

WEATHER

- **Friday:** Snow showers, high in mid- to upper 20s.
- **Saturday:** Chance of snow, high near 30.
- **Sunday:** Snow showers, low 20, high 30.

DIVERSIONS**Theatre tradition**

Annual playing of 'Scrooge' opens tonight at Forest Roberts Theatre.

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SPORTS**Elite Eight**

The NMU volleyball team is in California for the NCAA tournament.

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Weapons charges against student are dropped by state

By HEATHER JENSEN
News Staff Reporter

All charges were dropped in the state's case against Matthew J. Guerin, a Northern Michigan University student who was arrested in his residence hall on Nov. 13.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Dickinson County Prosecutor Michael Celello dropped the charges of carrying a concealed weapon made against Guerin.

Guerin was arrested two months after he was pulled over for driving a vehicle without a license plate and registration, Guerin said. He alleged that prior to his arrest there was no contact from the prosecutor or police concerning this matter.

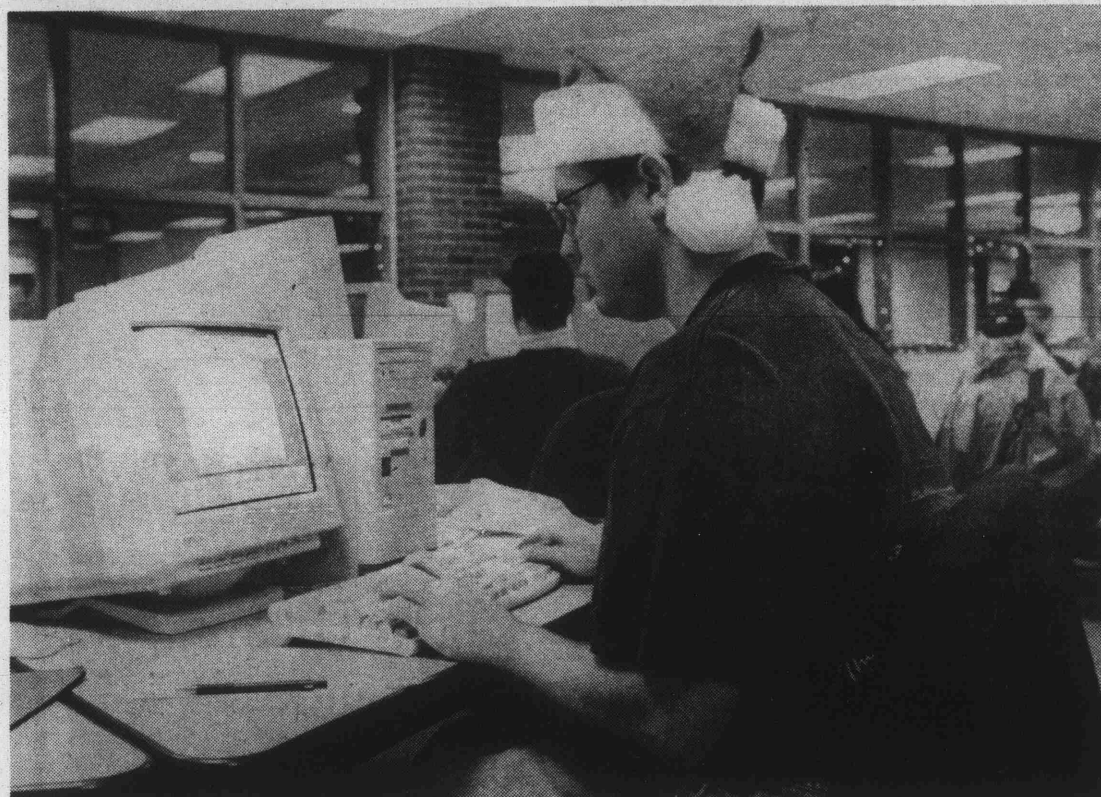
Details of the case reported in the Nov. 20 issue of *The North Wind* were not entirely complete, Celello said. In addition to the hunting knife Guerin said he was carrying, Celello said Guerin also had a machete-like knife with a 10-inch blade.

The two-month lag between Guerin's episode with the State Police and his arrest could have been caused

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'Tis the season

Senior biology major Rob Rudzki, working on an assignment in the LRC computer lab, doesn't let the stress of the rapidly approaching finals week dampen his Christmas spirit.



North Wind photo by Jun Otsu

The ASNMU Referendum Committee has begun the laborious task of determining which student groups will receive direct allocations for the next two years.

A little piece of the pie

By ERIC BRADLEY
News Staff Reporter

Senior Sally Maki wants to know how students are spending her money — the Student Discretionary Activity Fee she pays every semester, to be exact.

"People do have a tendency to squander it," Maki said. "[Groups] do perform a good service for the student body, but each organization needs a check and balance."

Maki will offer her own style of checks and balances when she votes in April for a possible increase in the \$17.95 students pay to subsidize student groups all over campus.

And now that the referendum process has begun, Maki and other students may be pleased to know that few student groups will be asking for a larger piece of the pie. Any registered student organization may

place a request to become a Direct Allocation Group. The Referendum Committee reviews the group to determine eligibility for direct allocation from the Student Discretionary Fund.

Referendum Committee member Joseph Bergh said many groups on campus avoid the process because of the work involved in gathering the arduous financial details

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ASNMU presents alternative to book buy-back

Students must wait for payment, however

By ANNA BAUER
Staff Writer

Students could get back 90 percent of what they originally paid for their books, ASNMU officials said.

The annual ASNMU book buy-back and sale is an attempt at providing students with an alternative to the bookstore's procedure.

"Students felt like the bookstore was cheating them of their money," ASNMU Representative Pete Munson said.

About 100 students participated last year because few knew about it, Munson said.

ASNMU only buys books after the fall semester and sells them at the beginning of the winter semester because of the work and administrative fees that go into it.

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North Wind photo by Phillip Ferris
Colleen O'Hara, left, and Jen Lusardi rehearse a scene in 'Scrooge,' which opens tonight at Forest Roberts Theatre. Please see Page 10.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF OF THE NORTH WIND

Charges

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because Guerin did not report an address change.

Sgt. Bill Borga of the Iron Mountain post of the Michigan State Police said, in response to Guerin's alleged lack of notification, that attempts were made to contact him concerning the matter.

Officials from NMU Public Safety, who assisted in the arrest, believe it is important for students to be proactive in their methods to make sure they are getting

all of their important official documents.

"If you change your permanent residence, you are required by law to change your address on documents such as your driver license," said NMU Public Safety Investigator Victor LaDuke.

It is also important for all students, even if they are not permanently changing residency, to place a forwarding address at the post office, LaDuke said.

Guerin has declined to comment on the charges against him being dropped.

ASNMU

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ASNMU's table will be set up during the University Bookstore's buy-backs and sales, directly in front of the bookstore.

ASNMU makes a little money from the book sale, Munson said.

Some students are happy with the service ASNMU will be providing.

"I think it's a good idea that students have the opportunity to get back what's rightfully theirs," junior Jennifer Priebe said.

Students participating in the program will not receive payment until someone buys their books at the sale,

which will be Jan. 12 to 15.

Even if a book is not sold, students usually get paid 25 percent of the book's worth when it gets taken back to the warehouse.

"It sounds like a good idea to me," junior Doug Hodges said, "but if you need Christmas money, you need money now, not when the next semester starts."



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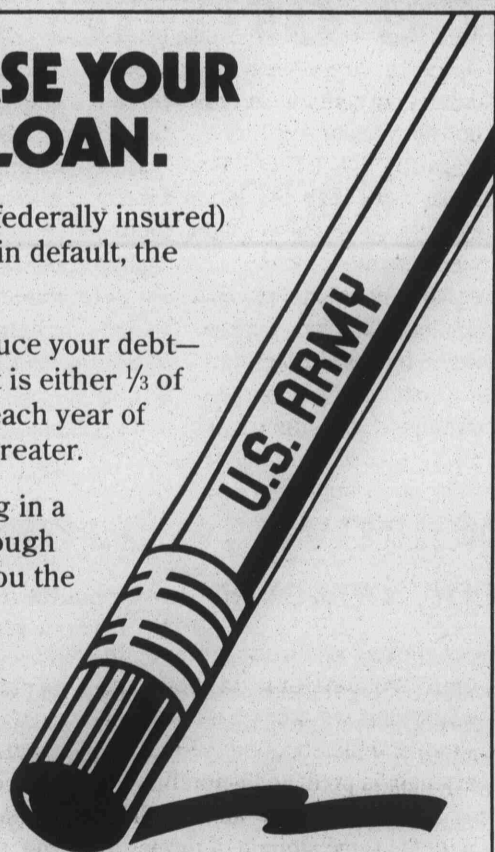
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WINTER TUITION DUE January 6, 1998

In order to give students or their parents the potential benefit of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA), Northern Michigan University has postponed the deadline for payment of tuition for the Winter 1998 semester until **January 6, 1998.**

Under the TRA 1007, taxpayers may be eligible to claim a nonrefundable Hope Scholarship Credit against their federal income taxes. The credit may be claimed for out-of-pocket payments of qualified tuition and expenses made on or after January 1, 1998 for academic periods beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

Tuition billings for the Winter 1998 semester are being mailed to the permanent address December 9, 1997 and payments are due by January 6, 1998.

NEWS BRIEFS

Local

GM Classic canceled

Organizers of the GM Classic Sled Dog Race have canceled this year's event and disbanded the race committee. The 80-mile race from Gwinn to Munising was scheduled for Jan. 17, but a lack of funds and volunteers have ended the tradition. Race organizers said that the race-day help was there, but all the pre-race work was ignored. The 24-mile Superior Access Sled Dog Challenge will be held next week in Chatham.

State

Man killed at Rolling Stones concert

A man dancing on a handrail during the Rolling Stones concert Tuesday night at the Pontiac Silverdome slipped and fell about 40 feet to his death, police said. Eric Zylema, 31, of Caledonia fell from the second level of the stadium to the concrete floor of the first level shortly after 11 p.m. It was the first death of a concertgoer at the Silverdome since the domed stadium opened in 1975.

National

Clinton opens discussion on race issues

President Clinton opened the first "town meeting" of his campaign for racial tolerance on Wednesday, saying that the best hope of avoiding the strife that has torn apart other nations lay in an honest discussion of racial issues.

Clinton spoke at the University of Akron to an audience of 68 participants, including three authors on racial issues, college students, educators, community leaders and other area residents. White House officials think the administration deserves more credit than they have received on the race issue.

Reno doesn't seek independent counsel

Attorney General Janet Reno decided not to seek an independent counsel to look into the telephone fundraising of the president and vice president. The decision was termed "preordained" by Republicans and "welcome" by Democrats.

"This decision was mine, and it was based on the facts and the law — not pressure, politics or any other factor," Reno said. After an intense investigation, no evidence was found to support allegations of illegal activity, Reno said.

International

125 nations sign land-mine treaty

In an action supported by the United Nations, 125 nations signed a treaty banning anti-personnel land mines. The United States, Russia, China and Iraq were among the major holdouts on the treaty. Supporters of the treaty suggest that it is the first action that has made "the international community a living, thriving reality."

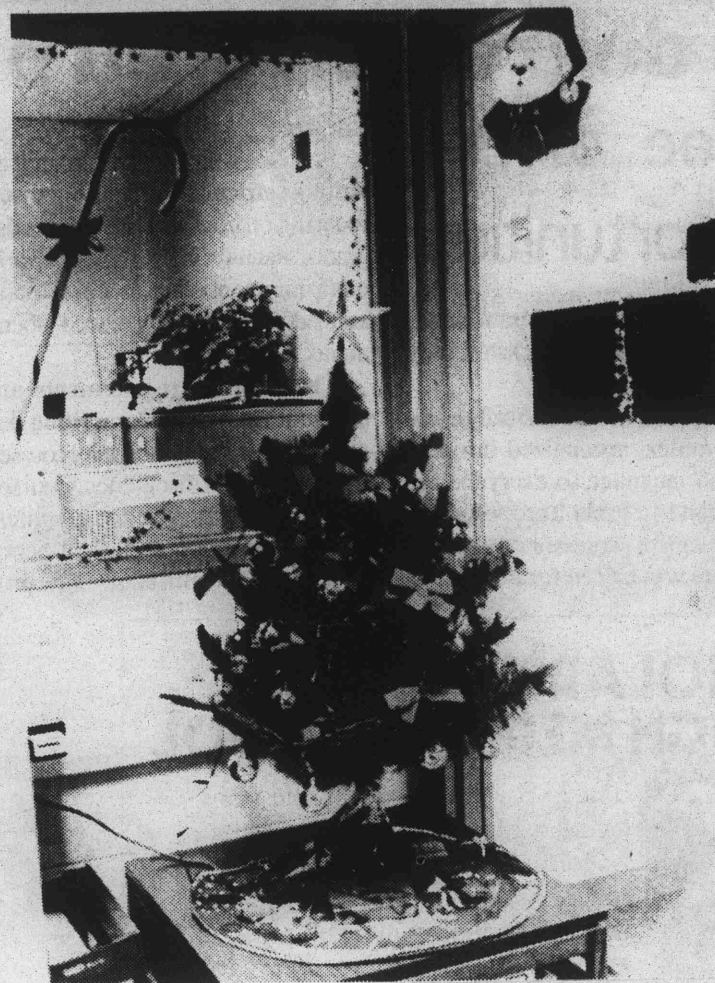
U.S. Representatives agreed to sign the agreement if exceptions were made for the protections of troops in Korea.

Plans to address these issues are set in the Defense Department, and the United States has a tentative goal of signing the treaty in 10 years. I squander my resources and plunder those of others.

Gorbachev 'Makin' it great!

Mikhail Gorbachev, the 66-year-old former Soviet dictator, has shot a commercial endorsement for Pizza Hut. Reports indicate that the Communist was not aware of the close to \$1 million he is to be paid. The money is to be used to finance the foundation that bears his name and is badly in need of funds, Gorbachev said.

Gorbachev does not actually eat a slice of pizza in the commercial, but sips coffee as he watches his granddaughter dig in happily.
— Briefs from news services



North Wind photo by Jun Otsu

The North Wind staff would like to wish the student body a safe and Merry Christmas, but that is probably un-PC these days, so we won't.

Tuition deadline delayed

NMU is extending the tuition deadline for the winter semester until Jan. 6, due to Hope Scholarship Credit opportunities.

A new federal law, which takes effect in January, will enable many students to receive a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for their tuition and fees, for up to two years.

Tuition payments made in 1997 do not apply to the program. Billing notices will be mailed to students' permanent addresses on Dec. 9.

The Hope Scholarship Credit is available to single taxpayers with income less than \$40,000, and to married taxpayers with income less than \$80,000. The credit may be claimed for qualified tuition and related expenses of each student in a taxpayer's family who is enrolled in a program leading to a degree or certificate. The credit covers 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of out-of-pocket expenses and 50 percent of the second \$1,000 — up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year per student.
—NMU Press Release

Referendum

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needed to become a DAG.

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

Student groups currently receiving direct allocations include ASNMU, the Student Finance Committee, Radio X, the Student Art Gallery and The North Wind.

"DAGs are tough," Bergh said. "For one, it's extremely difficult, and two, the process requires a lot of leg work and a lot of preparation. It's a cumbersome process, so many don't bother."

A group requesting DAG status must show beyond a shadow of a doubt the resiliency of the group and the broad, beneficial fashion the money will be spent in order to contribute to students, Bergh said. "The main questions the Referendum Committee asks is about the structure of the group and the viability the group has for the next two years.

"Student groups are an integral part of student life here at Northern," Bergh said. "Students don't want to be held by the university as to what their money is spent on."

There is no limitation on the

amount of money a group can request as a DAG. Bergh said there are rules each group must follow in order to see the allocation is not revoked.

"It couldn't go to a group that will buy a keg every weekend, will pursue litigation against the university with the funds or use the money to sponsor an event that supports a religious group," Bergh said.

Other rules that apply request that groups do not use the money for charity, to support a political candidate or to commit an unlawful action.

Becoming a DAG this year is more work than the group Gonzo Media is prepared to handle. Gonzo media shows a variety of movies on campus at reduced prices due to the funding they receive from the Student Finance Committee.

"The SFC is helpful getting through the budget," said Dillon Grimes of Gonzo. "The way our budgets are met every year is enough for us for now."

Grimes said becoming a DAG would be beneficial for bringing in bigger productions, but he said it is not convenient for the group at this time. "We have thought about it recently, but we don't have to overshoot or undershoot our budget; everything is predicted beforehand."

Some DAGs are able to thrive with the same amount of money allocated every semester and will not be requesting an increase this refer-

endum cycle.

General Manager Bridgette Jaakola of WUPX said the station will ask for the same amount of money allocated last cycle. Due to a drop in liability after next semester, the station will see a rise in disposable income.

"We asked for an increase before so we could buy production equipment," Jaakola said. "We have one semester left to pay on our [equipment] loan. After that, we will have an extra \$3,000 a semester. That will help us out greatly."

The station receives a direct allocation of \$3.10 from every student, Jaakola said.

"Everyone could ask for more money. Who doesn't like more money?" said Don Rappleyea, director of the Student Art Gallery. "But no one wants to be gratuitous."

Rappleyea said the gallery works to spend student money as wisely as possible. "There is a concern that students are paying for this. We have certainly come to a procedure of cost efficiency and have streamlined all our processes."

The money allocated for the student gallery "goes to pay the salaries of the director and the assistant director of the gallery," Rappleyea said, "and to pay the work-study gallery attendants.

"More and more students are using the gallery and visiting. You don't want to turn around and bite the hand that feeds you."

New writing degree offered by English department

Specialized degree offers extended job opportunities

By **AMY FORTNEY**
Staff Writer

Northern Michigan University is offering a bachelor's degree in technical writing for the first time in the 1997-98 school year.

About 15 to 20 students are cur-

rently enrolled in the program, which is an extension of the English department.

"Technical writers basically translate complex, specialized information into language so everyone can understand it," said Teresa Kynell, NMU English professor. "We really felt there was a need for this type of

a degree."

Students who are in the technical writing curriculum will take courses focusing on how to write proposals, grants, manuals, instructions for various equipment such as computers, and other technically based documents.

The program requirements are different from a regular writing degree in that students must take courses from a variety of disciplines. Courses include introduction to graphics, electronic imaging, rhetorical theory and desktop publishing. The pro-

gram requires a broad skill base to ensure that graduates are prepared to meet the variety of needs that technical writers face.

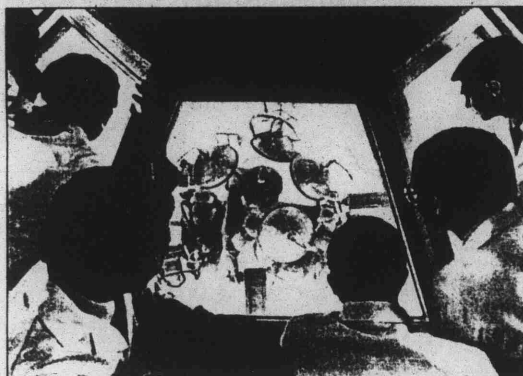
"Being a technical writer requires a lot of research and curiosity," Kynell said.

Five university departments are involved in instituting this degree:

English, art and design, industrial technologies, communications and performance studies, and office information systems.

Kynell brings experience in this discipline to the program, having previously taught technical writing at Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

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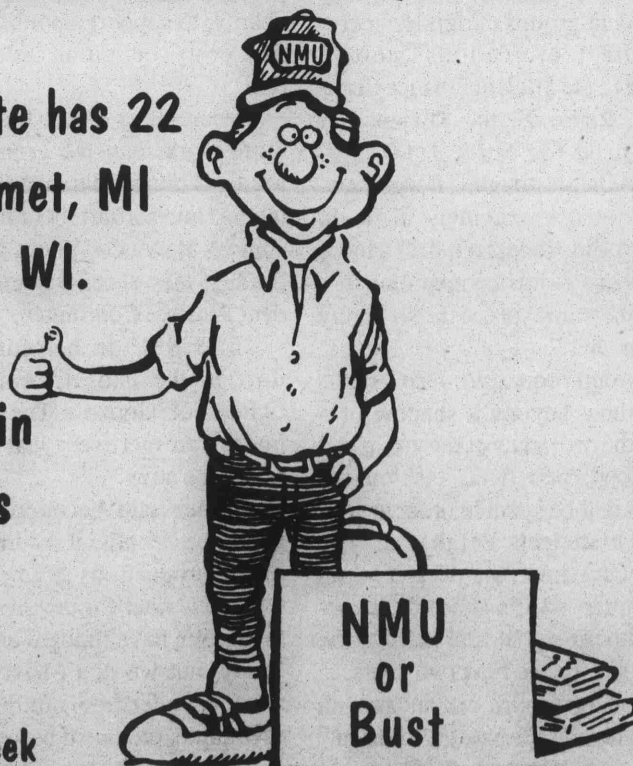
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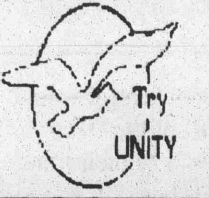
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EDITORIAL

An open letter to ol' Saint Nick

We have a few simple requests

It's as much a part of the holiday season as egg nog, mothers fighting in the toy store and your drunken uncle passed out under the Christmas tree — The North Wind's wish list destined for the North Pole.

Each year in the last issue of the fall semester, we present a few requests on behalf of the students of NMU. Occasionally, some of our wishes are granted, so here's hoping.

Dear Santa, you know the drill:

- Please pull a few strings so all of our graduates can get good jobs — you know, with enviable benefits like polyester uniforms, meal discounts and the chance to work the shake machine every once in a while.

- We don't get this whole national obsession with the hot-gift-of-the-year. So, it would be nice if you accidentally dropped your sack of virtual pets into the North Atlantic on your way to the East Coast.

- As any formidable world leader, you no doubt keep up with all the technological advances taking place. The next time you sit down at your PC to browse the Net, we would appreciate it if you could send some e-mail to our professors, reminding them that their classes aren't the only ones we're taking.

- Mattel is giving Barbie a "more realistic" look, and we're wondering if you could get together a few Yooper Barbies. You may not be familiar with them, so here's a brief description: red and black flannel over a Green Bay Packers T-shirt; a hunter-orange cap with ear flaps; and a button on the back that makes it recite, "Say yah to da U.P., eh?" every time it's pressed.

- The NMU volleyball team is at it again, contending for another national title, which would be their third in five years. But they can't win it if they can't get out of town. Do something about that runway at the county airport so they can head to California and work their magic on the court.

- And finally, get a little something for yourself. We'll leave a five-spot next to the milk and cookies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baileys offer holiday greetings

As we celebrate our first holiday season at NMU, we want to wish students all the best. Thank you for giving us such a warm welcome.

As we end the transition and move into 1998, we will look forward to celebrating 100 Years of Learning and Discovery at Northern Michigan University. Best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness.

— Judi and Bren Bailey

WUPX thankful for encouragement

Recently, six members of the WUPX staff had the opportunity to attend the National Association of College Broadcasters Conference in Providence, R.I. We attended lectures on technological advances, station management, promotional ideas, idea sharing and legal issues. We went to see the band Everclear and Juliana Hatfield, and we spent a lot of time talking to the people who run other college stations. We learned a lot about trends in college radio, but mostly we learned about ourselves.

On behalf of the entire staff of Radio X, I would like to thank you, the students and staff of Northern Michigan University for being so supportive of your college radio station. The message we received consistently from other stations is that we are extremely lucky and privileged to represent both the university and the Marquette area in such a unique manner. It's true that we have had our share of problems, but we have overcome them, thanks to the ways

the administration, our advisers and our staff have worked together. I came away from the conference with such a feeling of pride and encouragement that I cannot accurately express it in words. So many stations did not receive support from the administration or student government, and so many could not find a way to stay on the air because they could not finance their operations. The student body of NMU has supported WUPX since 1970, through our period of AM frequency and Cable FM as WBKX, and in the last five years as a licensed FM station. We have been housed in three buildings on campus, trained countless future broadcasters, and provided the university community with information and entertainment as much as humanly possible for 28 years. WUPX could not operate without you, and I realized at the conference just how special this radio station is. Few, if any, stations had the free format that we do, few had such an extensive music library, and many could not stay on the air 24-7 because no one was interested in getting involved. We have never had that problem. WUPX has, in the past 28 years, become a professional and involved student organization and community-wide representative of NMU, and we appreciate that trust and opportunity immensely.

Special thanks are due to those who helped us pay for our trip: Dean Michael Marsden, Dr. Rybacki and the CAPS department, Dr. Karen Reese, the Dean of Students Office and the WUPX Board of Directors. But especially, we would like to thank everyone who has ever contributed to, been involved with, or listened to Radio X. Your support has made a world of difference.

On a personal level, I would like to thank all of the DJs who have given freely of their time. You have contributed in ways you couldn't imagine to the success and well-being of the rest of the people who work here. Your skills and personality make us what we are, which is something truly wonderful.

Thanks again to all of our friends on campus and in the Marquette community. We couldn't do what we love to do without your help.

— Bridgette Jaakola
WUPX General Manager

Solution to the parking problem

I have wanted to write this for four years. It amazes me that the future teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers and politicians all have one common bond. They cannot park properly. These people cannot seem to park without the aid of the little yellow lines.

It is humorous that people complain about a lack of parking in the fall and spring. During the six-month winter and brainless parking practices we lose about 25 percent of parking spots.

I offer a solution, an appeal to those who have 8 a.m. class to set an example for parking-challenged students. Do your best to maintain set spacing between aisles. Try and keep the angle parking system. To all others, follow their lead. Keep straight rows. If you get out of your car and notice that your trunk is six feet into the aisle, move it.

If we all work together and pay attention, we can avoid the parking-lot "rage" experienced by drivers at NMU and maintain parking spaces. Thank you.

— Timothy Bennett

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An almost magical time of the year

I really like Christmas. I genuinely think it's a wonderful time of the year, almost magical. Now, I realize not everyone feels this way. There are many who are very suspicious when yet another person bounds about, chirping about how wonderful Christmas is, or when one begins pontificating about "the true meaning of Christmas." I'm not sure about the true meaning of Christmas, but I know what it means to me.

Christmas, above all else, is a time for giving. Not just of giving "stuff," but of giving in, of taking that which is important to us and sharing it. Christmas is a time of meeting the needs and desires of someone else. During the Christmas season we trust a little more, we care a little more, we love a little more; we do it all together. I think that's a good thing.

There are those who see Christmas as something once pure, now corrupted by commercialism. I understand this point of view; I

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just choose to reject it. Christmas is as pure as we want it to be. I don't think spending oneself into debt is necessary. After all, it's never the expense of the gift that makes it memorable, it's what the gift means that makes it memorable. The real gift is the thought that goes into it. The idea attached to the gift, the one that says, "Even when you thought I wasn't concerned with you or your needs, I was," is what makes the gift special.

There are also those who would discuss the importance of the religious origins and meanings of

Christmas. I'm not one of them. As foolish as it sounds, I don't see the necessity of bringing Christ into Christmas. I do think there is a spirituality to Christmas; I just don't think that it is specific to Christianity, or to any religion. The spirituality I see and feel in Christmas is more general in nature, in inclusiveness, a commitment to goodness. All religions and codes of belief embrace the ideas of charity, giving and attending to the needs of others. Christmas has evolved into a time when people recommit to these beliefs. Perhaps it would be better if we acted charitably all year long, but I think this is a good start.

I believe in Christmas, and I believe it's a good thing. I'm not exactly sure why, but I feel it anyway. Merry Christmas, everyone ...

Editor's note: Matt Zastrow welcomes reactions to his columns. He can be reached at mzastrow@nmu.edu

Radio X has come a long way in 10 years

Back in 1987, when I began working as a disc jockey on WUPX (or WBKX, as it was known back then), there wasn't much to the place except for a fairly extensive collection of vinyl and a core of people who cared, who worked with no reward for a goal unimagined and unappreciated by the masses. They dreamed of a day when Radio X would be an over-the-air radio station — and acted on those dreams. Countless meetings, arguments and compromises were necessary before it came true, but it did.

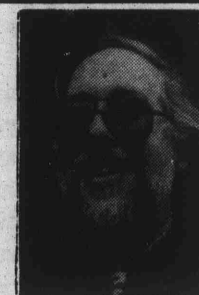
Back then, Radio X could be heard only in residence halls (as a wired-in AM signal), on local cable FM, or on cable TV as background music to one of the local-access channels. Watching television in order to listen to the radio never seemed quite rational — but it was better than nothing. Now, however, as "Dinosaur Sunday" enters its second decade, WUPX has become Marquette's music alternative, reaching Munising and Rock on a good day. Better still, I can be heard all over the world through the wizardry of the World Wide Web.

I often reflect on the changes at the station over the years. (Old man's prerogative, right?) Ten years ago, the shelves were full of vinyl; now, they're filled with CDs. Back then, we had a couple of turntables, a reel-to-reel and a strange little machine that played eight-tracks, and were tucked into a corner of West Hall; now, we've got state-of-the-art equipment, and our facilities in the UC are the envy of all. WUPX has become a cutting-edge station in many ways, and I'm glad they can find room for an old *donosaur* like myself.

But you know? There's another change, a disturbing change, that

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I've seen over the years — and that's the change occurring in content. By this, I don't mean the abandonment of classic rock and its replacement, at least temporarily, by the dystopian cacophony of techno-noise, or the fact that Jerry won't be writing any more gems such as "Ripple"; it's not the music that concerns me, it's the lyrics.

Nearly every new CD has an NSFAP — "not suitable for air play" — song on it. These are tunes that contain language considered unsuitable for polite society, whatever that might be, tunes that contain the dreaded F-word, the S-word or any of those other X-rated words. Heck, with some of these groups, you can't even say their name on the air. It wasn't always like that, believe it or not. Not as I remember it.

Remember that DJ who got in trouble recently? Should we be surprised at his impulsive use of spicy epithets? After all, he hears them in his music all the time — and he sees them on the memos that pepper the studio's walls. Human beings are, after all, the ultimate chameleons; we become what surrounds us. That's why we leave the cities for the Upper Peninsula, eh?

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PHOTOOPINION POLL

What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas?



"A heterosexual man."

Samantha Bell
junior, psychology



"A new Burton Prime snowboard and a trip to Steamboat, Colo."

Nick Nugent
junior, elementary education



"I would like a paid round-trip vacation to Cancun with a guest of my choice."

Molly Sayen
sophomore, special education



"I want Santa to bring me Michael Jordan."

Jessica Spelgatti
junior, Spanish

Students need a fall break, too

In my year and a half at Northern, I have never wanted a semester to end as much as this one.

The problem may be the mistake I made by taking one of those Saturday classes (sorry Dr. Renfrew). This class met for eight hours every other weekend. I really should have known better. Because of the condensation of actual class time, I was required to read huge volumes outside the classroom. I don't know how you guys handle this, but I am abysmal at the self-motivation thing. A combination of hating homework and being a lazy shit has made my Saturday class something akin to having oral surgery without anesthetics.

I've heard many of you grumbling about this semester too. Perhaps it is not having a week-long break in the fall semester like we do in the winter semester.

So Uncle John has another suggestion for the know-it-alls in the Big Brown Building. How about giving all of us crazed students and professors the *entire* week of Thanksgiving off instead of pretending that class actually exists on Monday and Tuesday?

I was at the NCAA women's volleyball match where NMU beat the tar out of Northwood to advance to the Elite Eight.

After the match was over, I watched a solitary figure move

John Council

Staff Columnist



across the floor toward the NMU bench, maneuvering against the exiting masses. It was President Judi Bailey. She began greeting the players with hugs and laughter,

beaming from ear to ear, filled with jubilation at the victory. This woman has been here what, four months, and there she was, hugging players and smiling like the proverbial Cheshire cat. I was impressed.

In fact, I'm impressed as hell with our new president. She came here and very wisely did not start turning the knobs just to see what would happen. That is the mark of a good administrator.

Looks like she's here for the long haul and I think this will bode well for NMU.

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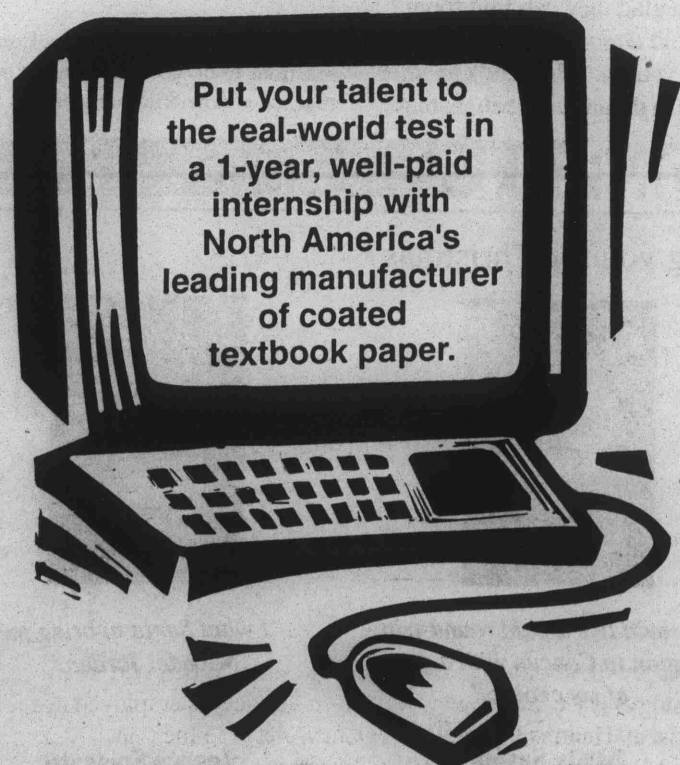
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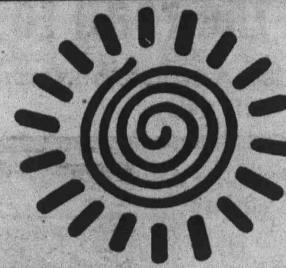
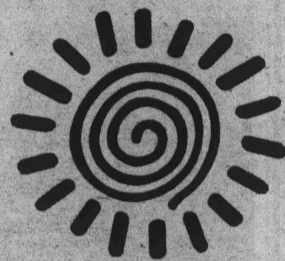
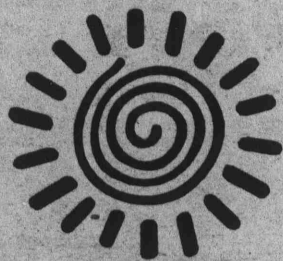
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Jobs for the Future

Congratulations Spring/Summer 1997 Graduates!



Jeff Allen (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is an Installation Engineer at FANUC Robotics in Auburn Hills, MI.

Jeff Anttila (Bachelor of Science in Technology and Applied Sciences) is an Industrial Engineer at Stone Container in Ontonagon, MI.

Jarmar Banks (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Shane Bono (Certificate in Culinary Arts) opened a bakery in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dan Bowyer (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Lynne Britz (Diploma in Manicurist) is working at Impressions Hair Studio in Ishpeming, MI.

Anthony Campbell (Diploma in Cosmetology) is a Stylist working at Mr. Dan's in Traverse City, MI.

Frank Childress (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology) was hired by Rockwell Automation Systems as a Field Service Engineer in Dayton, OH.

Scott Coduti (Associate of Science in Wastewater Technology) has been working at the wastewater treatment plant in Wyoming, MI.

Thomas Conrad (Diploma in Collision Repair Technology) is self-employed as a Collision Repair Technician in Ontonagon, MI.

Aaron Coombs (Bachelor of Science in Construction Management) is working for Closner Construction in Marquette, MI.

Andrew Crane (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Eric Cromell (Bachelor of Science in Construction Management) is working for Hiawatha Log Homes in Munising, MI.

Allen Day (Bachelor of Science in Technology & Applied Sciences) is an Engineering Assistant at Michigan Automotive Research Corporation in Ann Arbor, MI.

Sally Derouin (Diploma in Cosmetology) is working as a Stylist at JC Penney in Escanaba, MI.

David Ducsay (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is a Field Service Engineer with Burke-Porter in Grand Rapids, MI.

Thomas Flourre (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) is currently employed as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Tim Fournier (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Scott Frappier (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology) is in St. Louis, MO, and working with McDonnell-Douglas as a Software Engineer.

John Halverson (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is a Field Representative with Gerber Products near Grand Rapids, MI.

Owen Howell (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician, Atlantic Aviation, Manassas, VA.

Lee Hutchins (Bachelor of Science in Construction Management) is working for Hutchins Construction in Milwaukee, WI.

Julie Jackimowicz (Diploma in Manicurist) is working at Salon/Salon in Marquette, MI.

William Jenkins (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is an Industrial Engineer with K&M Precision in Dexter, MI.

Sara Jensen (Diploma in Cosmetology) is working as a Stylist at New Image in Gladstone, MI.

Perry Johnson (FAA Certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Bill Johnston (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology) is a Programming Technician with Prosys Industries in Plymouth, MI.

Robert Kinney (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is employed as a Process/Quality Control Technician at Pioneer Laboratories in Marquette, MI.

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Gary Lukkonen (FAA Certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

William Maddox (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as a Structural Sheet Metal Specialist, Aircraft Technician, American International Airlines, Oscoda, MI.

Bruce McCollough (FAA Certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at AMR Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, KI Sawyer, MI.

Lyle Merriam (Bachelor of Science in Construction Management) is working for JEM Builders in Marquette, MI.

Scott Miller (FAA Certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as an Aircraft Technician at American International Airlines, Oscoda, MI.

Susan Oakland (Diploma in Cosmetology) is Co-owner and Manicurist at Thumbs Up Nail Depot in Marquette, MI.

Norman Paternoster (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology) is a Manufacturing Engineer at ERDA, Inc., in Peshtigo, WI.

Dave Patron (Associate of Science in Wastewater Technology) is working as an Operator in a wastewater treatment plant in Clio, MI.

Steven Patterson (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology) is a Systems Engineer with Applied Manufacturing Technologies in Rochester Hills, MI.

Joseph Perroud (Certificate in Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator) has been working at the wastewater treatment plant in Marquette, MI.

Kevin Rajala (Associate of Science in Building Technology) is working for Rajala Kitchens out of Negaunee, MI.

Leah Rasmussen (Diploma in Cosmetology) is working at Regis Hairstylists in Marquette, MI.

William Richards (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology) works at United Space Alliance in Houston, TX, as an Engineer.

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Richard Samson (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology) is employed by Sencore Electronics in Sioux Falls, SD, as an Applications Engineer.

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Daniel Sjong (Bachelor of Science in Construction Management) is working for Sjong Construction out of Chicago, IL.

Mark Spanton (Associate of Science in Wastewater Technology) is working as an Operator at the Marquette Water Treatment Plant, Marquette, MI.

Tim Spreen (Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology) was hired as a Structural Sheet Metal Specialist, Aircraft Technician, Superior Aviation, Iron Mountain, MI.

Gregory Stampee (Diploma in Collision Repair Technology) is working at Third Street Auto Repair in Ishpeming, MI.

Jeff Stekl (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology) is working at Rockwell Automation Systems in Spokane, WA, as a Field Service Engineer.

Quentin Store (Diploma in Collision Repair Technology) was hired as a Technician at the Motor Company Ford dealer in Marinette, WI.

Angela Urbiha (Diploma in Cosmetology) is a Stylist at Salon/Salon in Marquette, MI.

Bryan Wiljanen (Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology) is employed by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in their Maintenance Department, Palmer, MI.

Aaron Wixtrom (Associate of Science in Architectural Technology) is a Designer working in Sheboygan Falls, WI, for Richco Structures.

Heather Ylinen (Diploma in Cosmetology Instructor) is working at Cost Cutters in Marquette, MI.

Rick Zambon (Certificate in Auto Service) is employed at Frei Chevrolet Geo Inc., in Marquette, MI.

Assumptions pave the road to nowhere

I am a white, middle class, Christian, American, heterosexual male. I am the epitome of everything wrong with the world today. I am a pig. I am a bigot. I am an elitist. I am an oppressor. I am a tyrant. I do not know what real work is. I have been handed everything from birth.

Through almost no effort of my own I have been given the best job, best education and highest wage. I live in the best home and receive the best treatment in public. I have absolutely no concept of what it means to be hungry, degraded or objectified.

My beliefs are contrived and unfounded. I accept them without question and twist them to my own ends. I use every possible faculty at my disposal to exalt myself and trample those opposing me, which I do in the name of God, liberty, justice and whatever I happen to decide is "right."

This is what I've learned of myself. This is the "truth." And all this I've managed to accomplish at the ripe old age of 21.

If you have just been offended for any reason by the little tangent I've presented, allow me to take this moment to sincerely apologize. My intention was not to offend, but rather to illustrate a point.

It seems that somehow I have inherited the spite of the world. Somehow in this age where everybody is breaking molds and speaking out, I have been assigned a slot and silenced. When I do speak my opinion I am labeled as blind and pompous, not because of who I am, but because of the perception of who I am. I realize fully that I am only 21 and certainly do not have the experience or authority to be a voice for my social class, but these are my observations and obviously (considering that this column is called For What It's Worth) you can take them or leave them.

Let me give a little example of "persecution" (although that's not exactly what it is yet) which will not encompass all of the stereotypes I've mentioned, yet it does involve the kind I feel most acutely. Not too long ago, I was perusing the grand and wondrous Westwood Mall where they have everything your heart might desire. I wandered into Sam Goody to gawk at all the CDs I couldn't afford and happened to glance up at the T-shirts on the wall.

There shoved in between the tie-dyes, peace signs and marijuana leaves was the face of what was supposed to be Jesus Christ with a crown of thorns on his head. The image was somewhat distorted though, and at the bottom of the shirt was written "See no truth, Hear no truth, Speak no truth." I was not "cut to the quick" and I did not fly into a rage and condemn the owner to hell. Things like this are very common today. Christ and Christianity in general are free game for criticism. It seems to be the last socially acceptable form of oppression. Some college professors have made it their hobby.

The only thing that troubled me was the assumption that I was simply supposed to accept it. There were no images of any other god on the wall, so why must mine be? I'm not intending to whine in saying all this or to ask for any recompense, but merely to point out a double standard that is largely overlooked in our society.

Society has taught me well not to judge others by their skin, social class or even to make any assumptions about anyone. Now I'm asking for the same treatment. I am the unfortunate majority. Do not assume you know what I think. Do not assume you know how I feel.

Jeremiah French

For What It's Worth

DIVERSIONS

Tradition with a twist



Steve Dupuie and Barbara Good share a bit of Christmas cheer in the 15th anniversary production of 'Scrooge.'

By NATHAN ERNSBERGER
Features Editor

The spirit of Christmas is alive and well.

About 250 people showed up for Wednesday evening's final dress rehearsal of "Scrooge," after Elizabeth Scrooge donated several hundred tickets for the rehearsal to the Marquette Salvation Army.

This year's production, Forest Roberts Theatre's 15th, runs through Saturday at 6:30 p.m., with 1 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday.

The musical version of Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," with

lyrics and music by Leslie Bricusse, includes a cast of more than 50 students and community members, with Wausau, Wis., senior Sarah Peterson playing the role of Ms. Scrooge.

Her pessimistic, miserly outlook on life is challenged when she is visited by a series of Christmas ghosts and her former business partner, "Josephine" Marley, played by Ishpeming native Colleen O' Hara.

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Taking advantage of nature's beauty

By MICHELLE KANGAS and MIRIAM MOELLER
Features Writers

Excitement, adventure, silence and freedom wrapped up in a package of white. According to the National Weather Service, Marquette County has already seen 45 inches of snow this winter, and though recent warm temperatures have melted much of it, more is expected.

As snow continues to fall, the Marquette area offers more than a few options for cross-country skiing, winter hiking and just enjoying nature. Outdoor enthusiasts can choose from numerous hiking trails and both public and privately groomed ski trails.

NMU student Renee Laukko prefers hiking the Hogsback Mountain trail on County Road 550.

"It's exciting, it's challenging and the view is spectacular. When you finish you feel as you have accomplished something and you found a piece of yourself," she said.

The North Country Trail will be America's longest national scenic trail, stretching from the New York-Vermont border to western North Dakota. Half of the trail is already completed, of which about 300 miles will cross the U.P. from Ironwood to the Mackinac Bridge, providing prime skiing and hiking opportunities.

Hiking is "freedom from the world. It's a release from pressures of everyday life. [It's] God's work at its finest," Laukka said.

Junior Jason Kerschke has been cross-country skiing for recreation for over eight years, and said trails in the Upper Peninsula are the best.

"They are more wooded. In the city, the trails are geared toward fitness and are near the city. Here, the trails are farther away," he said.

Marquette has 12 ski trails covering 155 kilometers, including the Blueberry Ridge Trail on County Road 553, six miles south of the Marquette Mountain ski area. Ishpeming has a trail at the Al Quaal Recreation Area as well



Many students and local residents take to the woods when winter falls, where the "swoosh, swoosh" of skis can be heard behind every tree.

as a series of trails known as "Suntrac," which run from Hill Street to Suicide Bowl. Most trails are regularly marked and well marked. Though many students don't have skis, they can be rented for a nominal fee at local sport shops and at the PEIF. This winter the Outdoor Recreation Center will have a broad range of equipment for rent, including nordic skis and snowshoes. Trail maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce on Front Street in Marquette. "[Cross-country skiing] is a great way to enjoy the fresh air and scenery while getting back to nature," Kerschke said.

CHAOS

By BRIAN SHUSTER



"Hey, guys, before you finish that, why don't you take a look at this."



Senior Kristine Boley studies 'Soul Cage,' a piece by artist Chad Davis.

Senior Exhibition showcases graduating talent

By BETHANY SIMONSEN
Staff Writer

The ugly wooden crate stands nearly four feet tall and two feet wide. Stamped in large black print on the three exposed sides is the word FRAGILE. More discreet but no less important is the yellow HEAVY sticker in the left-hand corner, covered in clear packing tape.

A small, nondescript hole in the top of the crate reveals the true beauty in this work of art. The piece, called "Biased Recognition: A Piece For My Mother," on display at the University Art Museum, is one of four by sculpture major Chad Davis.

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All the students involved have different interpretations and definitions of art. Davis' art is based on ideas that are important to him. "It's important for the pieces to be cohesive," he said.

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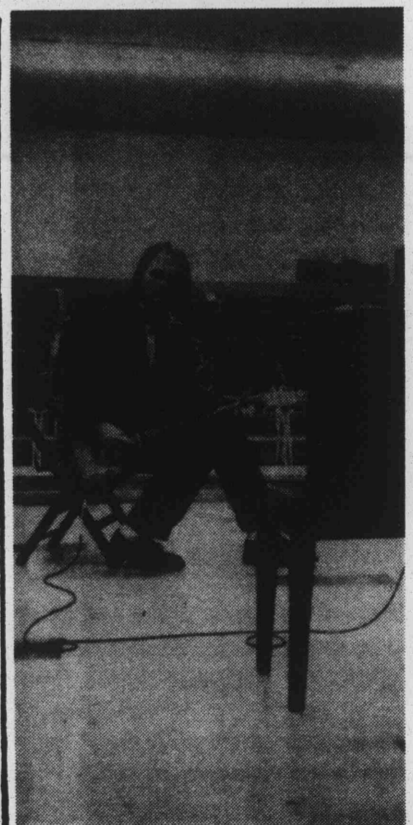


Photo by Dawn Rundman

Music to pay attention to

It is unfortunate that most students will be heading out of Marquette for Christmas break. Great musicians don't give free concerts in Ishpeming every day.

Aunty's Cafe in Ishpeming is hosting a CD release party at 8 p.m. Dec. 23 for Salt Lady Records, an indie label based in Chicago and Upper Michigan.

Label co-founder and U.P. native Jonathan Rundman's third album, "Recital," has received critical acclaim in Billboard magazine, which called it "A must add for triple-A [radio]."

"It's fun to play for people I haven't seen since high school," Rundman said of his upcoming performance. "People who I'd never

guess would be interested show up." Salt Lady Records' three artists, Rundman, U.P. resident Bruce Rundman and new alternative rock trio the Muckrakers, will each perform songs from their new releases. Discounted CDs, tapes and other merchandise will be available at the free show.

Rundman also performs at the Record Rack in Escanaba three days prior to the release party. Joining him is Escanaba native Jeff Kress, now from San Francisco. His unique style is characterized by its eloquent stories and soulful melodies.

For information about either performance, call (708) 366-6347. — Nathan Ernsberger

Dave Matthews Band reigns supreme with live set

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If ever there was a perfect thing, this two-CD set is it. Nothing compares to this band live (except for Phish, maybe) and this particular recording is so accurate in the feeling that it replicates that I was left completely staggered by it.

Dave Matthews knows how to make people swoon, and he does it all with his voice and his words. There are times on these CDs where you can't actually tell what it is that Dave is trying to say, but it doesn't really matter because he grunts and wails his intentions effectively enough to convey a thought.

I adore Dave Matthews. I love what he thinks about, and the music that envelops his lyrical visions is the stuff of conquests and eternal vows of love. This music reminds me of the power of Sousa marches and the National Anthem when sung by large crowds of people, as well as the sadness of dying heroines and the first time I ever heard "Right Here Waiting" by Richard Marx.

Everybody, especially the beautiful violinist Boyd Tinsley, rocks out freely here, expressing incred-

Bridgette Jaakola

Music Reviewer



ible skill and artistry in stretched out solos and endings. On some songs, it is almost as if there were no audience, just a group of musicians doing what they love loudly in a huge room.

If you like the Dave Matthews Band you can't call yourself a true fan until you have this set.

G-Love and Special Sauce
"Stepping Stones"
Epic

What the hell happened here? G-Love and Special Sauce had this great album that was funky and bluesy. They had potential to achieve greatness, and now all hopes of that are dashed. "Stepping Stones" is CRAP on a small silver platter.

This album just flat out sucks.

The title track, which has been released as a single, is nothing more than a *faux ami*, or false friend. It's catchy and upbeat and cute so that you'll think, "Hey, they're back! This CD is gonna rule!" Then you hear it and you feel like you just saw RuPaul for the first time without makeup.

Join with me in sending a message to Mr. Love and his not-quite-

even-a-packet-of-ketchup-as-far-as-sauce-goes cohorts and don't buy this disc. Don't watch the video. Don't request it. Tell them that until they make some real music, you won't be satisfied with the lower echelons of mediocrity that have been championed in this CD, and help me find some more big words to use in my column next semester.

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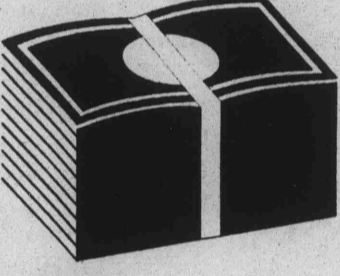
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 Director: Peter Cattaneo
 Rating: 9 out of 10

Over the Thanksgiving break, I hope you got a chance to get out and see some of the films that never found their way to Marquette.

Usually the theaters here will never take a chance on an unknown art house film until the numbers begin to look profitable. Why "The Full Monty" never made it up here is a mystery to me. The budget for



Kelsey Mann

Movie Reviewer

"Monty" was only \$3 million, and it has grossed over \$80 million.

Robert Carlyle plays an out-of-work steelworker searching for a new way of life and new means of

paying his bills. He, his son and a fellow unemployed friend, played by Mark Addy, come across a poster advertising a visit to their town from the Chippendales. They decide to organize their own exotic dancing company to make some easy cash.

"The Full Monty" is an incredibly entertaining and hilarious film. I came in thinking it was about professional dancers and would end up being like "Boogie Nights," but it wasn't. I didn't think it could work, but it does and it makes you laugh and smile from beginning to the very uplifting ending.

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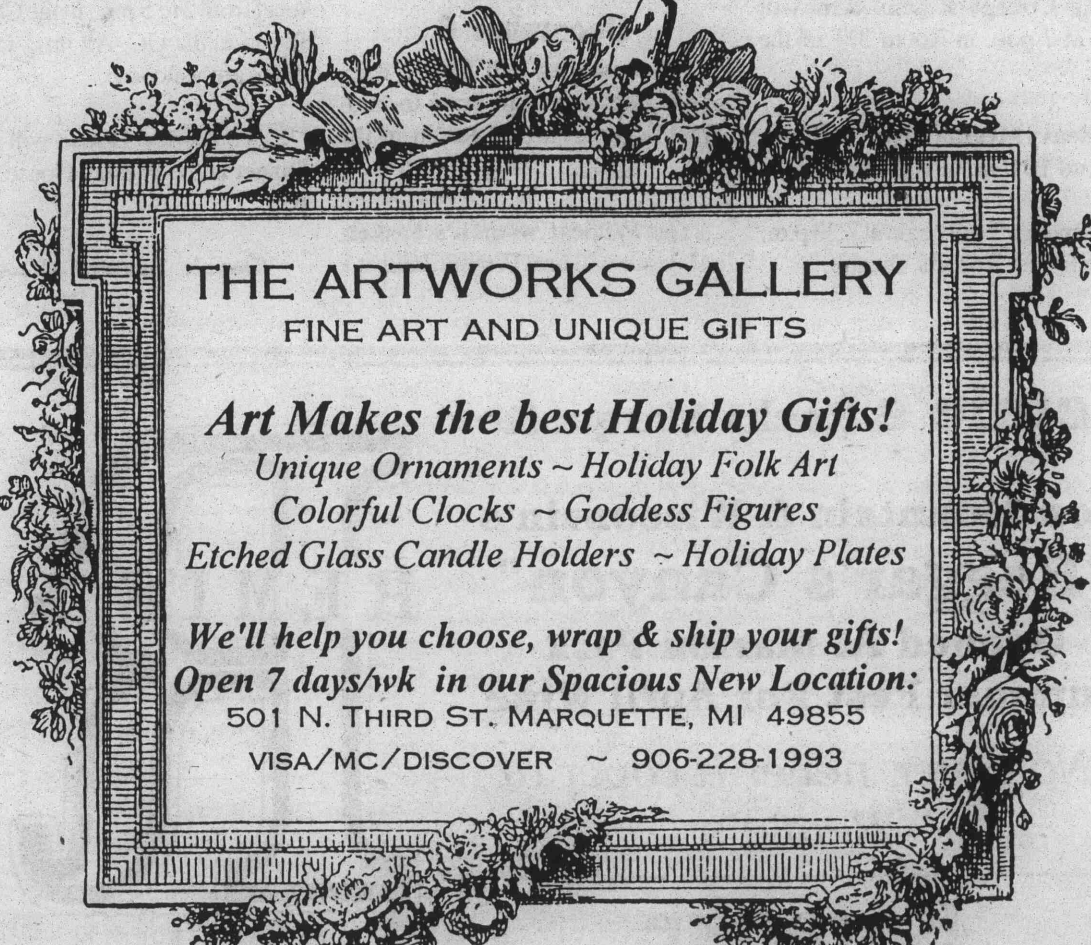


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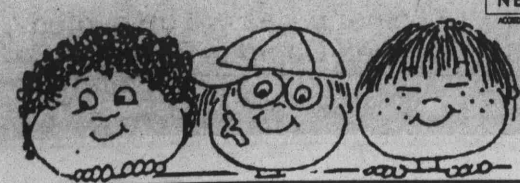
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THINGS TO DO

**Thursday
December 4**

The Wesley House will have a Listening Post from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Jamrich.

The Wildcat women's basketball team will host Ashland University at 5:30 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

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

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

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

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

"Scrooge" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

The Wildcat men's basketball team will host Ashland University at 7:30 p.m. at Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

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

**Friday
December 5**

The Wesley House will have a pancake brunch from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Wesley House.

"Scrooge" will begin at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

**Saturday
December 6**

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

The Wildcat women's basketball team will host Wayne State at 1

p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

The Wildcat men's basketball team will host Wayne State at 3 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

"Donnie Brasco" (R) will be shown at 7 p.m. in 102 Jamrich.

The Marquette Area Choral Society will present its Christmas cantata at 7:30 p.m. in Kaufman Auditorium.

**Sunday
December 7**

"Scrooge" will be performed at 1 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

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 Wesley House will have a Dinner at the Wesley House at 5:00 p.m.

"Donnie Brasco" (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.

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.

The Marquette Area Choral Society will present its Christmas Cantata in Kaufman Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday
December 9**

Student Art Gallery board of director's monthly meeting will be held in Conference Room A of the UC at 3 p.m.

**Wednesday
December 10**

The ASNMU Referendum Committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the Marquette Room in the UC.

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

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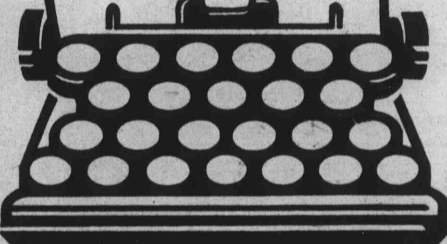
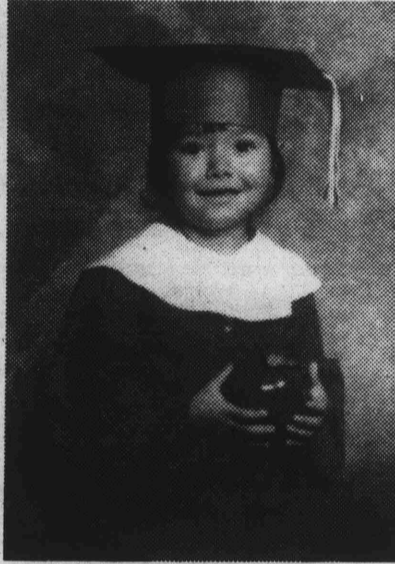


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Wildcat volleyball team challenged by the 'Elite'

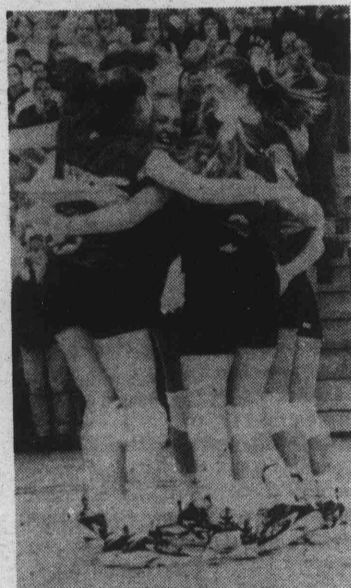
NMU travels to California for Elite Eight tournament

By MINDY KOZLOWSKI
Sports Staff Reporter

If history repeats itself, the NMU volleyball team will return home this weekend with the NCAA II championship title.

The tournament is being held at California State University at Bakersfield, where the 'Cats became national champions in 1994.

"My freshman year we were in Bakersfield and that's the year we won it," senior Erin Hamilton said. "It really doesn't matter where you play, it's the best team



North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Northern celebrates after defeating Northwood University in the regional final on Nov. 22.



that wins."

NMU head coach Mark Rosen agreed, saying that the team is comfortable there and the location may even serve as a momentum builder.

Northern reached the Elite Eight after a first-round win over Northern Kentucky University and a second-round victory over Northwood University.

"I think that proved to all of us that we can be really good when we put our hearts and minds into it, and I think that is going to carry through," Hamilton said.

On Friday, NMU will face the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Last season, Omaha defeated Northern in the semifinal round, forcing the 'Cats to settle for a third-place finish. Omaha then went on to claim the national title.

"It's a little like a revenge match," junior left-side hitter Lucia Pereira said. "First, because we lost to them last year and didn't go to the finals.

"I think [reaching the Elite Eight] proved to all of us that we can be really good when we put out our hearts and minds into it, and I think that is going to carry through."

— Erin Hamilton
NMU middle blocker

Second, if we lose this game, it's over. In a way, it doesn't really matter who is on the other side of the court, we just have to beat them to make it to the next step."

Rosen said that Omaha plays very similarly to Northern.

"They are a very good team, and they are a lot like us," he said. "They aren't a huge team, but they are very athletic. They run a system that is very similar to ours.

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No. 7 NMU begins GLIAC title defense

Ashland and Wayne St. up next

By MINDY KOZLOWSKI
Sports Staff Reporter

The seventh-ranked NMU women's basketball team is preparing to face its first GLIAC opponents this weekend against Ashland University and Wayne State University.

The Wildcats begin their GLIAC title defense at home Thursday when they face Ashland (4-0 overall, 2-0 GLIAC). NMU (4-0 overall, 0-0 GLIAC) has faced Ashland only two other times and has won both contests.

"I think we match up with Ashland well," NMU head coach Mike Geary said. "Our post players are about the same size and it is the same situation on the perimeter."

The Eagles are averaging 88

points per game and giving up 71 a contest. Ashland features four players who are averaging at least 10 points a game. Junior Jodi Dobransky leads the Eagles with 19.5 a game, Krista Thornell averages 15.5, Karen Bley scores 12.0 a contest, and Natalie Robbins is scoring 10 points per game.

On Saturday, Northern will host Wayne State University (4-1 overall, 1-0 GLIAC), which trails NMU 21-9 in the all-time series.

"They are a very dangerous team," Geary said. "They have quickness and they are very aggressive. I think they will be a much better team than they were last year."

WSU is scoring 68 points a game and has allowed 63.6 a contest. Junior Shay Lewis is the Tartars' leading scorer, averaging 14.8 points a game. Wayne State shoots three-pointers often (80 attempts) with 41 percent being successful, while making 38 percent overall from the floor.

Geary said that although he will not look to one or two players to

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Geary

Basketball 'Cats open home season

By MIKE HOARD
Sports Staff Reporter

The Northern Michigan men's basketball Team (3-2 overall) is hosting its first home game tonight against Ashland University at 7:30.

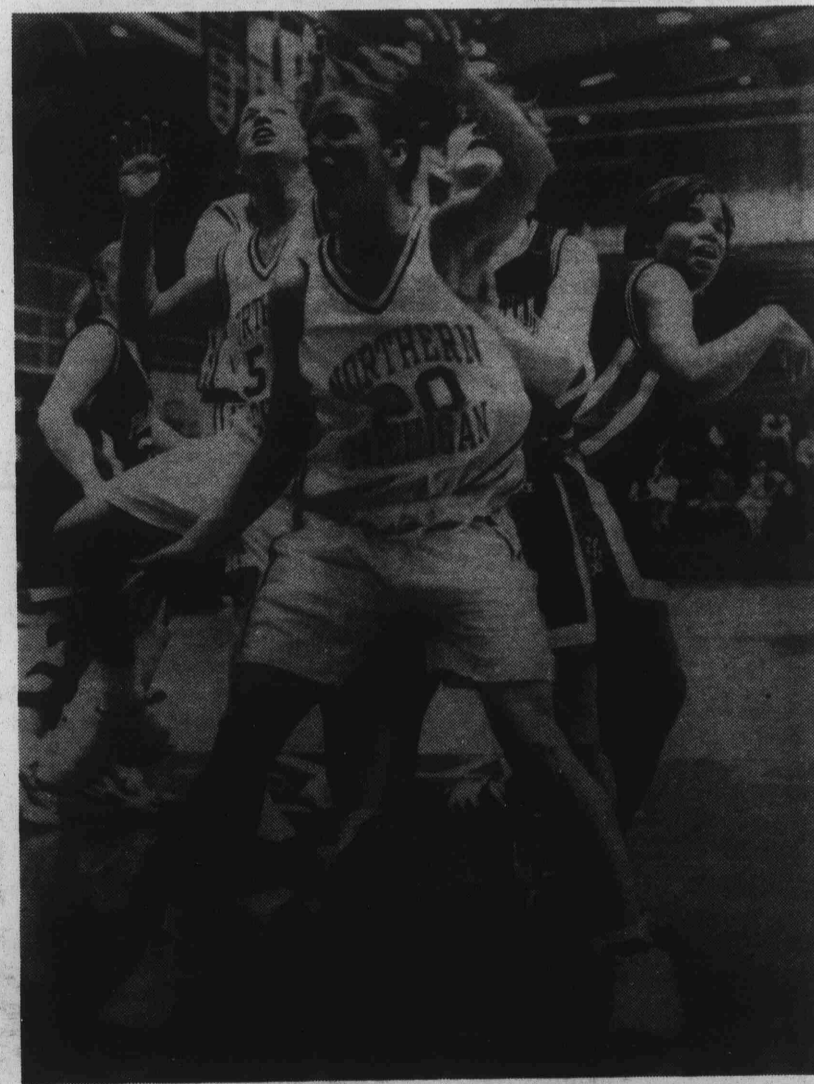
NMU has only faced Ashland in two contests thus far and they split, 1-1. The tie breaker will be held tonight at Hedcock Fieldhouse where the 'Cats currently boast a 85 percent (401-72) winning percentage.

"Last year we lost by seven (58-51) down in Ashland, but we weren't playing like we are playing now," sophomore Pete Moe said. "Last year we would wait

until the shot clock ran down and take a shot at about 12 seconds. This year we're running the ball up the floor, playing high tempo and forcing turnovers. So this year should be a different story."

Last year Ashland finished last in the South Division of the GLIAC with a 4-13 record. This year they have a 2-2 record coming into tonight's game. NMU defensively will have to worry about sophomore Lamont Scott, senior Antoine Campbell and Richard Davis, who are all averaging in double figures for the Ashland Eagles. This season Ashland is averaging 84.3 points per

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North Wind photo by Duane Pape
Jennifer Johnston, 20, looks for the rebound in the paint during Northern Michigan's first home game this season against Wisconsin-Parkside.

Wildcats dominate in Phoenix

Geary picks up 250th win

By MICHAEL MURRAY
Editor in Chief

Heading into its first conference action of the season, the NMU women's basketball team has yet to be tested in a game — but head coach Mike Geary is not worried.

"With a different team in a different year, I might be concerned," said Geary, who picked up his 250th career victory on Saturday. "But with this group, we have seniors and juniors who know what it's like to play in tight games. They've been in big games and have won big games."

The No. 7-ranked Wildcats are 4-0 after a pair of blowouts in the Grand Canyon University Lady Lopes Invitational Basketball Classic in Phoenix last weekend.

On Friday against Alaska-Fairbanks, the 'Cats forced the Nanooks into 28 turnovers while committing only 14 themselves in a 67-38 win.

Seniors Kris Manske and Mande Dafoe led the team with 18 points each, and Manske led the team with eight rebounds, six steals and six assists.

The 'Cats outscored host Grand Canyon 48-21 in the first half of Saturday's game on their way to a 99-51 victory. Dafoe, with 17 points, and Karla Strand, with 15, led six NMU players in double figures. Manske had a game-high nine assists; Jill Gobert had a team-high six rebounds. Manske and Dafoe were named to the all-tournament team.

Geary

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carry the team, he expects that certain players will stand out.

Mande Dafoe, who has a 17.3 points per game average, leads the Wildcats in scoring. Senior Kris Manske is averaging 15.5, junior Karla Strand 13.8, and sophomore Carrie Dykstra 10.5 a game.

Leading the team in rebounds are Manske and Strand, who each have 22.

The 'Cats have a winning margin of 39.3 points per game by scoring 90.8 a game and allowing 51.5 points per contest.

Geary said it is important to start the season well.

"We really aren't thinking in terms of winning and losing," he said. "We are more concerned with playing well, and if we play well then the winning will take care of itself. Conference championships aren't won in the first week of the season, although it is important to get off to a good start."

Geary said he was surprised by how easily NMU dominated its opponents.

"We went down there thinking they were going to be more competitive," he said. "We wore Alaska-Fairbanks down on defense. I don't think they have faced that level of intensity."

"Grand Canyon was in the NCAA tournament last year, and they have three starters back, so we thought it would be more of a challenge. We blew them away with our intensity and defensive pressure."

The 'Cats have dominated in all four of their games this year, defeating Bemidji State, 103-68, Wisconsin-Parkside, 94-49, in addition to their two games in Phoenix. They are outscoring their opponents 90.8 to 51.5, Geary said this has allowed give everyone playing time.

"We've played on the road three times, so that will get us some experience, and it's good to get everyone in a game situation executing the play," he said. "We're not near where we need to be or where we will be, but we are getting better every day."

Geary said he is pleased with the 'Cats' offense, but said there are things the team has to work on. "Our consistency on defense isn't what it needs to be, and our post people have to finish stronger inside," he said. "We also have to get a better effort from the perimeter, but we are improving."

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Wildcats split in road tournament

By MIKE HOARD
Sports Staff Reporter

Last weekend the NMU men's basketball team competed in the Northern State University Tip-Off Tournament in Aberdeen, S.D.

On Saturday the 'Cats (3-2 overall) lost to Northern State, 82-67. After leading at halftime 37-35, NMU was out-scored 47-29 in the second half.

"I am very pleased in the way our team has played in the first five road games," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "The reason we didn't play well against Northern State was fatigue and not execution problems."

Leading the Wildcats was Kevin Coduti, who scored 19 points and brought down 11 rebounds.

"The Northern State game was very intense," Ellis said. "The quality of play was as good as I have seen it in years, for both teams."

On Friday the Wildcats defeated Moorhead State University, 80-52.

Leading the 'Cats was Kevin Coduti, who scored 31 points.

"Coduti is playing as well as he

has here in his career right now," Ellis said. "[Against Moorhead State] we went to him consistently and they couldn't stop him."

Sophomore Cory Brathol and senior Brian Baechtold scored 20 and 12, respectively, for the Wildcats.

"Baechtold just had a great tournament for us," Ellis said. "He went eight out of 11 from the floor and he also defended great. We put him on their best players, and he was able to shut them down."

Tonight the 'Cats play at home for the first time this season against Ashland University. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

Ellis

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game and giving up 83.8. Northern will counter Ashland's scoring threats with the trio of sophomores Kevin Coduti (18.8 points per game), Cory Brathol (17.6 points per game) and Pete Moe (9.8 points per game).

Also entering the line-up today is Jimmy Roberts, who has missed the past three games due to an ankle injury. As a squad this year, NMU has scored 70.4 per contest while giving up 66.8 per contest.

On Saturday the Wildcats will be taking on Wayne State University at 3 p.m. The Tartars (2-2 overall, 1-0 GLIAC) have wins over Lake Superior State and Siena Heights. WSU has three players that Northern will have to keep their eyes on. Senior Terrance Porter (19.3 points per

game), junior Tony Goins (18.3 points per game) and sophomore Adam Jones (10.8 points per game).

"Our chemistry right now is great," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "Thursday it's going to feel

great to be home. We'll have fresh legs and be rested. Our guys are starting to get the feeling that they are playing good ball right now, and I think they're ready to go out and show the public."

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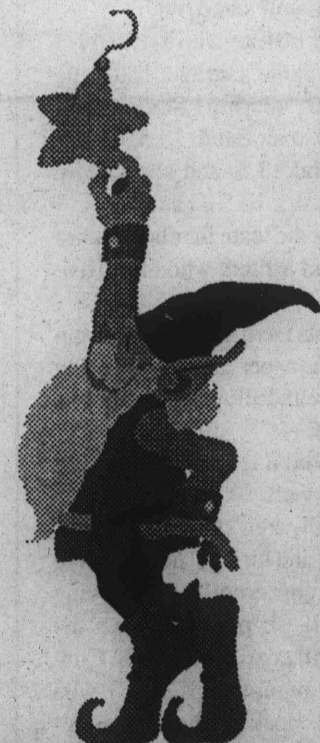
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