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Internet accounts purged too early

BY LUCAS ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

It was supposed to be just a routine process, but it left some students unable to access their e-mail or the Internet through NMU's server.

On Tuesday night, programmers changed the program that controls NMU students' online access from fall to winter semester. The adjustment was made Tuesday, but Wednesday was the deadline for returning students to pay their tuition

and fees.

This meant that the program would not recognize any student whose tuition payments had not been processed by then. Such students were blocked from online access.

"When the program was rolled from the fall to the winter semester, the program automatically disabled [those accounts]," said Sheila Etelamaki, information technology officer at Administrative Information Technologies.

Etelamaki said she has met with some

of NMU's programmers to talk about changing the program.

"It's going to change," she said. "It's going to follow the same process as enrollment."

When the reprogramming is done, the program that would enable or disable students' online accounts will not automatically disable if students have not paid tuition, Etelamaki said.

Rather, it will happen in conjunction with students being dropped from enrollment.

Etelamaki said there have been no previous problems with disabled accounts when this program was changed to the new semester.

She said the only students who should have had problems were those whose tuition payments hadn't been processed by the end of the day Tuesday.

"They made a mistake — it's totally ridiculous," said Tim Brand, a sophomore computer programming major. "The computer system is very unreliable; you just expect this sort of thing."

Tragedy strikes Seaborg Center work site

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A masonry worker died and another was injured while working on the Seaborg Center construction project shortly before noon on Dec. 28.

Terry Bell, age 40, and Bill Loft, also 40, were working in a suspended basket attached to a truck. They were putting up a winter enclosure for the building when the basket tipped and the two workers fell about 30 feet. Both were transferred by ambulance to Marquette General Hospital.

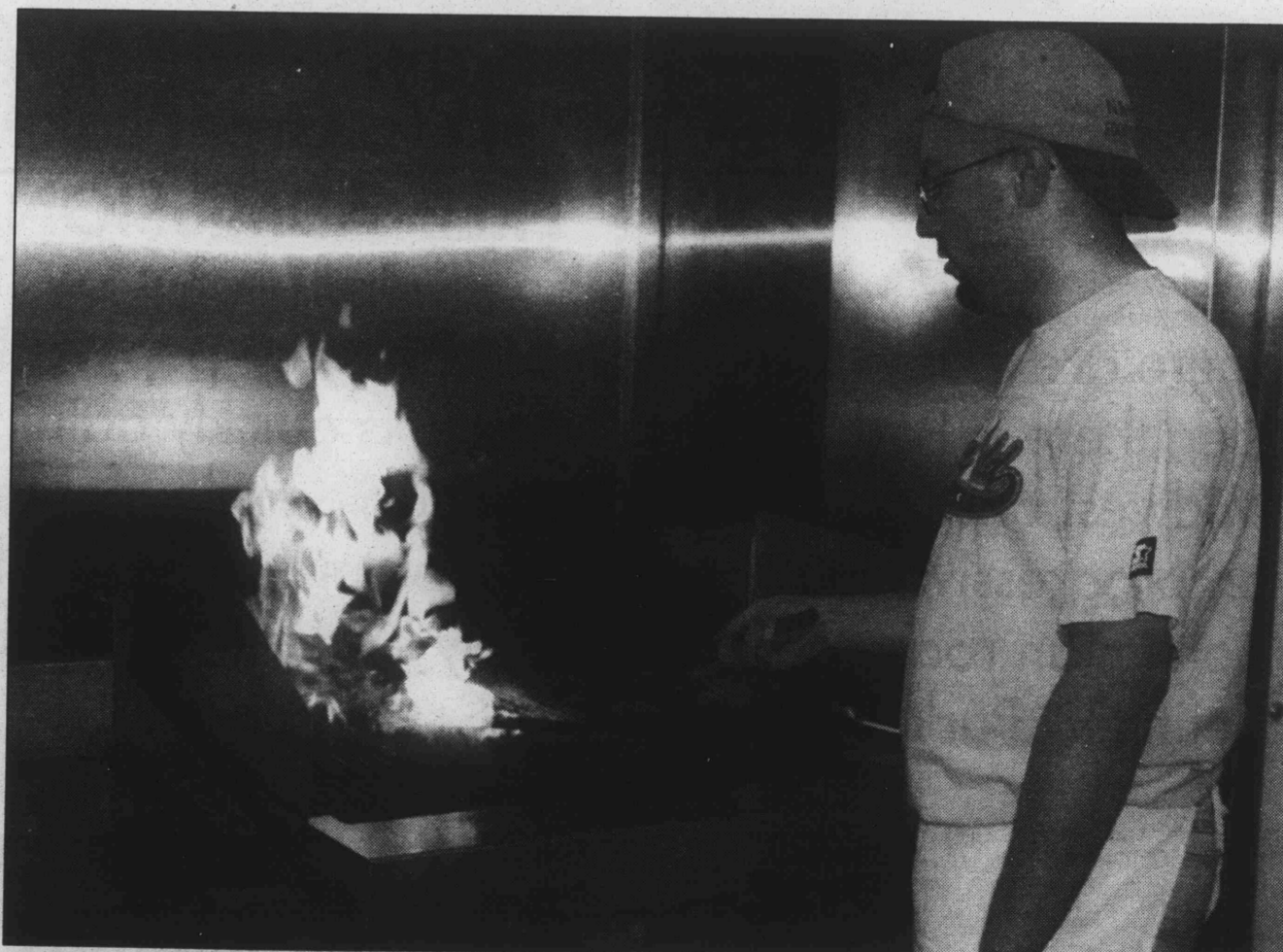
Loft was initially listed as being in fair condition with numerous broken bones and was released Tuesday, Jan. 4, from the hospital. Terry Bell passed away approximately three hours after arriving at Marquette General. Bell is survived by a wife and two children.

"Terry was a good friend of the company," said Brad Adams of Closner Construction, the masonry subcontractor on the Seaborg project. "No legal action will be taken by the family."

Jim Johnson of DeVere Construction said that the Michigan Occupational Safety Hazard Association (MIOSHA) has finished its investigation on the accident, but the results of the investigation have not been made available to Closner

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It'll make you sweat



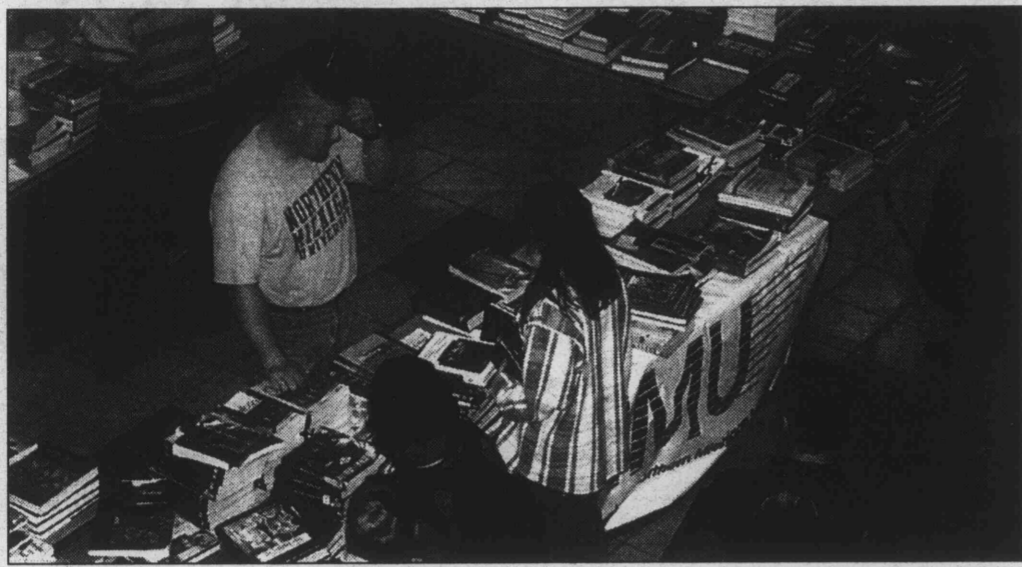
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With four years of experience, senior computer science major Rick Reinacher demonstrates his grill prowess. With the start of the winter semester, hungry students returned to the Wildcat Den on Monday.

Text seller

Brian Kloack assists students shopping at the ASNMU fundraising book sale Monday in the lobby of the UC. The book sale lasts until the end of the week.

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Construction or the general contractor of the Seaborg Center, DeVere Construction.

"Typically, fatality investigations take a month or so to investigate," said Maura Campbell, Media and Public Relations Director for the Michigan

Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Her department oversees the Michigan Bureau of Safety and Regulation, which is still investigating Closner's compliance with safety standards.

She said the investigation is more like a safety audit than an investigation of the actual inci-

dent. Campbell said she expects the Fatal Incident Investigation report to be completed in about a month.

"Basically they're looking to see if there were any violations of worker safety standards," Campbell said. "Sometimes we find out it was an accident."

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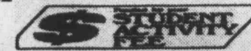
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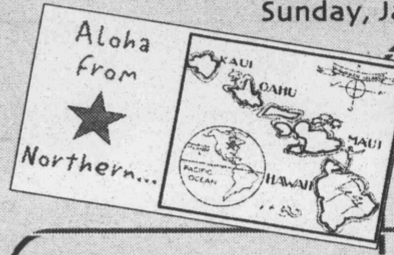
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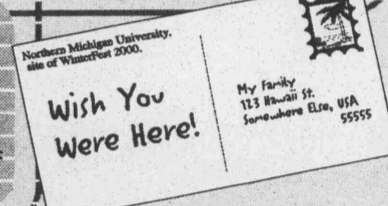
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National

Murdering sleepwalker gets life

PHOENIX — An electrical engineer who claimed he was sleepwalking when he stabbed his wife to death and held her head underwater, was found guilty on Monday and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Scott Falater, 44, was charged in the murder of his wife of twenty years, Yarmila. The couple have two teenage children. The jury decided that Falater could not have been sleepwalking when he stabbed his wife 44 times with a hunting knife, and then held her head underwater in the family swimming pool, just outside of Phoenix. He then changed his clothes and put them, along with the murder weapon, in a plastic container in the trunk of his car. The prosecution was seeking the death penalty, but was satisfied with the sentencing. Falater showed no emotion as the verdict was read.

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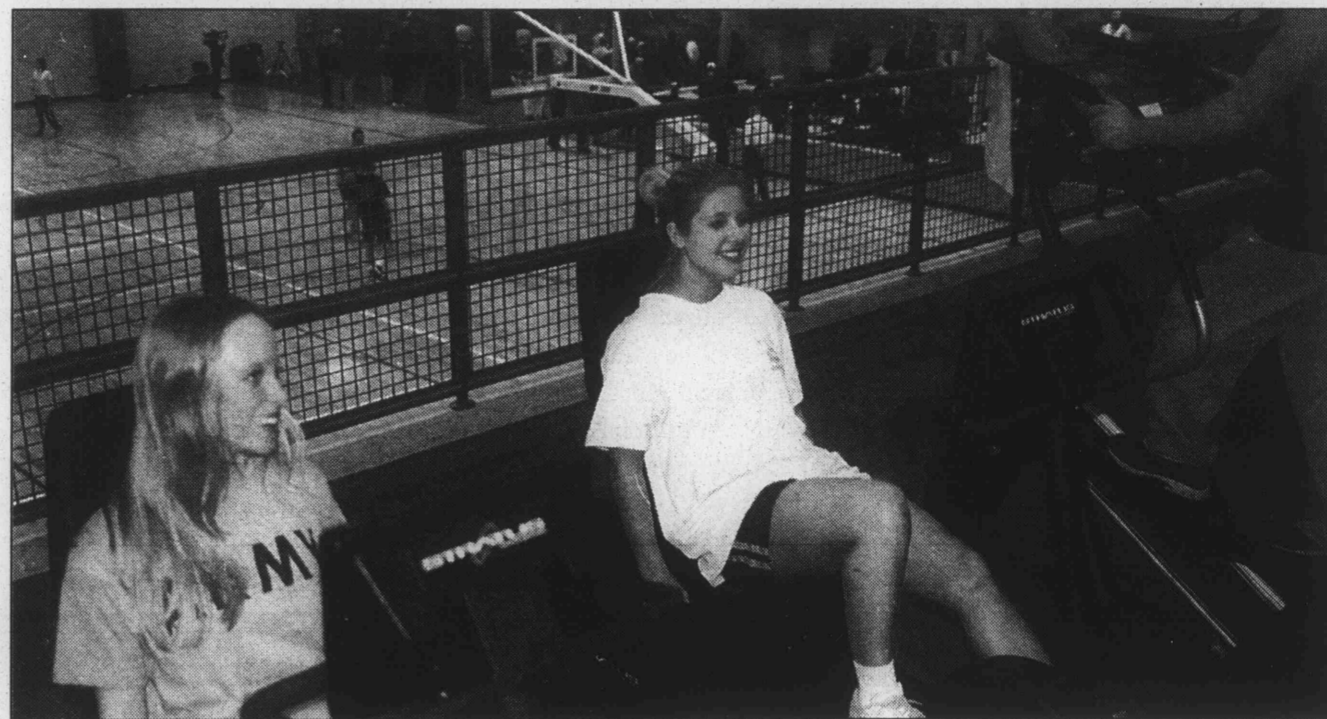
Korean nuclear sites on the Net

A non-profit organization in the U.S. has posted pictures of a North Korean nuclear test site on the Internet. In the past, only government officials with security clearance could view such photos, but now anyone can buy them from a private firm with a satellite that can take the detailed pictures. The Federation of National Scientists (FAS), a group focused on national security issues, bought pictures of North Korea's Taepodong missile test site for \$2,000 and posted them on its website, www.fas.org, this week for the world to see. U.S. defense and intelligence officials warn against downplaying the sites, despite the appearance of primitive facilities.

Columbia to receive \$1.6 billion

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Tuesday President Clinton proposed a \$1.6 billion aid package to support the Columbia's war against drugs. Officials are calling the drug production rapidly growing. Clinton said in a written statement that the aid is "urgently needed" to help keep illegal drugs out of the United States. It is estimated that four fifths of the cocaine that enters the U.S. either comes from or is transported through Columbia. The \$1.6 billion is intended to be spread over two years, and help the Colombian government push into the southern part of Columbia where coca-growing regions are located. The area is currently controlled by guerrillas.

—Compiled from news services



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Above, NMU cheerleaders Richelle Carlson (sophomore, pre-med), left, and Lisa Zanon (sophomore, elementary education) work on strength and endurance training Tuesday at the newly-opened Physical Education Instructional Facility. At left, ASNMU President Nick Vivian and NMU President Judi Bailey mug for the camera while cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

PEIF doors thrown open

Ceremony marks opening of new exercise facility

BY LUCAS ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday night a crowd of students, faculty and community members attended the official opening of the revamped Physical Education Instructional Facility.

The first floor of the area that previously housed the ice rink now contains two basketball courts, a climbing wall, and a tennis court made from a polyurethane "pour & play" surface, and study and lounge areas,

said Carl Bammert, facility manager at Recreational Facilities and Services.

The second floor, overlooking this area, contains all-new aerobics, biking, and treadmill equipment, weight benches, and a lounge with a big-screen TV.

"The great thing about this is that it's not just a recreational center," Bammert said. "It's also a social area, and it's got study areas."

In addition, a few other areas were changed and the hallways were repainted.

On hand for the ceremonial

ribbon-cutting were President Judi Bailey, ASNMU President Nick Vivian, Vice President of Finance and Administration Michael Roy, and Recreational Facilities and Services Director Ken Godfrey, who Bailey credited as providing the vision for the facility's new look.

"The changes are phenomenal, compared to what it used to be," said Christina Fischetti, a graduate student studying for her MPA.

The cost of a semester pass for NMU students is \$25. The pass grants access to the PEIF, the Superior Dome, and the Berry Events Center. It is paid through students' NMU financial accounts.

FORECAST

- Friday: Partly sunny with highs near 15 to 20 degrees.
- Saturday: Snow likely, highs from 0 to 10.
- Sunday: Chance of snow, highs near 30, lows near 20.

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Trestle to be removed

BY LUCAS ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

For years, the abandoned section of Wisconsin Central Railroad trestle that spanned Front Street and read, "Marquette, home of Northern Michigan University," welcomed thousands passing into downtown Marquette.

As of the Marquette City Commission meeting Dec. 28, its days are numbered.

The commission approved removing this section as well, with a 5-1 vote, with Commissioner David Carlson absent. The yellow lettering has already been removed.

U.P. Engineers and Architects began work on dismantling the trestle, which runs from South Fourth Street to Lakeshore Boulevard, on Tuesday. The ore dock extending into Lower Harbor will remain.

The Front Street section was originally going to be kept because of its historical value and familiarity.

Commissioner Tony Tollefson cast the only vote against removal.

"I felt it was a landmark for the city that was positive and not negative ... So many people remember Marquette because of the trestle; it was a distinguishing landmark.

After the trestle is removed, a linear park will be constructed in

its place. "I feel they could have incorporated that section into the linear park," Tollefson said.

Some students also disagreed with the removal. "I don't think anything that has that much nostalgia behind it should be removed," undeclared sophomore Mike Ferszt said. "It's important to keep things that have historical value."

"It seems like they've been

taking down a lot of Marquette's heritage," undeclared sophomore Michelle Helppi said.

Commissioners and residents at the Dec. 28 meeting, however, disagreed.

"That [section of] trestle sitting up here by itself does nothing to the city," Mayor Frank Sciotto said at the meeting. "It's going to be an eyesore sitting up there by itself."



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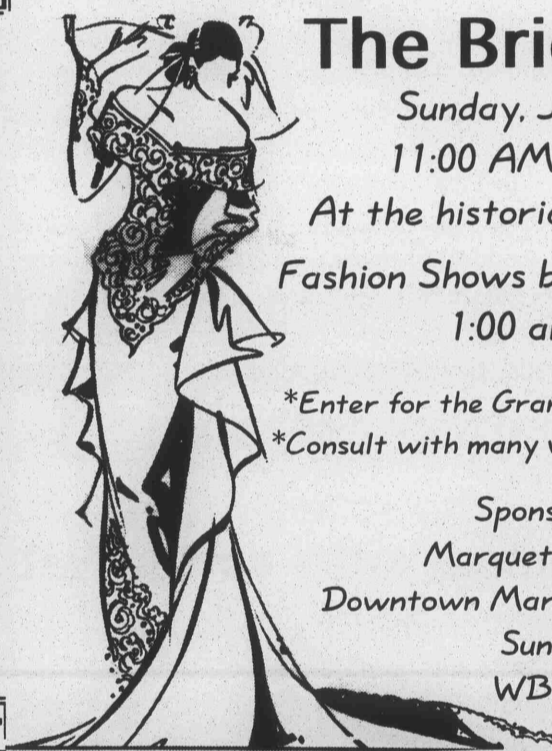
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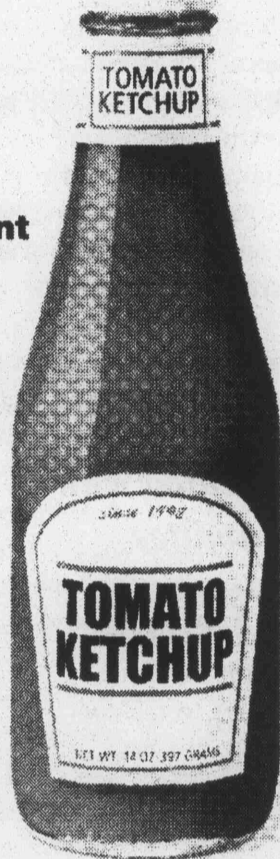
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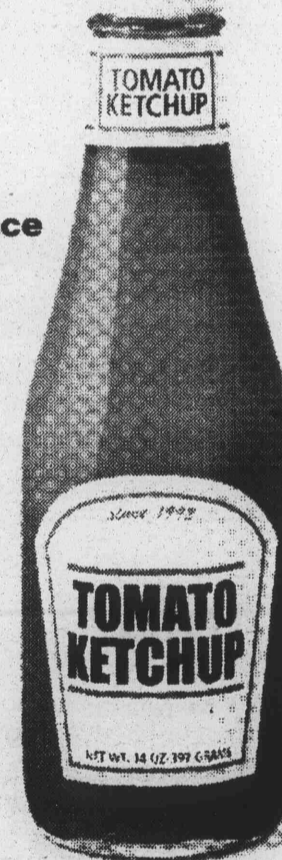
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EDITORIAL

TLC: Calm our fears

Certainly no one intended to pull the e-rug out from under the e-feet of those students last week when their online abilities were disabled. But it is events such as the purging of some students' Internet accounts which leaves us nervous about the impending fall semester, when the laptop initiative shifts into high gear.

Students may tend to feel ill at ease with regard to the university's computer systems as a result of the cumulative affect of many factors.

Every time a student gets a busy signal when attempting to gain remote access via a dial-up connection, that student gets nervous about TLC.

When Lydia crashed, and there wasn't a back up system, students got nervous.

Every time SOLAR crashes, students get nervous about TLC.

Perhaps it would do us well to expect the same of NMU's computer system as we do of the bookstore at the beginning and end of each semester. Although it may hurt at times, it is a necessary evil. The inconveniences are far outweighed by the benefit of access to the knowledge made available through these media. Also, the staffs who deal with both books and computers work extremely hard to bring the best possible service to students.

Yet this does not ameliorate students' tentative acceptance of the TLC.

For now, however, NMU sophomore Tim Brand, a computer programming major, put it well when he said of the premature purge, "It gets to the point where you just expect this sort of thing."

It is naive not to expect there to be growing pains as the university moves toward full implementation of the TLC. However, the students of NMU deserve to feel confident that there is a solid foundation upon which to place this revolutionary program.

Students should be able to rely upon electronic media such as SOLAR and remote dial-up access to the Internet and e-mail servers. However, it is also the students' responsibility to ensure their own success by paying tuition early.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor concerned for mad bricklayer

I am concerned about the fate of the mad bricklayer, and of his creation. We are, alas, used to stories about mad proletarians, but their madness is manifested by firing automatic weapons at their fellow workers. So this guy's madness must be of a different sort. Could it be the divine madness that Plato claims is the inspiration of poets? The bricklayer's crime is not malicious destruction, not harm directed to others, but only an attempt to be playful and to amuse us. Amid all of the gloom and stress of life, we could use more such madmen.

It is unnecessary, perhaps even wrong, to remove the smiley faces. They fit the style of the building. The design is typically postmodern, with lots of eclectic and playful bits. It has, for example, round windows. Where does one ever see round windows, except in ships or churches? The building has in its façade unnecessary pillars — pillars which hold up nothing. And viewed from the north, the lack of a brick façade on the upper part of the building makes it look like two buildings, one stacked atop the other.

I do not mean these remarks as negative criticism. This is

architecture of our time. But the design of the building is playful, and one more goofy element, indeed an element that is hard to see, fits in and hardly merits this tempest in a teapot. The faces also do as much to make the campus as interesting and unique as does the ubiquity of laptops. I would hope that we can preserve and protect the smiley faces and the mad bricklayer who created them.

Donald F. Dreisbach
 Department of Philosophy

Student frustrated with housing committee

I am a student at this university who, like many before me, is stuck in the dorms. It is not like my door leading to the outside is stuck closed, or I have a phobia that keeps me from entering the outside world. I am restricted by the greed of Northern Michigan University who will not allow me to move out of my dorm.

I asked to leave. I wrote a letter. I waited. I hoped. The letter I received from the Housing Committee seemed to be a standard form letter, which only changes by date and never by its statement. It decrees that I am not permitted to leave. The committee stated that I have not proven adequate reasons for

leaving the dorms. My claim is this — I am 25 years old (independent), and I can't afford to live in the dorms. It is \$30 less to live in the dorms than it is to pay my tuition. That is without a meal plan — a plan I can't afford — that is an additional \$640. However, the committee doesn't feel these reasons are adequate.

The stress of no money is something I am sure quite a few of you have encountered while you have attended school. It would seem the university gouges you with every added cost, from a learning technology fee that I am still not sure where the money goes, to a text book that cost \$50 but is only worth \$5 when they have to buy it back.

My housing arrangements had fallen through right before school started last semester, and I needed a place to stay. Now this winter semester, I have found a place to rent for almost half what I pay in the dorms, yet that is not a good enough reason to leave either, according to the committee. The greed of Northern is shown by the fact that the dorms are almost full beyond capacity, yet they still would not let me leave. I wrote a letter to Carl Holm, who is in charge of housing at Northern, to

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MARK PATRAW nrthwind@nmu.edu



Gloom without doom

This whole millenium thing was a colossal disappointment. Computers failed to fail, bank accounts only accounted for what we actually had in our accounts, and nobody got blown up by stray nuclear bombs. And it wasn't even the real turn of the millenium. What a rip off.

I, of course, being as unbelievably enlightened as I am, knew that none of these things were going to occur. But it sure was amusing to watch the hysteric masses. A friend of mine was working at a grocery store on New Year's Eve. She said there were lines of people all the way to the back of the store waiting to buy eight packages of toilet paper and three cases of bottled water. — not to mention all the canned food they piled into their carts. I wonder if all those people went home and hid in their underground bomb shelters with their electric can openers and waited for the end of the world.

One guy my friend waited on did not have the standard package of Charmin in arm. Oh no — he decided that his necessities for his last night on earth were a six pack of cheap beer and a bottle of ... well ... a feminine hygiene product. I can't make this stuff up, folks. He asked my friend if she saw Australia's New Year's celebration on TV. He said they had the Eiffel Tower lit up like you wouldn't believe. This display of awesome intellect makes me wonder if the world should end. Or at least some of the herd should be thinned.

And it was almost the end of the world. The signs pointed to the destruction of our civilization. Natural disasters, stock market downfall and the retirement of Celine Dion all say "we're doomed" to me.

But, we managed to move forward,

STAFF COLUMN



By CASSANDRA CLAWSON

swearing that our hearts will go on. OK, that will be about enough of Celine.

And then there were the skeptics — those who did not buy into the Y2K end of life as we know it. Did we party excessively? Not really. We mostly just sat around the bars and made fun of all the people at home in their bunkers with their supply of toilet paper and water that will probably last them until the next century. What good is a lifetime supply of paper products going to be if you're blown to little tiny bits? Wouldn't you rather be half in the bag with a glass of champagne in one hand, a party horn in the other and a ridiculous hat on your head? That's how I want to go out and I was prepared.

So, the turn of the supposed millenium was a bust. The clock hit midnight, but nothing hit the fan. Not even a flicker of electricity or the scream of sirens. The only thing we have to overcome is our tendency to write 1999 on our checks. I tell you what, after this hootenanny, I'm not going to get excited about the next millenium.

Editor's Note: Cassandra Clawson welcomes reactions to her column at cclawson@nmu.edu.

Just the facts ... man

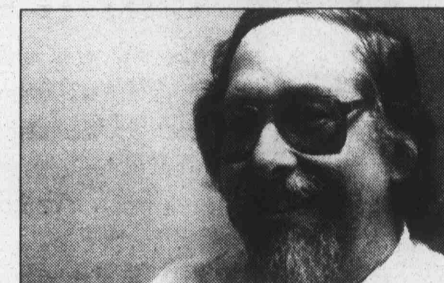
The ubiquitous presence of game shows on network television finds Regis Philbin asking contestants for final answers three times a week, while Maury Povich and 70-year-old teen-wannabe Dick Clark do the same on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" clones.

As sitcoms seem to be fading into oblivion, prime time quiz shows are enjoying a phoenix-like revival. Network executives must be pleased; game show formats are less complex, and thus less costly. They need no fancy cinematography, deft writing skills, or lucid story lines. High-priced stars and co-stars can be replaced; all that's necessary is a host, a handful of contestants, and just the facts, ma'am.

Quite a bit has been said about the fact that male contestants tend to outnumber female contestants because the programs' selection processes seem to result in more men. This also seems to be the case on Public TV 13's stellar production "High School Bowl," for which your humble columnist serves as scorekeeper/time-keeper and occasional judge.

No one is suggesting that such results mean men are smarter than women, of course; apologists and analysts of every stripe have blamed factors ranging from geography and the cost of a phone call to that theoretical, psychological "drive" that is apparently a byproduct of testosterone. "It's only because men have a stronger desire to succeed at something and are more willing to pander

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By DON WILKIE

to that desire that so many of them get on the show," we are told.

No doubt the producers wish it were otherwise. More diverse contestants would provide a universal "feel," after all—and probably a more universal audience. But what choice do they have? Success in the qualifying rounds, both before and during the broadcast, depends on speed and accuracy. Get the right answers most quickly, and you're in; there's no "ladies' tee" for the fairer sex.

On the other hand, I wouldn't be surprised if somewhere, hidden away in a cubicle office and surrounded by encyclopedias, a cadre of researchers is working night and day to come up with questions that are more female-friendly.

Skewing policy for the sake of diversity? Equality at any price? It's not that far-fetched of an idea, you know. Some people might even say it happens in the real world, too—but that shouldn't be our final answer.

Editor's Note: Don Wilkie welcomes reactions to his column at dowilkie@nmu.edu.

SOUND OFF

Next Week: Do you think NMU needs an affirmative action policy?

Before Jan. 1, 2000, were you worried about the computer problems?



Heather Berg
sophomore, elementary ed.

"No, I wasn't worried because I figured the whole Y2K thing was just some hype to make some money."

Daniel Watterworth
freshman, psychology

"Yes, because of the nation's fear that something might happen — real or not — would cause problems, not to mention all the psychopaths and cultists that might cause something to happen."



Each week we will pose a question. If you have something to say on the topic, stop by The North Wind office in room 2310 of the University Center and fill out our SOUND OFF questionnaire by 7 p.m. Monday. We will choose two opposing views to print in the next issue.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Housing

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inquire about who is on the committee and what gives them the right to keep an individual in the dorms against his or her will. His reply is as follows:

"The Housing Committee (the Committee to which contract release applicants whose application has been denied appeal to) includes: a representative from ASNMU, a representative from the Residence Hall Presidents Roundtable, a resident director, a representative from the Dean of Students office, and a representative from the Financial Aid Office.

"I serve as the chair of the Housing Committee and vote if there is a tie. We do not provide the names of the committee members."

I asked ASNMU president Nick Vivian, who is a member of this committee, if he knew who else serves on this committee in an attempt to find out why my specific request was denied beyond the standard answer I already received.

His reply startled me — he said he neither meets with nor knows the other members of the committee. The process is done by mail. No one really knows who is on it, and apparently no one will tell.

What is the ultimate goal of Northern? Is it to offer students an education in a environment conducive to the students' needs, or is it to offer students an environment conducive to Northern's needs?

Aaron Krieger

Alumus offers opinion on student government

It does a old ASNMU and Northern Alumnus good to see that there never is a dull moment in the lives of the Students' elected Representatives.

There was a lot of debate about the handling of CCC and in the end one thing was defined. That ASNMU did it's job. Though I may not agree with it, I do commend all that took part.

I, however, want to add a thought about the SFC and ASNMU. It is never acceptable for the SFC to be the final authority of any decision. Those folks were not elected but appointed.

Representation, if meant to work, must come from people that are elected and answerable to the people. (Note the use of people twice, highlighting the importance of that fact.)

If ASNMU does not reign in the SFC, you will find that ASNMU has created an elitist organization that weilds too much power.

Now back to powering the Technology Driven Economy!

Frank Krieger

Student remembers Gagne's zest for life

On Dec. 15, Northern Michigan University lost one of its finest. Blair Gagne passed away as the result of a fatal car accident. If you had known

Blair, you would have known him to be one of the kindest, most caring, honest and sincere students to walk the NMU campus.

Throughout his lifetime and the time that I have known Blair, I had come to appreciate his dedication and commitment to making Northern a better place. As an undergraduate, he worked within the Housing and Residence Life Staff. He was the chairman of First Impressions and served as the chairman for

the Student Finance Committee. And just this year, Blair, now a graduate student in the Masters of Public Administration program, came to me in hopes of becoming a representative on the ASNMU Student Assembly. I remember the conversation well.

"What does it take to be a representative on ASNMU?" I told him, "A little time, some hard work, a lot of heart and much dedication." He had told me that while an undergraduate, he had never had the opportunity

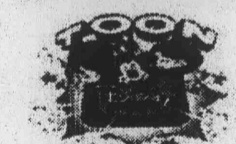
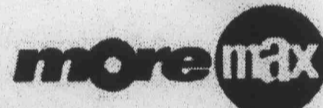
to serve as a representative, but would give anything to take the position. Soon after, he was appointed to the position and became one of our finest.

Politically, Blair and I didn't agree on a whole lot. But we did agree to disagree and had many energetic conversations about who was right on the issue of the day. Despite this, I came to gain a better understanding of who Blair Gagne really was. A man

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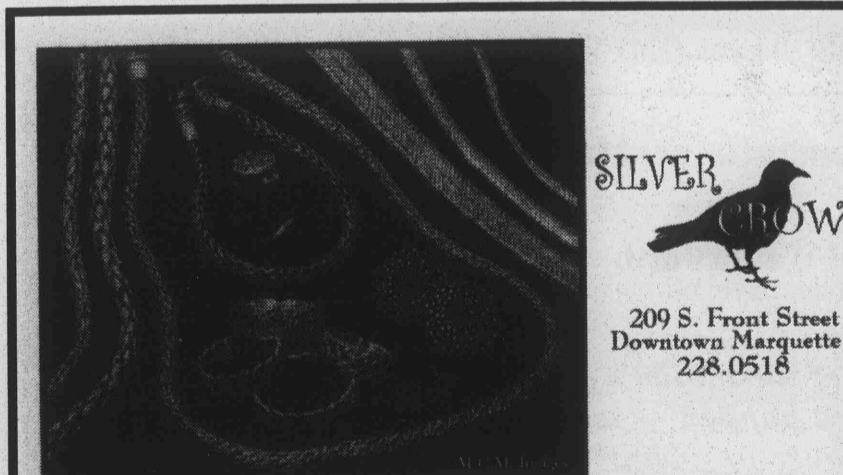
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Gagne

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of honor and integrity, Blair managed to successfully hold down a full-time job, full-time attendance as a graduate student and an undeniable zest for life.

Again, if you had known Blair, you would have seen him as the person who attended every organizational meeting, participated in every group activity and helped out with even those things that nobody else wanted to pursue.

As a student of Northern Michigan University, Blair Gagne

will be missed by his professors and his colleagues.

As a member of ASNMU, he will be sadly missed by all of his friends. And as a friend of mine, Blair's death will forever serve as a reminder that we must live life to its fullest each and every day as he did. I have learned a lot from Blair and the memories of his warm smile, and his incredible dedication will live on forever.

Blair, we miss you, and you will never be forgotten.

Nick Vivian

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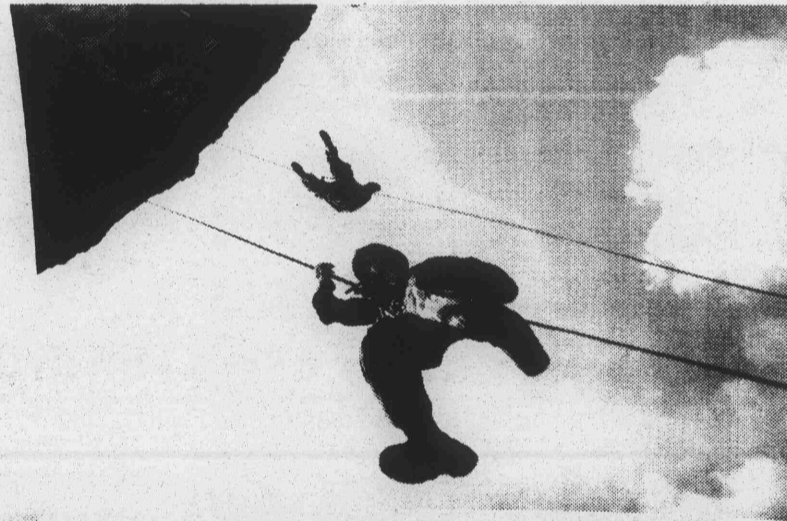


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NMU sponsoring health and safety programs

MARQUETTE — Continuing Education at Northern Michigan University is sponsoring a series of health and safety programs to address the University's training needs.

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OSHA construction awareness, forklift operator safety and many more.

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JOBSearch teams with e-resource

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University's JOBSearch Center recently

announced a partnership with JobDirect.com, one of the nation's leading internet career development resources for college students.

The JOBSearch Center will be using JobDirect.com's resume exchange program to allow NMU students and alumni to post their resumes online, search for available positions, and receive a weekly electronic newsletter featuring news about upcoming events sponsored by the JOBSearch Center. Employers will be able to use resume exchange to view the resumes of graduation seniors and contact

potential job applicants.

"As more and more employers use the internet and the world wide web to fulfill their hiring needs, it's critical that NMU's JOBSearch Center stay in tune with innovations in this industry," said Frick.

Drop-in storytime set at library

MARQUETTE — Peter White Public Library's drop-in storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds is held Thursday mornings, January 13 through May 25, from

10:30-11:00 in the children's area at its temporary location at NMU. Call 228-9510 for more information.

Woodwork class hosted by NCLL

The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning will sponsor two six-week woodworking classes, from 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 137 of the Jacobetti Center. The courses will be Jan. 17 to Feb. 23, and March 9 to April 12. For more information or to register, call 222-2979.

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March 24, 2000	Last day for a Master's degree candidate, who had previously applied for graduation, to finalize graduation including submitting thesis, file papers or project. Candidates who have not completed their requirements by this date will not be allowed to participate in commencement.
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Martin Luther King Jr. Week activities all set

BY NATHAN JENNINGS
STAFF WRITER

Starting Jan. 17, the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee will be celebrating the birth of King by holding various activities through the 22nd.

"We want to raise awareness of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.," Pamela Motoike, Co-Chairperson of the Committee, said.

The activities begin Monday at 3 p.m. in the Ontario Room of the University Center with a panel discussion facilitated by Jon Davies, Assistant Professor of Education. They will be discussing being an activist in com-

placent times. "The purpose of the discussion is to take a look at activism in the 60s and the present day," Motoike said, "to teach people how to be an activist when no one around you is."

Also on Monday at 7 p.m., there will be a celebration of word and song at the First Baptist Church (728 W. Kaye Ave. across from Jamrich). This will feature ECHOES from Heaven Choir of MTU, readings, Baha'i Step Dancers and community choirs.

From January 17 to January 30, individuals are invited to help give back something to their community through a clothing drive, storytelling at Peter White Library and other community projects.

For all middle and high school students in the Alger Intermediate School District, there will be an essay contest.

"We want to encourage people to donate and get involved with their community," Motoike said.

All events are sponsored by the NMU Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Diversity Student Services, NMU Student Volunteer Center, the Marquette County Volunteer Center and the Marquette Alger Intermediate School District.

For more information, Pamela Motoike can be reached at 227-1554. For information on the clothing drive and storytelling, call Stacy MacDonald at 227-2466.

Two colleges to merge

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University will reduce the number of its colleges from five to four, in keeping with the reorganization plan outlined by President Judi Bailey at her fall convocation.

Effective July 1, the College of Behavioral Sciences, Human Services and Education will combine with the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences to create a new College of Professional Studies.

Bailey approved the recommendation made by Fred Joyal, interim vice president for academic affairs. It was approved by the NMU Board of Control at its Dec. 17 meeting.

"This combination would eliminate one dean position," said Joyal. "It would produce a larger, more efficient unit from an

administrative perspective. It also would bring together, in one college, the majority of professional programs."

Joyal said he seriously considered further reductions in the number of colleges, but determined they weren't warranted at this time. Joyal will review the matter on an annual basis.

The College of Professional Studies will be comprised of the school of education and the following departments: psychology; clinical lab sciences; practical nursing; nursing; sociology and social work; health, physical education and recreation; criminal justice; and communication disorders. There are 105 faculty positions in the affected units.

In January, administrators plan to begin a search for a dean of the College of Professional Studies.

Betty Hill currently serves as dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Cameron Howes is interim dean of the College of Behavioral Sciences, Human Services and Education.

"I do not envision any changes in curriculum or program as a direct result of combining these academic units — at least not in the first year or two," Joyal said.

In order to gather input on internal college restructuring, Joyal held two public forums on campus, developed and monitored a Web forum, and made the issue a standing agenda item for the weekly academic deans cabinet meeting. He also obtained opinions via e-mail or private conversations with faculty and administrators.

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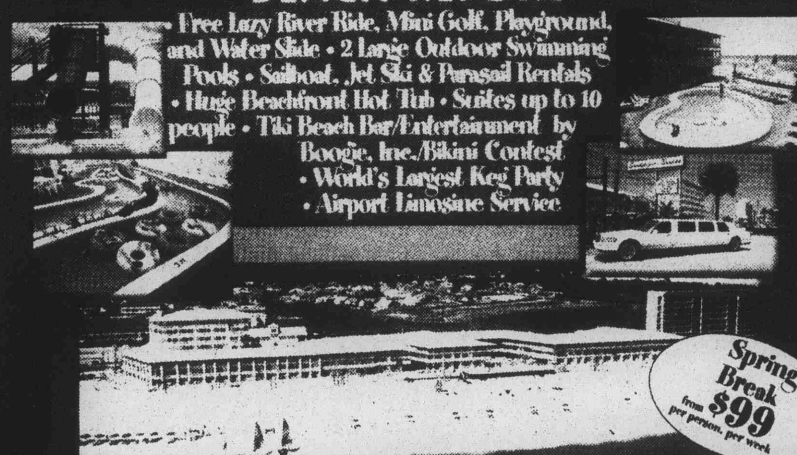
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Inuit art featured at NMU Museum

The creative works of numerous artists from six Canadian Arctic regions will be featured in the next exhibit at the NMU Art Museum. "Cultural Reflections: Contemporary Inuit Art" will be on display until Feb. 9.

The exhibition is from the Denno Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. The pieces represent a survey of Inuit stonecut, sealskin and lithograph prints and sculptures from the late '50s to the present.

A slide presentation, "The Inuit of Alaska and Canada," will be shown at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the gallery.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends.

Board of Control elects chair, vice chair for 2000

Gil L. Ziegler of Williamsburg will serve as chair of the NMU Board of Control this year. Daniel G. DeVos of Ada will

serve as vice chair.

Ziegler, who succeeds Scott L. Holman, has served as president of Alken-Ziegler Inc., which is located in Kalkaska and Jasper, Ga. since 1969. He also heads the Horton Co. of Jasper, Ziegler Trucking of Kalkaska, and Harbour Air of Traverse City.

DeVos is vice president for corporate affairs for Amway Corporation. He is a member of Amway's policy board and serves on its executive committee.

He is chairman and CEO of the Georgian International Group of Companies Ltd., headquartered in Barrie, Ontario.

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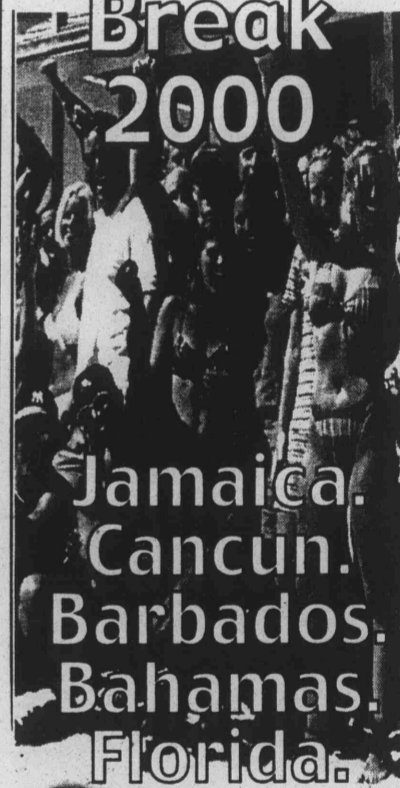
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Professor's art featured in Den

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

NMU professor Thomas Cappuccio used electronic imaging and traditional art to make a five-panel "Creation Mural."

The mural can be seen in its permanent location at the Wildcat Den in the University Center, which Cappuccio called; "a beautiful space for the artwork."

The artwork shows the creation of earth based on the "Big Bang" theory. The first panel displays a view of nothingness — no light, time or space.

The next two depict the seconds before the creation of earth and the rapid rotation of particles to form a sphere after the explosion.

The final two panels show the earth forming, and cooling, then an arial view of Michigan and the Great Lakes.

"My interest in creation combined with cosmology, art and computers, all came together for this project," said Cappuccio. "I wanted to do something for the University, I have a great respect for the faculty and for the students."

"The concept behind the paintings really makes the art-

work," said freshman public relations major Justin Owens. "To take something as big as the 'Big Bang' theory and portray it in artwork shows how much talent (Cappuccio) has."

The entire mural covers an area of about six feet tall and 33 feet long. Because of its size, the canvases had to be worked on in Cappuccio's garage.

"My mural isn't intended to be a literal interpretation of the scientific theory," Cappuccio said. "It deals with the general concept that, out of nothing, matter and energy, as well as time and space, were created."

Students Kristie Angeli, Lucas Jaqua and Elizabeth Magyar provided assistance. They stretched the canvas, primed the surface, and did the underpainting for the mural.

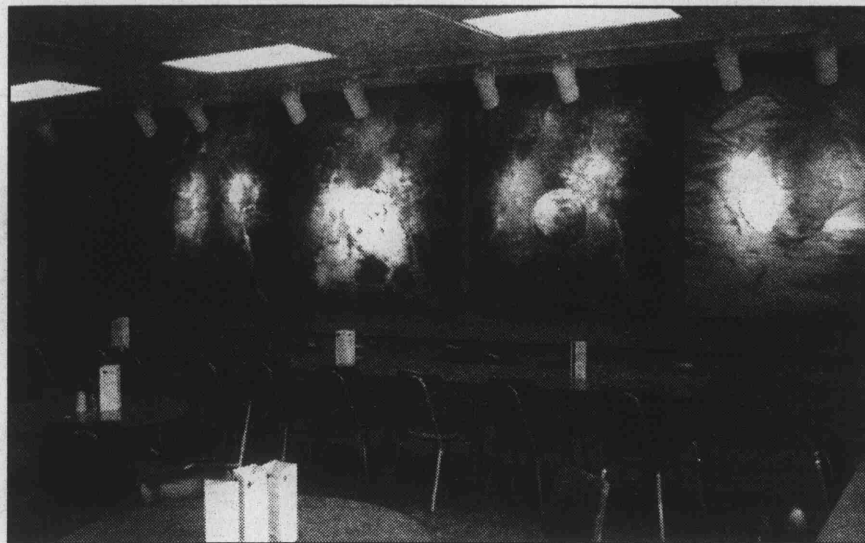
After ten days of work, the students stepped aside, and Cappuccio began to work on his own. He worked each day in his garage for nearly two months to finish his creation.

"As a painting progresses, the palette develops into a myriad of hues and textures," Cappuccio said. "It is sometimes even more visually appealing than the actual painting one is working on."

This is the second Cappuccio mural on display at NMU. The first was a rendering of the late Glenn Seaborg, who is shown above a periodic chart. It is housed in the West Science building.



Cappuccio



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Thomas Cappuccio's "Creation Mural," based on Earth's creation starting with the Big Bang, is displayed in the Wildcat Den.



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Juggling with power

In case you missed it, America Online and Time Warner announced an all-stock merger Monday morning. The deal joined the No.1 Internet service provider with the biggest media company on the planet. Big deal, you say?

Well, it certainly is a big deal.

Aside from the now combined market capitalization of \$360 billion, the move brings together a lot more companies than you might think. America Online owns CompuServe, Netscape, ICQ, Digital City and AOL Moviefone. When you match that with the Time Warner subsidiaries of CNN, Time, Warner Bros., People Magazine, HBO, Sports Illustrated, Cartoon Network, Warner Music Group — which has a very long list of its own subsidiaries, Fortune, Entertainment Weekly and Looney Tunes, you get a company with a lot of power. How much power?

When was the last time you went a day without using any of the aforementioned companies' products and/or services?

Exactly.

Now, as if this doesn't already present a situation that could easily be abused, America Online Chairman and CEO, Steve Case says that, "By joining forces with Time Warner, we will fundamentally change the way people get information, communicate with others, buy products, and are entertained..."

Am I the only one who is scared by this?

Think about it for a moment. Case says that they "will" make fundamental changes. A company controlled by a handful of people, who state they will make changes in issues that affect most of us every single day, now has the means and the medium. This is one step from saying, "We will decide what information you get. We will decide who, what, when, where and how you communicate with others. We will decide what we offer you to buy. We will decide what entertainment you should get."

Aren't these the things that the U.S. condemns communist and/or totalitarian political systems for?

All hope may not be lost, however. The federal government has to approve the merger first. With this deal coming on the heels of the Microsoft monopoly decision, some government officials may have reservations. But with this being an election year and politicians needing some campaign funding, America Online Time Warner may just breeze right through this whole exchange unquestioned.

If this is the case, it puts a new burden on consumers. We, as consumers, need to be aware of the options available; it's often too easy to buy what the media sells us. In a time when much value is placed on convenience, we often sacrifice better options because they are not as convenient. Unless we start exercising those other options, there will be fewer and fewer options available. And I guess that's fine if you want to wear Tommy Hilfiger and sip on Starbucks coffee when you're a grandparent, or read only Time magazine for the rest of your life, but for the rest of us, we'd like some choices.

The best way to stay on top?

Stay educated. I believe it was Francis Bacon who said, "Knowledge is power." Knowledge comes from gaining information, communicating with other people and becoming familiar with new products. If we reach the point where others control those acts, we will be powerless to exercise any other option.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY GEOFF HINEMAN

A change to remember



BY JUSTIN MARLOWE
FEATURES STAFF REPORTER

Despite predictions of Y2K gloom and doom, terrorist chaos and doomsday prophecies, the year 2000 has arrived, and, according to many, "Nothing happened." NMU students, who scattered the world over, recall how they celebrated and how Y2K will be remembered in their own hearts and minds.

"I spent a quiet, low-key evening with a group of friends at home in Pulaski, Wis," noted Mary Bal, a freshman undeclared student.

"It was interesting, watching the coverage and seeing all of the different people of the world celebrate. It really seemed like a small world right then."

For many, Marquette's annual downtown ball drop and New Year's celebration provided a fun and interesting event.

Dawn Dore, resident director of Hunt Hall and psychology graduate student, noted that those attending the celebration were "friendly and generally happy to be there. Despite the hype, it was a very peaceful celebration."

Mild temperatures at this year's festival boosted attendance

to record numbers.

Carl Zaeske, a senior outdoor recreation leadership and management major from Okemos, Mich., said he will remember how the millennium hype seemed almost anti-climatic, especially for those who made bold predictions.

Zaeske celebrated at the Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls, Mich.

"By the time we woke up, Australia and New Zealand had shown that problems were unlikely, but that didn't seem to stop some of those people who believed the world was going to end.

"I'll remember how the millennium brought out some interesting characters," he said.

Having recently returned from



The traditional ball drop in Marquette draws a big crowd to Front Street to celebrate

a five-month European study abroad, senior international studies and public relations major Bill Pelton spent the New Year in London, England.

Describing a scene in which searchlights flashed on Big Ben, highlighting fireworks on the Thames River, Pelton said: "It marks a milestone in how we will

look back on history. Of course it was simply another night, but we gave it the significance of a ceremony to mark an end and a beginning."

Although Y2K occurred with plenty of fanfare and little or no harm, many will agree the real excitement of the event happened when people came together in

peace.

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The traditional ball drop in Marquette draws a big crowd to Front Street to celebrate the New Year.

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a five-month European study abroad, senior international studies and public relations major Bill Pelton spent the New Year in London, England.

Describing a scene in which searchlights flashed on Big Ben, highlighting fireworks on the Thames River, Pelton said: “It marks a milestone in how we will

look back on history. Of course it was simply another night, but we gave it the significance of a ceremony to mark an end and a beginning.”

Although Y2K occurred with plenty of fanfare and little or no harm, many will agree the real excitement of the event happened when people came together in

peace.

“That excitement created an atmosphere of a global event — something that everyone could celebrate together,” Pelton, a Marquette native, said. “As the world gets smaller every day, the new millennium provides us a chance to evaluate, change, and celebrate together.”

A northern light on Washington Street

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

The tall, three-story house on 145 West Washington Street has quite a bar history. Once called Scarlett O'Hara's Bar and later The Washington Street Pub, it now carries a more fitting name for the area: Club Aurora.

“Club Aurora, land of the midnight sun,” reads Charles Lane's business card. Lane, who bought the bar last August, wanted to create a different atmosphere, so he remodeled the establishment, including painting the walls and putting in a new oak bar.

Artist Adam Neville painted a landscape of the northern lights on the entrance wall across from the stage.

“The painting goes with the atmosphere I want to have,” Lane said.

Lighted by black lights, the

painting almost looks eerie, showing intertwined tree limbs and roots.

“That is a really cool painting,” said Lisa Warmboe, a senior nursing major. “I like it because it doesn't make it seem that dark; it adds color.”

Other than the painting, Warmboe did not recognize many other changes made to the outlook of the bar.

“We added some color and sweated a little blood,” Lane said.

It took about six months to remodel the bar, and it opened in December. The new bathrooms have already gained recognition in the area, being rated the best smelling bathrooms in Marquette, Lane said.

“We improved every negative part of this bar,” Lane said.

A diverse entertainment schedule helps to fit everybody's taste of music. On Mondays, the bar will again host live jazz bands, and Tuesdays, open mic is being continued. On Wednesdays, a live DJ will encourage kids 18 and older to swing a leg. Local live bands on Thursdays and showcase bands, Fridays and Saturdays are also on

the bar schedule.

“We bring up show case bands from all over,” Lane said. “I am trying to bring in really good entertainment.”

This weekend, Electric Violet, a band from Gaylord, will play at Club Aurora. As described in a press release, their music is described as “a pleasant blend of funk, soul, jazz, pop and worldbeat.”

Vocalist Carlee Strauss is known to have a strong and compelling voice, accompanied by Shane Johnson on guitar, Leo Dombecki on guitar/saxophone/keyboard, Joel Dombecki on the bass guitar and Brian Lee on the drums.

Influences from musicians such as Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley and George Clinton might sound promising to people loving to dance.

The weekend of Jan. 21 will bring the band Voodoo Hippies to Club Aurora.

“We plan on opening a new bar in the same building with a little classier atmosphere,” Lane said.

A bar above the club will be opened probably after spring break, Lane said.



Jun Otsu/NW

The northern lights are painted on the wall, a theme that fits the name of the bar, Club Aurora, well.

Much excitement about nothing

The snow swirled around us as we made the final adjustments to the snowmobile before we sent my roommate down the trail. I brushed the snow off the sled's Tasmanian Devil logo, uncovering his glowing red eyes — as if his eyes too could help us find our missing friend.

"Do you want to call his mom one more time before you head out?" I asked my roommate. He nodded and headed to the truck for the cellular phone. The rest of us stood there, uncomfortably shifting our weight

while we pretended we weren't worried.

The last time my roommate saw Shawn was where we were now standing. The boys had headed opposite ways down the trails, my roommate back to Marquette and Shawn back to his home in Ishpeming.

But it had been almost two hours since Shawn should have been home, and his mom wasn't amused. Neither were we.

"I'm heading down the trail now, and Kevin's coming the other way from Ishpeming," my roommate assured

the anxious mother on the other end.

We armed the sled with flashlights, spark plugs and its chain-smoking driver. I knew it was going to be a long night.

"If I'm not back in an hour, call his mom and tell her ... to call search and rescue or something."

As his taillights faded into the woods, I looked at my watch. 9:30 p.m. The three of us stood there and looked at each other for a while, kicking snow around the road.

"So Shawn was headed straight home?"

"Yeah. The trails were terrible. He has to work in the morning too."

"Hmm. So he flew off his sled earlier today?"

"Mmm-hmm. Good thing the snow's soft for landing."

So we waited. Every time a sled came down the trail, we all leaned forward and strained to see through the darkness.

"Is it them?"

"Well ... no."

Finally, we saw the familiar headlights coming down the trail. There were only two sleds, and we were praying one was Shawn, to no avail.

"There's no sign of him. I'm going back through with Kevin," my roommate said. "I'll call you guys when I get to Ishpeming."

We shuffled back to the truck and drove to my parents' house for some food and pool. It had been four

hours. At midnight the phone rang.

"Hi."

"Hey." I could tell by his tone the news wasn't good.

"So ..."

"We've checked everywhere, called everywhere, been to everybody's house where he could possibly be ...," my roommate rambled. I could hear Shawn's mom in the background, near tears.

"Do you want us to come and get you?"

The guys stopped playing pool and fixed their stares on me, trying to figure out what I was hearing.

"No, well ... I'm going to see what his mom wants to do. I'll call you back."

We were completely unprepared for the next call. Hungry, tired, stressed and sick of being helpless, we crowded around the phone.

"Hi."

My roommate took a deep breath. My heart dropped.

"When in doubt, check down the block."

"What?" I was confused.

As it ends up, Shawn had been sitting at a neighbor's house down the street about a block for the last five hours, watching TV.

After my roommate got through yelling at him, his dad stormed in and started again.

Later, after his mom got through with him, Shawn said he wished he *had* been dying in the snowbank somewhere.

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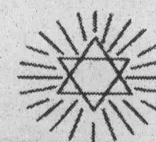
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MUSIC REVIEW CHRISTIAN MODERN ROCK

Good lyrics with a point

P.O.D.

"The Fundamental Elements of Southtown"



Grade: B+

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

Many people think that Christian music is either bands such as Sixpence None the Richer, Jars of Clay and dc Talk, or it's organ music that your strict, Bible thumping' grandma made you listen to when she drove you to church.

There's a lot more than that. On the surface P.O.D. (AKA Payable on Death) is one of those hip-hop/rap/rock outfits from the streets of Southern California, but there's one little difference: They are a band trying to help spread the word of God.

P.O.D. has been a band since 1992, but after two independent releases ("Snuff the Punk" and "Brown") and an EP with Christian rock label Tooth and Nail early in '99, it was about time this hard rockin' foursome has made it to the big time. They are now one of Atlantic Records' newest acts and have made a lot of noise, figuratively and sonically, with their release

The Fundamental Elements of Southtown.

The band has been featured in SPIN magazine, and they have opened shows for Kid Rock, Rollins and Cypress Hill, to name a few acts.

"Fundamental..." is more rock than rap, akin to Rage Against the Machine. Strong cuts that prove that lead vocalist Sonny is up to par with veteran Rage leader Zach de la Rocha in the vocal department are "Southtown" and "Freestyle." They really get rocking with the opening cut "Hollywood," a song they wrote while putting the album together in the glitz-ridden area of California, and continue the rock'n'rap with "Rock The Party (Off The Hook)."

"Set Your Eyes to Zion" is the beautiful reggae ballad, and a remake of U2's "Bullet the Blue Sky" is interesting too.

Beanbag
"Free Signal"



Grade: C+

From the opening track "Whiplash," you can only

describe the Australian group Beanbag with one word: energy.

Seeing these guys perform live at Cornerstone '99 gave me a little bit of forewarning for their first release on Inpop Records (founded by the Newsboys' Peter Furler, a popular Christian pop-rock act).

Lead singer Hunz likes to jump around a lot. I bet he probably broke some studio equipment flying around the room while recording this album in Sydney. He's awesomely hyper.

If you think that Sonny in P.O.D. raps too much, you might want to try these guys. The words leave Hunz's mouth in a variety of styles. In songs like "Why?" he sings, then raps, then whispers into the mic, all in a span of about three minutes.

Other great cuts include the title track and the outright Christian lyrics in "Whiplash."

You can find some of Beanbag's music on the latest edition of the X-Games on MTV and ESPN — proof that Christian bands have become competitive in the music market.

The number one drawback to both of these bands, as some people tell me, is that their lyrics are Christian and that they don't want to be preached to. But just remember that, whatever you listen to, they are singing to get their point across, hence preaching, in a sense. Sometimes you just have to enjoy a band because it is good, not because of beliefs.

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Thursday January 13

Campus Crusade For Christ, Real Life Meeting every Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in Charcoal Room of the UC. For more information, contact John at 227-4655.

Last day to add full semester and first block courses.

Sierra Club Central Upper Peninsula Chapter general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room 270 of West Science Building. "Marquette Planning" is the topic of this meeting. Alan Feldhauser will discuss how development is managed in the Marquette County.

Harry Potter reads aloud at the Peter White Public Library, Thursday evenings from 7p.m. until 7:30 p.m. beginning January 19. For children and adults ages 8 and up. Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans will be served. Meet in the Youth Services Department. Call 228-9510 for more information.

Uncle Ugly at Club Aroua.

Friday January 14

Last day to receive a 100 percent refund for reduced credit hour load (first block).

"NMU Discovery Days" Ski Day at Marquette Mountain.

Electric Violet Friday and Saturday at Club Aroua.

Yellow Dog Friday and Saturday at the Brickhouse.

Saturday January 15

Last day to obtain a 90 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the University.

Jim Arnold at Northwoods.

Sunday January 16

Film: "Stigmata" (R) 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Room 102 of JXJ.

Monday January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Activism in the New Millennium, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the University Center.

Ecumenical Service, 7p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Tuesday January 18

Last day to receive a 100 percent refund for reduced credit hour load (full semester courses).

Ecuador trip meeting in West Science 234 at 5 p.m.

Wednesday January 19

The French Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the UC. For more information, contact Kelli at 227-2940.

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Rens resigns as volleyball coach

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

NMU head volleyball coach Toby Rens resigned from his position Friday.

"It's not secret that this past season was a difficult one for the team and me," Rens said in a release. "I feel that the program's progress and my own will be best served by my departure at this time.

"I have my own goals and program ideas, which do not match those of the athletic department."

Rens leaves after a season which was surrounded with controversy. Senior captain Kari McEnroe quit the team after a

conflict with Rens on Sept. 4 at the Colorado Premier Challenge in Denver. Rens, who leaves after two years as NMU's head coach, was reprimanded for using inappropriate language toward McEnroe.

Besides McEnroe, Heather Mizer did not return to the 1999 campaign because she said a back injury prevented her return. Jennifer Lawrence, Dawn Flaminio and Jody Van Hoof did not return after their freshmen seasons in 1998, while Ashley Ryning said she left the team in the midst of the 1999 season for academic reasons.

Rens was unable to be reached for further comment. Also, no players could be

reached for comment.

Athletic director Rick Comley said the change is a healthy one for the team and the athletic department. As for a new coach, the opening has been posted, Comley said.

"The first date I could interview anybody would be Jan. 25," he said. "I'm not sure if it will happen that fast or not."

The former coach has been approached



Rens

by a few institutions concerning vacancies they have, Rens said.

Rens was the eighth coach in the Northern volleyball program's 26-year history. During his time at Northern, the Wildcats posted a 58-17 overall record. This past season, NMU's record was 28-11 overall. Those 11 losses were the most in a season since 1990. Also, from 1992 through 1997, Northern recorded five or fewer losses.

The team did make it to the NCAA II Tournament in both of Rens' seasons, but lost in the first round each time. In the six years previous to Rens' tenure, Northern advanced to at least the semifinals.

MEN'S HILLSDALE/FINDLAY PREVIEW

'Cats looking for lucky victory No. 7

BY RON DEUTER
STAFF WRITER

The NMU men's basketball team looks to extend a six game winning streak, as well as extend its first place lead in the GLIAC North Division hosting two conference foes this weekend.

NMU battles Hillsdale (7-5 overall, 4-1 GLIAC) on Saturday and Findlay (9-1, 5-0) on Sunday. Both games will be played at the Berry Events Center and are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

"Hillsdale is playing very well right now, and Findlay may be a surprise team this year," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

The 'Cats have high expectations to continue their current win streak.

"We're coming in expecting to win," sophomore center Damian Matacz said.

Hillsdale and Findlay will provide some unique challenges for NMU.

"Hillsdale is a very athletic team," Ellis said. "They create

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Duane Pape/NW
Senior Center Kevin Coduti scored a double-double in Saturday's win over Gannon.

HOCKEY NOTRE DAME PREVIEW

Wildcats need to improve

NMU faces key CCHA matchup

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU hockey team needs to improve its quality of play because they have slipped a bit since Christmas, NMU head coach Rick Comley said.

The No.8 'Cats will make a run at improving their game in a home series against the University of Notre Dame.

The series begins tonight and the face off is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. Friday's game is scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m.

"They're a good transition team," senior left wing Tyson Holly said. "We haven't seen them yet this year, but they like to score goals off the rush."

Northern (15-6-1 overall, 10-3-1 CCHA) is concentrating more on its own capabilities rather than worrying about Notre Dame's strengths or weaknesses,

Holly said.

NMU has been scored on first in seven of their last ten games, Holly said.

"We would like to get the 1-0 lead and build on it," Holly said. "When we're down we scramble and don't play our system."

Sophomore center David Inman is pacing the Fighting Irish in goals with eight. Freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski and sophomore goaltender Jeremiah Kimento have split time in net, and post records of 5-4-2 and 3-7-2, respectively.

Notre Dame (18-12-14, 5-6-3) has always been very talented, Comley said.

"They're one of the schools that get quality kids," Comley said. "I think they started a little bit slower than they anticipated.

"We have to hit more, protect the puck more than we've been and continue to try and make our power play and special teams more effective."

NMU freshman center Peter Michelutti and junior center Ryan Riipi will not play in the series due to injuries that could keep them out for two to four weeks.

"I'd like to have them both in because they both play hard and



Holly

THE MATCHUP

NMU	W-L-T	U-ND
15-6-1		8-12-4
OFFENSE		
3.41	Goals (avg.)	2.38
118	Assists	95
193	Points	152
33.0	Shots (avg.)	27.0
DEFENSE		
2.17	Goals Against (avg.)	2.67
6	Shutouts	0
22.1	Opp. Shots (avg.)	26.7
.901	Save Percentage	.907
SPECIAL TEAMS		
15.2	PP Percentage	15.9
82.5	PK Percentage	84.3
21	PP Goals	22
8	SH Goals	1
472	Penalty Minutes	387

Jason Lauren/NW
with a lot of energy," Comley said.

Holly is confident, the 20 players that will be dressed are capable of being successful.

"We're just going to take care of our game and ourselves," Holly said.

Wildcat leaders

Roger Trudeau, 14 goals; Holly, 13 assists; Jimmy Jackson, plus-16; Trudeau, Chris Gobert, four power-play goals; J.P. Vigier, four short-handed goals; Dan Ragusett, 2.02 goal-against average, .910 save percentage.

WOMEN'S FINDLAY/HILLSDALE PREVIEW

Best play yet to come for Northern

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

The No. 15 NMU women's basketball team will begin the second half of home games of the regular season at the Berry Events Center starting Saturday at 1 p.m. against the University of Findlay and continuing on Sunday at 1 p.m. with a game against Hillsdale College.

The Wildcats (10-2 overall, 5-1 GLIAC) are coming off their first conference loss of the season to Gannon last weekend, after winning three of their first four games over the winter break.

"We've been fairly pleased with how we've progressed this season," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

"Compared to last season at this time ... I don't think we've even come close to peak-

ing as a team yet."

Findlay (11-1, 5-0) is led by senior forward Mianda Watts (20.8 points per game, 9.5 rebounds per game, 28 steals), who is second in scoring in the GLIAC. The Oilers are first place in the GLIAC South Division. Last season NMU defeated UF, 83-64, in Ohio.

"They have put some good records together since entering the league three years back," Geary said. "We're going to have to be ready to play."

Hillsdale is led this season by freshman guard Stephanie Heid (14.3 points per game, 5.1 rebounds per game, 4.4 assists per game), who is first in the GLIAC in steals per game (4.2). HC struggled early in the season, but after losing four straight, Hillsdale is 4-3 in its past seven, losing once in overtime.

The Chargers (4-7, 1-4) knocked the

Wildcats out of the GLIAC post-season Tournament last year as they beat NMU, 74-58. It was the Chargers' fifth win in 24 tries in the overall series with the Wildcats.

"We try to forget our losses," NMU junior center Jill Gobert said. "Obviously it gives us a little more fire toward them, just to show them that it was our fault [for losing] last year."

The Wildcats are led by senior forward Sasha Leverentz (21.3 points per game), who is first in the conference in scoring ahead of Watts of Findlay.

Wildcat leaders

Leverentz, 21.3 points per game; Janell Schupp, 58.3 field-goal percentage; Marisa DellAngelo, 38.5 three-point percentage; Maryellen Poutanen, 88.2 free-throw percentage; Jill Gobert, 6.6 rebounds per game, four blocks; Carrie Dykstra, 67 assists; Molly Sayen, 23 steals.

HOCKEY FSU 5, NMU 1; NMU 2, FSU 1

'Cats split home series with FSU

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team earned a split as it faced its first opponent with a winning record last weekend.

The Wildcats (15-6-1 overall, 10-3-1 CCHA) defeated Ferris State University (15-9-0, 8-8-0), 2-1, on Friday before losing, 5-1, Saturday at the Berry Events Center in Marquette.

"We can only beat teams we are playing," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "We don't make up the schedule. All we can do is win when we play."

Freshman center Chris Gobert continues to make his push for CCHA Freshman of the Year as he was named CCHA Freshman of the Week for his one-goal, two-assist performance. The Marquette native's 19 points and 11 goals leads CCHA freshmen.

A win Saturday would have propelled Northern into first place in the conference.

"We didn't play well, and we're not going to beat [FSU] if we don't play well," Comley

said. "It was a struggle for us. We just had a lot of people not play very well."

Junior forward Mike Sandbeck scored the Wildcats' only goal, which tied the game in the first minute of the second period. NMU outshot FSU, 30-29, in the game.

"We were sloppy, and we made some poor decisions, but we had a lot of good scoring chances," Comley said.

On Friday, Gobert led the Wildcats, scoring the game-winning goal and picking up an assist on the other. Gobert gave NMU a 2-0 lead with 18:32 remaining in the third period.

"One of Ferris' players tried to dump it out of the zone, and it hit one of the partitions in the glass," Gobert said of his goal. "It came out right in the middle of the ice. The puck was rolling. I just turned and shot, and somehow it went in."

Senior left wing Tyson Holly's wrist shot from the top of the left circle gave Northern a 1-0 lead with 2:25 remaining in the second period.

A one-goal lead may not seem



Duane Pape/NW

Junior right wing Fred Mattersdorfer, left, and the Wildcats won three of four games against Ferris State University this season.

like much at that point, but NMU was 9-0-1 when scoring first entering Friday's game.

"Somebody needed to get that first one for us," Comley said. "It would've been tough to fight from behind against [FSU]. That was a big goal."

Junior goalie Dan Ragusett started both games for the second consecutive weekend.

"They're both good goaltenders but [Ragusett] is the guy I prefer to go with right now," Comley said. "How much he will play, I don't know."

WOMEN'S GU 72,
NMU 71; NMU 83,
MC 70NMU
suffers
first lossBY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU women's basketball team has hardly seen any losses this season, but they bowed to Gannon University on the road, 72-71, on Saturday. The only other loss the Wildcats have posted this season was a 55-69 loss to Florida Southern Dec. 30.

"If you want excuses for our team," NMU head coach Mike Geary said, "we had been on the road for 12 days and had played our third conference game in four days. I think that caught up with us a little bit."

The fatigue was more of a factor in the first half of the game, Geary said, but at the half, Northern led, 36-32.

"We put ourselves in a position to lose a close game," Geary said. "We were not able to sustain a lead and get the stops when we need to."

NMU was trailing by one point with six seconds remaining in regulation. Senior forward Sasha Leverentz had possession of the ball down in the inside and was fouled. She shot two free throws to put the 'Cats in the lead. But GU's Jacki Windon got the ball and weaved her way into the lane for the winning shot.

Leverentz led NMU offensively with 27 points, and senior forward Carrie Dykstra recorded 12 rebounds for the team high.

On Thursday, Northern defeated Mercyhurst, 83-70.

At halftime, the Wildcats were up, 45-37. They got up to a 16-point lead in the second half, but the lead would keep lessening.

"When we got up 16, we allowed them to hover around the 12- to 14-point mark where they were always in striking range, and to me a lot of that can be attributed to mental fatigue."

Dykstra led the 'Cats with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Hockey vs. University of Notre Dame, Berry Events Center, 7:05 p.m.
Nordic ski at Utah Winter Games, Park City, Utah, all day.

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Nordic ski at Utah Winter Games, Park City, Utah, all day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Women's basketball vs. Hillsdale College, Berry Events Center, 1 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Hillsdale College, Berry Events Center, 3 p.m.
Alpine ski at Hardscabble Cup, Rice Lake, Wis., all day.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Alpine ski at Hardscabble Cup, Rice Lake, Wis., all day.
Women's basketball vs. Findlay University, Berry Events Center, 1 p.m.
Men's basketball, vs. Findlay University, Berry Events Center, 3 p.m.

CCHA STANDINGS

TEAM (Overall)	W-L-T	PTS.
1. Michigan State (16-6-0)	11-4-0	22
2. Michigan (15-6-0)	11-4-0	22
3. N. MICHIGAN (15-6-1)	10-3-1	21
4. Ferris State (15-9-0)	8-8-0	16
Western Michigan (8-8-2)	7-7-2	16
6. Lake Superior St. (8-11-1)	7-6-1	15
7. Miami (9-7-2)	6-4-2	14
8. Notre Dame (8-12-4)	5-6-3	13
9. Nebraska-Omaha (6-10-4)	4-6-4	12
10. Bowling Green St. (6-12-0)	5-9-0	10
11. Ohio State (7-13-2)	3-10-1	7
12. Alaska-Fairbanks (4-14-0)	3-13-0	6

HOCKEY POLL

U.S. College Hockey Online Poll

TEAM (First-place votes)	W-L-T	PTS.	LAST
1. New Hampshire (22)	16-3-1	378	1
2. North Dakota (15)	15-3-2	366	2
3. Maine (1)	14-3-3	323	3
4. Wisconsin (1)	16-5-1	276	4
5. Michigan (1)	16-6-0	232	6
6. Michigan State	15-6-0	200	5
7. Boston University	12-6-3	116	-
8. N. MICHIGAN	15-6-1	113	8
9. Rensselaer	12-5-1	80	7
10. Ferris State	15-9-0	39	-

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Boston College, 35; Niagara, 18; Colgate, 15; Colorado College, 5; Northeastern, 2; Alaska-Anchorage, 1; Massachusetts-Amherst, 1.

FSU 5, NMU 1

Ferris State	1	2	2	5
N. Michigan	0	1	0	1

FIRST PERIOD

1. FSU, Kevin Swider 8 (Rob Collins, Brian McCullough), ppg, 1:08.

SECOND PERIOD

2. NMU, Mike Sandbeck 4 (Chris Gobert, Bryan Phillips), 0:53; 3. FSU, Swider 9 (McCullough, Collins), ppg, 13:52. 4. FSU, Chris Kunitz 12 (Phil Lewandowski), 17:11.

THIRD PERIOD

5. FSU, McCullough 12 (Troy Milam), 9:02; 6. FSU, Collins 6 (Rob Lightfoot, Scott Lewis), 13:55.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — FSU, 2-6; NMU, 0-6.
PENALTIES — FSU, 8-16; NMU, 7-14.
GOALIE SAVES — FSU, 29 (Phil Osaer, 12-6-9); NMU, 24 (Dan Ragusett, 6-13-3).

NMU 2, FSU 1

Ferris State	0	0	1	1
N. Michigan	0	1	1	2

FIRST PERIOD

No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD

1. NMU, Tyson Holly 8 (Chris Gobert, Bryan Phillips), 17:35.

THIRD PERIOD

2. NMU, Gobert 11 (unassisted), 1:28; 3. FSU, Kevin Swider 7 (Rob Collins, Troy Milam), ppg, 4:59.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — FSU, 1-5; NMU, 0-5. PENALTIES — FSU, 8-16; NMU, 7-14. GOALIE SAVES — FSU, 25 (Phil Osaer, 5-9-11); NMU, 24 (Dan Ragusett, 10-7-7).

GLIAC MEN

NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN	5-1	8-2
2. Michigan Tech	3-2	8-4
3. Grand Valley St.	1-4	4-6
4. Northwood	1-5	6-6
5. Lake Superior St.	1-6	5-7
6. Saginaw Valley St.	0-5	5-6
7. Ferris State	0-5	2-8

NMU 84, GU 69

N. MICHIGAN

Price 2-3 3-4 8, Matacz 2-8 2-2 6, K. Coduti 11-19 2-4 24, Brathol 7-12 5-7 19, Moe 2-4 2-2 8, Maseller 6-12 2-5 16, Roberts 0-1 0-0 0, M. Coduti 0-0 0-0 0, Ramberg 0-1 0-0 0, Whitten 1-1 0-0 3.

HALFTIME — NMU 37, GU 35,

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 37 (K. Coduti 10), GU 36 (Trocki 10).

ASSISTS — NMU 16 (Price 6), GU 13 (Cheatham 9).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 20, GU 21.

A — 1,831

NMU 69, MC 61

N. MICHIGAN

Price 1-3 0-0 3, Matacz 2-5 0-0 4, K. Coduti 5-8 2-2 12, Brathol 8-17 5-6 23, Moe 5-8 4-6 17, Maseller 3-7 0-0 7, Roberts 1-4 0-0 3, M. Coduti 0-0 0-0 0, Whitten, 0-1 0-0 0.

HALFTIME — NMU 40, MC 36.

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 35 (Moe 11), MC 28 (Swain 12).

ASSISTS — NMU 15 (Moe 4), MC 10 (Bradley 4).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 15, MC 16.

Att. — 325

GLIAC WOMEN

NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Michigan Tech	5-0	10-2
2. N. MICHIGAN	5-1	10-2
3. Ferris State	4-1	8-3
4. Lake Superior St.	4-3	7-4
5. Grand Valley St.	2-3	7-4
6. Saginaw Valley St.	2-3	6-6
7. Northwood	0-6	4-8

GU 72, NMU 71

N. MICHIGAN

Weber 1-4 0-0 3, Sayen 0-1 0-0 0, Gobert 2-3 3-6 7, Dalton 1-3 0-0 3, Leverentz 8-20 9-10 27, DellAngelo 3-8 0-0 9, Keranen 1-1 0-0 2, Dykstra 3-5 10-13 16, Poutanen 1-1 0-0 2, Rehmann 1-3 0-0 2.

HALFTIME — NMU 36, GU 32,

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 34 (Dykstra 12), GU 32 (Roseberry 8).

ASSISTS — NMU 15 (Dykstra 6), GU 17 (Windon 6).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 24, GU 20.

A — 1,131

NMU 83, MC 70

N. MICHIGAN

Weber 1-4 2-2 4, Sayen 1-3 4-4 6, Gobert 6-8 5-5 17, Dalton 1-5 0-0 3, Leverentz 7-17 3-4 17, DellAngelo 5-11 2-2 14, Dykstra 9-12 4-4 22, Poutanen 0-1 0-0 0, Rehmann 0-0 0-0 0.

HALFTIME — NMU 45 MC 37,

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 38 (Dykstra 13), MC 36 (Galla 7).

ASSISTS — NMU 15 (Dykstra 7), MC 14 (Galla 4).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 17, MC 18.

A — 200



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MEN'S NMU 84, GANNON 69; NMU 69, MERCYHURST 61

'Cats extend win streakBY JEREMY PICKENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's basketball team picked up two league wins against Gannon University and Mercyhurst College in the last two games, to extend its current winning streak to six.

"We played really well in both games," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "Road conference wins are so important in this league."

The Wildcats (8-2 overall, 5-1 GLIAC) defeated Gannon University, 84-69, on Saturday, in Erie, Pa. The win was important for NMU as Gannon (11-1, 4-1) was undefeated and in first place in the GLIAC South Division.

The leading scorer for NMU was senior center Kevin Coduti. He had a double-double, scoring 24 points and 10 rebounds.

"Kevin Coduti was so dominant inside against Gannon," Ellis said. "He got into foul trouble early, but was fresh the sec-

ond half, and that really seemed to help his play."

Ellis praised the play of his team during the second half.

"We probably played one of the most solid halves of basketball this team has played in years," Ellis said.

Ellis was referring to the 47 second-half points his team scored while shooting 62 percent from the floor. NMU held Gannon to 34 points and 35 percent from the field in the half.

The 'Cats defeated Mercyhurst College (6-6, 1-4), 69-61, on Jan. 6.

Leading scorers for NMU were senior forward Cory Brathol with 23 points and six rebounds, and senior guard Pete Moe with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

"Moe had an excellent all-around game," Ellis said. "His defensive perimeter play was outstanding. We needed him to play well without [Price]."

Senior guard Jason Price

fouled out early in the second quarter, which left a void at the guard position. Ellis praised the play of senior guard Steve Maselter and Brathol for improving their play to fill the void.

"Both Maselter and Brathol stepped up big in the second half," Ellis said.

"We were a little worn down from the night before, and they played really well down the stretch, especially with [Price] being out."

The two wins improved the Wildcats' road record to 6-0 on the year. Ellis said he credits the road success in part to his senior players.

"Our play on the road has been outstanding this year," Ellis said.

"Our experience helps on the road trips. The seniors really seem to help us remain focused on the road."

"I think we might check into a hotel here in Marquette before our home games too."

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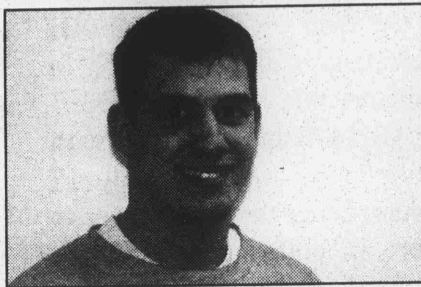
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This occurrence is a common place in the Northern broomball tournaments every year. Those who participate would be the first to say that a bruised butt and pride are of no comparison to the fun had playing one of NMU's most famous intramural sports.

The great thing about the more than 15 intramural sports throughout the year is that athleticism takes a back seat to fun.

SPORTS COLUMN



BY JEREMY PICKENS

You don't need to win or be athletic. When you lose an intramural game, you may go have a beer and laugh about your friend getting tangled in a volleyball net.

Intramural sports are a great way anyone can become involved, stay fit, and meet unique people without the pressure and competition. With a new season of intramural sports starting soon, I urge you to find

some friends, a creative team name, and get involved.

As a new year begins though, I also encourage all Northern students to attend the athletic events here on campus, as well as intramurals, and not only attend, but get a little crazy too. Take your shirt off, and press your chest against the glass. Hump a railing, yell "Pat Benatar," and get kicked out. Attend a swim meet. Learn who your nationally ranked skiers are.

Even if you are not interested in athletics, both playing and attending sporting events can be a barrel full of monkeys if given a chance. You may even meet someone in a sombrero.

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Winter 2000 Intramural Schedule

Activity	Division	Entry Deadline
5 on 5 basketball	Men, women, co-rec	Jan. 18
Volleyball league	Men, women, co-rec	Jan. 18
Ice hockey league	Men, women	Jan. 18
Great Moose Chase snow shoe relays	Men, women, co-rec	Jan. 20
Broomball tournament	Men, women	Jan. 25
Inner tube water polo	Co-rec	Feb. 1
Racquetball tournament	Men, women, co-rec	Feb. 1
March Madness contest	Men, women	March 8
Floor hockey	Co-rec	March 14
Indoor soccer shootout	Mixed	March 21
Ultimate frisbee league	Mixed	March 21

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CATCHIN' UP WITH NMU SPORTS

Other NMU sports news from over the break

Hockey

The NMU hockey team took second place in the Mariucci Classic in Minneapolis on Dec. 29 and 30.

The Wildcats defeated University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 3-0, on Dec. 29. Senior goalie Dan Ragusett's shutout tied a school record for shutouts in a season (four) and career shutouts (six).

Senior left wing Lee Ruff, senior right wing J.P. Vigier and senior left wing Tyson Holly scored NMU's goals. Northern outshot UM-A, 24-16.

NMU lost to University of Minnesota, 6-2, in the championship game on Dec. 30.

Senior left wing Roger Trudeau and freshman defenseman Jimmy Jackson scored Northern's goals. NMU outshot U-M, 42-35.

Men's basketball

The NMU men's basketball team defeated Westminster College, 78-74, on Jan. 5 in New Wilmington, Pa.

Senior forward Cory Brathol led the Wildcats with 23 points. Senior center Kevin Coduti led NMU with nine rebounds while senior guard Jason Price led Northern with five assists.

On Dec. 11, NMU defeated Northland College, 73-63, in Ashland, Wis.

Brathol led NMU with 16 points. Coduti led the Wildcats with 10 rebounds.

Women's basketball

The NMU women's basketball team defeated Westminster College, 99-41, on Jan. 5 in

New Wilmington, Pa.

The Wildcats shot 63.2 percent from the field, while holding Westminster to 38.6 percent.

Senior forward Sasha Leverentz led NMU with 21 points.

On Dec. 31, NMU defeated Saint Leo University, 92-51, in Saint Leo, Fla.

All 14 Wildcats earned playing time with Leverentz leading NMU with 18 points. Junior center Jill Gobert led NMU with 10 rebounds.

NMU, which led 50-16 at halftime, held Saint Leo to 29.5 percent from the floor.

On Dec. 30, NMU suffered its first defeat of the season, losing to Florida Southern College, 69-55, in Lakeland, Fla.

Northern shot 32.7 percent from the field. Leverentz led NMU with 17 points and eight rebounds.

On Dec. 11, NMU defeated Northland College, 77-45, in Ashland, Wis.

All 14 Wildcats played with Leverentz, who scored 17 points, being the only player to score in double digits. Senior forward Carrie Dykstra led NMU with nine assists.

Nordic ski

The NMU Nordic ski team swept the field in the five-team Central Regional Opener in Ironwood on Dec. 18 and 19.

The Wildcats' men's and women's teams both finished first in both the 10-kilometer freestyle and classical races.

Jesse Downs claimed first place in both races for NMU. Abby Larson took first in the 10-k freestyle, while Aubrey Smith earned the win in the 10-k classical for the Wildcats.

USOEC speedskating

U.S. Olympic Education Center short track speedskater Shani Davis qualified for the U.S. World Team after finishing third overall at the U.S. Junior Championships at the Berry Events Center in Marquette on Dec. 18.

Davis finished second overall in the nine-lap time trials and collected third-place finishes in the 1,500-meter, 500-meter and the 1,000-meter races in the first speedskating competition ever held at the BEC.

Davis joins defending junior world champion Apolo Anton Ohno and Adam Riedy on the U.S. team that will compete at the 2000 Junior World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, on Jan. 8 and 9.

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• The average base depth is 12 inches to 38 inches.

• 18 runs are open.

• All three chairs are open.

• Projected weekend skiing: Temperatures are expected to be around 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

• The halfpipe and fun park are still under construction and expected to be open later this month.

Upcoming Events:**Friday:**

NMU Discovery Day: \$4 lift tickets all day. \$7 ski rentals, \$10 snowboard rentals. Picnic at the new Mountain Shack from 4 p.m. until 6p.m.

Jan. 24 to 30:

U.P. Resident Week: Two for one lift tickets with proof of U.P. residency.

Jan. 27:

Winterfest Ski Day: \$4 Lift Tickets, \$7 ski rentals and \$10 snowboard rentals.

Weekly Features:**Tuesday:**

Ladies Day: \$18 day pass, \$13 after 1 p.m., and \$10 after 4 p.m.

Wednesday:

College Day

Thursday:

Men's Day

Saturday:

Couples Night: \$18 per couple after 4 p.m.

— By Daniel Powell

USOEC boxers advance to U.S. Championships

Members of the U.S. Olympic Education Center boxing team understood the extra importance of the Everlast U.S. Championships this year as they started the tournament with a bang Tuesday at the U.S. Olympic Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Championship is a qualifying event for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Leading the USOEC team were brothers Teance and LeChaunce Shepherd. In 125-pound action, Teance defeated Jose Santa Cruz, 17-5, while LeChaunce stopped Christopher Moyte in one minute, 55 seconds into the first round in 147-pound action.

In other action, Sechew Powell stopped Martinus Clay of Wilson, N.C., at the 1:37 mark of the second round in the 156-pound class, and Eric Fagan defeated Lyndon Patricio of Waianae, Hawaii, 15-4, in 119-pound boxing.

The U.S. Championships continue Tuesday with second-round action and will continue through the week with the finals Saturday.

— NMU sports release

NMU women's alpine ski team sweeps meet

The NMU women's alpine ski team got its season off to a winning start Saturday and Sunday, finishing first among 12 schools at the Tibbetts Memorial in Afton Alps, Minn.

The Wildcats, who tallied 34 points over the two-day event, finished 24 points ahead of second-place Minnesota.

Northern, despite missing senior Christy Salonen and sophomore Michelle Murray, placed two racers in the top five of both the slalom events.

In the slalom event on Saturday, senior Elizabeth Welles posted her first career victory, entering a time of 64.96 with the two fastest runs of the day. Freshman Sara Irving finished third in her collegiate debut.

In the giant slalom event Sunday, the 'Cats placed three skiers in the top 10, and four in the top 20 to win.

Welles led NMU with a second-place finish, which was 0.1 seconds behind the first-place finisher. Freshman Laura Wilber finished fourth, while Irving place sixth.


— NMU sports release

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MEN'S

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mismatches for us because they use a number of smaller players.

"Findlay lost three seniors from last season, but they are a well coached and disciplined team," Ellis said. "[Ron] Niekamp always does a great job coaching."

Hillsdale has outscored their opponents 851-812.

Senior forward Jason Cooper leads Hillsdale in scoring and rebounding averaging 18.9 points and 9.9 rebounds a game. Junior guard Ed Carter, Hillsdale's other double-digit scorer with 13.8 points per game.

"They have two great players in Cooper and Carter," Ellis said.

"They are aggressive and very good off the dribble."

Findlay brings a seven game winning streak into the game. Sophomore forward Kyle Hunt leads the Oilers with 19.3 points per game, and he has a team leading 22 blocked shots. Hunt was named the GLIAC Player of the Week last week. "Hunt is similar to [Cory] Brathol in that he can score inside and outside," Ellis said.

Senior forwards Cory Brathol and Kevin Coduti along with senior guards Pete Moe and Jason Price, and Matacz are the probable starters for NMU.

Brathol is NMU's leading scorer with 21.7 points per game.

Coduti is second in scoring (17.9 points per game), and leads the team with 8.0 rebounds per game.

NMU hasn't played at home since Dec. 7, but is a perfect 6-0 on the road.

"We're looking forward to playing at home," Ellis said, "This is an important homestand for us. It felt great to do so well on the road, but it is always important to protect our home court."

Wildcat leaders

Brathol, 21.7 points per game; K. Coduti, 62.0 field-goal percentage; Moe, 48.0 three-point percentage; Brathol, 86.1 free-throw percentage; K.Coduti, 8.0 rebounds per game; Price, 3.3 assists per game; K. Coduti 14 blocks; Moe, 16 steals.

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Part-time secretary needed to work in the Marquette office of Bay Cliff Health Camp. We're looking for a friendly, responsible person with good clerical skills, including proofreading and word processing (WP 6.1). Flexible hours (12-20 per week). Please call 228-5770 or visit 310 W. Washington St., Ste. 300, for more information.

WANTED TO BUY

TI-85 graphic calculator, in good condition. Call 907-942-7913.

1972 BUICK RIVIERA — It's the car of my dreams. Rust is bad, original upholstery is good. Call 226-1409.

FOR RENT

Roommate needed for winter semester 2000. \$225 monthly, utilities included. Washer and dryer in building. No pets, and non-smoker please. Phone 226-4507.

Large 7-bedroom home, located in Ishpeming. Six rooms for rent, one person per room. \$300 monthly/\$100 assurity. Rent includes utilities and laundry.

References a must. For more information, phone 662-781-4924 after 3 p.m., 901-348-3152. Ask for Ms. Mann.

One-bedroom house in Negaunee with a view of Teal Lake. \$400 per month, includes all utilities. You pay for cable. No pets. Month to month lease. Available January 1. For more information call 475-4755.

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PERSONALS

Bumpkin— Hope this semester is as great as the last one. I love you.

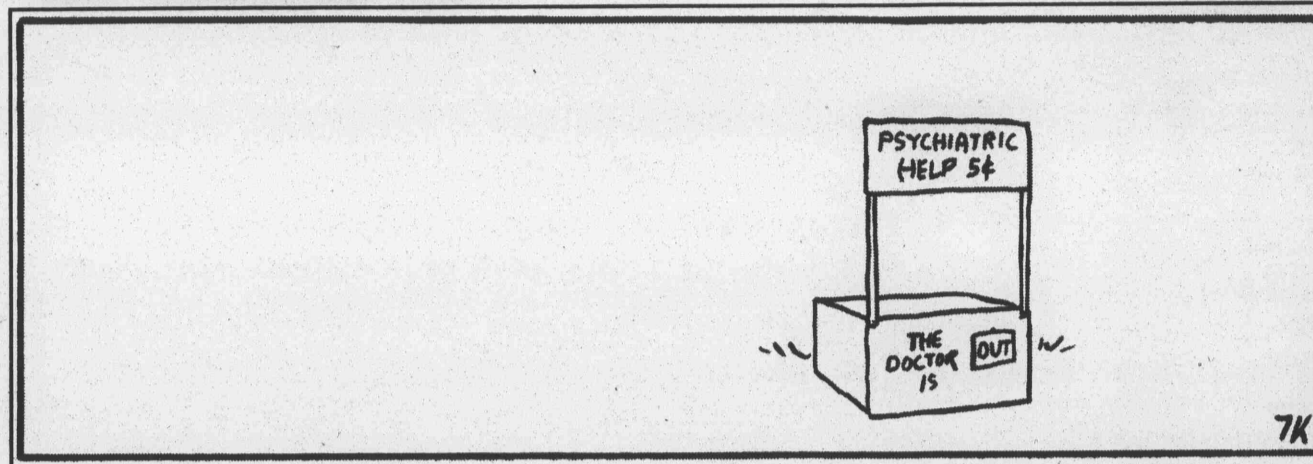
—Love, your little Pumpkin

KimSue — I'm so very glad

COMICS

THE AMOEBA SET

JEFF KOVAL



HOUND'S HOME

RYAN DUCHANE



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you're back! It's time to resume the rest of our life.

Mary, Mary quite contrary, How does your garden grow? Thanks for your undying friendship! — Love you lots Jenn

Hey Everyone!
I'm an aunt! Molly Sue Jurewicz was born on b-day, Dec. 20. Seven pounds 12 ounces. Congrats to Jeff and Amy!
—Jenn

BRD —
We all miss you, but we already sent some company your way.
— Peace, luv and glory

Doug —
The Buffalo Bills are chumps. Don't let da' man get you down. You may not be in the Super Bowl, but your flakes are sill in my bowl.
— NW

Celebrity Cross-Check

by P.J. Schneeberger © 1999 SnowMountain Productions
Find words and celebrity name to fit the clues. Match letters with numbers in each square to cross-check answers. (HINT: 3=W)

1	2	3	4	5	6	Source of allergenic pollen				
7	8	2	1	9	5	Having a strained voice				
9	5	6	10	11	5	Lead astray; entice				
12	8	11	10	9	13	Swarming migratory insect				
13	10	14	3	9	13	5	14	Metallic element (symbol=W)		
14	2	10	13	15	11	2	12	Relating to ships and sailing		
7	5	15	3	7	13	Distance from bottom to top				
1	5	12	5	2	9	5	Set free from confinement			
13	15	3	5	1	4	8	8	6	9	Young American golfing phenomenon

Answers
ragweed, hoarse, seduce, locus, tungsten, nautical, height, release, Tiger Woods

Pagination Error

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

*Martin Luther King Jr. and Activism:
Then and Now*

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 22, 2000

Contemplate

**It's Not The 60's Anymore:
Being an Activist in Complacent Times**
Monday, January 17, 3:00-5:00, Ontario Room,
University Center. Panel discussion facilitated
by Jon Davies, Assistant Professor of Education

Celebrate

A Celebration in Word and Song
Monday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 728 W. Kaye Avenue
across from Jamrich. An Ecumenical Service
featuring *ECHOES from Heaven Gospel Choir*
from Michigan Technological University,
readings, community choirs.

Donate

A Week of Service to Honor Dr. King
To honor the legacy of Dr. King, donate your time
and energy to contribute to the community.

- Clothing Drive January 17 - 30
- Story Telling at the Peter White Library
- Community Projects

Call Stacy MacDonald at 227-2466

Participate

**Residence Hall Activities to
Commemorate Dr. King's Legacy**
Bulletin Board Contest, videos, workshops,
poetry reading, coffeehouses. Contact your
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Communicate

Essay Contest
Enter essay contest for Elementary,
Middle School and High School students
in the Marquette Alger Intermediate School District.
Call 227-1554.

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Volunteer Center, the Marquette County Volunteer Center,
the Marquette Alger Intermediate School District.
For more information call 227-1554



score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic
Proclamation.
moment a check that will give us upon demand the
om and the security of justice. We have also
remind America of the
urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the
I have a dream today.
of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of
gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and
solate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial
justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity
all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation
in the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of
brotherhood. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook
urgency of the moment and to waver in the face of the
I have a dream today.
I have a dream today.
Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there
is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality.
Sixty-three is not an anniversary. It is the day when those
who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and
now be content will have a rude awakening if the
nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither
nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted
citizenship rights. The whirl of the 1960s will con-
tinue to shake the foundations of our nation until the
day of justice dawns. But there is one thing that I
must say to my people who stand on the threshold of
the great beyond. They must not be lulled into complacence
which leads to the palace of justice. The process of
achieving our rightful place as Americans must not be guilty of
unjust deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for
freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and
resentment. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high
ground of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our
creative protests to degenerate into physical violence.
Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of
meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous
I have a dream today.
militancy which has engulfed the Negro community
must not lead us to the tombs of all white people, for many
of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here
today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up
with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound
to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk,
we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead.
We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the
question of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We
can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with
the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of
the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be
satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a