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First of America ushered in the Wildcat Express Card. As of May 1, National City, the bank which absorbed First of America last fall, will have nothing to do with it, and students will be ...

Free to choose

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

Wildcat Express Card holders will soon have the opportunity to link their cards to any one of several banks, due to the ending of NMU's contract with National City bank.

"We were scheduled to renew that contract [with National City] in 1999," said Art Gischia, director of business services at NMU. "It was [the bank's] desire not to be involved in the program anymore."

National City's spokesman for media relations Bill Eiler disagrees. He said the agreement to end the contract was mutual. Eiler also said branch-

es are always under review and that some are being closed, while others are being upgraded.

However, NMU is in the process of developing an agreement with multiple banks in Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming and Munising to give students more choices.

"The positive side is, now we will have access to a number of locations," Gischia said.

As of May 1, students will be able to have access to their accounts from a number of banks instead of just one. Students should experience no change at all, Gischia said.

"It will be relatively painless," Gischia said.

NMU met with the possible

contractors recently and is now waiting on decisions from the banks. The banks must respond by March 1, Gischia said.

National City bank was also invited to join the new program but chose not to participate.

"We have told the university we looked at this as a business case again," Eiler said. "It is not a choice for us."

Gischia said he encouraged National City to participate in the new program, and it was a surprise to him that National City did not choose to renew the contract in the first place.

"From my perspective, it would be more profitable for them to participate," Gischia

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Black history celebrated

Month brings cultural events to Northern

BY LUCAS ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

A number of different activities have been coordinated to celebrate February as Black History Month.

"This year, we're hoping to bring everyone from on-campus — all colors," event coordinator Settoria Jackson said. "It's a celebration, a celebration for everyone."

The next event in the series will be a free

soul-food dinner in the Gant-Spaulding basement Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.

There will also be a series of films. "Black Is, Black Ain't" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Brule Room Feb. 9. Campus Cinema will show a pair of films, "The Best Man" at 6:30 p.m. and "The Wood" at 9 p.m. in Jamrich Room 102 on Feb. 13.

The final film, "Imitation of Life," was made in the 1930s. It is about a bi-racial girl being brought up by her black mother and the struggles they go through, Jackson said. The film will be shown in the Brule Room in the UC on Feb. 16.

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She's a lady



David Roberts/NW
Brock Ashlon, above, sings "She's A Lady" during the student drag competition portion of the Third Annual Drag Show, which was sponsored by Outlook. At right, Kylee West of Milwaukee performs for the crowd. The Drag Show was also welcomed by a small crowd of protesters who questioned the morality of the event, which was funded by the Student Activity Fee.



CARD

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said.

The currently existing contract with National City requires the bank to administer all the services for the students, such as making the card eligible to be used on the ATM. Within the new system, the banks no longer have to worry about that because NMU has hired Pioneer Systems to install the multi-bank system for the participating banks.

Gischia said National City has told him that "it has not been profitable for them."

"When [National City] was the primary bank, it had to take care of everything."

National City bank has closed two of four branches in Marquette. A factor that played a role in its decision to end the contract is that National City bank has a branch on Third Street, which is close to campus, Eiler said.

This is the first time NMU has switched banking systems.

"I think it will be better now," Gischia said. "Any time we have choice, I think it's better."

HISTORY

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The last event in the series will be a church service at the First Baptist Church on 728 West Kaye Ave., behind the Thomas Fine Arts building.

"It'll be more of a gospel service — not really your traditional church service. It's more contemporary and upbeat, and everyone sings. And everyone's going to join together for brunch afterwards."

This is Jackson's first year

coordinating Black History Month activities.

"I want to say that everyone's welcome," she said.

The series is sponsored by Diversity Student Services, the Gateway Academic Program, the King Chavez Parks Initiative, and Umoja, the black student union.

The first event in the series, a version of the game show "Greed" with black history questions, took place Tuesday. Four teams of four competed.

Four Guys — Mike

DeGood, Aaron Seagraves, Jon Sicotte and captain Carson Rizor — took first place. Brown Sugar, consisting of Danielle Jones, Sonia Makele, Devin Parrish and captain Farrah McDaniel, placed second. Third place went to Essence, which included Renee Catchings, Crystal Newton, Danielle Stone and team captain Aisha Golden.

"It went really well," Jackson said. "Everyone learned from it. I learned a lot

of things."

The Four Guys were led by Carson Rizor.

"It was a really cool event," Rizor said. "I was kind of disappointed that there weren't more people. It wasn't as much about black as it was about history."

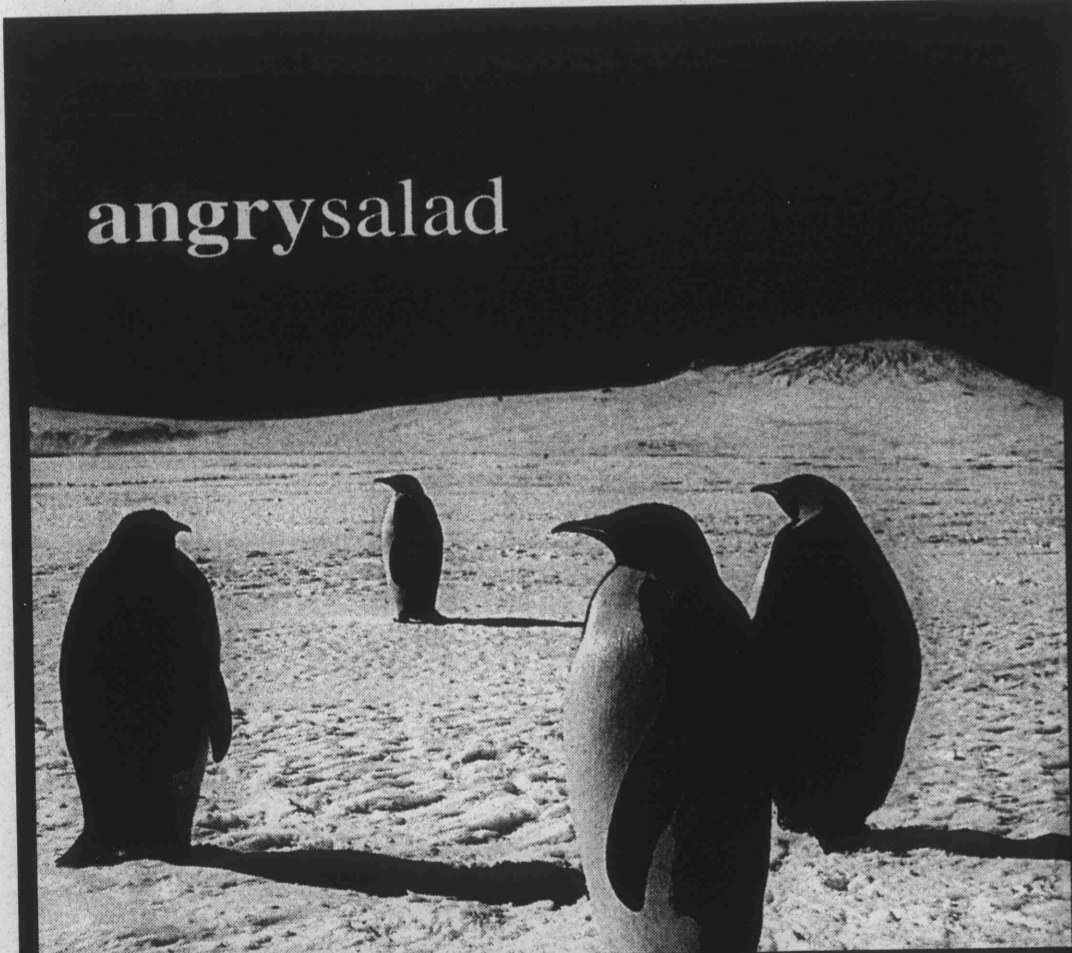
And knowing this history has its rewards. Rizor split a \$250 prize with the other Guys for taking first.

"I don't know about the others, but I'm going to pay my rent with it," Rizor said.

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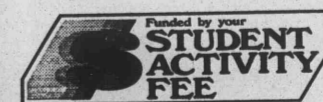
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Local

NMU student in critical condition

MARQUETTE — NMU student Daniel Etelamaki, 22, lost control of his snowmobile Saturday. Etelamaki was driving a 2000 Yamaha at about 12:45 a.m. on a private road in Ely Township when the accident occurred. Preliminary investigation indicates Etelamaki lost control of the snowmobile and crashed into a cable strung across a private driveway as he tried to avoid it. Police said excessive speed is believed to have been a factor in the crash. Etelamaki was still listed in critical condition as of Wednesday afternoon.

National

Police: Seton Hall fire was arson

NEWARK, N.J. — The fire in a Seton Hall University dormitory on Jan. 19 that killed three students may have been deliberately set. Anonymous law enforcement sources reported to local newspapers that, after two weeks of investigating, they now believe that the fire resulted from a grudge between students and other youths not enrolled at the private Catholic school. "This was not an accidental fire. Someone started the fire," said an anonymous official. At least four individuals are prime suspects. Resident assistant Dana Christmas, 21, asked the individuals to leave prior to the breakout of the fire, and is one of four students who remain in critical condition.

Alaska Airlines black box found

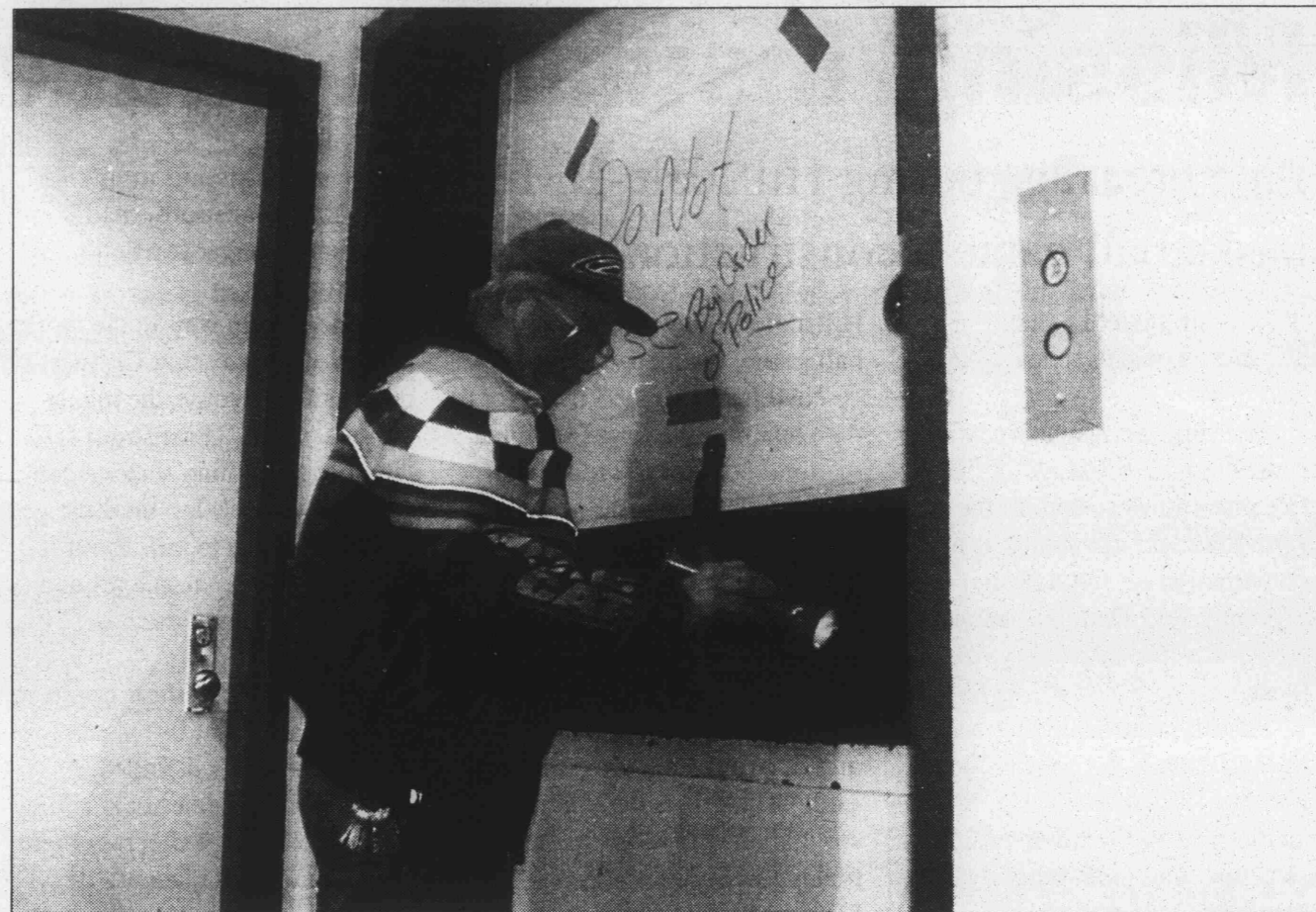
PORT HUENEME, Calif. — The "black box" cockpit voice recorder from the downed Alaska Airlines Flight 261 jet was recovered Wednesday night, officials from the National Transportation Safety Board said. This news came a few hours after U.S. Coast Guard officials decided to call off the search for survivors. Officials said the water temperature and the time elapsed since the crash exceeded any possibility of survival. The search had lasted for more than 41 hours, and medical experts estimate a person could survive for only a few hours in the 57-degree waters. Eighty-eight people on the plane were lost in the waters off the southern California coast.

Weird News

Police try to finish off burglary

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS — Three policemen guarding the home of a Supreme Court judge after an attempted burglary tried to finish the job themselves, only to be foiled by the same alert neighbor who reported the first break-in, the judge said on Tuesday. "The squad that was left watching the house broke in to carry out a second burglary," Judge Hernan Silva told reporters. "They took things that the thieves had left behind." Three thieves were caught robbing Silva's house on Sunday after a neighbor called the police. One was shot and wounded and the other two escaped, leaving behind a vehicle full of stolen appliances. Police spokesman Hector Mejia said the policemen involved would be tried. Silva also said the thief who was shot and wounded by police "inexplicably" escaped from the hospital were he was being kept under police watch.

— Compiled from news sources



Duane Pape/NW

NMU Maintenance employee Dave Adams investigates the service elevator at Cat Trax on Sunday evening. It has been out of service after getting stuck with Cat Trax employee Ruby Koski still inside.

Elevator becomes trap for Cat Trax employee

TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A trapped woman has proven that even claustrophobia is curable with the power of prayer.

On Sunday at about 3:50 p.m., Cat Trax employee Ruby Koski stepped into the elevator located behind Cat Trax and the Quad I dining area with a cart of food for the cattery.

About halfway up her 10-foot journey in the elevator, it stopped.

"I got in the elevator as usual, but then I heard noises on the sides and it stopped," said Koski. "I banged on the walls for about 10 to 12 minutes before anyone heard me, and the emergency alarm rang too softly for

anyone to hear."

"I heard a pounding, but I didn't think anything of it," said student supervisor Ryan Khatib, a construction management major. "I checked the back doors, but nobody was there. I finally checked the elevator shaft, and Ruby was waving up to me."

About a half hour later, Ken Love from Public Safety arrived on the scene and managed to pry the door open.

"The three of us couldn't get the door open with our hands," Love said. "Ryan found a grill leg that worked well to pry the door open."

After the door was opened, Khatib dropped a chair inside for the trapped passenger. Koski stood on it and was pulled to free-

"I prayed and that eased me. I knew everything would be fine.

— Ruby Koski
Cat Trax employee

dom by Love and Bob Wickman of Jilbert Dairy.

"I wasn't scared, but I am claustrophobic," said Koski. "I prayed, and that eased me. I knew everything would be fine."

Love said that faith helps people through all kinds of crises. "People tend to get through if they have a strong belief system," he said.

"Often it doesn't matter what they are believing in, but if they believe strongly enough, it tends to help."

FORECAST

• Friday: Intervals of sunshine, high 32, low 10.

• Saturday: Sunshine early, then becoming cloudy later, high 25, low 0 to 10.

• Sunday: Colder with a chance of snow, high 20 to 25, low 0 to 10.

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Missing insulation causes break

Pipe breakage during Hillsdale-NMU basketball game a construction mishap

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

The missing insulation, which caused a pipe breakage in the fire prevention system in the Izzo-Mariucci connector, is a construction — not a design — problem, said Dennis Cieslinski, NMU director of plant operations.

"It was something that was missed during the construction process," Cieslinski said. "It was spelled out in the plans that the structure was to be properly insulated."

The missing piece of insulation in the newly built facility caused a pipe to freeze Jan. 15, which led to it breaking. Flooding of the connector and the PEIF, as well as fire alarms being set off in the Berry Events Center during the NMU-

Hillsdale College men's basketball game, resulted.

NMU paid about \$1,700 for the cleanup, Cieslinski said, but the total cost for the repairs is not known. Cieslinski said he "is assuming" Bold Oscar J. Construction Co., who is the contractor for the building, is responsible for repair costs.

"It's the architect's opinion that the building has not been turned over to the university," he said. "Therefore, the contractors are responsible to make the repairs."

Closner Construction and Sales Inc. of Marquette, a subcontractor for the facility, constructed the portion of the Izzo-Mariucci connector where the insulation was missing, Cieslinski said.

But that does not mean Closner Construction is respon-

sible for the missing insulation, said Mark Branstrom, field construction manager for Boldt Construction.

"There is no way in the world that [we] can say that Closner is responsible because the insulation was there," Branstrom said. "It's not something that we can put in anybody's lap until we get the opportunity to talk about it ourselves (the contractors) and [with] the owner, which is NMU."

Branstrom said there could be many reasons that the insulation was not properly installed.

"Why it came out or if someone came through there — there could be several reasons," he said. "There were so many contractors out there. It could have been an error on an employee. It could have been an employee from another contractor that came through that area, whether it be pulling wire or whatever, and knocked it out."

The reason for the insulation

coming out is unknown, Branstrom said, but winds may have knocked it out.

"When we inspected it, meaning myself and some people from Northern, you could see a piece of insulation laying down in the drywall," Branstrom said.

The insulation was missing where the link roof meets the Izzo-Mariucci building in the right corner, if a person is facing the PEIF.

"It was an oversight," Cieslinski said. "I don't think it was done intentionally. If [people] saw where the cold air was coming in, [they] might go right by as you were insulating and not put insulation up."

The "major repairs" have been fixed, Branstrom said. The finishing work is expected to be completed Monday.

"Everybody responded quickly to get the problem taken care of," Cieslinski said. "We didn't have any problems getting it solved after it took place."

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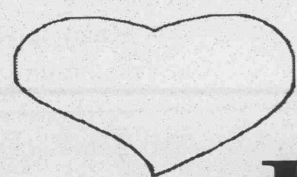
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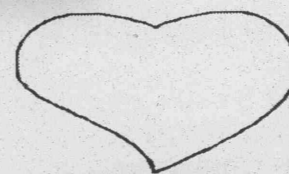
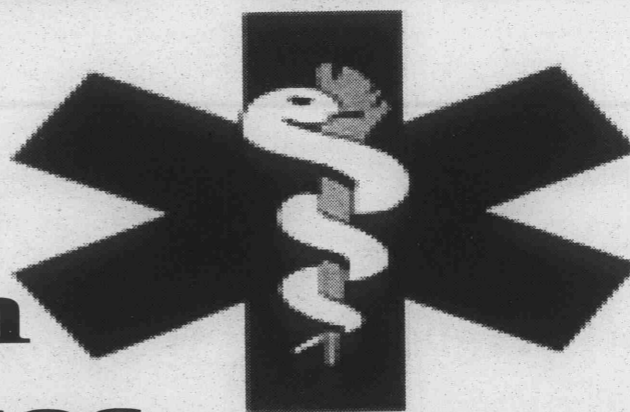
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Man pulled over, maced by Public Safety officer

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Forty-eight minutes after the ball dropped in New York City, 30-year-old Walter Smith was stopped by Public Safety on Elizabeth Harden Circle Drive on NMU's campus.

According to the police report, Smith and a passenger were driving westbound when the white 1984 SAAB was clocked on radar at 29 mph in a 15 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Center Street and Schaffer Avenue.

Smith could not present vehicle registration or proof of insurance.

"The car was being repaired for the last week," Smith said. "We didn't put the registration back in the car yet."

Smith did not have his driver

license with him either, and officers Guy LaPlante and David Rice reported they could smell an odor of intoxicants.

Smith told the officers, "I'm not drunk, I am just driving my friend home."

According to the police report, the officers then asked Smith to perform several sobriety evaluations. He complied and passed. He was then asked to submit a Personal Breathalyzer Test and agreed to do so.

When the test was administered, Smith said that his blood-alcohol level read .054. However, the police report stated that Smith blew .075.

Rice then arrested Smith.

According to the police report, after having his left hand cuffed, Smith placed his right hand in front of him and would not allow the officers to cuff both hands.

Officer Laplant then advised

Smith that if he did not cooperate, he may spray him with Mace. Laplant then maced Smith, who eventually gave in and let the officers handcuff him.

Smith was taken to Marquette General Hospital and was treated for the burning sensation created by the Mace.

According to the police report, once they arrived at the jail, a struggle occurred, and Marquette County Deputy Larson sprayed Smith with pepper spray.

"We cannot say anything about the matter at this time," said Jeff Mincheff, assistant director of police operations. "The case is still pending in court."

Smith said that he was told he could have been released immediately from jail by posting a \$25 fee. He said he was released on the morning of Jan. 1 by supplying money he had with him.

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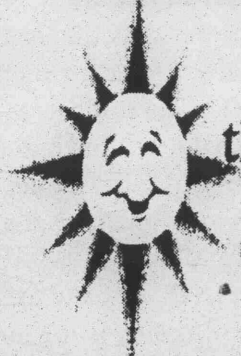
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EDITORIAL

Sledding safety begins with riders

Snowmobiling, when safely enjoyed, is one of the great benefits of living in a snow-bound region such as the Upper Peninsula. It is, however, a risky hobby.

As of Wednesday, NMU student Daniel Etelamaki was still in critical condition at Marquette General Hospital. He had suffered life-threatening injuries in a snowmobile accident Saturday (Please see Local Brief on Page 3).

Etelamaki's accident was one of many that occurred last weekend. In other parts of the state, two more people died in snowmobile accidents.

Twenty-five people have died in Michigan this winter in snowmobile related accidents - 11 of them in the U.P. Last winter, 19 people died in U.P. snowmobile accidents.

This kind of carnage can be avoided.

At present, other than the necessity of having a registered sled and a trail permit, there are few regulations dealing with snowmobiles. For example, the only speed limit a snowmobiler must abide by is that of not driving at a speed greater than reasonable for existing conditions.

The newer models can travel at speeds exceeding 100 mph, yet most trails are built in such a way that 35 mph is reasonable.

At first glance, the state laws seem to be too lax. It would be extremely costly to both change the laws and enforce them. But are greater restrictions necessary? Not if snowmobilers are reasonable and make safety a priority.

Sometimes an accident is an accident, as is likely the case with Etelamaki, but it seems too many people are dealing with pain that can be avoided.

The Department of Natural Resources and the Marquette Sheriff's Department offer courses in snowmobile safety, even seasoned riders should consider taking such a course and following the safety guidelines that are taught.

It may save a life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President attacked for lack of solution

The letter that our esteemed leader, Nick Vivian, wrote to the editor (NW, Jan. 20) discussed the parking problem that we have on campus. My comment about his letter to the editor is "Wasn't there a person running for ASNMU President that said he was going to fix this problem?"

The current president of the student body is doing nothing about this problem. What was the purpose of electing this man? He says that he represents the students' concern; however, he won't fix this problem that we have every single year.

He says he represents the students, even though he has never paid for his tuition, he has never lived on campus, and he doesn't use the food plan that Northern has. His concerns do not represent the students' concerns.

I hope that the student body will elect someone who will represent what the students want, and not what he or she thinks the students want. It is time that the students take action and try to solve this parking problem by electing someone into office who will take action.

Joshua Thatcher

Solve the situation: practice tolerance

From what I understand, this year's drag show turned out pretty good. I wasn't there because I had to work, but thanks to previous year's success and some non-intentional publicity on Mr. Korzenko's part, attendance was better than ever.

Mr. Korzenko's letter has prompted my words. He seems to think the response to his letter on this subject last year was intended to "crucify" him. It seems that so many people wrote those letters because it was they who were feeling persecuted.

This year's letter begins with a reminder of what our "founding fathers" didn't start this country for. If it wasn't founded for freedom from intolerance of ideas, I'd be interested in hearing the truth.

Unfortunately, for Mr. Korzenko, true freedom requires letting people who disagree with you share your place in society. It's a tough thing to carry through on, especially when we really believe something to be true.

Unless we are going to say it's OK to force our beliefs on others, we have to be ready to tolerate things we don't agree with. It seems that freedom of belief, to some people, really means freedom of their belief.

I thought I would point out how Mr. Korzenko seems to see himself playing Christ's role, but instead, I want to point out one of the most laughable ideas put forward, specifically, that the folks behind the drag show were "intent on the wholesale destruction of a belief system that maintains traditional moral standards," and "a nasty bunch beneath their thin veneer of joviality and niceness."

Mr. Korzenko seems to think that there is a group "behind the scenes" who sit in a dark and smoky room with music playing backwards, thinking up ways to destroy society as we know it. I know the folks responsible for organizing the drag show, and they only wish they could be so organized. If Mr. Korzenko actually met some of these *evil* people and looked beyond the mask of intolerance, he would find people very much like himself.

Belief systems can be powerful things, allowing people to be blind and ignorant when they want to be. What makes it worse is the persecution. People tend to give what they get.

When people like Mr. Korzenko antagonize a group of people, they will probably be responded to in kind, which then only reinforces their belief that they are being "hated for speaking the truth." It's a nasty cycle.

Instead of appealing to those who feel as Mr. Korzenko does, I instead ask that the rest of you do your best to ignore hateful accusations based on beliefs ... whether they come from a letter to this paper or from the mouth of someone preaching on the sidewalk.

The only way to overcome that sort of thing is tolerance. When everyone is too busy being reasonable, we won't have time to hate each other. Why waste our time?

Nathan Lyle

Student addresses 'Christian martyr'

I must applaud Mr. Korzenko's use of hyperbole in his daring to compare himself to Christ in response to his past letters to *The North Wind*. The idea that the written word used in past responses somehow compares with the agony of Christ on the cross is wonderful example of a born Christian in search of martyrdom.

It's interesting to see how the Christ of love and respect for all has been corrupted into a weapon for those who seem unable to deal with the reality that we're not all born the same.

The Constitution entitles all Americans to the freedom to pursue their life as they see fit in the guarantees of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It makes clear that these United States will not recognize, nor establish, one religious belief over another.

Too bad it stands in the way of the Korzenkos of this country, who, it seems, would rather America had a government of religion and for religion. You know, kind of like Iran.

As for the objection to the student activity fees, which, since he's not a student, Mr. Korzenko doesn't have to pay, he apparently labors under the idea that gays and lesbians have a tax-exempt line on the 1040-EZ form from fees and taxes.

Tax exemption is the almost exclusive domain of churches that hoard money while claiming to alleviate poverty. Gay and lesbian students pay the same activity fee as the rest of the students.

When was the last time a drag queen showed up on your doorstep asking you to bat for the other team? Then ask yourself how often have you had to

Please see Show on Page 7

Knowing is half the battle

"The world in which we operate has changed dramatically, and we must change to succeed," Doug Daft, president of Coca Cola, said Jan. 26. The change Daft was referring to was the elimination of 6,000 jobs in the Coca Cola camp. The world's leading soft drink producer, in an effort to recoup some setbacks in the last 18 months, is shedding over 20 percent of its work force.

Of the 6,000 jobs being cut, 2,500 of them are in Coke's headquarters in Atlanta. The 2,500 jobs equal 40 percent of Coke's workforce in Atlanta. An additional 800 jobs will be cut around the rest of the United States and 2,700 abroad. Coke says that the "restructuring" should cost them \$800 million, but says they'll save approximately \$300 million per year on the jobs that are being phased out. That works out to \$50,000 (American money) per worker; we all know the employees abroad are not making \$50,000 per year.

Let's take a look at how badly those "setbacks" in the last 18 months have hurt the soft drink giant. If you go to its Web site, you can find a Jan. 26 press release that reads, "The Coca-Cola company

STAFF COLUMN



By GEOFF HINEMAN

reported another year of record volume with annual worldwide unit case volume exceeding 16 billion unit cases for the first time in the company's history. This reflects the 45th consecutive year that the company has increased unit case volume." It would seem that it's still doing quite a bit of business despite the "setbacks" over the last 18 months.

Let's take a look at earnings. Coca-Cola made a net income of nearly \$2.5 billion in 1999. That number is also readily available on its Web site. Moreover, an Associated Press release reports on the same day Coke announced the job reduction, they reported fourth-quarter earnings that exceeded Wall Street expectations.

Wow, it looks like those "setbacks" are really hurting Coke; they only made \$2.5 bil-

lion last year.

This restructuring is coming less than two months after Daft stepped in as president of Coke on Dec. 5 of last year.

So what does it all mean? Well, I can't tell you how to spend your money, but I'm not planning on putting anymore of mine in the pockets of a company who eliminates middle-class jobs while netting \$2.5 billion a year.

While my money, as an individual, is but a drop in the bucket to the Coke industry, it is the most effective way to show them that I, as a consumer, am not happy with its business practices.

I urge you all to stay informed about what is going on. There are some major changes happening the world of consumer products and services that are screwing us as consumers and as future workers. The only way that these companies will get the message is if their wallets get thinner.

You owe it to yourself to keep an eye on this stuff. Ignorance is only going to make things worse for all of us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Geoff Hineman welcomes reactions to his columns at ghineman@nmu.edu or nrthwind@nmu.edu.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHOW

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deal with tie-wearing Bible-beating automatons who are programmed to drone the party line so intently that they are incapable of comprehending anyone else's vision of God.

If Mr. Korzenko honestly feels that someone can be talked into suddenly finding Cindy Margolis repulsive while at the same time being aroused by Brad Pitt, then it's obvious he has no concept of the workings of the human mind. It's already apparent he has no understanding of the human heart and how it tells someone who they love.

David Martindale

Professor addresses drag show morality

I was happy to see The North Wind published Mr. Korzenko's letter denouncing a drag show. Your paper is keeping up its tradition of periodically publishing letters reminding us that God hates gays. I wonder if you would publish letters vilifying women, Jews or blacks.

Is a drag show really a moral problem? If a guy puts on his momma's dress and appears in public, that is dumb, but it hardly seems wicked. Can anyone believe that wearing Mom's clothes, by itself, is going to

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ignite a desire pick up a man?

Doing dumb things is one of the few privileges of being young — doing things that you won't be allowed to do when you're fat, prosperous and the president of a bank. And running around in the other gender's clothing is, as dumb things go, pretty harmless, compared to getting stoned or climbing an electric pole.

Let us look at what the Bible really has to say about the homosexual abomination. Well, there it is: "You shall not lie with a man as with a woman: that is an abomination." But this part of Leviticus is what is often called the Holiness Code, in which the Hebrew people are trying to justify their occupation of the Land

Please see Bible on Page 8

SOUND OFF

Next Week: Do the presidential debates serve a purpose?

Do you think the drag show should be funded by the Student Activity Fee?



Rachel Fix
senior, art education

"The SAF is there to provide funds for all student groups and their activities. If there are some students or groups that were denied funding because of this drag show, maybe those groups need to focus on their grant-writing skills. This show was about fun, period."

Dana Grunow
sophomore, secondary ed

"No. The drag show should not be funded by the SAF because I feel it's morally wrong, and the SFC will not support my activities that I wish to have held here at NMU."



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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIBLE

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of Canaan and to keep their culture and religion quite different from that of the Canaanites. Homosexuality is not so much wrong in itself; the Bible uses the word "abomination" instead of "wrong" or "wicked;" homosexuality is wrong because it is doing something tolerated, or even encouraged, by the Canaanites, thus endangering the Hebrew culture. I'm not sure what force this denunciation might have for people not interested in emigrating to Canaan.

If a law is a law, one had better be prepared for some bad news. In the Holiness Code, we find sensible laws forbidding stealing and cheating and demanding some measure of generosity toward the poor. Then we come to "You shall keep my rules. You shall not allow two different kinds of beast to mate together. You shall not plant your field with two different kinds of

seed. You shall not put on a garment woven with two kinds of yarn."

Now if God hates all the people who do not keep Her rules, She must be pretty mad at breeders of mules; gardeners who raise lettuce and tomatoes in the same garden patch; and anyone who wears a half cotton, half polyester, no-iron shirt.

Mr. Korzenko also mentions Sodom. That story deserves another look. The Lord decides to destroy Sodom because it is wicked, and He sends two angels to do the deed. We have no clue as to what the people of Sodom are guilty of.

Perhaps the people universally cheated on their income tax, or were not gracious hosts. It is true the people demand the angels be brought out of Lot's house "so that we can ..." Here, translations differ. My New English Bible says, "so we can have intercourse with them." But the good old King James transla-

tion says, "so that we can know them."

The problem is that the Hebrew word for sexual and for social intercourse is the same, and it is possible to read this verse as saying that we want to know who these guys are and what they are going to do.. Sometimes, "to know" is just to know. The Bible does not clearly state that the people of Sodom were, well, Sodomites, and does not say that this is the reason for their destruction.

Finally, Mr. Korzenko's letter has an odd closing: "Longing for God's righteous judgment on a wicked nation." He should be careful what he prays for, as he might get it. Also, he might try reading the Book of Jonah — a funny story about an inept prophet who longed for the destruction of Nineveh. God doesn't punish him; God makes him realize he is a fool.

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Department of Philosophy

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Harden Drive rerouted; new lots made

BY LUCAS ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

A section of Elizabeth Harden Circle Drive is going to be eliminated, and two other parts are being realigned this summer to improve traffic flow.

The two road realignments are cooperative efforts among the City of Marquette, the Michigan Department of Transportation

and NMU.

The projected cost is \$545,000. NMU will pay \$98,000 of this, the City of Marquette will pay \$142,000 and MDOT will cover the remainder, said Mike Roy, vice president of finance and administration, in a news release.

"We believe this master plan will benefit the university by reducing vehicle traffic around

the core of campus, improving the parking situation and making NMU more pedestrian-friendly," Roy said.

The plan will, in part, connect Harden Drive directly with County Road 550. Currently, drivers have to go down Center Street and take Schaffer Avenue to Wright Street to get to 550.

"The lack of alignment between Sugar Loaf Avenue and a road entering campus has created problems for many years," Roy said. "Now we have an opportunity to make corrections in the interest of safety and improved vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow."

The north section of Harden Drive will connect with Tracy Avenue, which will be extended to meet with Sugar Loaf Avenue. A traffic light will be installed at that intersection.

Also, the intersection of the Harden Drive and Fair Avenue will be moved farther west on Fair. The streets will meet at a 90-degree angle, and the south section of Harden Drive will connect with Center Street.

Two new parking lots will also be added, said Jim Thams of NMU's engineering and planning department.

One lot on the west side of Tracy Avenue will contain about 385 parking spaces. The other will run between West Science and Spaulding Hall along Center

Street and will contain about 210 spaces.

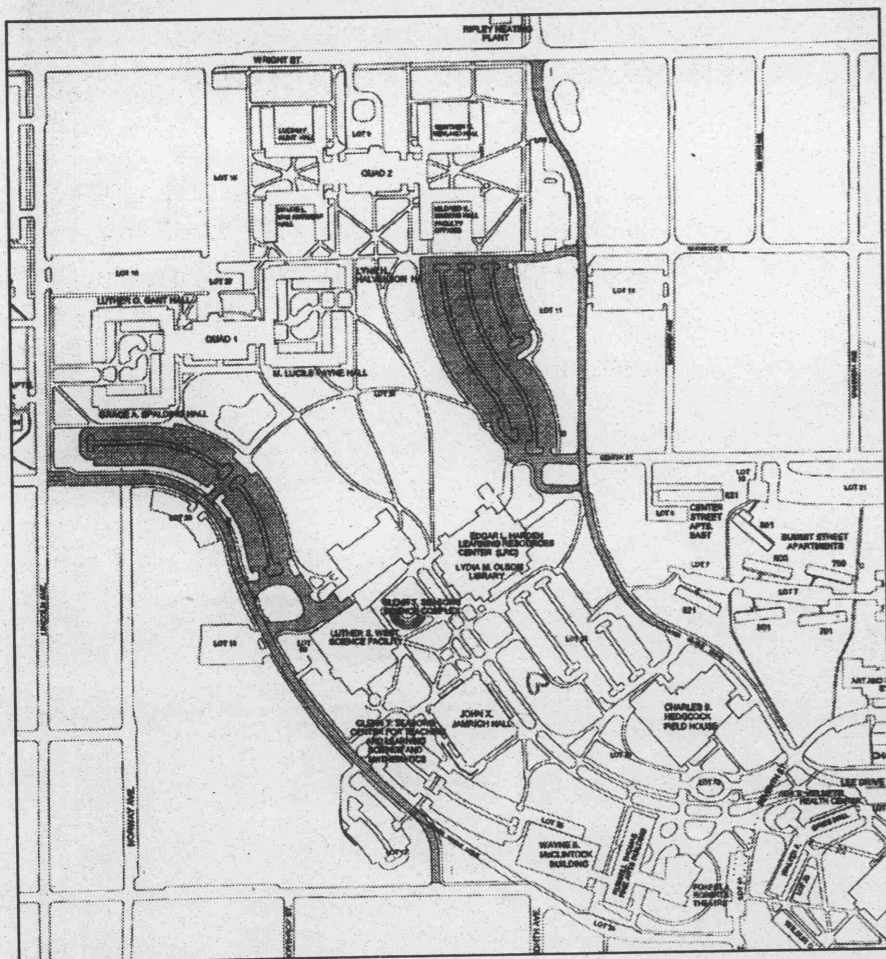
The lots will also have raised banks in them, which should help indicate more clearly where the spaces are during the winter, when snow covers the lines.

The section of Harden Drive between the Seaborg Center and the residence halls will be eliminated, Thams said. Part of the grounds will be used as an environmental study area.

This plan helps to make the campus a little more centralized. "The roads are on the outskirts, and the parking lots are moved inwards," Thams said.

Other future road and parking adjustments include creating new entrances to the recreation and sports complex, which consists of the Superior Dome, the Berry Events Center and the PEIF. There will be new entrances at Pine, Third and Wright streets, and the entrances at Waldo and Summit streets will be closed. There will also be an internal road.

"It'll be kind of like what Harden Circle Drive is now," Thams said. "It'll be nice because people won't have to leave; they can maneuver within this road system."



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The reroutings of Elizabeth Harden Circle Drive and the new parking lots are highlighted on this map. Construction begins May 1.

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Seniors in high school might need motivation

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

College bound high school seniors have been bored in their final year to prepare for college, according to a recent study.

The 34th annual American Freshman Survey questioned over 260,000 first-time, full-time college freshmen last year about their habits and attitudes during their final year of high school.

The report found that 40 percent of seniors said they were frequently bored. Many students said they came to classes late or missed them entirely on a regular basis.

Linda Sax, a researcher who directed the study, suggested the rapid advancements in today's high-tech world may make it harder to keep students' attention.

The United States Student Association suggests colleges need to give support to students who feel disengaged before com-

ing to a university by mentoring and tutoring.

Robert Dornquast, a professor of communication and performance studies, said, "Boredom is not something that happens to students; they do it to themselves."

Tom Hyslop has been a professor at the university level for 34 years and taught in a public school prior to that. For the last 17 years, he has been in charge of teaching and supervising English secondary education students at NMU. He spends an immense amount of time in public schools across the state, in Wisconsin, and as far as Canada.

"How does that quotation go?" Hyslop said, smiling. "Oh yes: 'Lies, damned lies and statistics.' An interesting progression, don't you think?"

"Are there students in schools who are bored? Of course. Are there boring teachers? Naturally. Is school predominantly boring,

"If teachers are so boring, perhaps we should put Gwyneth Paltrow and Brad Pitt in our classrooms."

— Tom Hyslop
Supervisor of English and
Secondary Education
Programs

and are students predominantly bored? Not in my experience."

Hyslop suggested a resolution to the problem.

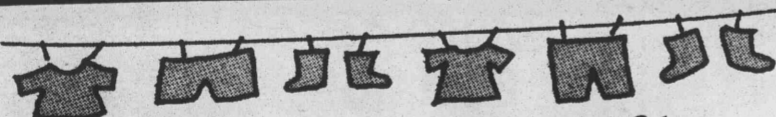
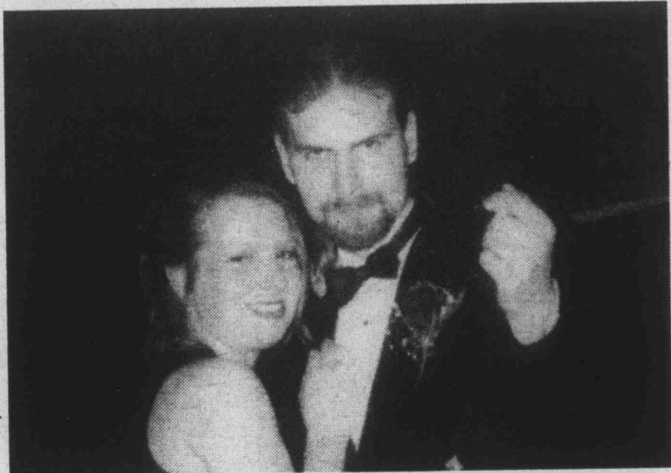
"If teachers and education are so boring, perhaps we should put Gwyneth Paltrow and Brad Pitt in our classrooms," Hyslop said. "We pay them millions to entertain us for a few minutes and keep us from getting bored. We pay teachers what amounts to a barely decent living for educating our children five days a week, eight hours a day. And in return, teachers are accused of boring our children."

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Waiting for a trophy fish

Watch out for ice conditions when fishing on frozen lakes

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

Wrapped in layers of clothing, a fishing pole in one hand, many people spend their Sundays sitting in front of a hole, waiting to pull a trophy fish out of the ice cold water and into the brightness of the winter sun.

The sport of ice fishing is popular among the people of the Upper Peninsula, which offers many inland lakes that are known for good ice fishing.

"Little Lake, by Gwinn, has very good walleye and perch fishery," said Anne Wilson, communication representative for the DNR in the U.P.

Wilson also recommended Harlow Lake, which provides good pike fishing. Chunks of smelt work well for bait. Lake Independence is also a favorite ice fishing spot, with a good stock of pike and walleye.

Willis Hotchkiss, a junior biochemistry major, recently tried out Lake Independence without much luck.

"The day we went wasn't very good," Hotchkiss said.

Hotchkiss said he recently heard of some good walleye and perch fishing, but the recent cold weather drove many fishermen indoors.

He also has been fishing at Harlow Lake, where he and his friend caught pike and bluegills.

On Feb. 12 and 13, Hotchkiss will experience his first fishing derby at Lake Independence. A week later, on Feb. 19 and 20, Michigan will have its first free ice fishing weekend in addition to the free fishing weekend in spring, according to the DNR. Residents and nonresidents are able to try out fishing without a license.

Most lakes in the U.P. have a foot or more of ice layers, but that does not mean every lake is safe, Wilson said.

"The number one rule is, there is no such thing as safe ice," Wilson said. "Even if you feel confident, you always have to be cautious."

Fishermen should also be aware of spring-fed

lakes, which most likely have less stable ice layers.

The best way to check where it is safe and where the best fishing spots are is to ask the locals, Wilson said.

If all precaution does not help and you do break through the ice, try not to panic, Wilson said.

"The air trapped in your clothes helps you float," Wilson said.

Turn toward the direction from which you came and use anything sharp to pull yourself up. Ice picks are sold at stores for this purpose, but a nail, watch or belt buckle works too, Wilson said.

Once you are on the surface, do not stand up, instead roll yourself about 20 feet, and then get up.

"[You will] need help immediately, so go to the first place where you can find shelter," Wilson said. "Warm up slowly."

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Business management junior Dominic Gasparotto ice fishes at Harlow Lake recently.

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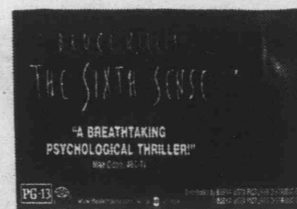
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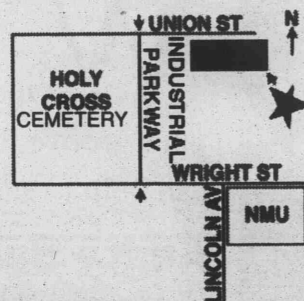
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Getting at the roots of faith

With furrowed brow, I read Paul Korzenko's letter to the editor last week. My frustration grew with every sentence. It is this type of atrocious claim that we need to remind us what we believe? The warning sirens were going off in my head (and probably coming out of my mouth). There are two levels to my madness.

There are things in this world that I feel are morally wrong. There are also many things which, by law, are considered legally wrong. But to persecute people who do these things is both un-constitutional and sinful; therefore I try to avoid it at all costs. I guess it just comes down to tolerance, which is exactly what must be practiced when dealing with people like Mr. Korzenko.

On a human level, what is preached in his letter is the sort of confused hatred and bigotry that has caused the demise of many important leaders and the beginning of many infamous wars. The letter displays the premise that is exactly *opposite* of the one our country was founded on.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

As Americans, we all can clearly see how the words of our founding fathers were twisted to suit the argument. Nowhere in the 1787 version do we exclude people who dress funny, listen to rock 'n' roll, or even people who have (gasp!) sex.

But this is just for my piece of mind. The issue here is more a moral one.

As a Christian, my frustration begins from my childhood. I was trying to remember how the "Jesus Loves Me" song goes. Was it ... "Jesus loves me this I know ... as long as I don't cross-dress in the drag show ..."?

Hmm. No, I'm pretty sure it was all-inclusive, but I could be wrong. Let's face it, the Bible can be interpreted to prove just about anything. As uncomfortable as this may make me, it is the truth. As Mr. Korzenko used Biblical references to back up his claims, so could I use them to refute everything he wrote.

This brings us back to the fundamentals of the faith to find the truth. Did Christ preach persecution or forgiveness? Did He tell us we must stand in judgment of others or "judge not lest ye be judged"?

I don't remember a spreadsheet in the Bible explaining the different sins and how they ranked on the "sinological spectrum." Are there some of our sins Jesus didn't die for? Maybe I missed that chapter.

Didn't Jesus befriend those who were persecuted and love those who were outcasts? And when asked what the greatest laws to guide our lives are, "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew, 22:37-40).

Sorry Mr. Korzenko, I'm wasting the ink.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY KRISTY BASOLO



Jason Barnes/NW

Freshman outdoor recreation major Elisa VanDerPuy caresses the rock at the PEIF.

Imitating Sp

BY MELISSA MELDRUM
STAFF WRITER

Indoors or outdoors, the Upper Peninsula offers several areas to challenge beginning or more experienced rock climbers and ice climbers.

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Hippensteel enjoys bouldering and has previously climbed in Alaska and Yellowstone National Park.

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Angry Salad

When the week is done, it may be time to get out and shake your groove thing. These groups can help to satisfy your need.

Angry Salad

Angry Salad is not a menu item at Bookbinders or tuna that repeats itself, but a Boston band that sings "The Milkshake Song."

The band will perform 8 p.m. Friday in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

"The Milkshake Song," described by Billboard Magazine as a "runaway hit," is the first single from the band's major label debut (Blackbird/Atlantic). It has also found its way to local radio airwaves.

"It's not really bubblegum, it's more like happy music, the kind where you sit in your car and sing at the top of your lungs," NMU Senior Melissa Lockwitz said.

With high-energy humor, tight vocals and intelligent lyrics, Angry Salad's music leans toward pop and rock, and, according to the Oct. 1999 Campus Activities magazine, "has the sound to be one of the hottest of the new millennium."

Drummer Hale Pulsifer said in a record label biography, "We put out hard every single night."

Angry Salad may try hard, but the group is neither nutritional nor angry. And if music reviews are to be believed, listening to Angry Salad may

Imitating Spiderman

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"I look forward to a bouldering wall addition at the PEIF," Hippensteel said. "With seven ropes, the wall is

busy, so politeness counts to give as many people a try."

Junior economics major Chris Potter is a rock climber and member of the Off The Wall Climbing Club at NMU. The club's members give advice to starting rock climbers.

"The best place to socialize with climbers and get familiar with the sport is through the club or at the PEIF wall," Potter said. "It is important for newcomers to the sport of climbing to get a solid understanding of the tools and techniques before climbing on rock outdoors."

Potter plans to seek other places than the PEIF wall to train for the winter. He also said he liked the former wall better because it had more route design capabilities.

"The features of the new wall don't allow maximum space for holds," Potter said.

In the summertime, Potter only climbs outdoors. His favorite spots in the U.P. are Presque Isle and a crag in Palmer.

For ice climbers, this time of the year is ideal. Ice climbers can take advantage of many events, including the Michigan Ice Fest in Marquette and Munising, starting today. Slide shows by professional climbers, climbing socials, beginner and advanced courses, and demonstrations are part of the program.

"Michigan Ice Fest is arranged to introduce people to the sport," said Bill Thompson, who is affiliated with the festival. A great part is actually trying ice climbing, which is free at the demos."

Junior outdoor recreation major Eric Raikko tried ice climbing for the first time at Ice Fest three years ago.

"A great thing about ice climbing is its low impact on the environment," Raikko said. "Plus, the ice renews itself."

Raikko gained experience in a six-day mountaineering and glacier traveling course he took in the Cascade Mountains.

"The U.P. can be perfect training grounds for winter camping and ice climbing," Raikko said.

His advice to those interested in such activities is "to have significant training and to go with friends who are experienced."

For more information on the climbing wall, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 227-1369.

Snap shot: Cool creations



Jason Barnes/NW

International students Kamweti Mutu and Masako Kozawa pose with their Hawaiian shark. Kozawa designed the shark, which won the snow sculpture competition. The All Nations Club worked on it from 10 a.m. Saturday until 3 a.m. Sunday.

Winter Fest Winners:

Whether it was the Hollywood Squares-esque game of NMU Squares, or in the revealing art that is hidden in a pile of snow, when the name of the game is fun, everyone is a winner.

NMU Squares

First place: Down Under House of Van Antwerp Hall; second place: Concert House of Van Antwerp Hall

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First place: Public Relations Student Society of America; Second place: Spooner Hall

Snow Statue

First place: All Nations Club (\$200); second place: Alpha Phi Omega (\$125); third place: West Hall (\$100); fourth place: Lambda Chi Alpha (\$75)

MUSIC

When the week is done, it may be time to get out and shake our groove thing. These groups can help to satisfy your need.

Angry Salad

Angry Salad is not a menu item at bookbinders or tuna that repeats itself, a Boston band that sings "The Milkshake Song."

The band will perform 8 p.m. Friday in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

"The Milkshake Song," described by Billboard Magazine as a "runaway hit," is the first single from the band's major label debut (Blackbird/Atlantic). It has also found its way to local radio airwaves.

"It's not really bubblegum, it's more like happy music, the kind where you sit in your car and sing at the top of your lungs," NMU Senior Melissa Lockwitz said.

With high-energy humor, tight vocals and intelligent lyrics, Angry Salad's music leans toward pop and rock, and, according to the Oct. 1999 Campus Activities magazine, "has the sound to be one of the hottest of the new millennium."

Drummer Hale Pulsifer said in a record label biography, "We put out hard every single night."

Angry Salad may try hard, but the group is neither nutritional nor angry. And if music reviews are to be believed, listening to Angry Salad may

make you feel good.

Check out several select cuts at the group's Web site, www.angrysalad.com. Formed at Brown University in 1993, the band tours in its custom-built van, the Salad Shooter. Bob Whelan (vocals, guitar), Brian Vesco (bass) and Alex Grossi (guitar) complete the group.

The event is sponsored by Northern Arts and Entertainment and funded in part by the Student Activity Fee. This all-ages show is free to students and \$3 for non-students.

The Flow

"Bayou Friendly Island Soulrock" is the kind of music The Flow will be performing at Club Aurora on Friday and Saturday.

The band has its roots in Lansing, and was labeled the "best new local band of 1999" by the Lansing State Journal. This recognition has helped them to become known throughout the state.

With a variety of influences such as Latin, African, Bluegrass, Jazz and

funk, The Flow tends to satisfy every music style.

The members of the band include Ted Moss on vocals and percussion; Brett Bielski on the bass guitar and vocals; Derek Young on Hammond organ, piano and vocals; Zack Pearce on guitar, mandolin and vocals; Diego Rivera on saxophone and flute; and John Cassidy on drums, percussion, didgeridoo and washboard.

Club Aurora charges a \$3 cover, and you must be 21 or older.

— Compiled by Darcia Mattson

MOVIE REVIEW SUPERNOVA

Sci-fi flick Supernova a waste

BY CHASE MURDEY
MOVIE REVIEWER

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It looks as if I picked a good movie to mend my ways because "Supernova" was, to say the least, disappointing.

The plot (and I use the term loosely) was centered around *The Nightingale*, a deep-space medical vessel that patrols off-world mining colonies waiting for distress calls.

On the ship are, besides others, Karla (Angela Bassett, "How Stella got her Groove Back," "What's Love Got to do With it?"), the science officer Benj (Wilson Cruz, "Party of Five," "My So-Called Life") — who'd rather talk to his computer than anyone else — and our hero-to-be, recovering drug addict and ex-marine Nick Vanzant (James Spader, "Stargate," "Wolf"), who is on the ship for work release from rehab.

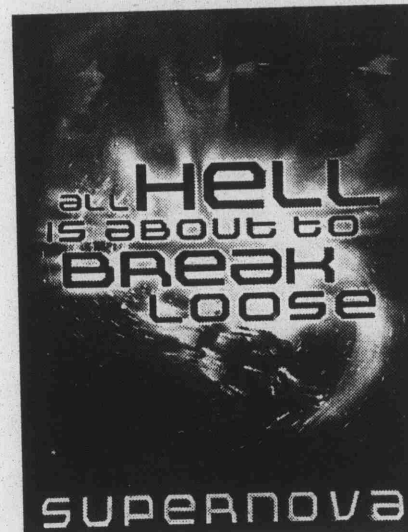
On patrol, *The Nightingale* picks up a distress call from a supposedly abandoned mining colony on a rogue moon. Upon trying to reach the station, the

ship warps too close to the star but makes it out alive, only by some fancy flying on Vanzant's part.

Next, a shuttle comes from the moon, containing the last survivor of the moon colony, Troy Larson (Peter Facinelli, "Can't Hardly Wait," "Foxfire"). Troy brings with him an alien artifact that fascinates the crew and begins to turn them against each other. The artifact is the only nifty part of this movie and is its only saving grace.

Some parts of the movie did have some nice special effects, but even the most inexperienced moviegoer would be yawning after the first few explosions and spaceship scenes. The rest of the movie, however, seemed to incorporate a revolutionary new technique of spinning action sequences and jerky close-ups that are designed not only to nauseate the audience, but instill the notion that the majority of the movie was filmed on Hi-8 cameras attached to bungee cords.

The acting in the film was pale, especially in comparison to some of the actors' previous



achievements. Spader's character spoke with an irritating monotone that, I suppose, was meant to convey his level head and take-charge attitude, but combined with the ingratiating half-smile he always wore; Vanzant was the unlikeliest and most irritating of heroes.

The characters share the fatal flaw of having virtually no background, and I wonder if someone in charge slept through the character development meeting.

In short, I can definitely think of better ways to spend my time than watching "Supernova." A base reading: If you didn't like "Wing Commander," you probably won't want to see this.

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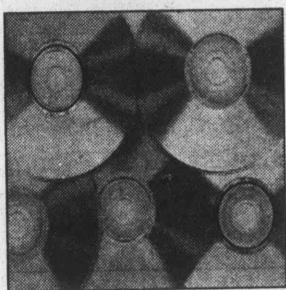
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MUSIC REVIEW MODERN ROCK/RAP

Chill music and a dirty gang

Matthew Sweet
"In Reverse"



Grade: B+

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

I like Matthew Sweet.

Most people never think of him when they think of a great solo, pop-rock act, but maybe they should. He can sing a sweet poppy ballad, then rock out, put them next to each other on a CD, and you don't want to change to the next track.

For example, play "Beware My Love," and then let it roll through "Faith in You." Perfect fit.

Radio X Assistant Music Director Greg Cleary had the words of wisdom to describe Matthew Sweet: "Sweet plays to his strengths on this album with a softer and lush approach with more ballads than usual. Some songs feature elaborate arrangements, including various horns and keyboards, and it sounds wonderful. The standout track for the mellow songs would have to be the nine-minute epic, "Thunderstorm.""

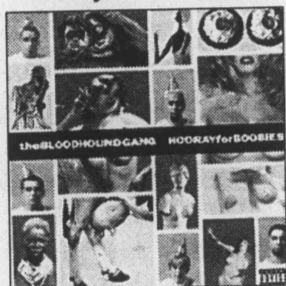
This is definitely a smoother and sadder Sweet. He has many songs (14 to be exact) on this CD, all showing some sort of brightness to his ability as a storyteller. Most songs deal with love or his wondering why he screwed it up. I take it the girl from the album "Girlfriend" is no longer around.

This is an album to have if you want to have a "super-chill night" at home with your buds, and the music isn't the center point of the night's festivities.

Good stuff.

The Bloodhound Gang

"Hooray for Boobies"



Grade: A-

For those who don't know of this interesting band, The Bloodhound Gang is a white-boy rap group with a very dirty sense of humor and a few Slayer-ish-styled guitars high up in the mix. The band had a huge underground following for years, and the release of its new album back in September, then pulled from shelves for using a Pink Floyd lyric obscenely, brought them into the public eye a little

more.

Here's just a few examples of what to expect: lead singer Jimmy Pop Ali called up his mother and asked her what rhymed with "vagina." He demands bestial sex, oral satisfaction, Norwegian lesbians and writes a "love song" to porn star Chasey Lain.

This is the third full-length release from the band, who has had such song titles in the past as "I wish I was queer, so I could get chicks," "Kiss me where it smells funny" and "You're pretty when I'm drunk" — all college radio favorites.

It's another great performance from the Philadelphia based band that's sole reason in life is to get laid. Songs such as the current single "The bad touch" give the great line that gets stuck in your mind with the help of the post-disco, techno music: "You and me baby ain't nothing but mammals so let's do it like they do it on the Discovery Channel."

Other great tracks include "The inevitable return of the great white dope," "Mope" and "Three point one four," which sums up in the chorus everything that a guy wants in a girl. You'll have to listen to the song to figure that one out.

In all, this is a band that is funny, dirty and very danceable. It's good addition to a CD collection, which will be available in the United States on Feb. 29.

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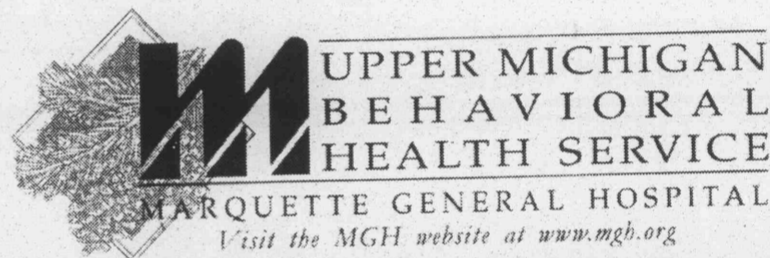
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Sunday, February 6
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Monday, February 7

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Tuesday, February 8
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Wednesday, February 9
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Thursday, February 3
Gonzo Media presents "Acid House" at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Sunday, February 6
Campus Cinema presents "The Sixth Sense" at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday, February 3
Lab/Studio II student-directed plays, 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

Friday, February 4
Lab/Studio II student-directed plays, 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

Psychology colloquium: "Another Look at the Challenger Disaster: Communication, Technology and the Reconceptualization of Evidence," by Teresa Kynell, Ph.D. from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Gries 167.

Saturday, February 5
Lab/Studio II student-directed plays, 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

Sunday, February 6
Copper Country Pride will meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 227-2192 for details or e-mail us at ccp@nmu.edu for locations of meetings.

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complete withdrawal from the University: 5 percent for full semester courses; 25 percent for first block courses.

Black History Month, Soul Food Dinner, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Gant/Spalding basement.

Black History Month activity: Documentary: "Black is, Black ain't." Movie and discussion. Brule Room, in the University Center. Free to everyone!

Wednesday, February 9
The French Club will be meeting every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center. All are welcome to come learn about French culture. For more information, contact Kelli at 227-2940.

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Sunday, February 13	"The Best Man" (R)	6:30 p.m.
	"The Wood" (R)	9 p.m.
Sunday, February 20	"The World Is Not Enough" (PG-13)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, March 12	"Sleepy Hollow" (R)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, March 19	"The Messenger" (R)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, March 26	"Dogma" (R)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 2	"Toy Story 2" (PG)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 9	"The Talented Mr. Ripley" (R)	6:30 & 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 16	"The Green Mile" (R)	6 & 9 p.m.

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HOCKEY WESTERN MICHIGAN PREVIEW

Wildcats face optimistic WMU

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 10 nationally ranked NMU hockey team will play host to CCHA opponent Western Michigan University this weekend.

The faceoffs are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Berry Events Center.

The Broncos (9-12-3 overall, 8-9-3 CCHA) picked up an overtime victory and a tie last weekend against Michigan State.

NMU head coach Rick Comley said WMU will most likely use confidence from that series as a springboard.

"I think they'd been in a slide up until that weekend," Comley said.

"When you play a team like

"Coming up here Western will have a lot of confidence, and they beat us once before."

— Mike Sandbeck
NMU junior defenseman

Michigan State, with a full building and the atmosphere, you get three or four points. That has to elevate them tremendously."

Northern (17-7-2, 12-4-2) knows what to expect, since it played the Broncos earlier in the season, Comley said.

"We just have to try to play really good defense," Comley said. "They have a real good goaltender, and they have a wide-open attack. That's the philosophy of their coach."

Sophomore goaltender Jeff

Reynaert has started in 23 of WMU's 24 games and has a 2.99 goals-against average and a .909 save percentage.

Senior Dan Ragusett will be in goal Friday for the 'Cats, but who will be starting Saturday is undecided, Comley said.

WMU also has the league's second best power play unit, scoring 19.2 percent of the time.

"If we're going to take a penalty, it's got to be one we have to take," freshman left wing Mike Stutzel said.

"We just have to be smart; we can't take lazy penalties, like hooking or obstruction penalties, and work hard on the penalty kill."

Stutzel said what he recalls most from the earlier series

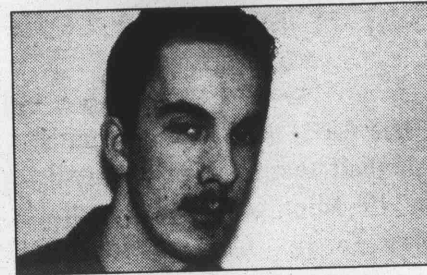
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THE MATCHUP

NMU	W-L-T	WMU
17-7-2		9-12-3
OFFENSE		
3.46	Goals (Avg.)	3.08
142	Assists	119
232	Points	193
32.5	Shots (Avg.)	28.0
DEFENSE		
7	Shutouts	1
2.25	Goals Against (Avg.)	3.12
22.7	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	32.8
.900	Save Percentage	.906
SPECIAL TEAMS		
15.1	PP. Percentage	19.1
83.1	PK. Percentage	83.1
25	PP Goals	31
10	SH Goals	7
586	Penalty Minutes	498

Jason Lauren/NW

SPORTS COLUMN



BY JASON LAUREN

PairWise Rankings may doom hockey team

The NMU hockey team may not qualify for the NCAA Tournament, even if it ends the season with a top-10-national winning percentage.

The Wildcats rank No. 17 in the latest PairWise Rankings, which has predicted the teams in the 12-team NCAA Tournament the last three years.

What is the PairWise Rankings? It's a statistical tool used by the NCAA selection committee when deciding which teams to pick for the NCAA Tournament.

The following five factors are calculated among teams with .500 or better records: record against common opponents, record in last 16 games, head-to-head competition, record against other team's at or above .500 and the Ratings Percentage Index, which measures a team's strength of schedule.

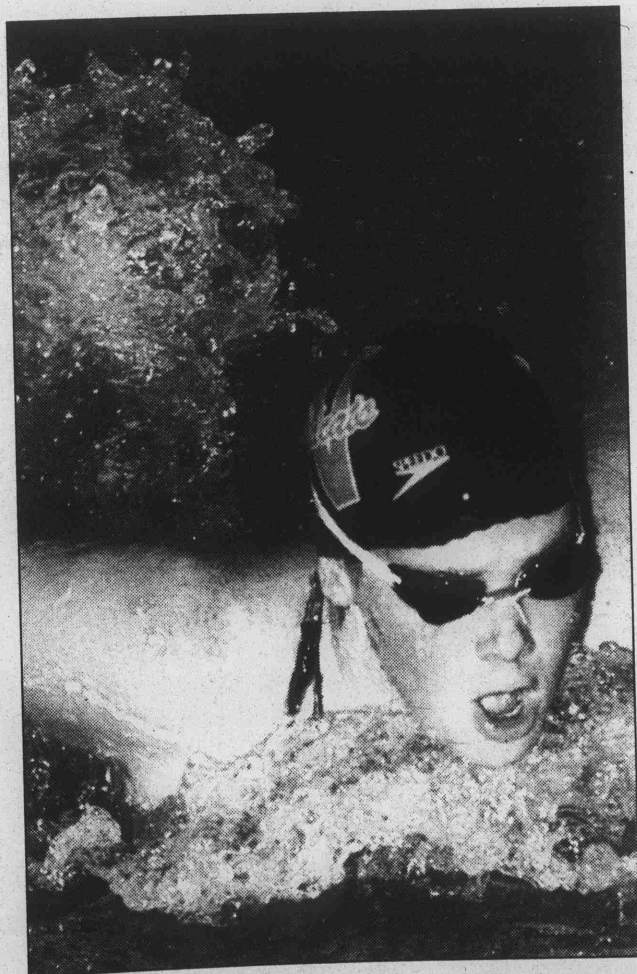
The one factor that is killing NMU is its opponent's winning percentage (.392), which ranks 52nd out of 54 NCAA Division-I teams.

"It was developed because the coaches did not want any subjectivity in the process," NMU head coach Rick Comley said of the PairWise Rankings. "As a result, this is what you end up with."

"If you get in a year where your league has a lot of teams with under .500 records and you play non-conference opponents

Please see **PairWise** on Page 21

Wet Wildcat



Jason Barnes/NW

Junior Cary Greegor swims to first place in the 100 breaststroke. The NMU swim and dive team competed in its last home meet of the season Saturday. See Page 20 for the story.

MEN'S SUOMI/NORTHLAND BAPTIST PREVIEW

'Cats staying focused

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's basketball team does not want a let-down in its upcoming series against Suomi College and Northland Baptist Bible College.

"In both games we're going to be the favorite," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "When that happens, our players have a tendency to get lackadaisical, so we have to be sure to stay disciplined on both sides of the court."

The Wildcats will play Suomi in to Hancock on Saturday with the tip-off scheduled for 3 p.m. Then they will host Northland Baptist on Monday with the game scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Soumi just became a four-year college this year. Its first-year team is comprised mostly of players from the Upper Peninsula, Ellis said.

The Lions post a 7-18 overall record. junior forward Bill Locks is their leading scorer, averaging 13.5 points per game.

"It will be good for Suomi for us to come up there," Ellis said. "It's hard to

say now if non-starters will see a lot of time. Hopefully that will happen."

Northland Baptist holds a 14-8 overall record and is led by senior forward Ben Anderson, who averages 11.9 points per game.

The series will act as a refreshing break for NMU. Playing three conference games in five days, it's nice to have non-conference action, Ellis said.

The Wildcats are shooting 49.3 percent from the field and 74.4 percent from the free-throw line.

The probable starters for both games are senior forwards Cory Brathol and Steve Maselter, senior guards Pete Moe and Jason Price, and sophomore center Damian Matacz, Ellis said.

"Physically we're taller, stronger and more athletic," Ellis said. "But we are staying on our players to go out and perform each night."

Wildcat leaders

Cory Brathol, 23.4 points per game; Steve Maselter, 84.4 free-throw percentage; Kevin Coduti, 8.2 rebounds per game; Pete Moe, 6.2 assists per game; Moe, 1.2 steals per game; Coduti 54.3 field-point percentage.

WOMEN'S MTU 72, NMU 71; NMU 69, GVSU 67; NMU 74, FSU 62

NMU loses to U.P. rival

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

The No. 11 NMU women's basketball team fell to its rival, No. 19 Michigan Tech, at the Berry Events Center Monday night, in overtime, 72-71, ending a six-game winning streak.

It was a close game throughout as Northern (16-3 overall, 11-2 GLIAC) and Michigan Tech (15-4, 10-2) battled for the lead in the first half before the Huskies were able to take a 37-32 lead.

"I thought that we came out and played fairly sharp at the beginning of the first half," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

"During the last part of the first half, [however], we did not do as good a job as we hoped of handling the ball, so that was definitely our downfall."

NMU took the lead back with seven minutes to play in the second half (54-51) and was able to maintain the lead until late in the

game.

Tech took the lead with less one minute to play, but NMU senior forward Carrie Dykstra made two free throws to tie the game.

Sophomore guard Marisa DellAngelo missed a running jump shot in the lane with one second remaining that would have given Northern the win.

MTU took a four-point lead on two free throws by Elizabeth Pietilawith 15 second left in overtime.

NMU sophomore guard Leigh Daulton hit a three-pointer with time expiring to make the game a one-point Wildcat loss.

NMU senior forward Sasha Leverentz led all scorers with 25 points. DellAngelo recorded 18 points.

"If you lose by 20 or you lose by one, you still lose," Daulton said Monday.

"Especially in a game like this one ... we know we're better than

they are. I wish we could play them [again] right now."

On Saturday, DellAngelo was the hero, as she hit a 10-foot jumper with 3.4 seconds remaining. NMU beat Grand Valley State, 69-67, to win its sixth straight game.

The Wildcats trailed almost the entire contest. NMU led, 11-10, near the middle of the first half and did not take the lead again until 29 seconds remained in the second half.

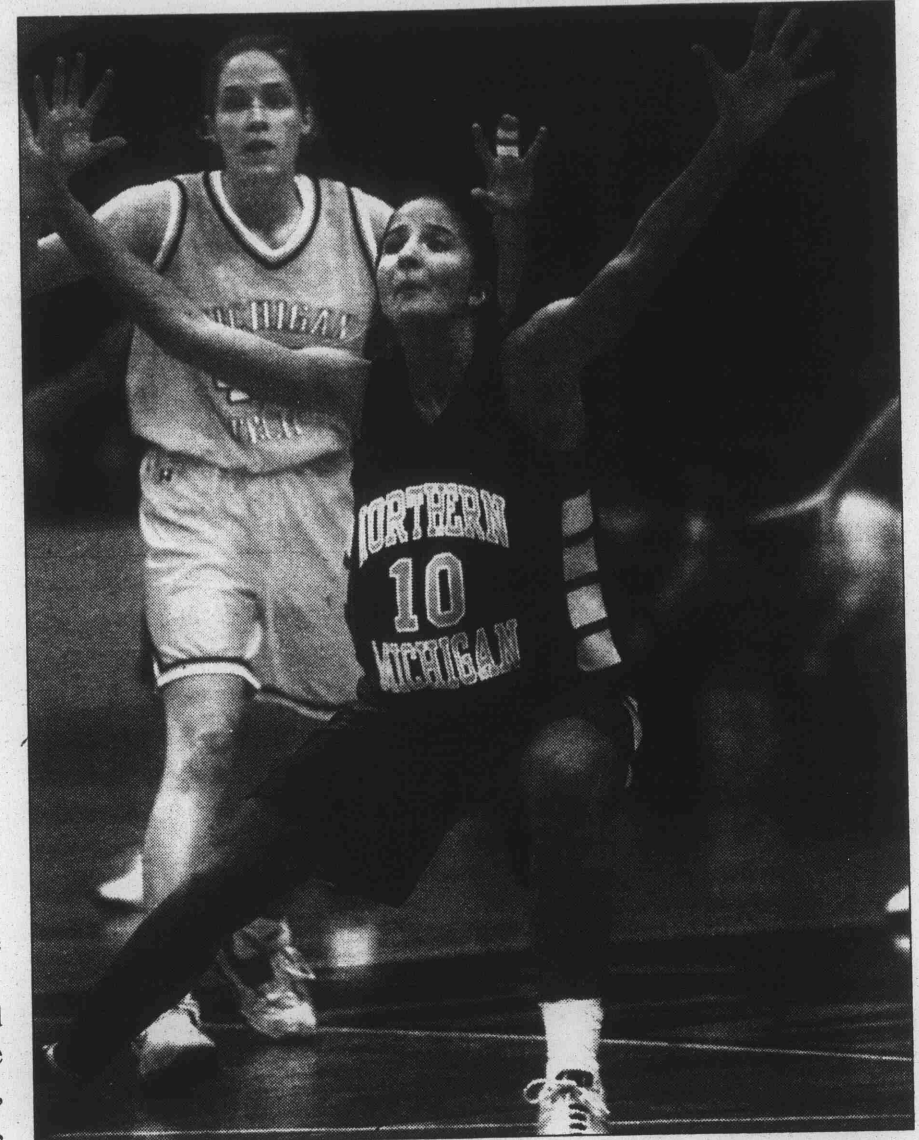
Dykstra led NMU on Saturday with a double-double (26 points, 10 rebounds).

"Dykstra was great down the stretch," Geary said.

"She made some plays that we had to have."

On Thursday, NMU defeated Ferris State, 74-62, on the strength of its second half, outscoring the Bulldogs, 41-29, after a tied first half of 33 each.

Leverentz led all scorers with 24 points.



Duane Pape/NW

Back in the lineup after recovering from an injury to her left ankle, senior guard Shari Rehmann scored three points against MTU.

HOCKEY NMU 3, BGSU 2; BGSU 7, NMU 4

Wildcats fall in rankings

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

Despite splitting a road series last weekend against Bowling Green State University, the NMU hockey team moved up to second place in the CCHA.

The Wildcats dropped a 7-4 decision Friday before winning, 3-2, Saturday in Bowling Green, Ohio.

NMU (17-7-2 overall, 12-4-2 CCHA) received help from Western Michigan, which defeated and tied Michigan State last weekend, but with the split, NMU fell from No. 8 in the U.S. College Hockey Online Poll to No. 10.

"It's disappointing because we really don't want to lose teams below us in the standings," said junior defenseman Mike Sandbeck, who earned Defensive Wildcat of the Week with a plus-two rating in the series.

On Saturday, the Wildcats outshot the Falcons (10-14-0, 7-11-0), 37-21.

"We tightened up," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "We were ready to go. We handled their size better because they are really big. We handled the size of their rink better. We were backed into a corner, and we

reacted very positively."

NMU senior right wing J.P. Vigier scored two goals. The second goal was a shorthanded, empty net goal, giving Vigier the nation lead with five shorthanded goals this season.

NMU junior goalie Dan Ragusett received the start, despite giving up three goals Friday on seven shots.

"He's our No. 1 goaltender," Comley said. "It was a big game, and he was the one I trusted to go with."

On Friday, the Wildcats gave up the most goals and most shots (38) in a game this season.

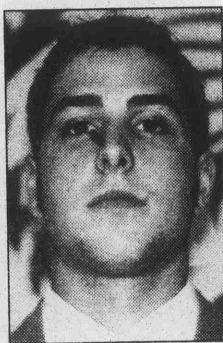
"We played horrible, absolutely horrible," Comley said. "We just played poorly in every phase of the game."

Ragusett was pulled midway through the first period with BGSU leading, 3-1.

"Two of the three were weak," Comley said of the Falcons' first three goals. "[Ragusett] just didn't seem to have good focus. He had trouble; he was fighting the puck. But you can't play well every night."

Northern played poorly at every position, Sandbeck said.

"By far, it was probably our worst outing of the year," he said. "We played poorly from goaltending to defense and all the way through. The bounces weren't going our way, and we couldn't get anything generated."



Sandbeck

MEN'S NMU 76, MTU 61; NMU 77, GVSU 71; NMU 76, FSU 72

Energy fuels wins

BY JEREMY PICKENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Three home conference wins for the NMU men's basketball team gave it a solid grip on first place in the GLIAC North Division.

NMU posts a 4-0 record since the loss of senior center Kevin Coduti to an ankle injury.

"We miss [Coduti] on the boards," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "We have the players with the experience and heart; however, to step up and fill that void."

The Wildcats (14-3 overall, 11-2) defeated Michigan Tech (12-7, 7-5) on Monday night, 76-61.

Leading the scoring for NMU was senior forward Cory Brathol with 27 points and six rebounds.

"We played under control and took good shots," Ellis said.

In Saturday's contest, the Wildcats beat GVSU (5-6, 8-9), 77-71.

"We moved the ball around and shot well," NMU senior guard Jason Price said. "When we play our game, we can play with anyone."

NMU was led by Brathol with 23 points and eight rebounds. Maselter and Matacz each added 15 points.

The halftime score (35-35) seemed to motivate the team in the second half.

"Our energy level really picked up in the second half," Ellis said.

"That's typical of this team. When they want to win, they play extremely hard."

NMU defeated Ferris State (9-2, 12-3) on Jan. 27, 76-72.

Brathol scored a season-high 37 points to lead the Wildcats, while Price scored 17.

"Every game at this point in the season is important," Ellis said. "We have to go and meet that challenge every night."

"It was a good win for us to get.

ALPINE MOOSE MOUNTAIN CLASSIC/ATMORE MEMORIAL REVIEW

'Cats in top 10 all weekend

BY DANIEL POWELL
COPY EDITOR

The NMU women's alpine team skied in two Minnesota invitationals last weekend, placing skiers in the top 10 of all four races.

Seniors Christy Salonen and Liz Welles, who had six top 10 finishes between them, continue to lead the 'Cats.

NMU skied in both the Moose Mountain Classic in Lutsen, Minn., on Jan. 27 and 28 and the Atmore Memorial in Duluth, Minn., on Saturday and Sunday.

Welles and Salonen finished seventh and eighth in the giant

slalom and 11th and eighth in the slalom, respectively, at Lutsen. Sophomore Michelle Murray also skied strong, turning in 10th- and 12th-place finishes.

"I was impressed with our giant slalom efforts," NMU coach Jill Rogers said. "The girls are starting to really figure out how to ski well on new, shorter slalom skis. We are getting good runs from the whole team."

At the Atmore Memorial, Salonen led the team again, finishing third and fourth in the slalom and giant slalom, respectively.

Welles finished ninth in the slalom Saturday and 14th in the slalom Sunday. Murray finished

11th in Sunday's slalom.

"We feel good about this past weekend," Welles said. "This weekend was a total 180 from the weekend before."

Welles credited the team's success to a couple days of rest and an increase of snow training. Team scores were not kept in any of the races.

The Wildcats return to the slopes this weekend at Blackjack in Wakefield, to compete for the Governor's Cup. Rodgers will take a split squad to the invitational.

"We're working hard in practice to get prepared to go out and race hard for the Governor's Cup this weekend," Rogers said.

SWIM AND DIVE GVSU 124, NMU 116

Wildcats priming for GLIACs

BY KURT MENSCHING
STAFF WRITER

Senior Recognition Day did not end as well as the NMU swim and dive team would have liked, as it fell to Grand Valley State University, 124-116, on Saturday.

"I think some of the underclassmen are maybe a bit disappointed," NMU head coach Chris Coraggio said.

"They may have thought they let [the seniors] down with the fact that we didn't win the meet. They understand the way this works, that you have to swim faster and dive better than the

other team. Grand Valley had it [Saturday]."

Senior swimmers Darby Berger, Mary-K Kearns, Erin Vostad and diver Michelle Wallace all competed in the last home meet of their careers.

The 'Cats finished 0.24 seconds behind GVSU in the 200-meter freestyle relay. The winning team in that race would have won the meet.

"Whoever won the last heat won the meet," Coraggio said.

"It was very close. It came down to a couple tenths of a second."

Wallace had not dived for

seven weeks, but she finished second in the 1-meter diving event. Berger performed a season-best time (1:08.72) in the 100 breaststroke, and Vostad finished first in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.90.

The next meet for the 'Cats is Feb. 17 to 19 in Detroit at the GLIAC Championships.

"I think we take a challenge into the championships," Coraggio said.

"[GVSU] is a conference team that beat us, that hadn't beat us before. That's challenged us."

NMU is the defending GLIAC champion.

NORDIC ST. MARY'S INVITATIONAL REVIEW

NMU records double victory

The NMU Nordic ski teams both finished first at the St. Mary's Invitational in Phillips, Wis.

The double victory was the third consecutive invitational double win for the 'Cats and gave them the Central collegiate Ski Association Championship.

Junior Abby Larson won both the 5-kilometer freestyle and the 15-k classic races, her third and fourth consecutive Central region victories.

Sophomore Morgan Houge finished third and second to

Larson.

The 'Cats, still without three of their top skiers, dominated the invitational, especially the 15-k classic, placing seven skiers in the top 10.

On the men's side, senior Jesse Downs also continued his outstanding season, winning the men's 10-k freestyle and finishing third in the 20-k classic race.

Sophomore Matt Weier had the best finish of his season, finishing second in the classic and third in the freestyle race.

Freshman Matt Nielsen came

on strong for the Wildcats and finished fourth in the freestyle.

"We had an exciting weekend," NMU coach Sten Fjeldheim said, "but what's even more exciting for us is that we are having some of our younger skiers doing well. They're stepping it up, and it's looking good for the future."

Northern will be in town this weekend, hosting an invitational Saturday and Sunday at Ishpeming's Suicide Ski Bowl. Races begin at 10 a.m.

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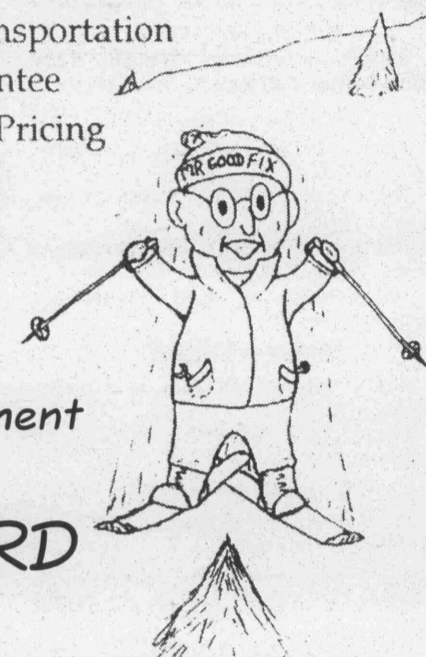
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PAIRWISE

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who have poor records, you're going to have a poor RPI index. That's what we're stuck with right now."

Seven of the CCHA's 12 teams currently have records below .500, and NMU has played Clarkson (6-11-3), Minnesota (12-12-2), Massachusetts-Lowell (8-16-1) and Michigan Tech (4-24-0) in its non-conference games.

The Wildcats cannot do much about how good their opponents are, but they can improve against teams in the PairWise Rankings.

Northern is 4-3 against teams in the PairWise Rankings, which is tied for the fewest games played in the nation against teams in the rankings. In those games, NMU has defeated Ferris State three times and Lake Superior State once, while losing

once to FSU, LSSU and Minnesota.

"We don't make up the schedule," Comley said. "All we can do is win when we play."

The Wildcats are not the only CCHA team suffering in the PairWise Rankings.

Michigan, which is in first place in the league, ranks 11th, while Michigan State, which is in third place in the league, ranks 18th.

"Any time you have 12 teams in a league that is so spread out, getting a good schedule is impossible," Comley said.

NMU's chances of making the big dance may depend on how it fares against Michigan State and Michigan. The games against these two powerhouses will boost NMU's RPI ranking, but that will not matter if NMU does not get at least two wins in the four games.

Although the PairWise Rankings are a great tool, it should not be relied on too heavily. Why? Ferris State, which NMU has beaten in three of four games this year and which is in eighth place in the CCHA, is at No. 14. This proves the ranking has its flaws.

No matter what NMU's final PairWise Ranking is at the end of the season, if NMU finishes at least third in the CCHA regular season and makes it to the CCHA Tournament finals, NMU should get an invite to the NCAA Tournament.

"I would expect that we'll have to win 23 or 24 games or win the league or the playoffs," Comley said.

NMU currently has a 17-7-2 record with 10 season games and the CCHA Tournament remaining, so winning 24 games should not be a problem.



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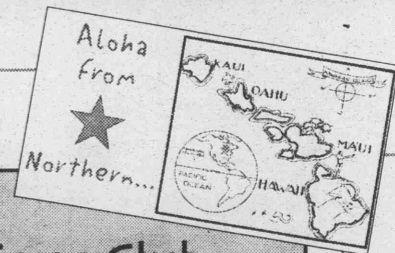
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HOCKEY

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against the Broncos was their physical play.

"It was a good series then, and it will be a good series this weekend," Stutzel said.

"We're going to have to be tough this weekend, just like any other weekend."

Junior center Dave Gove is pacing WMU with 33 points, while sophomore center Mike Bashai follows with 25 points.

"We don't look to defend just one person or a couple of players," junior defenseman Mike Sandbeck said.

"We look to defend the whole

team because it has four solid lines.

"Coming up here they'll have a lot of confidence. They've beat us once before, so they'll be ready to play."

NMU leads the all-time series against the Broncos, 23-11-2, and has won seven of the last eight games played against them.

Wildcat leaders

Roger Trudeau, 16 goals; Trudeau, J.P. Vigier, 11 assists; Trudeau, Vigier, Jimmy Jackson, plus-17; Trudeau, Chris Gobert, Chad Theuer, power play goal; Vigier, five short-handed goals; Dan Ragusett, 2.16 goals-against average, .905 saves percentage.

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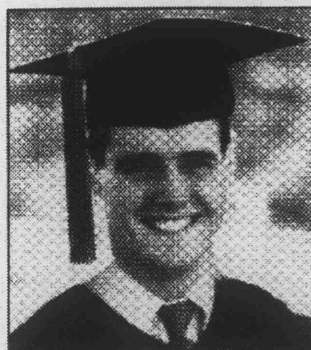
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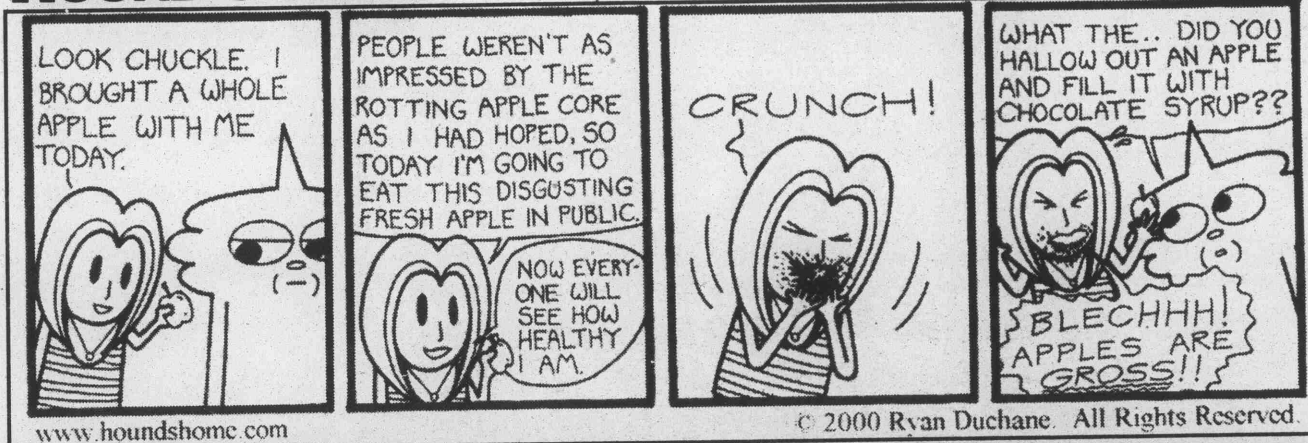
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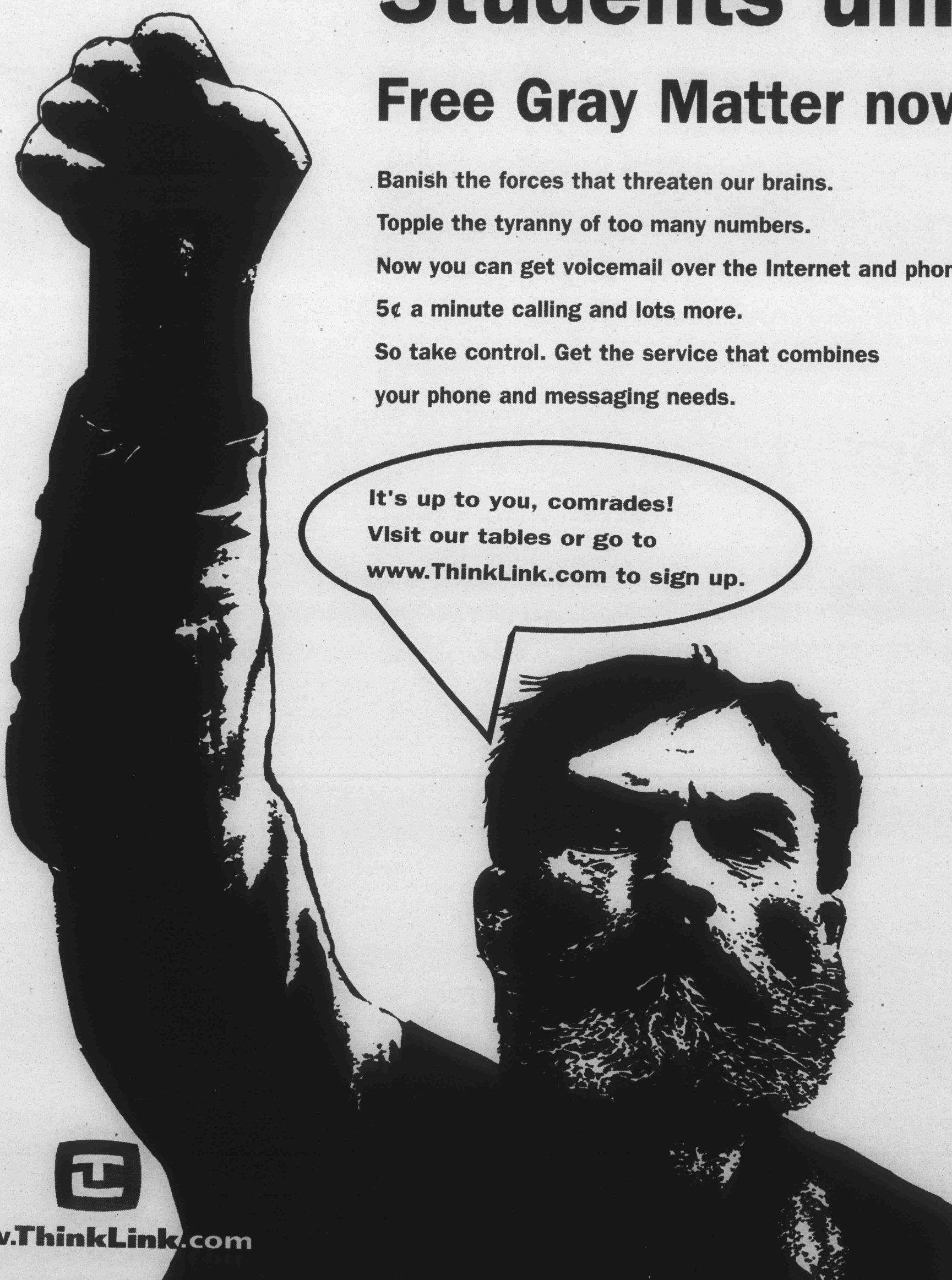
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