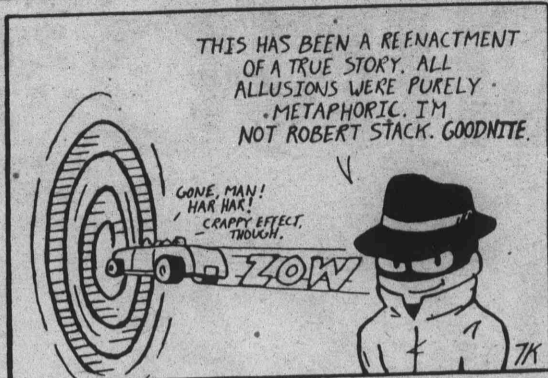
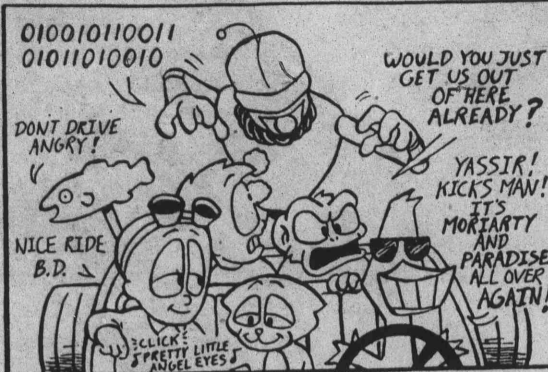
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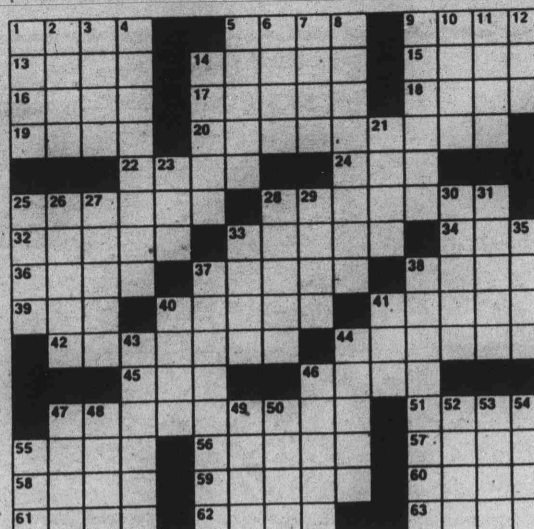
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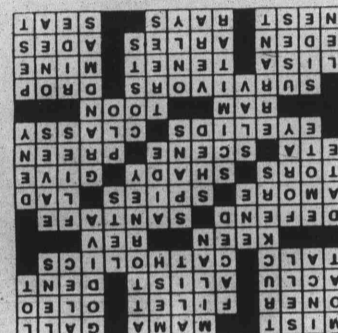
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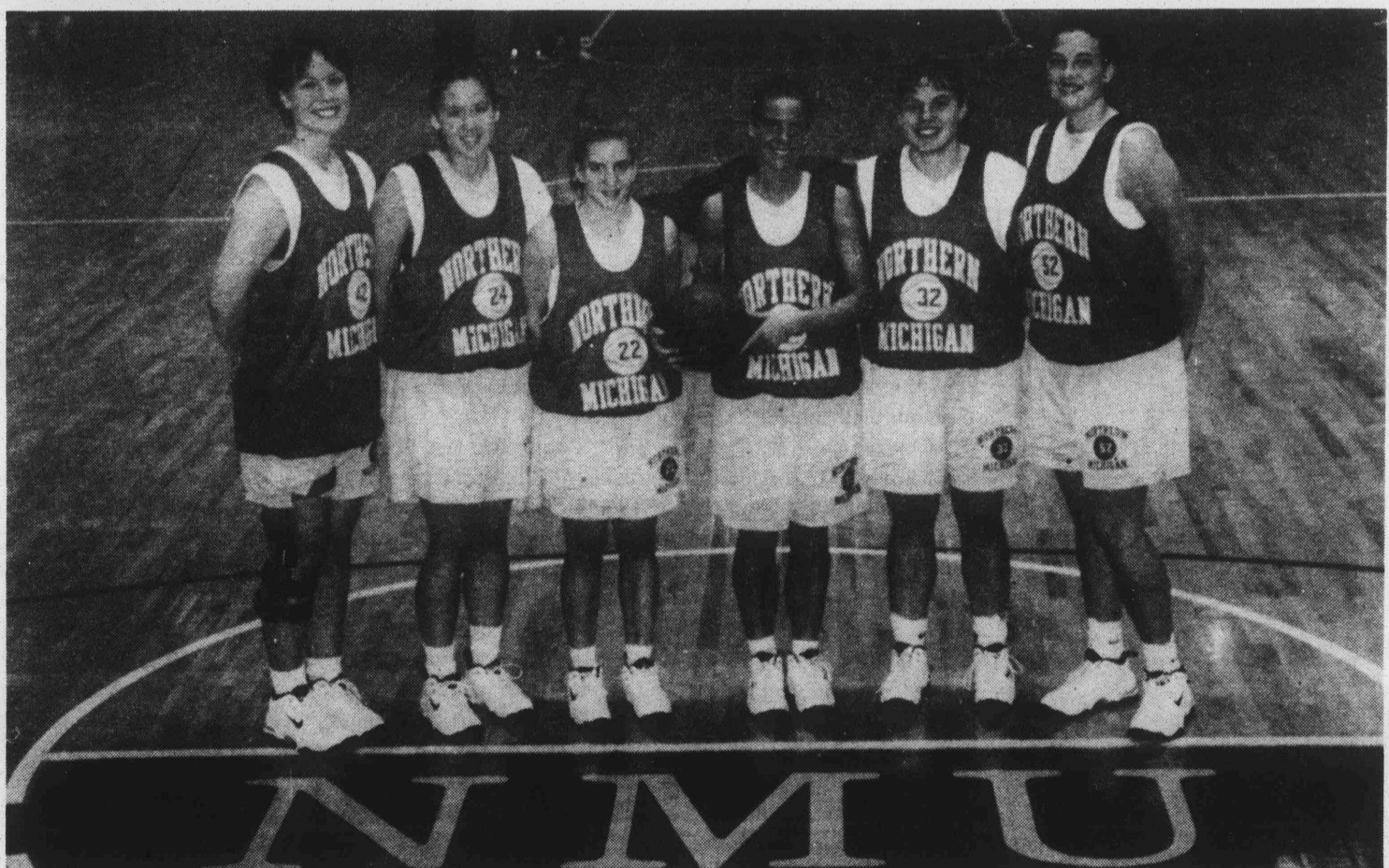


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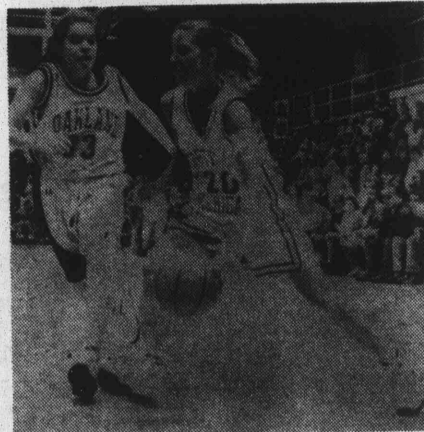
ABOVE: NMU sophomore forward Cory Brathol, the 1996-97 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year.

RIGHT: NMU's senior class. From left, center Stephanie Edgerton, forward Tina Nesberg, guard Ginger Weber, guard Jennifer Johnston, guard Kris Manske and center Mande Dafoe.

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The NMU Wildcats know they will be in the cross hairs of every team they face this year. But the team is determined to be prepared for every game and not to get complacent against any opponent.



"Everyone is after us; that's part of the expectations of being a champion. If they beat you, it makes their season. It's a huge responsibility, but it's a responsibility we love to have."

— Jennifer Johnston
NMU senior guard

Moving targets

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

The NMU Wildcats might as well wear bull's-eyes this season for all the shots that will be taken at them — but the players would have it no other way.

"Everyone is after us; that's part of the expectations of being a champion," senior guard Jennifer Johnston said. "If they beat you, it makes their season. It's a huge responsibility, but it's a responsibility we love to have."

All of the attention thrust NMU's way has been well-earned. The Wildcats of 1996-97 established a high standard with a 27-3 record, the best in the team's 27-year history, won their first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular-season title with an 18-0 record, captured their third straight GLIAC tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA regional championship for the second straight year.

But it's the game they didn't win that provides the motivation for the 'Cats. NMU's season ended with a 78-67 loss to Southern Indiana in the regional final.

"Our team goal is to win the GLIAC tournament and regular season and to make it to the na-

tional championship game," Johnston said. "We were stopped short last year, and it didn't feel good."

Senior guard Kris Manske added: "We have people who have been in big games and have won big games. We know what it takes to win."

NMU head coach Mike Geary, who has a 199-55 record in nine years here, said the team is capable of achieving its goals.

"I know we have the ability to be a national contender," Geary said. "But we have to work on consistency, improving every day. If we achieve those things, winning takes care of itself."

Six seniors — including four starters — are among 11 returning letterwinners. The only lost letterwinner is Shana DeCremer, the GLIAC Player of the Year.

Geary said he accepts losing players to graduation as part of the game, so he doesn't over-emphasize it when it happens.

"The thing we've done in the past is not make a big deal about it," Geary said. "We accept it as something that has to happen, and we look for the defense inside, scoring and leadership from other places. Hopefully, the people we have back will give us more in those areas."

Among the players back this year are four seniors who have been a major part of the team throughout their careers.

- Manske (5-9, Muskego, Wis.), who earned All-American honorable mention honors last year, is NMU's 11th all-time leading scorer, is first in career steals, second in career assists, fourth in career three-pointers and 14th in career rebounds.

- Johnston (5-7, Beaverton) was named to the GLIAC All-Defensive team last year. She has averaged 7.5 points and is third in career three-pointers.

- Center Mandee Dafoe (6-1, Chesterfield) was an All-GLIAC



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Kris Manske is first in career steals at NMU, second in assists, fourth in three-pointers, 11th in scoring and 14th in rebounding.

First Team pick last year. She ranks 15th in career rebounds and 13th in career scoring.

- Guard Ginger Weber (5-3, Gladstone) is also a three-time letterwinner. She finished second on the team in steals in 1996-97.

Joining the seniors in the starting lineup is sophomore forward Carrie Dykstra (6-0, Waupun, Wis.). She scored 6.4 points a game last year. Sophomore guards Jill Tunney (5-8, Alger) and Shari Rehmann (5-7, St. Johns) and freshman Brianne Weber (5-3,

Gladstone) will fill backup roles.

At forward, junior Karla Strand (5-11, Rhineland, Wis.) is expected to get major minutes. She came off the bench much of last year and averaged 8.3 points a game. Sophomore Sasha Leverenz (6-0, Watertown, Wis.) will compete for playing time at forward, and senior Tina Nesberg (5-9, Gwinn) will provide depth.

Senior Stephanie Edgerton (6-0, Canton) and redshirt freshman Jill Gobert ((6-2, Rapid River) will back up Dafoe at center.

New twists add variety to practice

Morning session breaks up routine

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

Head coach Mike Geary calls it a case of too many different class schedules. Senior guard Jennifer Johnston calls it a refreshing change of pace.

No matter how the other members of the NMU women's basketball team view it, no one would hold it against them if they requested a wake-up call for the latest twist in the team's training routine — occasional 5:30 a.m. practices.

That's right. Five-thirty in the morning. Johnston said she doesn't mind. Honest.

"It breaks up the routine of practicing," she said. "Since I've been here, we've practiced around 3 in the afternoon, so this way it gives us the rest of the day. Basketball is a game of repetition, and practice sometimes gets to be monotonous."

Geary classified the early-morning practices as something that had to be done.

"My feeling is that it's the time we're able to get everyone together for practice, so that's when we need to play," he said.

Another feature in practice is to bring in men — some recruited out of Geary's and assistant coach Nikki Malcore's basketball classes — to play against the Wildcats. He began the scrimmages last year.

Geary said some of the top Division I schools in the country — Connecticut and Tennessee — use the same practice method.

"It's a situation where our players are challenged athletically against people who are bigger, faster, stronger," Geary said. "It tests your sureness with the ball; it tests your strengths as a team. Simulating a rough stretch of play is something hard to get any other way."

Senior Kris Manske said playing against men has been beneficial.

"It gives us some competition against people who are quicker and stronger," she said. "They make you pay for every mistake you make."

Geary said the practices work best when the opponents can simulate what the 'Cats will face in conference play.

"In 90 percent of the cases, we've had a great understanding about what we're trying to accomplish, and it can be a valuable asset."



Head coach Mike Geary

Six seniors have the credentials

Class of 1998 has experience in big games

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

With six seniors on the 1997-98 Northern Michigan women's basketball team, head coach Mike Geary not only has some players with big-game experience, he also has a challenge he hasn't had to face before.

He has to come up with some new motivational material.

"The thing I have to deal with is that they've heard it all before," Geary said. "I have to make it new and fresh and keep them from getting complacent. It's a different kind of challenge every year, and that's what makes it exciting.

"But it has made a difference, especially at the beginning of practice. We don't have to spend as much time explaining what we're trying to do here."

Senior guard Jennifer Johnston — one of the four three-year letterwinners on the team — agreed that the team's collective experience has been benefi-



Senior guard Ginger Weber

cial during preseason workouts.

"A lot of us have been together for a while, so it has definitely been better for practice," Johnston said.

"Most of us already know the drills, the chemistry is already there, and with only two newcomers we don't need to adapt much."

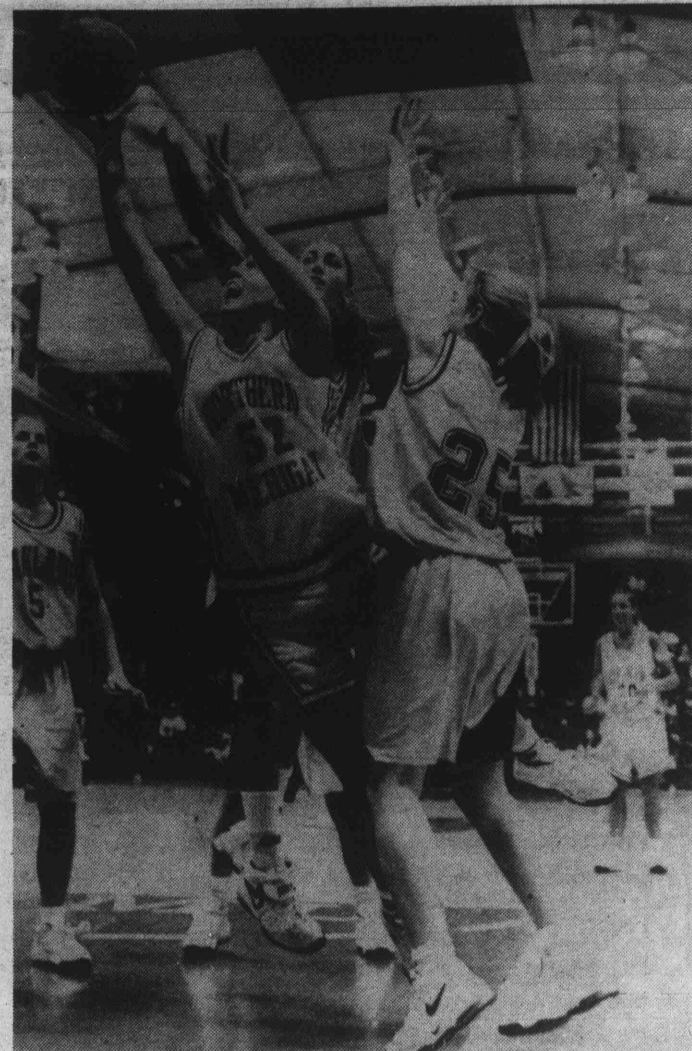
Johnston and the three other three-year letterwinners — guards Kris

Manske and Ginger Weber and center Mande Dafoe — form the nucleus of the team, and center Stephanie Edgerton and forward Tina Nesberg, who are in their third years with the program, will provide depth at their respective positions. All six seniors will be expected to be leaders on and off the court.

Manske said the players can draw on their experience from several successful postseason tournaments in the past three years.

The Class of '98 has a 73-17 record at NMU, and nine of those losses came when they were freshmen. In 1995-96, this group's second year, the 'Cats were 25-5 and made NMU's first appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight tournament. Last year's team finished 27-3 and won NMU's first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular-season title with an 18-0 record. They know what it takes to win, and Johnston said there are some areas the seniors must address before the team can achieve its goals.

"As a team, we have some maturing to do," she said. "We're not getting enough leadership from the seniors, and that is something that will have to happen. The seniors have to lead by example and vocally, but we should become better. We're not a championship team now, but we will be."



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Senior center Mande Dafoe is the top returning scorer for NMU this year. In 1996-97, she average 14.9 points a game.

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[^] Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Game

'Cats picked to win conference

Geary: Team can handle expectations

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

The NMU women's basketball team is ranked No. 7 in one pre-season poll, and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference coaches unanimously picked the Wildcats to repeat as conference champions.

The 'Cats were also favored in the 1996-97 coaches' poll and went on to win all 18 of their conference games to capture their first-ever GLIAC regular-season crown.

NMU head coach Mike Geary thinks his players' experience dealing with high expectations in the past will enable them to remain focused this season.

"I don't think it'll be a problem," Geary said. "We were picked to win the GLIAC last year, and I was happy how we responded to it. I think the players thrived on the expectations. We want to be the team that's picked first, but more importantly we want to be the team that ends up being first."

The Wildcats earned all six possible first-place votes and 36 points



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Junior forward Karla Strand

in the poll of GLIAC North Division head coaches.

Saginaw Valley State picked up

the remaining first-place vote and finished second in the poll with 30 points.

Michigan Tech came in third with 27 points and was followed by Grand Valley State with 20, Lake Superior State with 15, Ferris State with 12 and Northwood with 6.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams.

In the poll of South Division coaches, Ashland led three teams receiving first-place votes and finished first with 23 points.

Mercyhurst received one first-place vote and took second with 21 points. Hillsdale had the remaining two first-place votes and came in third with 19 points.

Gannon, with 10 points, Wayne State, 10, and conference newcomer Findlay, 7, rounded out the six-team South Division.

Senior guard Kris Manske said it's nice for the team to get the recognition in the national and conference polls, but the players must remain focused.

"We try not to think about it too much," Manske said.

"We just have to work on getting everyone's best effort every time we step on the court."

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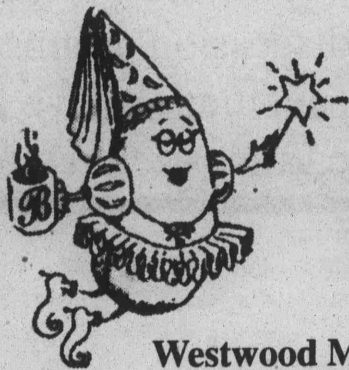
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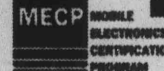
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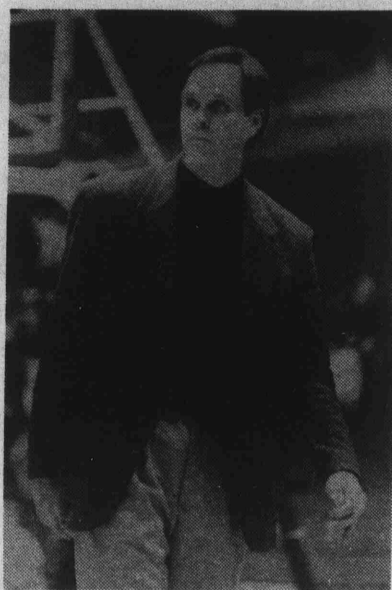


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Ellis expects team to improve this year

NMU men's basketball coach Dean Ellis, who is entering his 12th year as head coach of the Wildcats, met recently with Mike Hoard, a sports staff reporter for The North Wind. Here are excerpts of their conversation.



Q This year's squad has only one senior. Who do you look to for leadership?

A Leadership needs to come from your point guard position, and that would be Adam Quiring and Pete Moe. Adam has already shown leadership here in the past for us. Moe played quarterback in high school, so he has already dealt with these issues before.

Q Who is the most improved player on this year's team?

A Kevin Coduti has to be the most improved. He has made a tremendous strength gain on the bench, going from 190 pounds on his bench to 280 pounds. He will be our go-to guy this year.

Q What will be the key to your team's success this season?

A I think it's just gaining experience, and then to become more trusting and have more confidence in ourselves. We also need to get great play out of our point guard position.

Q How are you looking to improve your road winning percentage?

A Winning on the road is very difficult, but not impossible. When you factor in the travel and the change of scenery, it begins to put a drain on your players. Last year was the first time that most of the players have seen these gyms we travel to. The fact that our players have been to every arena now will be a positive.

Q What are your expectations for this year's placing in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference?

A Our conference is split into North and South, and the whole North Division right now is in some transition due to coaching changes. Lake Superior State, Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley all have new coaches. If all those teams were solidified, it would be a big challenge for us to stay around the top. Now everyone is in transition but us. We have the same players, the same coaching staff and everyone understands each other. Because of this we have a legitimate chance to battle for the top, if not win our division.

The NMU men's basketball team has undergone a different kind of rebuilding process since last season. Coach Dean Ellis hopes his team's work on the weights translates into wins on the floor.

A building process

By MIKE HOARD
Sports Staff Reporter

The 1997-98 Northern Michigan University men's basketball team is taking the term "rebuilding" to a totally different level.

The 'Cats, with the help of an off-season weight-lifting program, have been bulking up in hopes of rising once again as one of the elite teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Coming off the worst record of head coach Dean Ellis' 11-year tenure last year (7-19 overall, 4-14 GLIAC), Ellis feels the key to his team's success will come from the 'Cats' gains in physical strength.

"Last year, most of our players were freshmen, and they were just physically beaten up by the end of the season," Ellis said. "Now we are stronger than any team I've ever had here at Northern. The strength gains should help us out tremendously throughout the season."

The reasoning behind the emphasis on weight-training: A bulked-up team will not be shy of physical or finesse players.

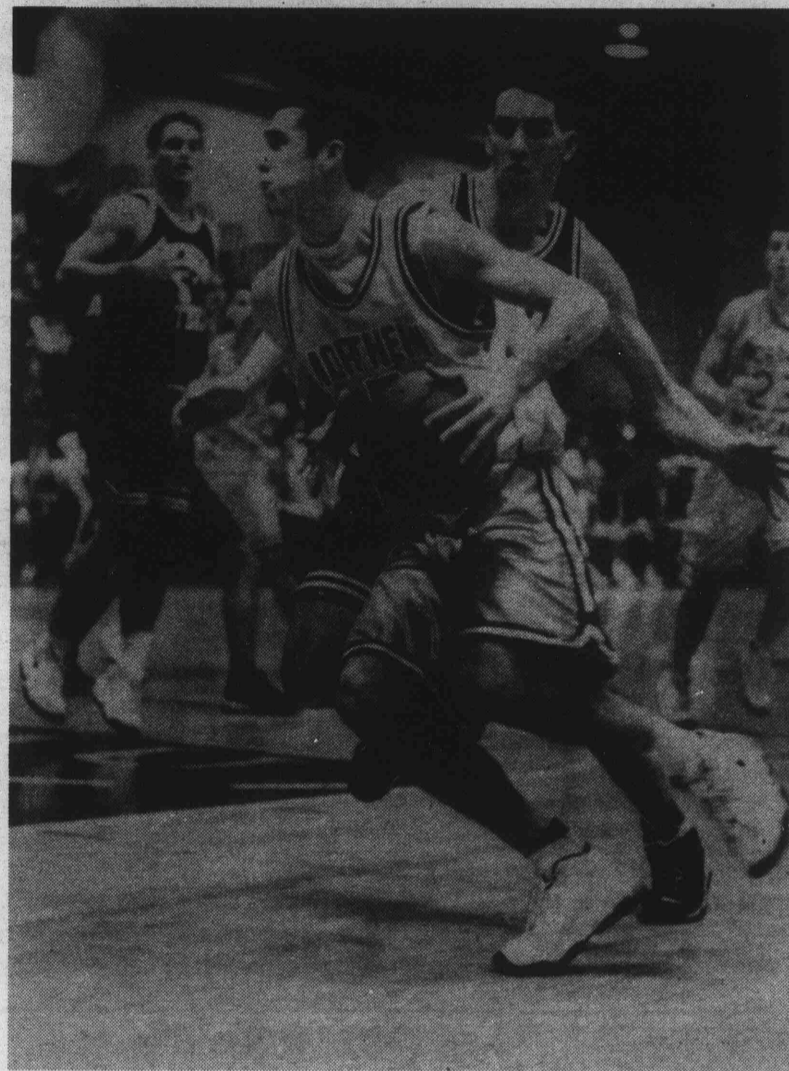
Returning for Northern is last year's GLIAC Freshman of the Year Cory Brathol (6-7, 190, Hammond, Wis.). Brathol, a second-team all-conference pick, led the team in scoring (16.0 points per game) and finished second in rebounding (5.8 rebounds per game). Brathol will play forward for the 'Cats.

Returning at the point guard positions are junior Adam Quiring (6-1, 165, Okemos) and sophomore Pete Moe (6-5, 170, Constantine). Quiring has already put in some major minutes in his collegiate career. In the 1996-97 season, he started 22 out of 26 games, in which he led Northern in assists with 49 and also averaged 6.0 points a game. In addition to Quiring's ability to produce points, Ellis said he is also known as a defensive ball hawk. Last season he recorded 27 steals.

Moe played in 25 out of 26 games his freshman year. He scored 5.6 points per game and brought down 1.9 rebounds per game.

Moe is expected to play the point in the all-sophomore starting lineup for the 'Cats' opening game at Bemidji State on Saturday.

"Ideally I hope to play both Pete and Adam 20 minutes each. With



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Guard Pete Moe is expected to play the point in the all-sophomore starting lineup when the Wildcats open the 1997-98 season on the road Saturday in Bemidji, Minn. Junior Adam Quiring will split time with Moe.

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— Dean Ellis

NMU men's basketball coach

the up-tempo game we will be playing this year, we'll need to substitute quite often," Ellis said.

Sophomores Steve Maselter (6-5, 195, Sun Prairie, Wis.) and Mark Coduti (6-8, 195, Menominee) are also expected to fill starting positions at the off guard and power forward positions, respectively. Last season Maselter averaged 5.9 points and 2.5 rebounds per game.

The paint this year will be the domain of sophomore center Kevin Coduti (6-9, 215, Menominee). Coduti started all 26 games last year and led the team in rebounding (6.4) and was second in scoring (11.8).

Adding depth to the 'Cats' bench will be senior forward Brian Baechtold (6-5, 180, Downers Grove, Ill.), junior center Seth Markantony (6-7, 195, Marquette), sophomore guard Jimmy Roberts (6-6, 185, Lake Zurich, Ill.), junior forward Andy Parsche (6-8, 205, Oostburg, Wis.) and junior college transfer Andrew Pike.

The Wildcats play their first five games of the season on the road. After opening at Bemidji State, NMU plays at Minnesota-Duluth on Monday and then travels to Northland Baptist on Nov. 21. They play two games in the Northern State Tournament in Aberdeen, S.D. on Nov. 28 and 29.

NMU features double threat

Coduti, Brathol called on to lead offense

By MIKE HOARD
Sports Staff Reporter

The 1997-98 Northern Michigan University men's basketball team may possess the best double threat in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

NMU head coach Dean Ellis hopes sophomores Cory Brathol and Kevin Coduti will be the deciding factors that can put Northern back into the race for a GLIAC championship.

"Cory Brathol had a great summer," Ellis said.

"Mentally he is ready to deal with the challenges that are waiting for him this season. He is going to get guarded very closely."

Brathol is coming off a season in which he was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year and earned All-GLIAC North second-team honors.

Brathol became the highest-scoring freshman in school history by recording 400 points last season.

Not only can the 6-7, 190-pound forward from Hammond, Wis., score from inside the paint, but he also displayed with his 33 percent three-



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Sophomore forward Cory Brathol

point average that he can shoot from long range.

Brathol's success last season established him as one of the top young players in the league, and he knows

other teams will be looking for him on the floor. He said he is ready for the challenge.

"I'm looking forward to it. I hope they double-team me," Brathol said. "If they do double me, they'll soon learn that we have too many weapons on this team to get away with it. All I have to do is stay patient."

Brathol is going to be able to count on help from Coduti, a 6-9, 225-pound center from Menominee.

Coduti started all 26 games last year and led the team in rebounding, with 167, and was second in scoring, with 308 points. He also led the team with 22 blocked shots and added 34 assists. Coduti led the 'Cats with a 51 percent shooting from the field, making 109 of 212 field-goals attempts.

"This year I am so much more confident," Coduti said. "When I walk out on the floor I want the other players' respect. Hopefully I can bring up some emphasis in the paint so I can free up our perimeter shooters."

Coduti trained rigorously in the off-season — gaining 10 pounds and adding 100 pounds to his bench press — to help him gear up for another season in the GLIAC. This will help him establish himself as a legitimate big man and also bring pressure off Brathol.

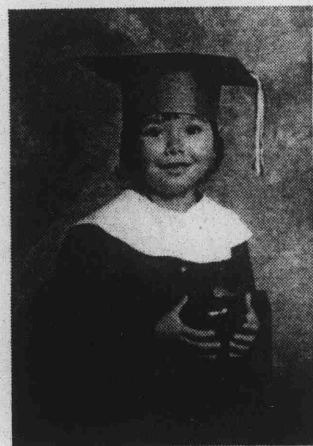
"Coduti will be the main focus of our offense this year and for the rest of his career here," Ellis said.

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JAN. 8	FINDLAY [^]	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 10	HILLSDALE [^]	3 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Northwood [^]	7:45 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Saginaw Valley State [^]	3 p.m.
JAN. 22	FERRIS STATE [^]	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 24	GRAND VALLEY STATE [^]	3 p.m.
JAN. 26	MICHIGAN TECH [^]	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 29	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE [^]	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 31	MOUNT SENARIO	3 p.m.
FEB. 5	NORTHWOOD [^]	7:30 p.m.
FEB. 7	SAGINAW VALLEY STATE [^]	3 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Ferris State [^]	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Grand Valley State [^]	3 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Michigan Tech [^]	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Lake Superior State [^]	8 p.m.
FEB. 21	NORTHLAND BAPTIST	3 p.m.
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Sports Staff Reporter

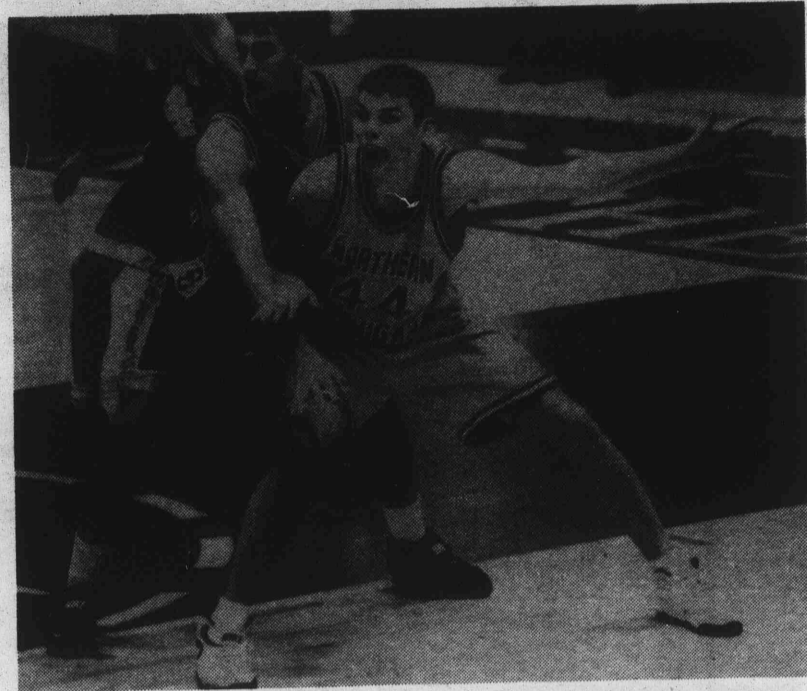
The 1997-98 Northern Michigan University men's basketball team is predicted by conference coaches to take fifth in the North Division of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Although the 'Cats are predicted to finish fifth out of seven teams, head coach Dean Ellis said that this year anything could happen.

"Our conference is split into North and South, and the whole North Division right now is in some transition due to coaching changes," Ellis said. "Lake Superior State, Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley all have new coaches. If all those teams were solidified, it would be a big challenge for us to stay around the top. Now everyone is in transition but us. We have the same players, the same coaching staff and everyone understands each other."

The GLIAC is again split into two divisions, North and South. The North Division has seven squads and the South has six.

Michigan Tech and Ferris State are predicted to win the North Division after receiving 30 points each in the coaches' poll.



North Wind photo by Duane Pape

Sophomore center Kevin Coduti's post game will be counted on to help the Wildcats fare better than their predicted fifth-place finish in the GLIAC.

Defending GLIAC champion Grand Valley State received 27 points and three first-place votes and is predicted to place third.

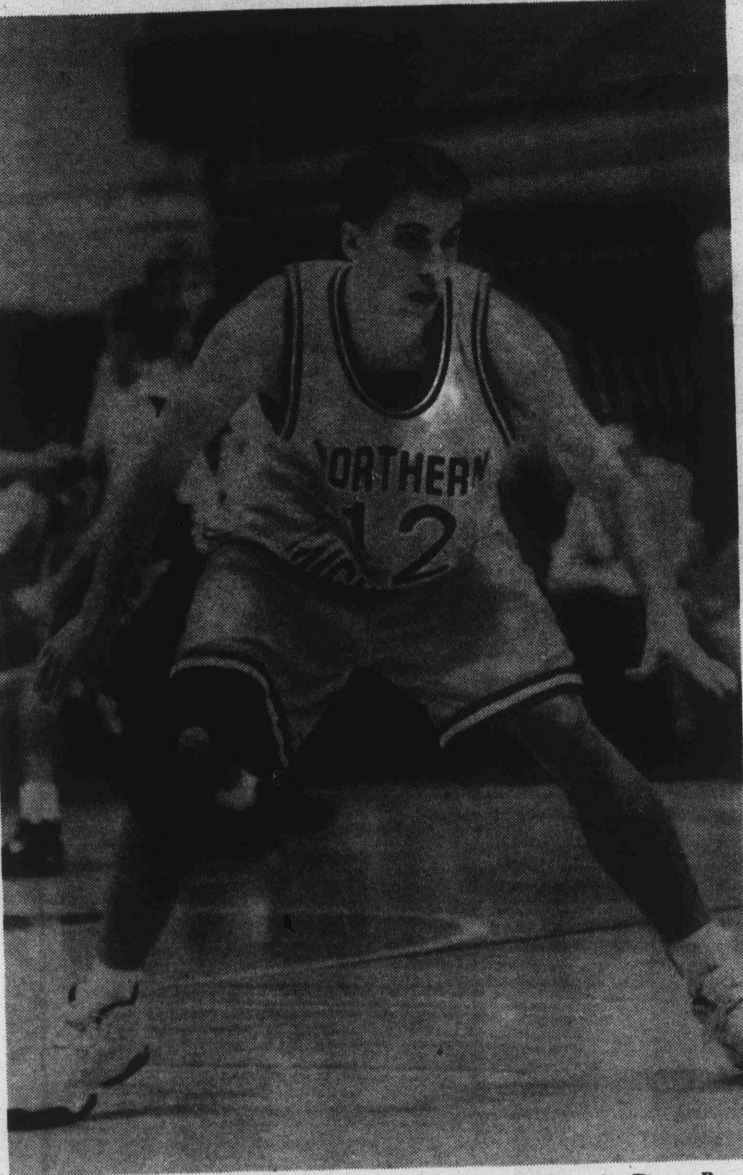
Finishing up with the North poll, Saginaw Valley State is picked fourth (26 points), Northern Michigan is fifth (16), Northwood University is sixth (11) and Lake Superior State seventh (7).

In the South Division poll, Gannon University is a unanimous pick to finish in first after receiving five first-place votes. Rounding out

the rest of the South poll, Wayne State is picked second with 16 points, Mercyhurst College third with 14 points, Ashland and Hillsdale are tied for fourth with 13 and conference newcomer Findlay with nine points is picked to finish sixth.

"If we can win the division or stay around the top, we will qualify for the conference tournament," Ellis said.

"Then it's just a one-game shot. If we can get some guys hot you can win any tournament game."



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Junior guard Adam Quiring of Okemos is expected to split time at point guard with sophomore Pete Moe. Quiring has scored 333 points in two years at NMU, and last year led the team in assists.

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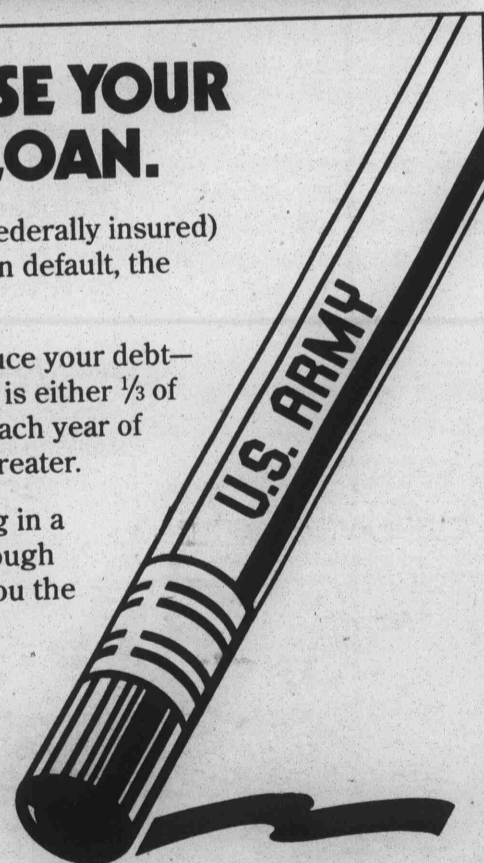
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