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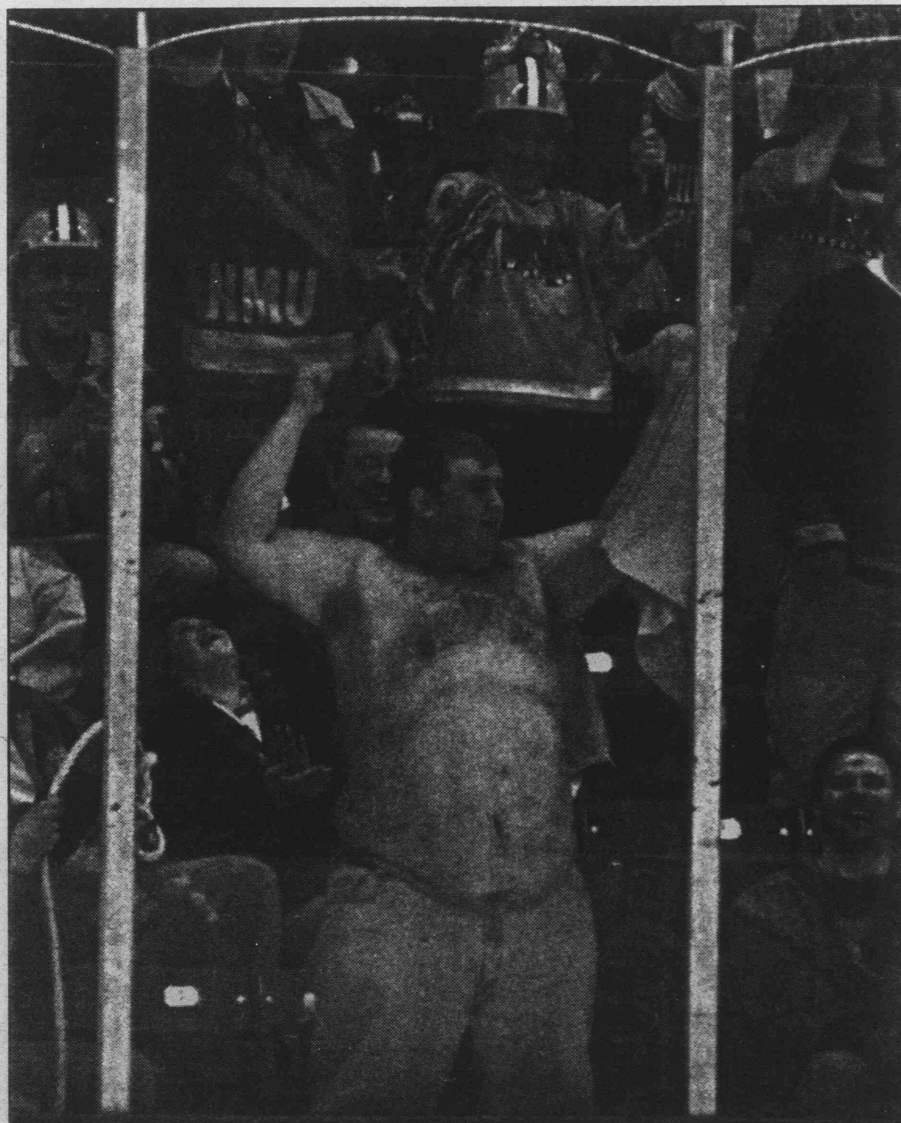
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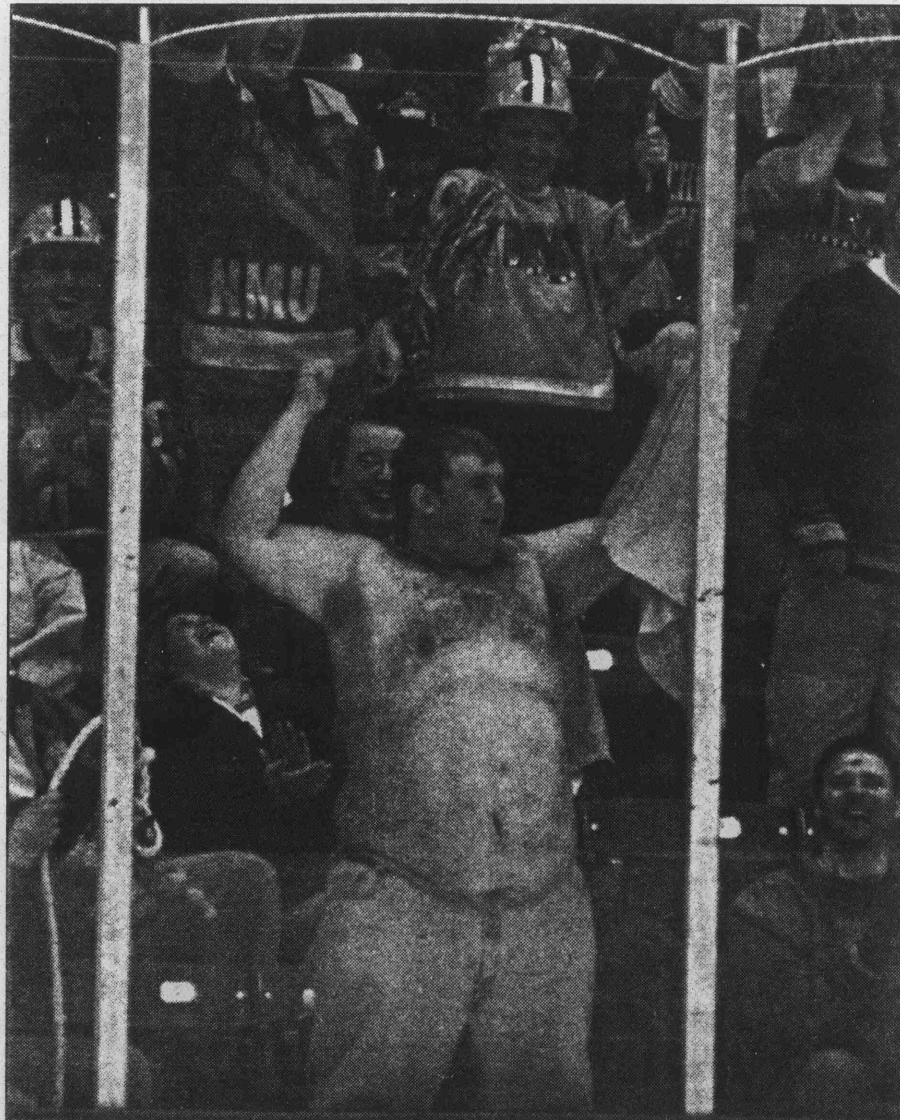
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Light Ink

Intentional Retake



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ments can now speak to each other on a more regular basis.

"We brought these colleges together to prepare people for a professional career — that's why it's called the College of Professional Studies," Joyal said. This will provide opportunities for discussion amongst departments so they may add to or change majors or curriculum. "[It] will prepare students for a specific career involved with specific areas," he said.

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

"The reason for the restructuring is to reduce the number of colleges and by doing so, reducing the number of higher level administrators," Joyal said. "NMU will be spending less on deans over time. There will also be fewer vice presidents by July of this year. There will only be two vice presidents left at that time."

Coming up with a combination of colleges with similarities, such as the College of Professional Studies, produces a larger college. The result is that the colleges will have more flexibility in not only sharing but the budget will be larger for the new college, also.

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

"It was a surprise at first," said Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, Betty Hill, about the merger.

But she is pleased about the changes. "I think it will be an effective move," she said. "There will be a larger scope of studies available. It's a positive move. The College of Nursing is one of the smallest colleges on campus. The merge will give us a better opportunity for interaction with other health areas."

The College of Professional Studies will be effective July 1, 2000.

**FIRE**

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University policy, according to Seton Hall's student handbook, is to stay in the building. Specific instructions advise those in immediate danger to wave a white sheet out a window.

"You'd be hard pressed to see that happen at NMU; pranks are rare," said Phil Harbison, a junior secondary education and history major.

Harbison is a resident adviser in Spooner Hall.

Northern Michigan University has no dorms that are taller than three stories.

"We have a tedious process for fire drills," Harbison

said. "The RAs have to check each room with a master key, then look under beds and in showers, and lock the doors to make sure everyone is out of the building."

"I'm glad resident directors and advisors have gone through such thorough fire safety training."

Prior to the beginning of the Fall 1999 semester, Van Antwerp Residence Hall was filled with smoke by Public Safety to as part of an exercise in the training of resident advisors.

The NMU student handbook prohibits any students from ignoring a fire alarm. The penalty for doing so

could be as severe as expulsion. The same punishment can be given to a student who falsely sets off a fire alarm.

"Public Safety and the fire department have an alert-response time of around two minutes," Housing and Residence Life Director Carl Holm said.

"The ignored alarm is part of the tragedy, and we don't have many false alarms," said Holm. "The bottom line is that you need to take alarms serious and react."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Daniel Powell contributed to this story. Also, information was obtained from www.MSNBC.com.

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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Inexperience a factor in accident

MUNISING — Police say that the eighth snowmobiling accident this winter in the U.P. most likely was due to rider inexperience. Andy Dollimore, 37, of Toledo, Ohio, drove off the snowmobile trail 7 along Baldy Lake Sunday evening. Dollimore's machine went airborne and struck two trees. His body was discovered Monday by his riding companions. It was the second time the England native had driven a snowmobile, a 1999 Polaris XC600. Police say excessive speed was a factor in the accident. Alcohol was not a factor. Excessive speed contributed to all the 16 statewide deaths involving snowmobiles in Michigan this winter.

## National

## Defense missile "close" to good

WASHINGTON — In a \$100 million test last Tuesday, the United States failed to strike a dummy "enemy" warhead. The Pentagon said a hit-to-kill projectile fired from Kwajalein Atoll in the South Pacific barely missed the dummy warhead fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. A Defense Secretary spokeswoman noted that the attempt was "very, very close." All satellites and radars functioned as expected, but the interceptor weapon built by Raytheon Co. missed the target for unknown reasons. Defense officials said that it would take possibly weeks to find why the defense missile, which traveled at 15,000 miles an hour 100 miles above earth, missed the fake warhead.

## Cuban family to sue Janet Reno

MIAMI — The Miami relatives of Cuban shipwreck survivor Elian Gonzalez filed a federal lawsuit on Wednesday. It is an attempt to force the United States to hold a trial to decide whether the boy should be allowed to stay in the United States or be returned to Cuba. The case was filed against U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, who said that the boy should be returned to his homeland. Elian has been at the center of a nationwide custody battle since he was found in a tube by a fisherman off the coast of Florida on November 25. His mother and 10 others died in the Pacific Ocean. Elian's father has asked the United States to send his boy home to Cuba.

## International

## South African jumps a crocodile

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A South African who was trapped in a tree last Saturday by a lurking crocodile made a daring leap onto the sleeping animal's back and managed to escape during the ensuing confusion. Elmos Khumalo sat stranded for five hours on a branch after being trapped at the edge of a lake in the eastern province of Mpumalanga that is fed by the crocodile river. Cold and hungry, he sat quietly while the crocodile and a smaller accomplice drifted off to sleep. "That was when I jumped right on top of the biggest one. It got frightened and disappeared," said Khumalo. "By the time the second crocodile realized I was escaping, I was out of the water and running for my life with my fish."

— Compiled from news services

## Touched by an angel



David Roberts/NW

Angie Halberg, an undeclared sophomore, decides to go old-school on the fluffy white stuff.

## Water pipe bursts in BEC

BY JASON LAUREN  
MANAGING EDITOR

A pipe in the fire prevention sprinkler system of the newly built Izzo-Mariucci connector between the Berry Events Center and the PEIF broke Saturday, flooding the connector and the PEIF with oily water.

The pipe broke during the NMU-Hillsdale University men's basketball game at the BEC. The broken pipe caused a 25-minute delay in the game because it set off the fire alarm system, which could not be turned off until the leakage in the pipe was stopped.

Ceiling tiles, drywall and carpeting are among the damaged materials. The cost of the damage is yet to be determined.

The pipe burst because it was frozen, said Dennis Cieslinski,

NMU director of plant operations.

"It was something that easily could have been overlooked or missed," Cieslinski said. "Where the canopy of the doorway ties into the roof, there was a space — maybe a square foot or so — where there was no insulation or barrier. That caused the cold draft to blow into the ceiling where the pipe was."

Whether the incident was caused by a construction or design flaw has not been determined.

"There could possibly be a lot of finger pointing as for if it was designed or constructed properly," said Ken Godfrey, NMU director of recreational facilities and services. "In a way, I think it's a design problem. I don't know what exactly it is, but there

is a lot of damage done."

The sprinkler system is currently in operation. Boldt Oscar J. Construction Company of Iron Mountain, who is the contractor of the facility, fixed the system Monday and will close all gaps from outside to the pipes in the ceiling, Cieslinski said.

Integrated Designs, Inc., an architecture company from Marquette, designed the facility.

The water, which Godfrey said was as deep as two inches, flowed as far as the NMU volleyball team's locker room in the PEIF, where the carpeting was soaked.

"There was a lot of water," Godfrey said. "We were pushing it outside. It's a two-inch pipe, so you can imagine the amount of water that was going through there."

## FORECAST

- **Friday:** Lake effect snow showers continuing, mostly cloudy, high around five to 10.
- **Saturday:** Chance of light snow late, highs 15 to 20, lows near five above.
- **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, low around 5 above and highs around 15 to 20.

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# ASNMU booksale breaks financial record

BY LUCAS SPONSLER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Traditionally, the end of each semester has been marked by the sound of students whimpering as they walk away from the book buy-back counter.

Today, however, some of those students will find comfort at the ASNMU office.

Checks for books sold in ASNMU's Bucks for Books consignment sale will be made available to students in ASNMU's office during regular business hours. The office is located in Room 1203 of the University Center.

This year's sale grossed more than \$13,500, a significant increase over last year's total of about \$5,000, ASNMU President

Nick Vivian said.

Vivian said the Bucks for Books program benefits students on both sides of the transaction by paying less and getting more for their text books.

"Everybody wins," Vivian said.

Prices are set by students themselves, said Karen Seablom, who helped coordinate the sale.

Seablom said Books for Bucks encountered only two problems: "You run out of books that students are looking for, and you run into a book that's over-priced, and we couldn't get a hold of the student to see if he'll lower the price."

Unsold books are returned to their owners, who can still try to sell them back to the book store in the spring.

"We'd like to be able to do it in the spring," Vivian said, "but we can't because it's so difficult to hold the books over the summer. So right now it's just a fall-to-winter (semester) service we offer."

ASNMU keeps 10 percent of sales to pay operating costs, with surplus going into the group's general fund, "which, in turn, is cycled right back to the student community," Seablom said.

Seablom said she discovered the potential for reselling books through Bucks for Books when she went through the boxes of cast-away text books placed near the buy-back counter and placed on consignment the books she collected.

She made more than \$200.

"It shows that students selling

to students through the ASNMU book sale is worth the effort," she said.

Seablom said many students were happy for the opportunity to shop for a better price.

"They were astonished at how much money they could save," she said.

Vivian said the program has been in existence for many years, and that the NMU Book Store has been quite cooperative with

efforts of Bucks for Books.

"They promoted it after quotas were filled," Vivian said.

Vivian said the book store also gave ASNMU a quote list to help students come up with a ballpark figure by which to list their books.

"The book store even bought some books from us in cases where the book store didn't get their quota for buy backs," Vivian said.

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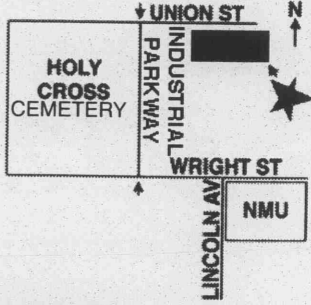
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# Alum arrested, charged

BY TRAVIS MARGONI  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Cornelius Coe, a 24-year-old former defensive back on NMU's football team, was arrested on drug charges. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, with intent to deliver cocaine.

Coe was arraigned last Thursday and was released after posting a \$25,000 bond. The arrest was made Saturday morning, January 8, at 346 Harrison.

The Upper Peninsula

Substance Enforcement Team executed a search warrant, assisted by the Michigan State Police K-9 unit.

UPSET confirmed that a quantity of cocaine, marijuana, scales, and cash were seized from the basement residence.

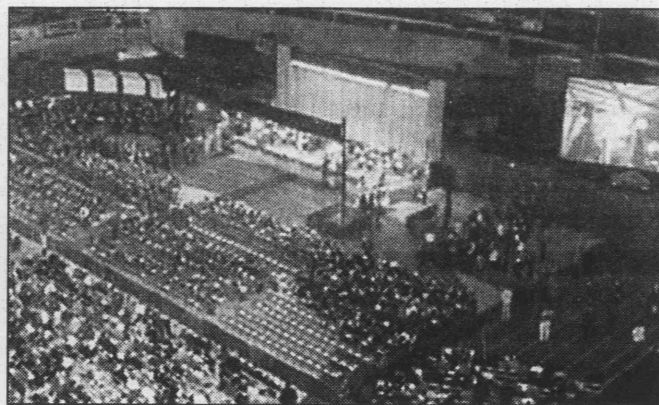
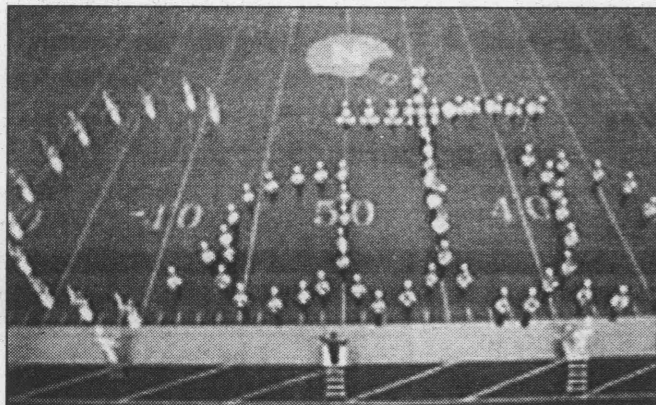
"Far less than 50 grams of cocaine were found," said Beth Paccesy, Marquette County Assistant Prosecutor. The prosecutors are seeking a one- to 20-year prison sentence, including a \$25,000 fine and possibly a lifetime probation, she said.

Coe last played football in 1998 and was registered for classes last semester. He was a starting defensive back for NMU, and received all-conference honors at that position.

According to friends, Coe is an aspiring Arena League professional football player.

"He was excellent," Athletic Director Rick Comley said. "He's definitely of (Arena League) talent level."

The preliminary hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, at 4 p.m.



Courtesy NMU homepage

Students can vote online at [www.nmu.edu/xpress.htm](http://www.nmu.edu/xpress.htm) for one of these two graphic elements for the redesigned Wildcat Express Cards until Jan. 27. The cards will be available this summer.

## Card under construction

BY LUCAS ANDERSON  
NEWS EDITOR

Starting today, students are being given a chance to vote for one of two proposed designs for the new Wildcat Express Card, due out this summer.

The two photos can be viewed at [www.nmu.edu/xprscard.htm](http://www.nmu.edu/xprscard.htm) from Jan. 20 to 27.

The cards will not only be redesigned, but will also be more widely accepted by area merchants, and students will now have a choice of which financial institution to link their card to, according to University Center Director Andrew Wasilewski.

However, not all students need to worry about huge lines at the Wildcat Express Center this fall. "The existing cards will work," said Business Services Director Art Gischia. "We don't plan to recard the entire university."

Gischia handles the Wildcat

Express Card's contractual business. Previously, cardholders could only use their cards as ATM or debit cards through National City bank. However, National City has decided not to renew its contract, so NMU contracted with Pioneer Systems of Pennsylvania.

"The cardholders can link their cards to their banks," Gischia said. "They will have more than one financial institution to deal with."

"We've had banks and credit unions from Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming ... all express interest in this."

Pioneer Systems had tested their multi-bank system at Penn State University. The firm was the only one to offer NMU an option like this, Gischia said.

National City didn't want to be the sole institution dealing with the financial options of the card, but it may still remain an

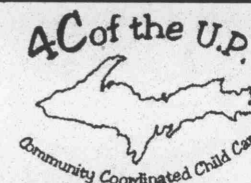
option. "We don't have a firm commitment, but they indicated that they want to be part of this," Gischia said.

Students seemed happy for the new options. Some cited National City policies as reasons to switch.

"Having to go to ATMs and being charged \$3 for the privilege of talking to a person is ridiculous," senior history major Sianne Vroman said. "I am going to go to a different bank, and I don't plan on using the Wildcat Express Card with it because I've had bad experiences with [the card] before."

In a news release issued Tuesday, University Center Director Andy Wasilewski said, "We don't see the cost to students changing at all with competition from more than one financial institution. It really amounts to more choices for students and greater acceptance of the Wildcat Express Card."

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EDITORIAL

Trestle removal a mistake

"Marquette; home of Northern Michigan University." That connection was made immediately every time a fresh face traversed the hill and beheld the rail trestle for the first time. It could well be the most significant landmark that visitors remember about this town. It's been in Northern Michigan University pamphlets, and is still in the video they show incoming students at open houses.

And yesterday morning it was gone. The towering red crane stood at attention as commuters traversed the hill and looked... but didn't see. There was a gap, a visual vacuum, leaving us feeling as though there must be something wrong with our eyes.

Suddenly it was gone, not three weeks after the decision was made.

It's a shame.

Although there's been talk of putting up signs or other such replacements, the trestle is irreplaceable. What historical value will a billboard have? Could it really grab the attention or pique the imagination of any casual stranger, any child sitting in the back of a car staring out the window and silently mouthing the words, "Wow... What's that?"

For many students coming to Marquette, the trestle was a welcome indication of the symbiotic relationship this town has with both the iron industry and with the university. Yet under the guise of "progress," the city has deemed such a thing to be an eyesore.

The removal of the trestle is another example of the fact that Americans live in a disposable society. A people so anxious to escape it's history will surely become lost.

While there have undoubtedly been times in history when people thought there were too many Roman aqueducts littering the European landscape, such landmarks continue to exist.

Who knows? Perhaps years from now they will even consider erecting a sign with a picture of the trestle on it, to commemorate the piece of history that someone decided was getting in the way.

Goodbye, historical landmark. Hello, homogenization.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking problem is universal, timeless

Around this time every year, a great question is always asked by some student who has stepped into class just a few minutes late:

"Was it all right for me to triple park out in the lot?"

The answer should be a no-brainer; however, for all of us, parking is a major concern as we frequently enter and leave the campus. After all, somewhere around 75 percent of the student population are commuters.

It seems simple enough to realize that commuters who otherwise would not have taken their cars to class in the warmer weather are now relying on them as a form of survival for winter travel.

It's no secret that parking has been, is and always will be an issue on the NMU campus. In fact, it's an issue on all campuses across the nation. While at a conference in New Orleans in November, I had an opportunity to talk with other student government presidents. It was not long until the subject turned to parking. Whether they were from sunny southern Florida, Maine, Iowa or Northern Michigan, the issue was no different. Where do we park?

I'd like to be able to tell you

that I have the solution, but I don't. Future plans for creating more lots with island parking should help to straighten out the current maze in the LRC and UC lots; however, the winter parking catastrophe that occurs on the NMU campus will probably never be solved.

If you are looking for possible solutions though, consider the following: a parking ramp, more restrictions on lots by class status, creating more lots, banning cars for freshmen, time limits on parking or capping the number of parking permits sold.

Many of these ideas are unpopular and should never be supported by students. However, if we do not adapt to what we currently have, these potential solutions could quite possibly become a reality.

Remember that when you're driving through the lots, trying not to triple park, trying not to hit the bumper that's sticking out just a little too far, trying very hard to keep the hand gestures and obscenities to a minimum that in the warmer months, we do not have a huge parking problem. The issue is further complicated by the fact that the lots need to be plowed on a regular basis.

It's important that we, as students, continue to work with members of the Campus Master

Plan Committee, Dr. Mike Roy, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Mr. Ken Chant, Director of Public Safety, to ensure that parking problems are minimized.

Because implementing solutions occurs very slowly, we also need to remember to be smart. Take it upon yourself to leave a few minutes earlier before class. Find lots that ordinarily aren't filled. And if need be, be creative and safe in finding a parking spot.

The parking problem is often treated as no big deal. As students, we need to get serious about pushing for more discussion on the issue. Only then will we be freed from nightmares of triple parking disaster.

Nick Vivian  
 ASNMU President

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# Let's get ready to rumble

Make no mistake about it, folks, it is most certainly an election year. With a myriad of candidates in the running, four seem to rise to the top of the list: Gov. George Bush Jr., Vice President Al Gore, Sen. James McCain and Senator Bill Bradley.

It's no surprise to see Al Gore's name at the top of the list. As the current vice president, he has had tremendous amounts of publicity that the others are shelling out big bucks for.

His biggest problem is he seems to come off as being cold, which is ironic, since he has been serving with a president who has been noted for his abundance of niceties — I'll spare you from any Monica Lewinsky jokes at this point.

Still, Gore could benefit greatly from throwing around a smile every now and then. But, regardless, it's a safe bet that he'll get the Democratic nomination.

While Bill Bradley seems to have a softer appearance, he lacks the publicity that Gore has gained from simply being the vice-president — strike one. Secondly, he's a former professional athlete.

While it has no bearing on his political ability, the other popular athlete/politician in Minnesota has been a media magnet and, as a result, has had his greatest successes and downfalls as a result of the direct media attention.

If you couple that with the checkered presidency of the last actor/politician we had in the Oval

## STAFF COLUMN



By GEOFF HINEMAN

Office (Ronald Reagan), it's enough to make some people think twice when they get to the voting booth — strike two. Bradley has a slim chance, but he can't afford to make any mistakes from here on out.

Sen. James McCain, I feel, seems to be the most competent of the lot. While I don't agree with many of his stances (I was raised a Democrat), he consistently presents himself in a confident and composed manner. He's been, by far, a better speaker than George Bush Jr., and displays the qualities that I think have been missing from the presidency since before I was born (1975).

Gov. George Bush Jr. has been leading the polls for the majority of the campaign, but every time he makes a public appearance, he loses points. While he has slipped into an almost deadlock with Al Gore in many states, he is also losing percentage points to Sen. McCain.

I think the biggest reason might be because he suffers from what I call DQD (Dan Quayle Disease). He is a horrible public speaker. He has

gained a reputation for mixing up foreign-policy names and places.

In fact, when asked to name the leaders of four international political hotspots (Taiwan, Chechnya, Pakistan and India) on a televised pop quiz show last November, he was only able to give a partial answer, which referred to Lee Teng-Hui (Taiwan). He made no mention of the others (Isa Munayev, Nawaz Sharif and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, respectively).

But Junior gained his first real victory last Thursday in Portsmouth. When Andy Hiller, the WHDH-TV announcer who surprised him with the international leaders question, met Bush in a Portsmouth restaurant he called out, "John McCain says he will be in deep kimchi if he loses New Hampshire. What do you think?"

Bush replied, full of wit, "How do you spell 'kimchi'?" The room filled with the laughter of his supporters.

What do I think? I think that if that's the best he can do with a news reporter, I would be embarrassed to see him handle any world leaders (especially after he forgets their names).

Say what you want folks. With the New Hampshire Primaries right around the corner, television won't get any better.

Hell, these guys write better monologues for themselves than Leno or Letterman ever could.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Geoff Hineman welcomes reactions to his columns at [ghineman@nmu.edu](mailto:ghineman@nmu.edu).

## SOUND OFF

Do you think NMU needs an affirmative action policy?



Lisa Mleko junior, secondary English education

*"I'd like to see research and statistics presented to the students. We need awareness of the situation before we institute any programs."*

*"No, because affirmative action was originally intended to blot out discrimination and allow minorities to have an equal opportunity for jobs, however, it has succeeded in perpetuating a reverse prejudice that has further oppressed this nation."*



Jackie Balcewicz grad student, English

## MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Student thankful for help in finding lost wallet

I would like to thank the two young people who helped me retrieve my lost wallet in Cohodas on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

When I started tracing my steps, I ended up in the registration office. A young man in the office knew the person who had picked it up. This young man took time out of his day to help me, but we had no luck. After, I went to public safety, and I was relieved to find out the person who found my wallet had turned it in.

Thanks again to all of these people who helped me search for and retrieve

my wallet. It was returned fully intact, including cash, credit cards and other valuable possessions.

Cathy Grady-Love

### Thinkpads useless when accessing NMU software

I am writing in regards to the IBM Thinkpads that are going to be issued to every student on campus beginning in the fall of 2000.

My major is political science, and I am taking PS201 (Research Methods of Public Political Analysis). There is a program called SPSS (Statistical Process for Social Sciences). Well, after class I

decided to do my assignment on SPSS.

I thought that I could get it through NMU's home page. I was wrong. I even called the computer lab to find out what I was doing incorrectly. They told me that I would have to come down to the lab in order to do my assignment.

I think the IBM Thinkpads that will be "issued" to each student are a great idea, especially when we will still have to physically go down to the lab in the snow, even if you live 20 miles away, just to do one assignment that is supposed to be easily accessible through NMU's home page.

Joshua Thatcher

**Next Week: Who's your pick for the Super Bowl?**

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**MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Financial aid situation disturbs new student**

As a new transfer student to this prestigious university, I'd like to comment on how impressed and awe-inspired I am with the present administration and offices here at NMU.

Orientation was one heck of an abbreviated party. Too bad they didn't prorate the \$60 hose job of a "deposit." The normal active periods of orientation — and this is quite generously allowing for "benefit-of-the-doubt" — equate to approximately 12 hours. Divide \$60 by that number of hours, and you get an hourly prorated rate of what should've been paid by the average transfer student who was there for about two hours. Fact: all schools screw you at the door, so I'll let that one slide.

Let's take a snowy sojourn over to Cohodas, the "Hanoi Hilton" of campus administration centers. I'm a history major — getting my primary selections was no problem. Then the issue of my pending financial aid was brought up. Financial aid, meant to be the great educational equalizer, right? Tax money spent to make us better taxpayers in few years, according to my understanding. We, the People, pay the government to pay the higher learning institution for which we qualify in order to assure our right to further our "pursuit of happiness" (see the Constitution) via academic achievement. "Our" financial aid office had told me my "finaid" would be processed

by the week of orientation. I was told by financial services in a rather loan-shark-esque manner I'd have to pay half of my tuition by the following Tuesday or have my schedule eliminated, with little hope of re-registration. Having \$1 to my name and not wanting to completely lose my temper, I took a walk up to financial aid, demanding to speak to a counselor. She immediately wrote me up a deferment so I could have my schedule finalized. That was good, but having the letter of deferment in the first place would've saved a lot of grief.

I figured promissory notes would arrive by the end of our first week of class. This is a normal expectation of any other university, college and even community college. I was even told this in a daily phone correspondence with "our" financial aid office. It's Week Two with no such documents.

Assigned readings, always completed early when my book money (taken from my overage) arrives at least close to on time, have fallen by the wayside. Lecture notes are taken on left-over notebook space from last semester at a previous university, since any money coming in right now pays rent and feeds two children. I wonder how this would look in the next NMU brochure for incoming students?

Will a hands-on tour of "our" lying offices be paid for in future orientation? I realize I'm by no means the only person who's been a victim of "our" illustrious financial "aid" offices

and "services." What really disgusts me here is the "welfare-like handout" attitude that seemingly prevails.

Real welfare, by society's popular perception (money for nothing), would be beautifully illustrated by the inherent paid laziness found in way-too many front counters of "our" esteemed Cohodas bunker. I think if we took away their plush chairs, certain individuals might be inclined to actually move around and get things accomplished.

Would a class action suit levied by all those who've been habitually mistreated by NMU as policy get their attention? Why do we continue to stand for this miscarriage of fair treatment, especially after the general economic situation of the UP dictates a clear need for financial aid?

I'm not out to single-handedly purge this system, I just hope having the courage of my convictions gets certain people's attention and maybe inspires them to start working for a living!

I challenge anyone at The North Wind, from the student body, faculty, or our illustrious president to even feebly attempt to justify this all-too-common mistreatment and apparent second class citizenship status given to students in need of financial aid, not to mention those of us who had our courses dropped because of errors by those we trust to administer our futures.

Well, I'm waiting ... how 'bout you, Miz Prez?!

Dwayne Sortor

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# NMU helps United Way

BY JACKIE WAGNER  
STAFF WRITER

NMU exceeded the expected \$30,000 in contributions to be given to the United Way. The campaign ran for three months, raising \$35,986.

The United Way has been in Marquette for about 50 years. "The United Way of Marquette started years ago when people would come every Sunday looking for contributions to their charity, until finally the community said, 'Enough. How about we give to one charity and they decide where [the money] goes,'" NMU Workplace Coordinator Connie Williams said.

"All the money donated from NMU came from alumni, employees and retirees," Williams said.

Williams worked closely with Dr. Elmer Schacht, head of NMU retirees, to get the retirees involved. "It was mostly the retirees who made this all possi-

ble," Williams said.

Williams and Schacht put together a letter that was sent out to all retirees who donated a large amount of money.

Much of the money from the staff was donated by payroll deduction — an option in which NMU staff can have their donations taken directly out of their paychecks.

"On their paychecks, they had the choice of how much money they wanted to give and to what charity," Williams said. Since the amount of money taken out of each paycheck is less noticeable, it makes it easier to donate money, she said.

Students are not traditionally part of the United Way campaign. "Hopefully next year we can get students involved," Williams said.

There are two ways to decide how donations are spent: Community-Wide Care or Donor Choice. "When people make a donation on the form," said Kim

Smith-Potts, head of the United Way of Marquette, "they can check off the charity they want the money to go to, or they can check Community-Wide Care, and the United Way decides where the money goes."

The United Way has five areas to which it directs its money within the community: unemployment, domestic abuse and substance abuse, youth programs, health education and the elderly. There are 36 member organizations in Marquette, including the Salvation Army, the YMCA, senior citizens' centers and others, she said.

NMU has been involved in the United Way from the beginning. "One of the founders of the United Way in Marquette was Jacquin Gomez, who was the director of Labor Studies, Smith-Potts said.

President William Vandament was also the chair of the Marquette United Way for 10 years, she said.

## I didn't inhale



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Sara Cambensy, a senior art education major, mixes up the clay for her Ceramics class.

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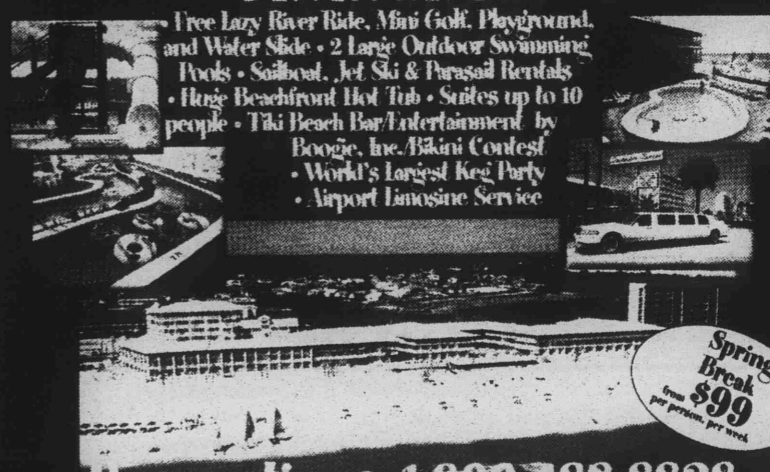
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## CAMPUS NOTES

### Colloquium given

The Psychology Dept. is sponsoring a colloquium on "Infant memory and its relationship to prefrontal cortex development: A decade of work with the delayed response task" on Friday, Jan. 21 from 3:15 to 4:15 in Gries Hall room 167.

Alan J. Beauchamp, associate professor at NMU's Psychology Dept., will present it. Faculty, staff, students and members of the public are invited. For further information, contact the Psychology Dept. at 227-2935.

### VP of community colleges named

Mark Curtis was named assistant vice president of community college programs at NMU, effective Jan. 1.

He will also remain dean of the College of Technology and Applied Sciences, a position he has held since July.

Before joining NMU, Curtis

served as vice president of engineering for Millennium Plastics Technologies in El Paso, Texas during the 1998-1999 academic year. From 1981-98 Curtis was a Ferris State University employee. He also worked for 10 years with the Eaton Corporation.

Curtis was a 1993 recipient of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Distinguished Faculty Award, and the recipient of the 1989 Distinguished Teacher of the Year at Ferris State.

### Alumnus endows new scholarship

NMU alumnus and retired Central Michigan University professor W. Albert Hakala of East Lansing has established a scholarship endowment for education majors, according to NMU Development Fund Executive Director Lorilee Rebhan.

The scholarship will be awarded to NMU students of sophomore or higher status,

studying to be elementary education teachers.

Hakala, a native of Marquette, was a 1943 graduate of the John D. Pierce Training School at NMU and a 1949 graduate of Northern with a bachelor's degree in education.

He received his master's degree from Michigan State in 1954.

Hakala worked as a teacher in the Fennville schools from 1949 to 1952, and the Lansing school district from 1953 to 1961, teaching fifth and sixth grades.

In 1961, Hakala became an instructor at Central Michigan's elementary education lab school. He retired as an assistant professor of education from CMU in 1987.

While at CMU, Hakala taught language arts, remedial reading and was a supervising instructor in the university's reading clinic.

For more information about the W. Albert Hakala Scholarship, contact the NMU Development Fund at 227-2627.

### Pool aficionados wanted at UC

The University Center is hoping to hold a pool tournament during the Winter Semester. They want to determine if there is enough interest and people to warrant this.

Anyone interested in participating in a pool tournament is asked to call Clayton Roth at 227-4951 as soon as possible.

### Chamber music concert honors Johann Sebastian

The first of four monthly chamber music concerts will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Federated Women's Clubhouse, 104 W. Ridge St., Marquette. The concert will feature the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the composer's

death. Participating musicians include:

John Ignatouski, director of music at St. Peter's Cathedral, performing Prelude and Fugue in D on harpsichord; Sheila Grazulis, soprano, singing two arias from Bach cantatas; retired Air Force Band musician Carol McAnulty, a sarabanda and prelude on guitar; professional cellist and Negaunee native Peter J. Paris performing a suite for unaccompanied cello; and retired NMU political science professor Elisha Greifer, flute, and NMU physics professor Dave Lucas, guitar, joining on several short Bach arrangements.

An invitation is extended to any local musician who would like to participate. Contact Elisha Greifer at 225-0840 for information.

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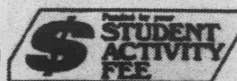
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# Enjoy fast snowmobiling but be safe

By MIRIAM MÖLLER  
FEATURES EDITOR

There are many different ways to enjoy the snowy winter landscape in Michigan. One of them is by snowmobiling.

Over 5,800 miles of snowmobile trails are located in the Upper and Lower Peninsula.

"The U.P. has one of the few trail systems where you [travel as far as] Ironwood to Drummond Island," said Anne Wilson, communication representative for the DNR in the U.P.

Michigan is also one of only three states in the United States that offers such a large system with groomed and interconnected trails, Wilson said.

This extensive offer draws many people outside to ride their snowmobiles, but many are not taking in consideration the dan-

gers when riding in the woods.

"Basically the most dangerous aspect of snowmobiling is speed," Wilson said.

The season's death toll for snowmobile accidents is at eight in the U.P.

Snowmobiles, at times, can go over 100 mph, but the trails are made to drive 35 mph, Wilson said. The winding and scenic routes get turned into speed lanes, she said.

"The only speed limit we have," Wilson said, "is [not to drive at] a speed greater than reasonable for existing conditions."

There are stop signs along the trails that act as legal requests to snowmobile riders, which means it is not a state law for them to stop at a stop sign.

The only things required for snowmobilers are breaks, a muffler, helmet and lights, Wilson

said. However, a valid snowmobile registration and a snowmobile trail permit are required.

To help reduce the dangers of snowmobiling, Wilson suggests to always keep your machine in top condition, use good body protection and never ride alone.

"The best safe riding hint that I can provide is play it safe," Wilson said. "The temptation is there to go fast, but it's not a good idea."

Freshman Jason Arczynski, an Auto Body major, likes snowmobiling "because I can go fast," he said.

For safety Arczynski said to take a snowmobile safety class that is offered by the DNR and the Sheriff's department.

"Don't drink and drive," Arczynski said. "You can't do it in the car, [so] don't do it with a snowmobile."



Dave Roberts/NW

Snowmobiling can be a safe and fun outdoor activity when paying attention to the dangers that can occur. Snowmobile trail maps can be obtained at the local DNR and many businesses. Visit the Web site [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org) for more information.

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## DIVERSIONS

### A bit philosophy

Innocently driving down Washington Street, I found myself stuck behind a bumper sticker-afied truck. I noticed the truck mostly because it was holding up traffic, driving about 17 mph in the fast lane once it hit the 35-mph zone.

Along side of the truck was a grandmotherly type figure driving about the same speed in the slow lane, where someone driving at that speed comfortably belongs. One bumper sticker on the truck caught my eye. It read: HEY STUPID! GET OUT OF THE GENE POOL!

#### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY KRISTY BASOLO

I don't think I need to point out the irony. But I sure had a chance to dwell on it, as I had nothing better to do than read these bumper stickers because the driver was completely oblivious to the world around him.

#### IGNORANCE IS WORSE THAN STUPIDITY.

Yeah, I thought. That driver needs an out-of-body experience, even if he could just ride in my car for the next block behind himself. Eventually the cars behind me started honking, as the backed-up traffic was nearing 20, and the speed of the mass was getting slower.

Immediately, I wondered how someone could be so hypocritical. As my annoyance grew, I began to lapse into the pre-road rage stage, and I turned up my radio.

I hate it when I bump the source button on my CD player and the thing switches to FM radio. At that precise moment, Britney Spears was not what I needed to hear. People have died for less.

But suddenly, the pure, white snow began to fall. Maybe the beauty of it softened my demeanor; maybe I just woke up. Maybe I need an out-of-body experience. Then again, maybe we all do.

Is it necessary to dwell on everyone else's shortcomings? Why are we so quick to judge?

There's only one answer: it's easy. It's easier to pick out everyone else's faults than to fix our own. It is easier to vent about the stupid blunders we see, rather than those others see us committing. It's kind of like forwarding e-mail. It's all fun and games when you forward to all your friends, but when you log on and have 15 stupid jokes waiting for you, it becomes a cockatiel of another color.

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for learning from other people's mistakes. Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean I do. But I have decided to start being a little more considerate.

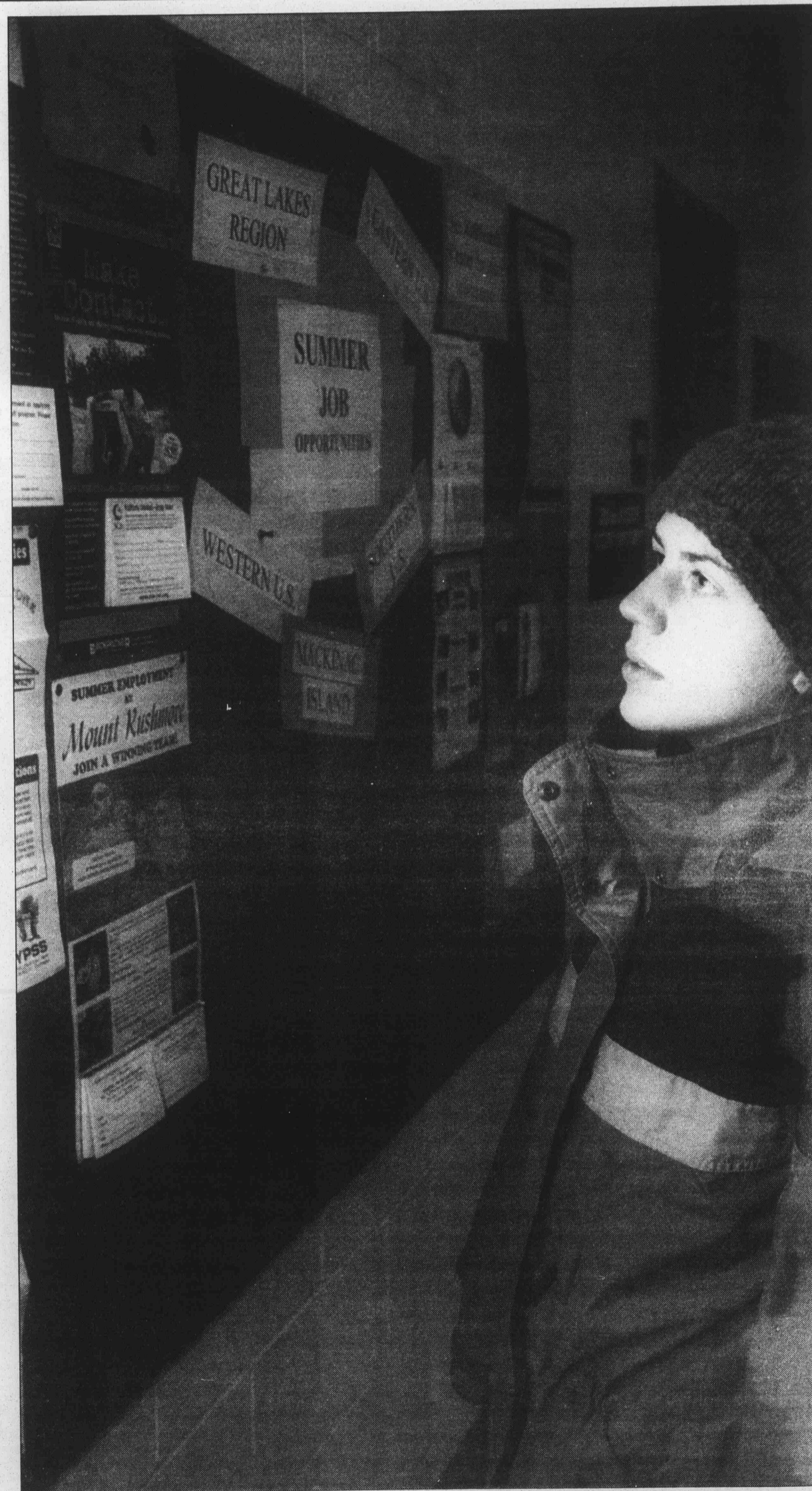
I'm going to chalk up the parking problem on campus to a collective mass instead of focusing my anger on the idiot ... I mean person ... who parked my friend Bruicey in last week. I'm also going to ignore the person who keeps calling my house and hanging up ... three to five times a day.

Listen to me, getting all philosophical, if y'all could only see me sitting here taunting my attack dog with my ridiculous Sylvester the Cat slippers while WWF wrestling blares in the background, you'd know just how many problems I have to fix.

OK, so I don't have as many as those weirdos who call Adam and Dr. Drew on LoveLine, but maybe a reality check is in order.

Maybe I'll even stop picking on Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys.

Hmm. But a girl's gotta have some fun.



Jason Barnes/NW

Amanda Mellon, a freshman outdoor recreation major, checks out the bulletin board in front of the JOBSearch Center in the University Center. Both on- and off-campus job positions are posted and waiting to be filled by talented students looking to thicken their pocketbooks.

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BY ERIN SNOODY  
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

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### Get a taste of jam-based rock band Park

BY JUSTIN MARLOWE  
FEATURES STAFF REPORTER

Park: A Rock Band and a Detroit-based act will perform at the Great Lakes Rooms this Friday at 8 p.m.

Featuring Chuck Bartels on bass, Joshua Funk on guitar and drummer Douglas Walsh, Park plays a unique blend of rock, ska, funk, blues and everything in between. The band has also been known to improvise songs based on audience suggestions.

"Park is definitely one of the most unique bands we've ever had here at NMU," said Nathan Leach, head of Prime Time Productions. "They're very entertaining and definitely high energy, performing everything from straight-ahead blues to a Bohemian Rock Opera."

Originally started as a side project by two former members of the comedy troupe The Second City, Park has its roots in jam-based, satirical and improvisational performing.

Since the release of its albums "7th Heaven" in 1997, and "What I did on my Summer Vacation" in 1998, the band has developed something of cult following in the

greater Detroit area.

The band has also remained close to its theater roots, writing and performing the satirical rock-opera "Garage," which deals with the trials and tribulations of a '70s garage band that was recognized throughout Detroit as one of the most exciting creations in years.

Park fans also eagerly await the release of the movie "Garage: A Rock Saga", a film incarnation of "Garage", which is due out this spring. The film features the members of Park as well as several cameo roles by The Second City cast members past and present.

This performance is sponsored by Prime Time Productions, a new programming group on campus.

Supported by the Office of Housing and Residence Life, Prime Time Productions was created from the merging of the two former groups Funky Entertainment and the On-Campus Events Committee.

The group looks to fill a programming void, not to compete with other programming organizations.

"We want to make sure that there's something happening on campus every weekend," Leach said.

Like all Prime Time Productions events, the concert is free to NMU students.



Photos courtesy Prime Time Productions

Members of Park: A Rock Band wrote and performed "Garage" a satirical rock opera which has been made into a film. Park will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.



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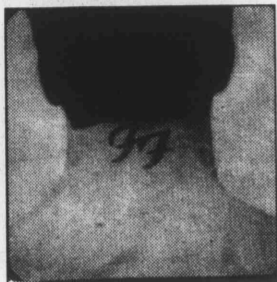
## MUSIC REVIEW MODERN ROCK

# Foo Fighters back to kick around

BY JON SICOTTE  
STAFF WRITER

## Foo Fighters

"There is Nothing Left to Lose"



Grade: B-

OK, we know what band Foo Fighters' lead singer David Grohl used to drum for ... so we won't go there. This is the band's third album (and fourth

lineup), and it doesn't stop from being the same style of Foo Fighters by any means — poppy, rocky, mellow, sensitive and cheesy all in one five-inch compact disc.

These guys are very diverse, at least when it comes to influences. From Foghat to the Cars, from The Who to country rock (yes, that's what I said), it's all in here.

The band recorded this album in Grohl's homemade 1970s-era studio at his home in Virginia. They had no time constraints or label interference in the creation of this project, so what they have to offer on this album is what they consider their best effort ever. That's what they think.

The album starts with the

spacey rock of "Stacked Actors" and continues to deliver the upside of the tempo from the band until it hits the track "Aurora" when the band slows down a bit. "Live-in Skin" rocks things up a bit, while the song "Next Year" should be shown the door. It's much too wimpy and blah — of course the band does have that side to it that shines through every once in a while. (Check out the songs it did for the "Godzilla" and "Scream 2" soundtracks.)

After "Headwires," the rest of the album screams, "Time To Fill Space!" The song "Ain't it the Life" fits this description. According to the band, it's their voyage into the country rock ballad. It's kinda disgusting, but

the band does like to kid around with its fans, so maybe this is one of those times.

If this is your first time listening to the Foo Fighters, you'll like this album. It is good, although it's not the best Foo album of the three.

Overall the Foo Fighters are back, already with one hit single ("Learn to Fly") and a personal vote of confidence from me for the songs "Breakout" (I like screaming) and "Generator" (I like wah-wahs).

This is, of course, one of the MTV-generation favorites, and we need someone to kick around, like the Backdoor Boys, No-Sync or One Thousand and Ninety-eight Degrees ... and be "My Hero" ... or whatever.

Have you gone mad?



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MOVIE REVIEW THE HURRICANE

# Moved by The Hurricane

BY CHASE MURDEY  
MOVIE REVIEWER

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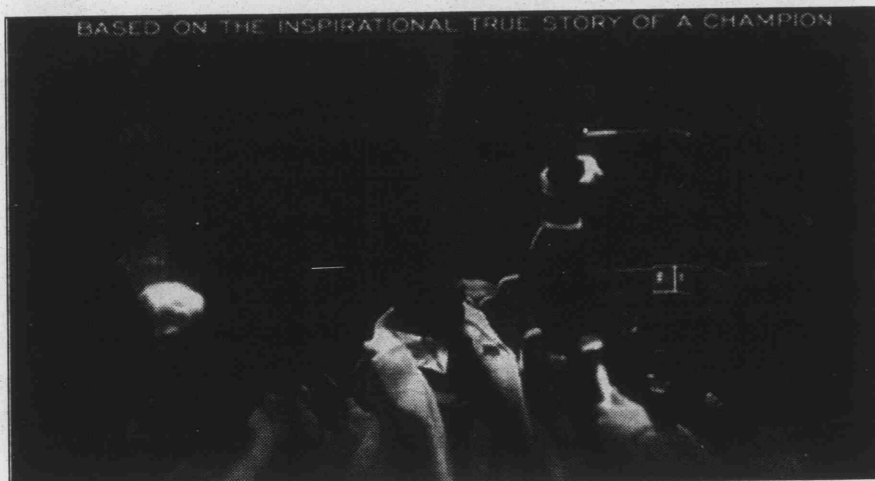
It's not often that a movie comes along that inspires us and moves us on a deeply personal level, something that lasts well into the drive home from the theater and for a long while after that. "The Hurricane," I must say, is such a movie — it's not easily forgotten.

The story of black boxer Rubin Carter (Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington, "Fallen," "The Siege") begins in the early 1960s, at the height of the civil rights movement. As a young boy, Carter had to learn to be tough to survive, stealing from people on the streets and generally not caring much about anything.

One day changed his life forever, as he was forced to defend himself against a person who later became to be a prominent member of the white society. The case was railroaded through the system by racist New Jersey policeman Vincent Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya, "Dick," "Alien Resurrection"), and Carter was sent to a boys' home for 10 years. He escaped after eight years and joined the U.S. Army, where he learned how to box.

All throughout his career, Della Pesca hounded him, always holding a grudge that such a "criminal" could be allowed to live the good life.

The main focus of the movie comes when three white people



are killed in a bar at about the same time Carter is out on the street. Carter and his friend are imprisoned wrongfully for the deaths, and the case is retried and appealed many times, to no avail. Carter's only refuge is his book, "The Sixteenth Round," which was published while he served three consecutive life sentences.

It isn't until the late '70s that things start looking up for Carter. A young boy with the name Lesra (Vicellous Reon Shannon, "Senseless," "Can't Hardly Wait") was "adopted" from his parents by a Canadian household who helped to home-school him.

The first book Lesra buys is Carter's, and after reading it Lesra decides to write him a letter. This sets the ball rolling for a series of meetings between Carter and the whole household, who eventually decide to do everything in their power to prove Carter's innocence. Their amateur detective work turns up the foundation of lies and racism on which the case was built.

Visually, the movie is excellent, with remade black-and-white footage of Carter's fights, and authentic footage of the atrocities that occurred during that era.

The adaptation is very well done. Supported by an incredible cast, the story-line is enough to make anyone get a little sniffle, but the actors' portrayals will result in rolling tears. While the movie isn't without a sense of humor, it is shaded by the national civil-rights crisis, as well as the brutality of person-to-person racism.

Along with a great '60s through '80s soundtrack, this movie is altogether one of the finest pieces of filmmaking to come out in a long time.

Director Norman Jewison ("Dogs of War") spent much time and effort turning investigative research into actual case history. The result is an accurate and entertaining account of a piece of American history many people may have otherwise not known about. "The Hurricane" is a definite must-see.

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**Thursday, January 20**

Blue Gangles at the Village Pub.

**Friday, January 21**

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**Saturday, January 22**

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Vu Du Hippies at Club Aurora.

**Wednesday, January 26**

NMU Hiawatha Winter Workshop Series.

Open singer/songwriter workshop, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in UC.

**Thursday, January 20**

**FILMS**

Gonzo Media presents: Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange" (R), 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Room 102 JXJ.

**Sunday, January 23**

Campus Cinema presents: "American Beauty" (R), 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in room 102 of JXJ.

**Thursday, January 27**

Gonzo Media Presents: "Celine and Julie Go Boating" (NR), 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Room 102 JXJ.

**WINTERFEST**

**Monday, January 24**

Airband Competition, 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in UC.

**Tuesday, January 25**

NMU Squares, 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in UC.

**Friday, January 28**

Drag Show, 8 p.m. Great Lakes Rooms in UC.

**Saturday, January 29**

Snow Statue Judging 10 a.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Thursday, January 20**

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

Last day to obtain 90 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the University (full semester courses).

**Sunday, January 23**

Copper Country Pride will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Call 227-2192 for details or e-mail us at ccp@nmu.edu for locations of meetings.

Last day to obtain 50 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the University (first block courses).

**Wednesday, January 26**

The French Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the UC. All are welcome to come learn about French culture. For more information, contact Kelli at 227-2940.

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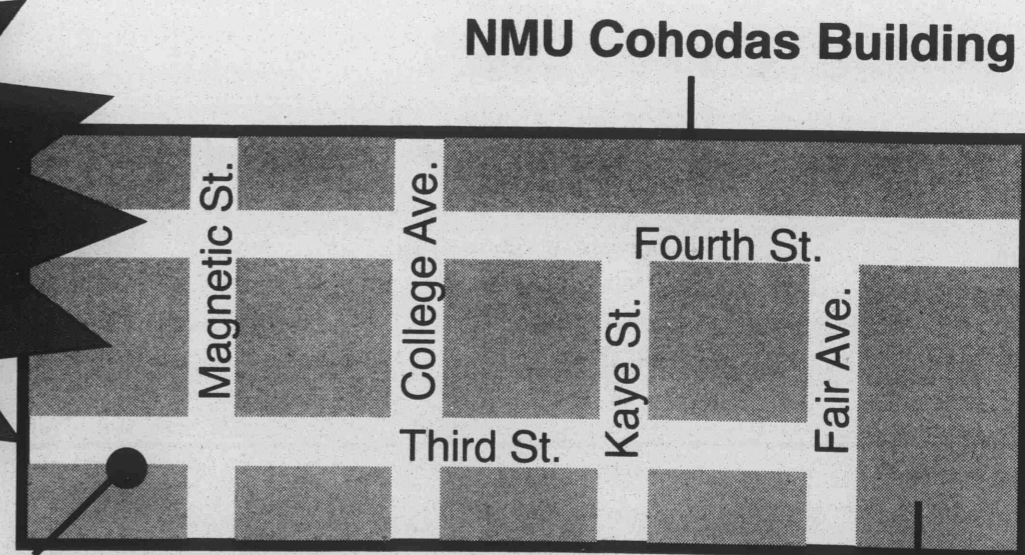
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## MEN'S NORTHWOOD/SAGINAW VALLEY STATE PREVIEW

# Wildcats looking for record

## Men attempt to set road win streak against Northwood

BY JON SICOTTE  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU men's basketball team looks to extend its winning streak to its longest ever on the road.

The Wildcats travel to Midland to start a weekend road trip against Northwood University tonight at 7:45 p.m. and Saginaw Valley State on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Northern (10-2 overall, 7-1 GLIAC) is riding an eight game winning streak, going into the contest with the Timberwolves. Northern looks to break the record for most consecutive road wins to start a season. The 'Cats are 6-0 away from the Berry Events Center this year, an away record not achieved since the 1985-'86 season.

"Our players love to play on the road," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "When you're playing well, records just happen. Our major concern is just getting prepared."

Northwood (7-8, 2-6), one of the teams other than NMU

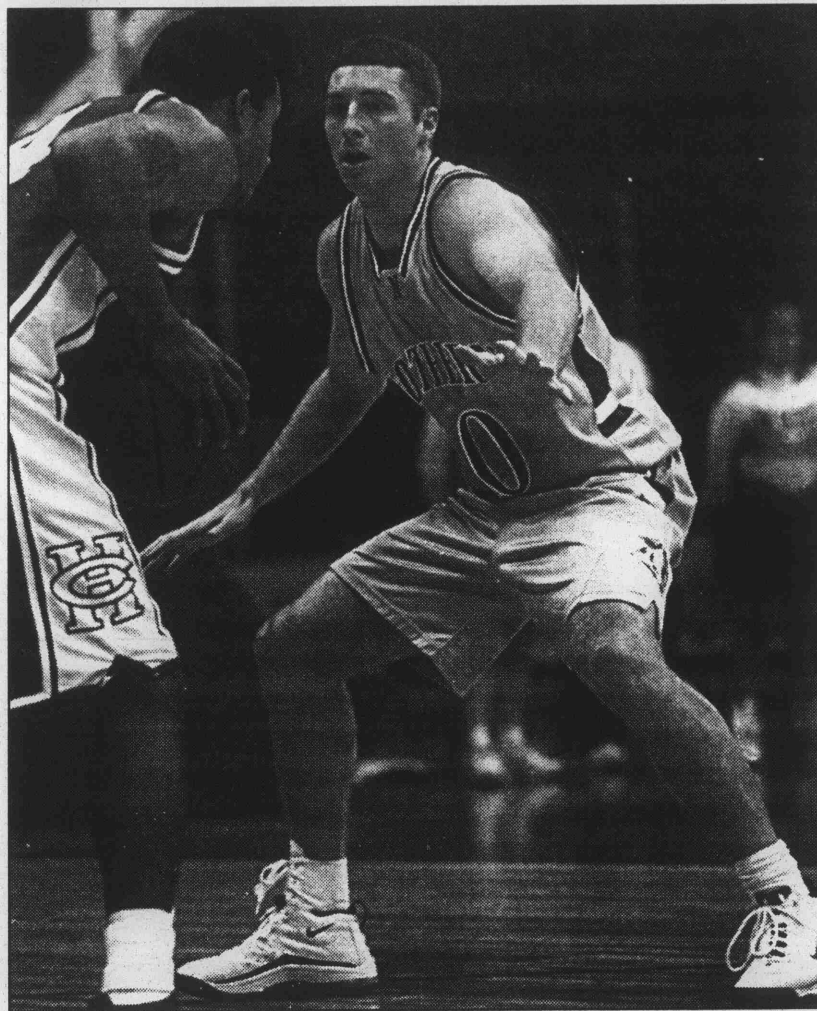
that made the NCAA II Tournament from the GLIAC last year, is led by senior guard Sam Jones (13.8 points per game, 2.4 steals per game) and junior forward Kenyada Dent (13.7 points per game, 7.6 rebounds per game).

The Timberwolves were 21-7 last year but lost to NMU both times last season. NU tied Northern for the GLIAC North title last year, but it is off to a slow start this season after losing center Jeremy Piggott, who led the team in scoring last year.

"They are very concerned about [the weakness in the middle]," Ellis said. "We'll try to exploit it on both ends, but they are very capable on their home court."

Saginaw Valley State (7-7, 2-6), is an improving team, Ellis said.

Sophomore forward Terrence Wright leads the team in scoring and steals (16.6 points per game, 2.4 steals per game), while junior guard Vernon Malone averages 13.5 points per game with 3.2



Duane Pape/NW

Senior guard Jason Price logged the most playing time for NMU in their win over the University of Findlay, on Jan. 16.

assists per contest.

The Cardinals and Wildcats have split the 30 games they have played against each other in the 25-year history of the series. NMU lost to SVSU in Saginaw last season, one of the

Cardinals' 12 wins last year. Both teams beat each other at home. SVSU averages about 170 in attendance per home-game.

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## NORDIC SKI U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Skiers race to Junior Worlds

BY DANIEL POWELL  
COPY EDITOR

The NMU men's and women's Nordic ski teams returned from the U.S. Cross Country Championships in Utah last week, with both teams boasting a national placing.

The women ended the invitational in third place behind perennial powerhouses, University of Utah and University of Colorado-Boulder, which are ranked first and second, respectively.

In addition, four NMU skiers were named to the U.S. eight-member U.S. Junior World Championship team.

Sophomores Aubrey Smith and Melissa Oram, freshman Caitlin Compton, and sophomore Chris Cook from the men's squad were all named to World Championship team, following their performances Jan. 12.

The foursome will travel to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia, later this month. For Oram and Cook, it will be their second consecutive year on the U.S. Junior team.

In six separate races, NMU consistently placed skiers in the top 20.

"It's been a long time since the juniors have made such an impact at the senior nationals," NMU head coach Sten Fjeldheim said. "We have a lot of skiers at the top of their game right now."

In the women's 5-k freestyle event, Aubrey Smith, the second American finisher, won NMU's

Please see Ski on Page 20

## WOMEN'S NORTHWOOD/SAGINAW VALLEY STATE PREVIEW

# Women ranked No. 12 nationally

The NMU women's basketball team is on the road this weekend for a conference series.

Today the Wildcats will face last-place Northwood University at 5:30 p.m. NMU will then play against Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Northwood (5-8 overall, 1-6 GLIAC) is led by sophomore guard Lauren Metaj, who averages 16.8 points per game. Sophomore Georgia Senkyr is the only other player averaging

double digits with 10.2 points per game.

The Timberwolves average 41 percent in shooting from the field and 59 percent from the free-throw line.

Northern (12-2, 7-1) leads the all-time series against Northwood, 23-4, and has won the last 16 meetings.

Senior Jill Herbig leads Saginaw Valley State (7-7, 3-4) in scoring, averaging 17.9 per game. Senior Sue Karber follows with 16.8 points per game.

The Cardinals are shooting 44 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free-throw line.

The Wildcats are shooting 48 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line. Senior forward Sasha Leverentz, who reached the 1,000-point mark in last week-end's game against the University of Findlay, paces the 'Cats with an average of 22.4 points per game.

Leverentz is a likely starter in the series, along with junior

guard Brianne Weber, junior forward Molly Sayen, junior center Jill Gobert and senior forward Carrie Dykstra.

— NMU sports release

## Wildcat leaders

Leverentz, 22.4 points per game; Gobert, 6.6 rebounds per game; Dykstra, 6.4 assists per game, 55.7 field-goal percentage; Marisa DellAngelo, 36.4 three-point percentage; Sayen, 23 steals; Maryellen Poutanen, 87.5 free-throw percentage.



**MEN'S NMU 67, HC 60; NMU 79, UF 61**

## NMU extends win streak

BY JEREMY PICKENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's basketball team ran its current winning streak to eight games last weekend with a pair of league wins over Findlay University and Hillsdale College.

On Sunday, the Wildcats (12-2 overall, 7-1 GLIAC) defeated Findlay, 79-61, in a key GLIAC matchup at the Berry Events Center. Findlay (10-3, 7-1) was tied for first in the GLIAC South Division entering the weekend.

"We kept our intensity and energy up the whole game," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "Defensively we played excellent. We took [UF] out of its game."

The Wildcats were led by senior forward Kevin Coduti, who had 14 points and five rebounds.

The 'Cats also turned in a solid team performance, with 11 of the 12 players scoring.

Senior guard Pete Moe gave a lot of credit for the win to the Wildcats' bench.

"It was a great team win," Moe said. "The guys on the bench don't get enough credit. It's great to see them all in there and playing so well."

NMU defeated Hillsdale (8-6, 5-2) on Saturday, 67-60.

The 'Cats' scoring was led by senior forward Cory Brathol, who had 26 points and five rebounds.

NMU had a 12-point lead midway through the first half when a water pipe burst in the Izzo-Mariucci connector, setting off the fire alarm in the BEC (see story on Page 3). Hillsdale outscored the Wildcats, 15-8, to end the half.

"We let them slow the game down, and we shot the ball too quickly on each possession," Ellis said. "The delay may have helped them find a little rhythm, but we made some adjustments at the half."

**HOCKEY NOTRE DAME 2, NMU 2; NMU 6, NOTRE DAME 0**

## Wildcats creep closer to first

BY JASON LAUREN  
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team kept first place in its sights last weekend against the University of Notre Dame.

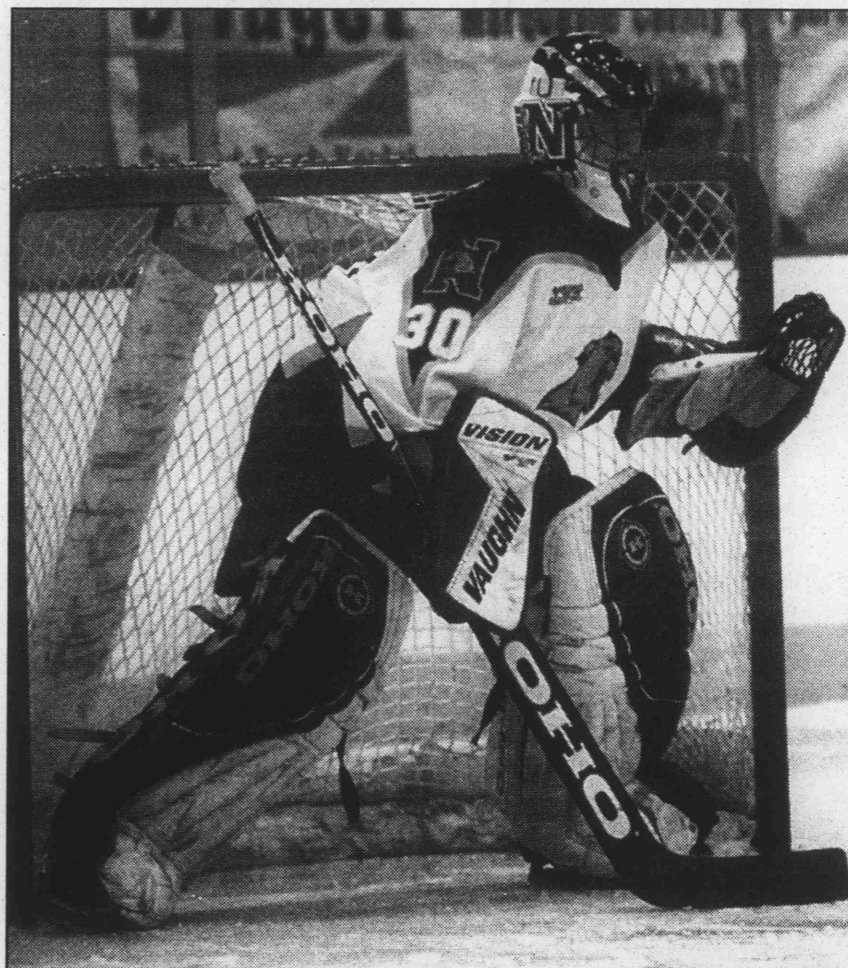
The No. 8-ranked Wildcats (16-6-2 overall, 11-3-2 CCHA) took three of four points from the Fighting Irish (8-13-5, 5-7-4) on Jan. 13 and 14 at the Berry Events Center. A 2-2 tie and a 6-0 win, respectively, leave NMU tied for second place in the CCHA with Michigan State and two points behind first-place Michigan, which has played one more game than Northern.

Freshman right wing Terry Harrison earned CCHA Rookie of the Week for his one-goal, two-assist performance.

On Friday, the Wildcats may have played their best game of the season as they scored two power-play goals and a short-handed goal, held UND scoreless on nine power plays and outshot the Irish, 30-19.

"It's the best game in a while," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "We needed a good game like this."

The shutout, NMU's seventh, broke the school record for team



Duane Pape/NW

**Senior goalie Duane Hoey recorded his third shutout of the season and fifth of his career in NMU's 6-0 win over UND on Friday. The shutout broke the school team record for shutouts in a year.**

shutouts in a season. The previous mark was set in the 1990-'91 season, which was Northern's national championship year.

"It takes a lot of combinations and some luck for goaltenders to

get seven shutouts in one year, and that's pretty special," Comley said.

NMU senior goalie Duane Hoey recorded his third shutout of the season.

"[Notre Dame] had its chances on the power play, but 5-on-5 we didn't give them very much," Hoey said. "I got some lucky bounces in there, too."

On Jan. 13, the game was even in almost every aspect. Not only did the game end in a tie, the shots (25-25) and power-play goals (one) were also even.

"It was very even and very tight," Comley said. "They hit the post in overtime, and we had three great scoring chances in overtime. We had to work for everything. We got our hitting game back, which we had lost a little bit."

Senior captain Lee Ruff gave NMU a 1-0 lead in the first period before Notre Dame scored two unanswered goals.

Senior right wing J.P. Vigier scored the game-tying goal when his slap shot deflected off a UND defenseman and into the net.

"I just tried to put the puck on net," Vigier said. "I tried to shoot it hard. It went a little off, and it hit one of their defenseman and went in. Sometimes you got to get lucky."

The Wildcats have this week off before facing Bowling Green State University on Jan. 28 and 29 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

**WOMEN'S NMU 99, HILLSDALE 67; NMU 79, FINDLAY 53**

## Northern moves into first-place tie

### Leverentz records 1,000th career point

BY JON SICOTTE  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 12 NMU women's basketball team regained a share of first place in the GLIAC North Division with a pair of wins at home this weekend.

The Wildcats (12-2 overall, 7-1 GLIAC) beat the University of Findlay, who was unbeaten in the conference previously, 79-53, on Sunday afternoon.

NMU jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first 4:30 of the game, as NMU hit three three-pointers from three different players.

"Our defensive intensity made it difficult for [UF] to get any real good looks," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

Northern led, 37-21, at the half, but Findlay cut the lead to eight with 13 minutes to play. The 'Cats went on a 22-3 run over the next five minutes to extend the lead into the eventual 26-point win. Geary said he hopes the team will learn to stop losing large leads.

"As long as we keep pounding that message home, hopefully we will get to the point where we want to keep getting [more points]."

Geary also said because the Oilers went into overtime with Michigan Tech on Saturday afternoon, they would either be a bit tired or all the UF players would get more playing time, which would give Geary a chance to analyze the whole team before the

Wildcats would play against UF.

Leading NMU was senior forward Sasha Leverentz, who was named GLIAC Player of the Week, with 22 points, which put her over the 1,000-point barrier for her career. Junior center Jill Gobert had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"We were in pretty good shape because of our inside strength," Geary said. "[Leverentz] and [Gobert] pretty much had their way around the basket."

On Saturday, Northern beat Hillsdale College 99-67. Both Leverentz (35) and sophomore guard Leigh Daulton (16) scored career highs. NMU held HC to 39 percent shooting from the floor for the game.

"We played smart," Geary said. "We put smart pressure on them and didn't allow them to march up the offensive end."



## SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Women's basketball at Northwood University, Midland, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball at Northwood University, Midland, 7:45 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Alpine ski at Lacrosse Cup, Lacross, Wis., all day.

Swimming at UW-Milwaukee Invitational, Milwaukee, all day.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Alpine ski at Mid-American Race, Marquette Mountain, all day.

Alpine ski at Lacrosse Cup, Lacross, Wis., all day.

Women's basketball at Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, 1 p.m.

Men's basketball at Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, 3 p.m.

Nordic ski at Macalester College Invitational, Minneapolis, all day.

Swimming at UW-Milwaukee Invitational, Milwaukee, Wis., all day.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Alpine ski at Mid-American Race, Marquette Mountain, all day.

Nordic ski at Macalester College Invitational, Minneapolis, all day.

## CCHA STANDINGS

TEAM (Overall)	W-L-T	PTS.
1. Michigan (18-6-0)	14-4-0	26
2. Michigan State (16-7-0)	12-5-0	24
<b>N. MICHIGAN (16-6-2)</b>	<b>11-3-2</b>	<b>24</b>
4. Lake Superior St. (10-11-1)	9-6-1	19
5. Ferris State (15-9-0)	8-8-0	16
Western Michigan (8-10-2)	7-7-2	16
7. Miami (9-9-2)	6-6-2	14
Nebraska-Omaha (7-11-4)	5-7-4	14
Notre Dame (8-13-5)	5-7-4	14
10. Bowling Green St. (7-13-0)	6-10-0	12
11. Ohio State (8-14-2)	4-11-1	9
12. Alaska-Fairbanks (4-16-0)	3-15-0	6

## HOCKEY POLL

## U.S. College Hockey Online Poll

TEAM (First-place votes)	W-L-T	PTS.	LAST
1. New Hampshire (37)	18-3-1	397	1
2. Wisconsin (3)	18-5-1	362	4
3. North Dakota	15-5-2	288	2
4. Michigan	18-6-0	266	5
5. Maine	15-4-4	247	3
6. Boston University	13-6-4	209	7
7. Michigan State	16-7-0	144	6
<b>8. N. MICHIGAN</b>	<b>16-6-2</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>8</b>
9. Boston College	13-6-1	74	-
10. Rensselaer	13-6-1	41	9

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Ferris St., 26; Niagara, 16; St. Lawrence 9; Northeastern, 8; Colgate, 6; Minnesota, 1.

## NMU 6, UND 0

Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
N. Michigan	3	1	2	6

## FIRST PERIOD

1. NMU, Jimmy Jackson 6 (Kevin Schmidt, Bryan Phillips), 0:38; 2. NMU, Lee Ruff 4 (Dan Donnette, Terry Harrison), 5:47; 3. NMU, J.P. Vigier 10 (Sean Connelly, Chad Theuer), 15:21.

## SECOND PERIOD

4. NMU, Peter Michelutti 1 (Bryce Cockburn, Harrison), ppg, 14:32.

## THIRD PERIOD

5. NMU, Harrison 2 (Sean Owens, Ruff), ppg, 14:42; 6. NMU, Roger Trudeau 15 (Vigier), shg, 17:45.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 2-9; UND, 0-9.

PENALTIES — NMU, 13-26; UND, 13-26.

GOALIE SAVES — NMU, 19 (Duane Hoey, 4-11-4); UND, 24 (Tony Zasowski, x-6-9; Jeremiah Kimento, 9-x-x).

## NMU 2, UND 2

Notre Dame	1	1	0	0	2
N. Michigan	1	1	0	0	2

## FIRST PERIOD

1. NMU, Ruff 3 (Donnette), 2:47.

## SECOND PERIOD

2. UND, Sean Seyferth 2 (unassisted), 5:34; 3. UND, Dan Carlson 6 (Ben Simon), ppg, 5:46.

## THIRD PERIOD

4. NMU, Vigier (Phillips, Trudeau), ppg, 15:29.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — UND, 1-6; NMU, 1-7.

PENALTIES — UND, 7-14; NMU, 6-12.

GOALIE SAVES — UND, 23 (Zasowski 6-6-7); NMU, 23 (Dan Ragusett 6-7-8).

## GLIAC MEN

## NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN	7-1	10-2
2. Michigan Tech	4-3	9-5
3. Grand Valley St.	3-4	6-7
4. Saginaw Valley St.	2-5	7-6
5. Lake Superior St.	2-6	9-8
6. Northwood	1-6	6-7
7. Ferris State	0-7	2-12

## NMU 79, UF 61

N. MICHIGAN Price 1-4 0-0 3, Matacz 5-5 0-2 10, K. Coduti 7-9 0-0 14, Brathol 4-13 5-5 13, Moe 3-5 1-1 7, Maseller 3-4 0-0 17, Roberts 4-7 0-0 11, M. Coduti 1-2 0-0 2, Ramberg 1-1 2-2 4, Whitten 3-4 0-0 6, Dillion 1-2 0-0 2, DellAngelo 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 33-56 8-8 79

HALFTIME — NMU 23, GU 37.

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 29 (Matacz 6), UF 27 (Hampton 5).

ASSISTS — NMU 13 (Whitten 3), UF 15 (Hampton 5).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 9, UF 11.

A — 503.

## NMU 67, HC 60

N. MICHIGAN Price 1-3 0-0 3, Matacz 1-4 1-2 3, K. Coduti 6-14 4-6 16, Brathol 9-19 6-9 26, Moe 2-4 2-2 6, Maseller 4-7 2-2 11, M. Coduti 0-0 0-0 0, Whitten, 0-2 0-0 0, Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Ramberg 1-1 0-0 2, DellAngelo 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 24-54 15-21 67

HALFTIME — NMU 37, HC 27.

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 34 (K. Coduti 12), HC 35 (McGrath 9).

ASSISTS — NMU 9 (Brathol 3), HC 7 (Vranesich 2).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 14, HC 18.

A — 552.

## GLIAC WOMEN

## NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN	7-1	12-2
2. Ferris State	6-1	10-3
3. Michigan Tech	5-2	10-4
4. Lake Superior St.	5-3	11-4
5. Grand Valley St.	4-3	9-5
6. Saginaw Valley St.	3-4	7-7
7. Northwood	1-6	5-8

## NMU 79, UF 53

N. MICHIGAN Weber 3-6 0-0 9, Gobert 8-11 2-3 18, Dalton 3-5 0-0 8, Leverentz 9-16 2-3 22, DellAngelo 2-6 0-0 6, Keranen 1-1 0-0 2, Dykstra 2-5 3-4 7, Poutanen 0-3 4-4 4, Rehmann 1-3 0-0 2, Keranen 1-1 0-0 3. TOTALS 29-57 11-14 79

HALFTIME — NMU 37 FU 21.

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 36 (Gobert 10), FU 30 (Watts 7).

ASSISTS — NMU 20 (Dykstra 6), FU 9 (Stedcke 5).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 36, FU 30.

A — 478.

## NMU 99, HC 67

N. MICHIGAN Weber 0-1 0-0 0, Gobert 3-4 6-6 12, Dalton 4-6 5-7 16, Leverentz 15-20 3-3 35, DellAngelo 2-6 3-4 8, Dykstra 3-5 3-5 9, Poutanen 3-5 2-3 8, Rehmann 1-4 2-2 4, Gagnon 2-3 0-0 5. TOTALS 33-58 26-34 99

HALFTIME — NMU 52, HC 34.

FOULED OUT — None.

REBOUNDS — NMU 37 (Leverentz 6), HC 22 (Heid 6).

ASSISTS — NMU 21 (Dykstra 11), HC 10 (Bergman 3).

TOTAL FOULS — NMU 20, HC 21.

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**SKI**

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first-ever medal in senior ski competition.

"[Smith's] finish is the best we've ever had," Fjeldheim said. "Cook skied as well as he ever has, and Jesse Downs showed us what he is capable of."

Fjeldheim said the week-and-a-half trip to Utah has him excited about the coming races for his two squads.

"Utah was tough," Fjeldheim said of the trip. "Both snow conditions and other college racers were stiff competition."

The women competed in a 5-k freestyle, a 10-k classical pursuit and 1.5-k sprint. The men competed in 10-k freestyle, as well as a 15-k classic pursuit and a 1.5-k sprint.

The Nordic teams return to action this weekend at ABR in Ironwood. The invitational hosted by Manchester College (Minneapolis), was moved north due to lack of snow.

The invitational is one of four NCAA meets in which NMU will compete in, the best of which is used for NCAA standings.

Nine teams are expected to compete.

Fjeldheim said NMU still has a shot at winning even with its top three female skiers and top male skier away.

**MEN**

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"There's not a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the building, and everyone in the league struggles there against them," Ellis said. "Their lack of fans is their sixth man."

Northern has outscored its opponents by an average of seven points per game in the first half, but only two points in the second half. Ellis said those numbers are misleading.

"I've read those stats, but we are just trying to play 40 minutes a night, so whatever the stats show... it doesn't make a whole lot of difference just as long as we are able to win."

**Wildcat leaders**

Cory Brathol, 21.3 points per game; Kevin Coduti, 8.1 rebounds per game, 61 field-goal percentage; Jason Price, 42 three-point percentage; 35 assists; Pete Moe, 20 steals.

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## ALPINE SKIING HARDCRABBLE CUP WRAP-UP

# Alpine ski team captures Hardscrabble Cup

## Salonen wins two events in her first race of the season

BY DANIEL POWELL  
COPY EDITOR

The NMU women's alpine ski team continued its Midwest domination last weekend, winning the Hardscrabble Cup in Rice Lake, Wis.

The NMU skiers finished no lower than 12th place out of 57 racers in both the slalom and giant slalom races.

"We skied the flats well," NMU coach Jill Rodgers said. "The terrain was inconsistent and challenging, but the girls did well all weekend."

Senior Christy Salonen won both the giant slalom and slalom events, in her first race with NMU this season.

Salonen and sophomore Michelle Murray recently returned to Marquette after

spending the early part of the ski season out west.

Rodgers could be nothing other than satisfied Saturday night after five NMU skiers finished in the top six in the slalom race.

"[Senior Liz Wells] and [Salonen] put together some of the best runs of their careers Saturday," Rodgers said. "All of the girls stepped up and skied well together."

Murray finished third, Wells fourth, and freshman Sarah Irving and Laura Wilbur were fifth and sixth, for the Cats in the slalom.

On Sunday, the women also skied with success.

Salonen and Wells finished one-two, with Murray finishing fourth, Irving in ninth and Wilbur ending up 12th in the giant slalom.

Rodgers said she credits hard work off the slopes to NMU's strong presence thus far this season.

"Our dry-land work has made the girls physically and mentally stronger as a team," Rodgers said.

"Everyone is healthy and skiing well.

"We have also had depth, and the upperclassmen have provided leadership for our rookies:

"With such a strong team, I'm looking forward to every weekend."

With the heart of its season arriving, the alpine squad will split this weekend, with five racers staying in Marquette to race a Mid-American race at Marquette Mountain.

The race is a make-up event rescheduled from December.

The rest of the team will travel to Lacrosse, Wis., to ski in the Lacrosse Cup.



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SWIMMING EMU 182, NMU 56; DU 187, NMU 49

# 'Cats benefit from tough dual-meet competition

BY JENN JUREWICZ  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend, the NMU swimming and diving team attended a double-dual meet at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. NMU fell to Division I Eastern Michigan, 182-56, and to Division-III Denison University (Ohio), 187-49.

"Eastern's program in the Mid-American Conference is strong," NMU head coach Chris Coraggio said.

"It was a good test for us. As for Denison, they're second in the entire country in Division III."

Freshman Kristy Vermillion placed fourth overall in the

1000-yard freestyle, finishing at 10:58.08, and took second in the 500-yard freestyle, missing first by 31 seconds.

"They're both really good teams and they were an equally good challenge," Vermillion said.

"It's always good experience to get that kind of competition, although it is hard."

Northern (4-2, dual meets) attempts to schedule teams of good quality in order to raise their expectations, Coraggio said.

"When you compete against people who are better than you," Coraggio said, "you have to step up to meet those challenges. In the sport of swimming, a team's

season record has no bearing on whether you qualify for nationals. So in the long run, this kind of competition will benefit us come national and conference time."

Sophomore Katie Richter captured fifth place overall in 1-meter diving, with a score of 242.05. Also, senior Mary-K Kearns placed fourth overall in the 200-butterfly event at 2:16.74, and freshman Sarah Verbrugge landed fourth overall in the 200-freestyle, recording a time of 2:00.25.

The Wildcats final home meet, which is senior recognition day, will be Jan. 29 against Grand Valley State University at 12:30 p.m. in the PEIF pool.

## USOEC boxers win nationals, advance to Olympic Trials

U.S. Olympic Education Center boxers Roberto Benitez and LeChance Shepherd have both captured titles before, but none may have been more important than the ones they won Saturday evening at the Everlast Championships.

In competition Jan. 15, at the City Auditorium in Colorado Springs, Co., not only did both boxers capture their second national title, but both now enter the U.S. Olympic Team Trials as favorites in their weight classes.

Benitez successfully defended

his 1999 U.S. title by defeating top-ranked Gabriel Elizondo (San Antonio, Texas), 25-18.

In 147-pound action, second-ranked Shepherd dominated Cliff Richard (Camp Lejeune, N.C./Marines), 21-7, to win the gold medal. He also won the U.S. title in 1997.

Shepherd and USOEC teammates Teauce Shepherd (125), Sechew Powell (156), and David Jackson (139) all qualified for the Olympic Trials in competition Saturday.

— NMU sports release

## MARQUETTE MOUNTAIN SKI REPORT

Snow Conditions as of Jan. 19:

- 20 open trails, 18 are groomed. Reported average base depth of 18 to 60 inches.
- Surface conditions reported are hard packed base with surface powder.
- All lifts are operating.
- Predicted weather is moderate to heavy lake-effect snow throughout the weekend.

Projected temperatures expected to range between 10 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Terrain park and half-pipe is expected to be finished on Friday in time for the weekend.

### Up Coming Events:

- Jan. 21 (In-service day): \$5 Lift Tickets with coupon picked up from specific loca-

tions. These can be found at Wilderness, Johnson's on Third St., Brampton's, and Mr. Bike.

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it in your heart to forgive us!?!  
— NW

**Ms. Neill** — I'll be there for you: these five words I swear to you. When you breathe I wanna be the air for you. Words can't say what love can do. I'll be there for you.  
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We have brooms and grog, we've come from the land of the midnight sun. Valhalla, I am coming! Get your team together!  
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Here I go again... **BERZERKER**

**Celebrity Cross-Check**

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Find words and celebrity name to fit the clues. Match letters with numbers in each square to cross-check answers. (HINT: 3=G)

1	2	3	4	5	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, locust, tungsten, nautical, height, release, Tiger Woods




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