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Proposed fee may increase attendance

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

A semesterly fee may result from an attempt to increase student attendance and school spirit at NMU athletic events.

The NMU Student Athlete Advisory Council is in the preliminary stages of proposing a plan to have all enrolled students pay a fixed fee each semester, and in return students would be able to attend all NMU home athletic events free of charge.

The undetermined fee is expected to be between \$5 and \$11 a semester, according to the SAAC proposal, which must be approved by ASNMU's referendum com-

Student access to sports would be 'free'

mittee and assembly, as well as another non-athlete organization and the NMU Board of Control. Students then would vote on the proposal April 4 and 5 in the general referendum elections.

The SAAC's proposal states "the current ticket sale revenue (or average over the past few years) generated from student ticket sales will be divided amongst the number of enrolled NMU students" which will result in the amount of the fee.

During the 1998-99 school year, NMU generated \$77,079 in student ticket sales, according to the NMU Higher Education

Act Report, which would equal about \$5 a semester per student.

"There would be more of an opportunity for students to come to the events," said SAAC President Jessica Durfee, who is a NMU women's alpine skier. "We would like to see the stands full. As people get used to getting into hockey, football and basketball, maybe they will be more interested in the other sports on campus."

According to the SAAC's proposal, other stipulations include the following:

- As students' tuition bills are paid, financial services would relay the lump

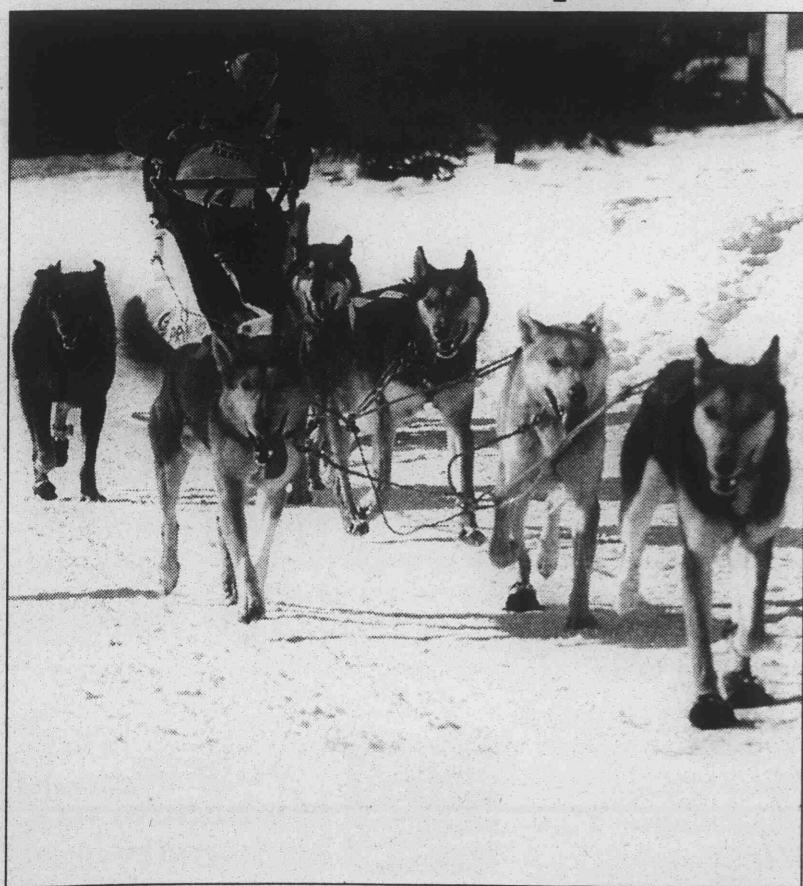
sum to the NMU Athletic Department.

- The current athletic event pass, which costs \$30, and the need to purchase season hockey tickets, which cost up to \$80, would be eliminated.

- The current student section for hockey games would remain a student section; however, no season tickets would be available for that area. Instead, seats would be available on a first-come-first-serve basis, unless a seat reservation policy or ticket pick-up system is arranged. Standing room would be still be available. If a student felt he or she needed to purchase season tick-

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Canine transport



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Musher Matt Johnson, of Gwinn, and his team near the UP200 finish line Sunday. They finished in eighth in the race.

Liberal Studies evolving

Ongoing debate stirs Academic Senators

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

NMU's Academic Senate is currently reviewing the Liberal Studies program and making changes to the different divisions that may have an impact on departments and faculty as well as on students' choices.

Although proposed changes have been evolving for years in committee, the senate is now in the midst of making decisions that will have a lasting affect on core curricula.

"The new language for the divisions will have an impact on what will be offered and how," Academic Senator Ray Ventre said.

The Academic Senate is deliberating on terminology and proposed guidelines presented on Nov. 2, 1999 by the ad hoc Liberal Studies Committee.

At the senate's bi-weekly meetings, motions for the Division I and II have already been passed with minor changes, said Ventre, a professor in the

English department.

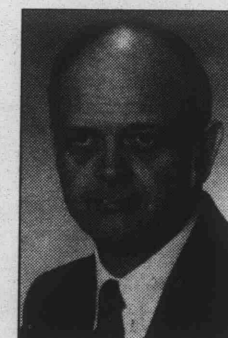
There are six proposed divisions: foundations of communication; of humanities; of science and math; of social sciences; of information and technology literacy and of visual arts and performance.

Division III, science and math, has been discussed, but no changes have been approved. The senate is debating whether to add a mathematics requirement to the liberal studies program, said Fred Joyal, vice president for academic affairs, who sits on the meetings but does not vote.

Another concern has to do with Division V, the current formal communication requirement, which includes courses such as statistics, computer science and foreign language classes, Ventre said.

The division may change so students cannot take a foreign language course to fulfill the requirement, Joyal said.

"Fifteen years ago you could not have graduated



Joyal

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ATHLETIC FEE

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ets to guarantee a seat, he or she could do so at a special student rate in one of the other sections.

Junior education major Jason Ott said he would vote against the proposal.

"I don't think you should require students to pay for something that not everybody will use to save money for only some people," he said.

Ott said the 800 student hockey seats of the Berry Events Center will create problems.

"Hockey is pretty much the only sport people go to besides football, so the limited seats would be a problem because the amount of people that would want to go would be more than the number of seats available," he said. "People would get mad because they paid the money but did not get the service."

Two referendums may be proposed, with the first including hockey and the second not including hockey, Durfee said.

ASNMU President Nick Vivian said he would not approve a proposal without hockey.

"If it doesn't include hockey, I don't see any way students would support a fee that's not totally inclusive of all athletic events, because hockey is the biggest

draw for students as a Division I sport," he said.

A reservation policy is yet to be worked out, but Durfee said seats will not be able to be saved more than a week in advance.

"It would be awesome," said Raynae Ostwall, a senior CIS major. "If you go to two hockey games, it pays for itself, and then the rest of the games are essentially free. I have to pay other stupid student activity fees, so what's the difference if other students pay for something they don't want?"

Hockey tickets are \$5 for seats in the student section; football student tickets were \$6 for reserved and \$4 for general admission last season; basketball student tickets are \$3 and volleyball student tickets were \$2 last season. The other sports' admission is free for students.

A survey will be distributed to find out more of students' opinions, Durfee said.

"Hopefully students will see it as a good deal, and they'll see it as a tiny way to invest in the university," Durfee said.

The NMU Athletic Department does not have an official position on whether it favors the proposal, NMU Athletic Director and head hockey coach Rick Comley said.

"I'm certainly not against it," he said. "I am in favor of anything that will increase student attendance, but there is a dollar [amount as a] ramification to it, so the pluses and minuses will have to be sorted out."

The proposal's fate may rely on whether or not NMU's TLC program is exempted in its tuition increase, Vivian said.

If the TLC program is not included in NMU's tuition increase, then NMU's tuition increase would remain below 3 percent, which would allow it to get special funding incentives. If TLC is included in NMU's tuition increase, then the NMU Board of Control will more likely support the proposal, but if TLC is not included, then the Board of Control will be less likely to support the proposal, Vivian said.

Vivian said ASNMU is trying to collect as many opinions on the proposal as possible.

"We know that this idea will benefit many students, but we also know that some students will never take advantage of the opportunity," he said.

"We are looking for any ways to increase student participation and student spirit on campus. The SAAC is proposing a way that, at the very least, deserves consideration."

LIBERAL STUDIES

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without [taking a foreign language]," Joyal said.

The senate will continue to discuss Divisions IV and V in its next meeting, after spring break, Roberta Verley, chair of the Academic Senate said.

"It's up in the air," said Verley, a professor in the health, physical education and recreation department. "It is very hard to tell what they will do."

Ventre said it is important for students to communicate their concerns and desires about what should be changed in the Liberal Studies program.

"Students should give input to departments and their ASNMU representatives," Ventre said. "[It is] very crucial that the senate knows how the students feel now."

He also said students need to be appraised of what's going on when the changes are done.

Ventre said the senate is careful in making its decisions.

"I am concerned that we continue to make the program more flexible and not create a road block for students," Ventre said. "I want a Liberal Studies program to offer flexibility."

Academic Senator Thomas Getman, an associate professor

in the chemistry department, said the senate is trying to make Liberal Studies more coherent and cohesive.

A motion that has already been passed is to create a standing committee of the senate that will oversee the Liberal Studies program starting in fall 2000.

"Right now nobody really oversees the Liberal Studies," Getman said.

The program was revised once before, but is still a concern to NMU, Joyal said.

The senate consists mostly of faculty, but includes administrators and students. In addition to the senate's other duties, they are looking separately at each Liberal Studies division.



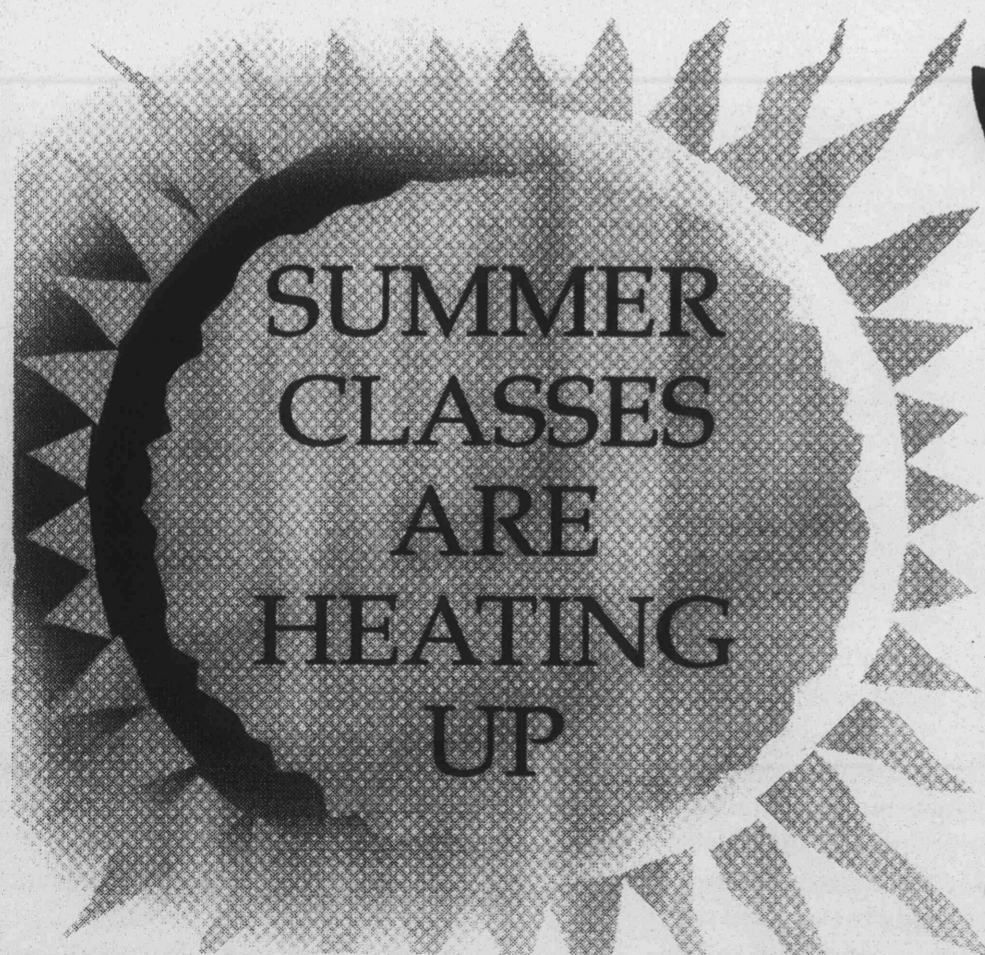
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Local

Multiple ambulances on campus

MARQUETTE — On Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. two ambulances attended emergencies on campus. The first call was made to Public Safety for a girl suffering a seizure at the Physical Education and Instruction Facility. Soon after, a call was placed from the Learning Resource Center, reporting that a pregnant NMU student was in a first floor bathroom about to deliver her baby. A second ambulance was sent from Marquette General Hospital for her. Upon arrival, medical technicians determined she had not gone into labor. Assistant Director of Public Safety Jeff Mincheff said the pregnant student was treated at Marquette General for flu-like symptoms, and her dizziness was not caused from pregnancy.

National

Bush vs. McCain show goes west

WASHINGTON — John McCain, fresh from winning Michigan's and Arizona's Republican primaries, sought support from party stalwarts Wednesday, even as presidential rival George W. Bush said most Republicans were solidly on his side, including those in Michigan. The battle for core Republicans heated up as both Bush and McCain campaigned on the West Coast in advance of the pivotal March 7 "Super Tuesday," in which 16 states will hold primaries or caucuses to choose presidential nominees.

International

OPEC searching for gas solution

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA — Oil and gasoline prices may decrease soon. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is currently exploring the possibilities of lowering the price of each barrel of exported oil to near \$20. They are currently priced at about \$25 per barrel. A production increase will need to take place to help lower the prices. U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson visited Saudi Arabia Wednesday. Richardson said OPEC giant Saudi Arabia and U.S. ally Kuwait are optimistic that production will increase, but the second-leading petroleum producer, Iran, is opposed to increasing production.

Weird News

Woman drills a hole in her head

LONDON — A British woman said she has cured her chronic fatigue by resorting to do-it-yourself brain surgery by drilling a hole in her own head. Heather Perry, 29, performed self-trepanation, the ancient technique of cutting away a section of the scalp and drilling into the skull, hoping to overcome myalgic encephalomyelitis, which leaves sufferers feeling tired. Perry said she rid herself of the inflammation of her brain and spinal cord by drilling a two-centimeter hole to allow blood to flow more easily around the brain. She almost suffered brain damage when she drilled too far and penetrated a membrane protecting her brain tissue. "I generally feel better and there is definitely more mental clarity," she told reporters from her home in Gloucester, England. "I feel wonderful."

— Compiled from news sources

Hot combination



David Roberts/NW

Marquette Latin/jazz outfit Combo Caliente perform in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center Saturday night. Trumpeter and NMU professor John Cooper, right, blew with them.

TLC waiver deadline set

Juniors and seniors have until March 31 to waive laptop fee

BY JACKIE WAGNER
STAFF WRITER

The HUB Student Resource Center announced Feb. 14 that students applying for TLC laptop waivers must do so by March 31.

All students with 56 credits or more by the end of this semester are eligible to opt out of NMU's laptop program. To do so, students must pre-register for the Fall 2000 semester and have a computer that meets NMU's computing standards.

"Personal computers will have to meet basic computing standards," said Ed Niemi, director of the HUB. "That includes being able to hook up to the university through the World Wide Web, receiving and sending e-mail, basic database and word process-

ing."

Some classes may require software that is not included on the laptops and will be available for purchase at the bookstore.

If you waiver the TLC program, you also waiver your rights to the all-purpose computer labs.

"Students will have to pay a fee to use the all-purpose labs. If they waiver, they are saying that they have a computer to use," Niemi said.

The waivers will be available on the computers when students pre-register for classes.

"If you are eligible, a window will pop up on your screen asking you if you want to waiver," Niemi said. You answer, 'yes,' then the form will come up on the screen and you will be able to fill it out."

Pre-registration will take place from March 21 to 31.

"Students will be able to waiver when they pre-register through SOLAR or when they register through a department," said Fred Joyal, interim vice president for academic affairs.

Students who waiver out of the TLC program will not be able to receive NMU tech support.

"If you're having problems connecting with the university, you won't be able to call our support systems," Joyal said.

The waivers are to be eliminated over the next two years. "Next year you will have to have 88 credits to waiver out, and there will be no waivers for fall 2002," Joyal said.

"Students will be putting themselves at a disadvantage if they cannot meet the standards and waiver out of the program."

For more information, call the HUB at 227-1775.

FORECAST

• **Friday:** Morning fog, then turning cloudy, high 45, low 35 to 40.

• **Saturday:** Partly sunny and blustery, high 40 to 45, low 35.

• **Sunday:** Cooler with scattered snow showers, high 35, low 25 to 30.

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NMU granted \$22,000 for mentoring program

BY HOLLY WORACHEK
STAFF WRITER

The \$22,000 state grant NMU recently received for its social mentoring program will give underclassmen the opportunity to participate in local activities this fall.

The program, called The Link, is funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health-Office of Drug Control Policy. It was implemented last year to encourage students to find alternatives to alcohol by helping them become more familiar with NMU's campus and the surrounding community.

Upperclassmen volunteer as mentors to the students, who can choose from a number of activities throughout the first six weeks of the fall semester, NMU health promotion specialist Lenny Shible said.

"We want students to feel comfortable and embrace their college career here at Northern," Shible said.

NMU graduate student and project manager, Laurie Gastineau, said The Link allows early prevention by helping students decide if alcohol will become a lasting influence throughout their college careers.

Gastineau said in a news release that one of the key elements to The Link's success is the participation of upperclassmen as mentors.

"It is a powerful tool when the younger students hear the message about healthier lifestyles from students close in age who are willing to make themselves available and show that they care," Gastineau said.

The idea for a mentoring program began at Michigan State University in 1998 in response to alcohol-related deaths in the United States, according to a news release. Its success has prompted action from other universities.

All of the 12 residential universities in Michigan that applied for the grant received it, said Jim McBryde, special assistant for drug policy at the Michigan Department of Community Health-Office of Drug Control Policy.

"Northern's was among the best programs of the state," McBryde said.

Last year's social mentoring program had 18 mentors and between 80 and 100 underclassmen participants, Shible said.

The state grant was received three months earlier this year than last, and Shible said he hopes to use this extra time to recruit more participants.

This year, the goal for the program is to "increase [NMU's] follow-up participation from 100 to at least 150," he said. "We want to reach some challenging but realistic goals."

Shible also said he hopes to recruit 30 mentors this year — a target of one mentor for every five students. As of Feb. 16, 12 students have shown interest in becoming mentors.

The \$21,000 grant NMU received last year was used to fund activities such as movies, a weekend at Bay Cliff Health Camp and activities in the PEIF.

The Link will include more activities within the Marquette area this year, "introducing students to resources in their own

backyard," Shible said.

This year's activities will include activities at the PEIF such as rock-climbing and a "dive-in" movie at the pool, in which movies such as "Jaws" and "Sphere" will be shown; skating and broomball; a scavenger hunt on campus; and attending an NMU football game. Most of the activities are free, though some will include a small cost to the students.

Mentors will begin contacting interested underclassmen during the summer and early fall, Shible said. "It is our hope that, by contacting the students early and often, more will become interested and involved in the program."

Upperclassmen interested in becoming mentors can attend the last meeting of the semester on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center. Contact Lenny Shible at 227-1455 for more information.

CAMPUS NOTES

Endowment goes to Center for U.P. Studies at NMU

Grace Magnaghi, who has contributed to NMU in the past, recently endowed funds to support the Center for Upper Peninsula Studies at NMU.

The endowment will enable interested parties to pursue research or educational activities primarily in the central U.P. and the NMU Archives. The center intends to make \$500 available each year.

For further information, contact Marcus Robyns at the NMU Archives at 227-1225.

New climbing wall needs name

The new climbing wall in the Physical Education Instructional Facility is still unnamed, so NMU's Outdoor Recreational Center is holding a "Name the Wall Contest." The contest ends March 1.

Ideas for the name and its design will also be accepted. The

contest is open to all members of the NMU community. The winner will be announced April 1 at a climbing competition. The grand prize is a gift certificate to Down Wind Sports. Two runners-up will receive free gear rentals from the ORC.

Entries may be submitted at the I.D. check window outside the new recreation area in the PEIF. Contact the ORC at 227-1369 for further information.

Eighth annual pow-wow to be held in Jacobetti

The Native American Student Association will be hosting the eighth annual "Learning to Walk Together" pow-wow at the Jacobetti Center on Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12. Grand entry times will be 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

For additional information or to volunteer at the event, contact April Lindala at 227-1397 or Marty Curtis at 227-1554.

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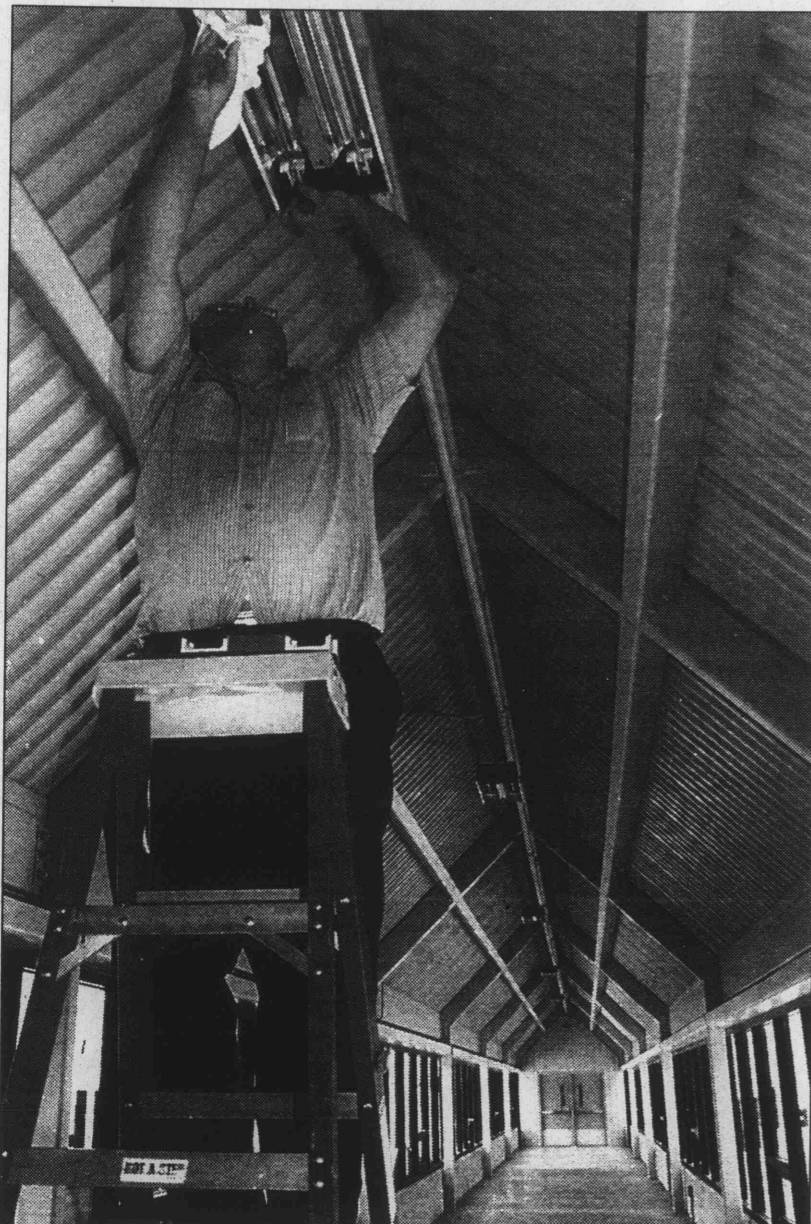
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NMU requests opinions

BY JIM KITALONG
STAFF WRITER

The future of NMU's physical facilities, including parking and roadways, will be the topic of a campus master plan forum March 8.

NMU's Master Plan Committee will hold the forum in Jamrich Room 102, from 9 to 11 p.m. It will begin with a short presentation followed by an open forum in which audience members will be free to give suggestions to the committee.

"The ultimate goal of the forum is to bring people up to speed on what's happening in construction for the next few years," said Jim Thams, CAD/GIS manager at NMU's Planning and Engineering department. "We hope to get input from the campus community on what changes need to be made."

The committee looks at changes in student population, along with changes in the university's programs, to see if the physical plans of the university need to be modified, said Tom Meravi, professor of industrial technology and chair of the campus master plan.

"Primarily, the forum will

"We hope to get input from the campus community on what changes need to be made."

— Jim Thams
CAD/GIS Manager,
Planning and Engineering

focus on changes in parking lots and roadways," Meravi said.

The forum will also discuss other campus changes, including walkways through campus and a new stoplight.

"By the end of the summer, we hope to have a traffic light at the intersection of Wright Street and 550," Meravi said. "It will be a four-way intersection because you'll be able to go straight through the intersection and enter into campus on a new roadway."

The committee has made plans to change campus roads and walkways in an effort to move the majority of vehicular traffic to the campus perimeter. The changes are intended to establish a central core with mostly pedestrian passage, Thams said.

Another topic to be discussed at the forum is how soon-to-be vacant space will be used in Cohodas. Offices such as

Registration and Financial Aid will move into the Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

"When Hedgcock is completed, there will be three floors vacated in Cohodas," Thams said. "We still haven't decided how to use that space."

Thams said the Master Plan Committee has been together since 1991. The committee deals mainly with campus space utilization, construction standards, and future construction plans.

The committee consists of representatives from the following groups: faculty, the student body, Academic Affairs, Registrar, Public Safety, Student Affairs, Finance and Administration and University Relations.

The committee advises Michael Roy, vice president for Finance and Administration, and President Judi Bailey on matters related to university facilities.

"We want the campus community to give us their ideas on what improvements we can make to campus facilities," Meravi said. "But we also want to make sure that the investments we make are good, solid and sound investments that are going to have a positive impact on the campus."

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EDITORIAL

Students: study up, speak up

NMU is faced with two important issues that will affect both current and future students. The directions taken with regard to these issues will greatly affect how the university views itself and how it is viewed by the outside world.

Liberal Studies

As with any complex, slowly evolving issue, it is sometimes difficult to fully grasp the weight of how proposed changes to the Liberal Studies curriculum will affect students. (See story on page 1.) The Liberal Studies requirements, which may soon be called foundation studies, are being restructured on a division by division basis.

Thanks to the deliberate process employed by the Academic Senate (the Liberal Studies have now been under scrutiny for over three years), the changes that are made will hopefully be appropriate and long lasting.

It is important that every sector of the university community, particularly students, think about and give input on this subject. While it may not make a difference to students who currently attend Northern, we have a duty to the future students of this institution.

Athletic events fee

If nothing else, student participation at athletic events is a barometer of school spirit, and the proposed fee (see story on page 1) stands at small cost to give the needle a little nudge. Just this semester, an enthusiastic wildcat could have spent as much as \$72 on admission. That's \$67 more than she would have had to pay if the proposed fee were in place.

Of course there are students who will never in their wildest dreams deem a sporting event worth their time, let alone \$5. That's their right. But for those on-the-bubble students who might consider going to cheer on our teams if their ticket is already paid for, it will greatly expand the potential for a more complete experience as a college student.

Please, for the sake of school spirit, support this proposal.

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We are here to improve the conditions of our life that in turn affect all those around us. Whether you are learning how to succeed, fulfilling dreams or raising a successful family, you are participating in education.

Currently we aren't viewing this place for what it really is — an educational facility. We aren't accepting of one another's concerns or ideas, we blame everyone but ourselves, we aren't taking action. Most of all, we aren't working together toward solutions. We must stop sitting back and criticizing. Students shouldn't accuse faculty of not caring,

faculty shouldn't give up on students, the staff should know that they play a huge role in the educational facility. We should work together on achieving this success; if we don't, we are not better than the next and don't have the right to complain in the meantime. Let's communicate, start aiming at the solution and stop pointing fingers; you and I are both to blame; you and I are to succeed.

Work together. Join a committee, take part in an organization, read *The North Wind*. NMU isn't a business, but an educational facility whose sole purpose is to aid in the joy of life, not money. Pursue happiness here; grasp life and say: "Today is the day, and I am the one."

Karen Seablom

Canine competition in a different light

I'd like to comment on Don Wilkie's column (NW, Jan. 27). Mr. Wilkie errs by making the statement that "canine competitors in the UP200 enjoy no such freedom." He goes on to say that "the humans involved are there by choice; the dogs are there because someone has hooked them up to the sled."

Sled dogs do love to run and have physical attributes that enable them to run — and for great distances. Many of these dogs love to be hooked up to the sled and sit screaming to go when they are not chosen for that day's run. These are abilities inherent in the dog's breed that can easily be capitalized upon.

Mr. Wilkie asks, "If an owner says, 'Hey, my Bruno really loves to go out in blizzards and mush until he's exhausted,' how can Bruno convince others that is not the case, that perhaps running from this forced labor is more along the line of what he desires?" I chuckled when I read this because a sled dog most certainly does communicate this desire to run, or lack of it.

Most mushers are extremely conscientious about their dogs. Race rules are also strict about dog care. Each dog has a veterinary check before a race such as the UP200/Midnight Run, and

each dog is checked again by a veterinarian at every checkpoint. More often than not, if a dog is dropped from a team during a race, it is because the musher becomes concerned and then consults with a veterinarian whether that dog should continue running.

The sport of mushing demands a lot of time, energy and financial commitment. Mr. Wilkie made the comment that the "prize money goes to the mushers, not to their dogs." This pushed me beyond a chuckle into a real laugh because the prize money, if a musher is fortunate enough to win any, was spent on the dogs long before it was even won. Most mushers are lucky to recoup a fraction of their expenses via racing, but the dogs are cared for anyway. It is purely for the love of dogs and mushing.

Darlene Pierce

Ideas and feedback sought by chairman

My thanks to Travis Margoni and *The North Wind* for writing an article about the development of a new and very positive program at NMU (NW, Feb. 10). As the article states, the idea for the Academic Resource Initiative is to increase the resources available to freshmen so that they can be more informed about different majors, departments and career options.

Eventually, I am convinced that Northern graduates will be more competitive upon graduation as a result of this initiative.

If you are a freshman and you have suggestions or comments about the types of programs that should be started to improve your potential for success, please contact me via e-mail at rburri@nmu.edu. This program is currently being discussed in the Academic Affairs Committee of ASNMU, and I would also encourage other students, administrators and faculty to send me comments and, hopefully, their voice of support. This type of initiative should really be a priority for everyone at NMU.

Ryan J. Burri

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Examining a taxing proposal

I thought we could take a closer look at what exactly is going on in the GOP. Aside from a lot of name-calling, there's a tax plan debate. These tax plans present some interesting food for thought. If, while you're reading this, you happen to be near a computer, I would suggest you go to www.ctj.org. This is the Web site for "Citizens for Tax Justice."

Here it is: the nitty-gritty. For most college students, the outlook is pretty barren. Under the Bush plan, you'll receive a 0.5 percent tax break. This means that if you make about \$8,000 a year, you'll get a whopping break of \$43. Under the McCain plan: \$0. If you're a college student with a full-time job that puts you in the \$13,600 and \$24,400 range, expect a mean (as in average) break of about \$200. Under the McCain plan: \$0.

Since no immediate relief is in sight, let's move on to the income bracket that we would see ourselves in when we enter the job market. For those of us who land incomes somewhere between \$24,400-\$130,000 there is quite a bit of tax change. Gov. Bush has designated 43.9 percent of his total tax cuts to this section of taxpayer. McCain, who has been rather stingy up to this point, unleashes 79 percent of his tax cuts to this section.

Those of us lucky enough to land a

STAFF COLUMN



By GEOFF HINEMAN

job with an income upward of \$319,000 will get a nice fat break from Bush; that's where 36.9 percent of his break is. McCain once again tightens up here, designating just 1.8 percent of his total break to those with the highest incomes.

So what does it all mean? Under Bush's plan, taxpayers in the lowest 60 percent of the income scale (where most of us are or will be soon) would get only 11 percent of his proposed tax cut, while the highest 10 percent of taxpayers (which most of us will never be) would get 61.6 percent of the proposed break. Furthermore, the highest 1 percent of taxpayers would get a break of more than \$50,000.

While Bush's plan offers on 11 percent of his break to the bottom three-fifths of taxpayers, McCain offers even less: just 5.5 percent, with incentive for much bigger breaks

coming just beyond this range.

With the largest majority of voters not being affected by Bush's tax cuts, why would he continue to promote tax cuts for the very richest? Two theories: trickle-down economics and a little corporate back scratching.

Trickle-down economics, in a nutshell, is based on the idea that if you give big breaks to the rich, they will invest their saved money back into the economy, thus creating more profits, more jobs and general economic euphoria. In practice, the rich invest their money into CDs and other high interest savings accounts and create more money for themselves.

Back scratching works like this. Since the middle class doesn't fund campaigns, it would do no good to give them the break when you can entice the big money guys with tax breaks in return for campaign funding. And Bush certainly knows about campaign funding. He is spending more than \$70 million on his campaign. By comparison, Al Gore's campaign (the next closest on the list) is working with about \$31 million.

Well, there you have it folks, the great Republican tax proposal for the 2000 election.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Geoff Hineman welcomes reactions at ghineman@nmu.edu.

SOUND OFF

Who was the greatest athlete of the 1990s?



Sarah Teutsch
sophomore,
undeclared

"It depends on who you ask, but since you asked me ... Greg Louganis—big-time medal winner. He hit his head and still pulled through."

"Michael Jordan was to basketball what Elvis was to rock 'n' roll. He took the game to new heights and raised the standard of greatness for future athletes."



Jessica Lanser
freshman,
political
science

Next Week:
Would you be in favor of a \$5 to \$11 fee per semester in exchange for access to all NMU athletic events?

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

Letters

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Straight to the point of affirmative action

Indeed, some in the U.P. do seem to get things later than the rest of the country. Case in point: Thomas Nicholas (NW Feb. 17) apparently has not received a brain yet, judging by his statement, "I find it difficult to believe that an Asian, black or Native American professor could bring much intellectual insight to a field such as mathematics."

Steve Hirst

An introduction to the 'Parking Lot Polka'

Ladies and gentlemen, students and faculty, come one, come all to endure the not-so-new dance proclaimed as the "Parking Lot Polka." Many of you reading this have probably endured this troublesome and annoying fad that the

commuters face in the winter.

The "Parking Lot Polka" is the interesting way that some students decide to make themselves right at home by parking behind another car when the row is already two cars deep. To the two newest arrivals, there seems to be no problem, but apparently nobody cares about the students sandwiched in the middle — the ones who scramble out of class to get to another destination, but find out exasperatedly when they get to their cars, that they won't be getting too far too fast.

While hunting around for a parking spot, I would really like to know where some people learned to drive and park. I mean, come on people ... common sense! The only time I've seen this sort of parking accomplished is here at Northern, and I hate to point it out, but that's not something to be proud of.

I am not saying that it's all just the students' fault with the parking — I do

have to agree that Northern is short of commuter parking places — but it could be a lot better than it is.

If students actually give themselves enough time to get to school, they could drive around the parking lot just to find that there is absolutely nowhere to park and still have time to park in the lots by Magers Hall and make it to class. Yes, I realize that it is indeed cold out there, but this is the U.P. and it is winter, so you shouldn't be running around in shorts anyway.

Debbie Lowes

MORE LETTERS

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<http://vm.nmu.edu/NRTHWIND/http/home.htm>

Dog sledding — cruel or not

Before this year, I didn't realize the very real controversy surrounding the idea of sled dog races. It wasn't until I wandered downtown after the festivities were over and saw the remains of the "Cruelty to Animals" signs posted along Washington Street that I was even aware.

I'll be honest. At first, I couldn't decide which side I was on. After Don Wilkies column (NW, Jan. 27), I had a furrowed brow. I decided it was time to apply my 'see-for-myself' philosophy. I had seen the UP200 teams before, but this time it wasn't quite the same. I needed to see this in its true environment, in the snowy silence of the country. Having the convenience of a roommate who engages in the sport, I didn't find it. I knew his dogs — some since they were puppies — but I had never really studied them carefully to know if they were happy with their profession.

It was time to see them in action, away from the crowd and the hoopla.

As any dog owner knows, dogs love to run. It doesn't matter where, from what, or whom they are chasing. But exactly how taxing was pulling the sled and master behind them?

I wasn't prepared for the experience. The dogs could not wait for the run. They pawed at the fresh snow furiously, waiting for their cue. There were only five of them, as one harness was left behind. Its wearer sat disgruntled in his straw-laden box, angry because he wasn't allowed to run today. He was happy we were there to pet him, but we could see his mind was not with us.

The words weren't even out of Andy's mouth when Lucy, the lead dog, had the team full-speed ahead. The strength and beauty of their gait was breathtaking.

Sled dogs are truly amazing. It is one thing to watch them at a starting line. It is completely another to glide through the darkness behind the power and intensity of a team of canines.

A half-mile down the trail, it was time to turn around, but Lucy spotted a trail we couldn't see, tucked between some trees off to the side. She furiously pulled the team toward it, wanting more.

The reality is that mushers make some huge sacrifices to do what they do. Many mushers have to give up their canine family when it's time to start a human family. Raising these dogs is a lifestyle, requiring investments of both money and time.

For 99 percent of mushers, racing is not a money-maker. On the contrary, any money they might win is quickly absorbed by buying new dogs or picking up supplies for the old ones.

There is no doubt these dogs are well provided for. Of course, there are probably exceptions to this, just as there are exceptions to everything. Mushers race because they love dogs. Would a dog lover purposefully do something harmful to his team? Doubtful. Mushers know their dogs inside out, and they take care of them like babies.

Besides, what other dogs have the luxury of wearing protective booties on their paws?

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY KRISTY BASOLO



Jason Barnes/NW

The Funktastic Four, including Jessiah Supanich on drums, Zevin Polzin in the foreground, Matt Peters on vocals and Ryan Kligren on bass guitar play at NMU's Open Mic last month.

Join the jam session

BY DANIEL POWELL
COPY EDITOR

After spring break, some people who feel the need to get up in front of an audience and bare their souls to rough music, song or spoken word will get their chance to do so on March 6, when the NMU Open Mic returns to the Brule Room of the University Center.

The open mic is sponsored by OUTlook and conceptualized and hosted by NMU senior Nathan Lyle who designed it as "a place for people who sit it in the dorms and don't do anything musically to get out and play with other people and find out what everybody does."

The idea came to Lyle last semester, and after the first open mic in the fall, Lyle pushed to continue the event in the winter.

"We had the first one of this semester on the first day of the semester," Lyle said. "No one came, so I just played piano by myself for an hour-and-a-half."

The second open mic was in February and

went a little better, with a dozen performers taking the stage. Most of the performers got up on stage with just a guitar — some with a friend — and sang a cover or an original song.

But the open mic is also open to poets and other types of performers. The event is designed to be a medium for people who have something they need to say — or sing.

"There are currently a bunch of open mics at bars in town, but that is usually a little more intimidating," Lyle said. "You can tell how comfortable performers are here; they get up and make fun of themselves if they screw up. There's no negativity, which is cool. That's what we were hoping for."

For senior conservation major Scott Alan, performing in front of an audience is no new experience. Alan, part of the Marquette band, The Muldoons, used the open mic to play some crowd favorites such as "The Paulding Light."

Sophomore ecology major Steve Connolly, who participated in a spontaneous jam session, said he would do another open mic.

"Absolutely," he said. "I had a great time. I'd like to see it get bigger and have more people perform."

The tentative plan for the NMU Open Mic is to meet every first Monday of the month. However, if people keep showing up, it could become more frequent, Lyle said.

Grad students prove their talents outside of the classroom.

Students vs. profs

BY SARAH MAIN
AND MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES STAFF WRITERS

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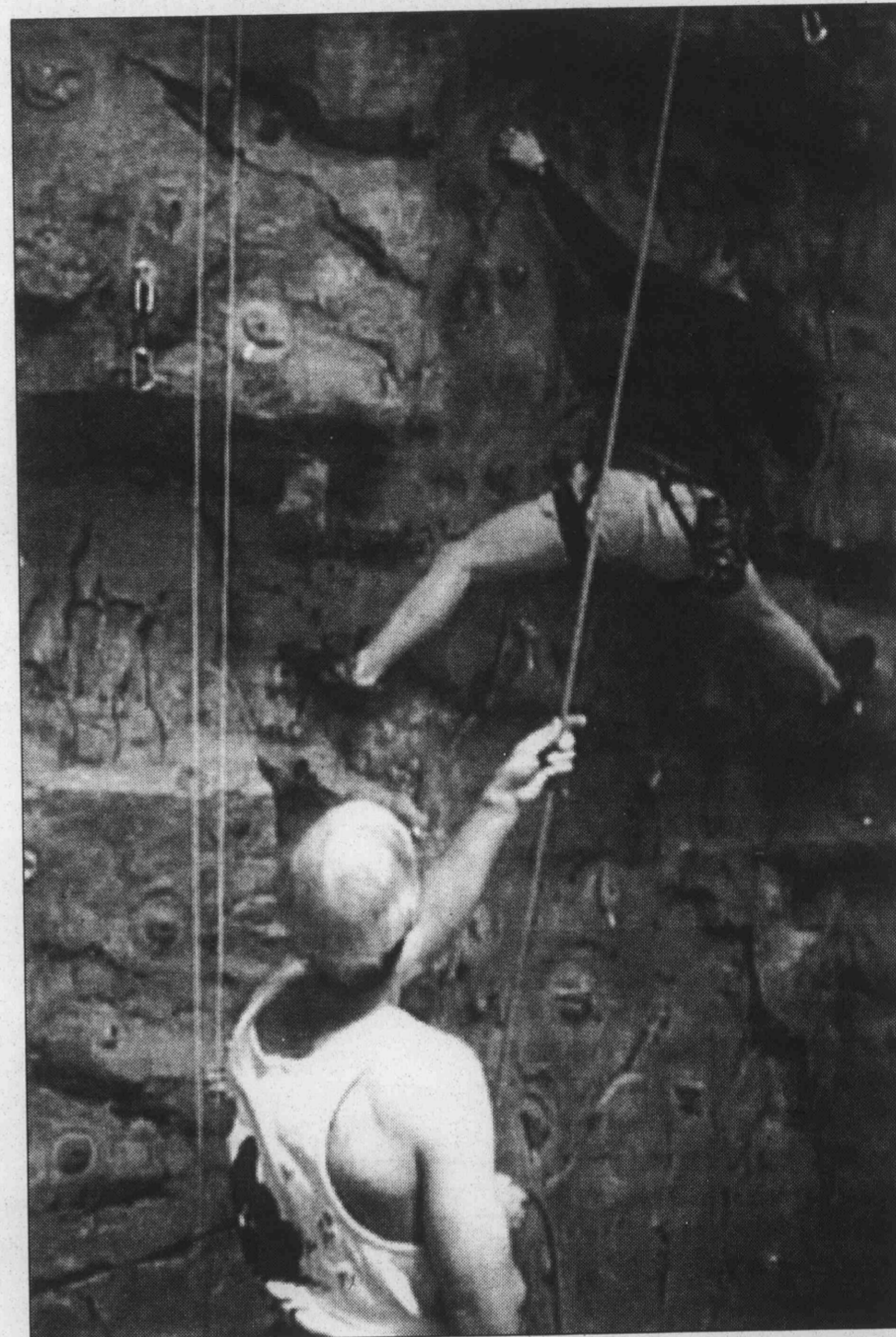


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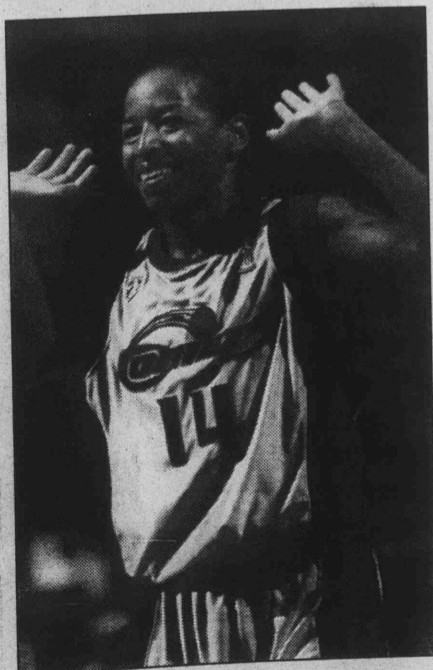


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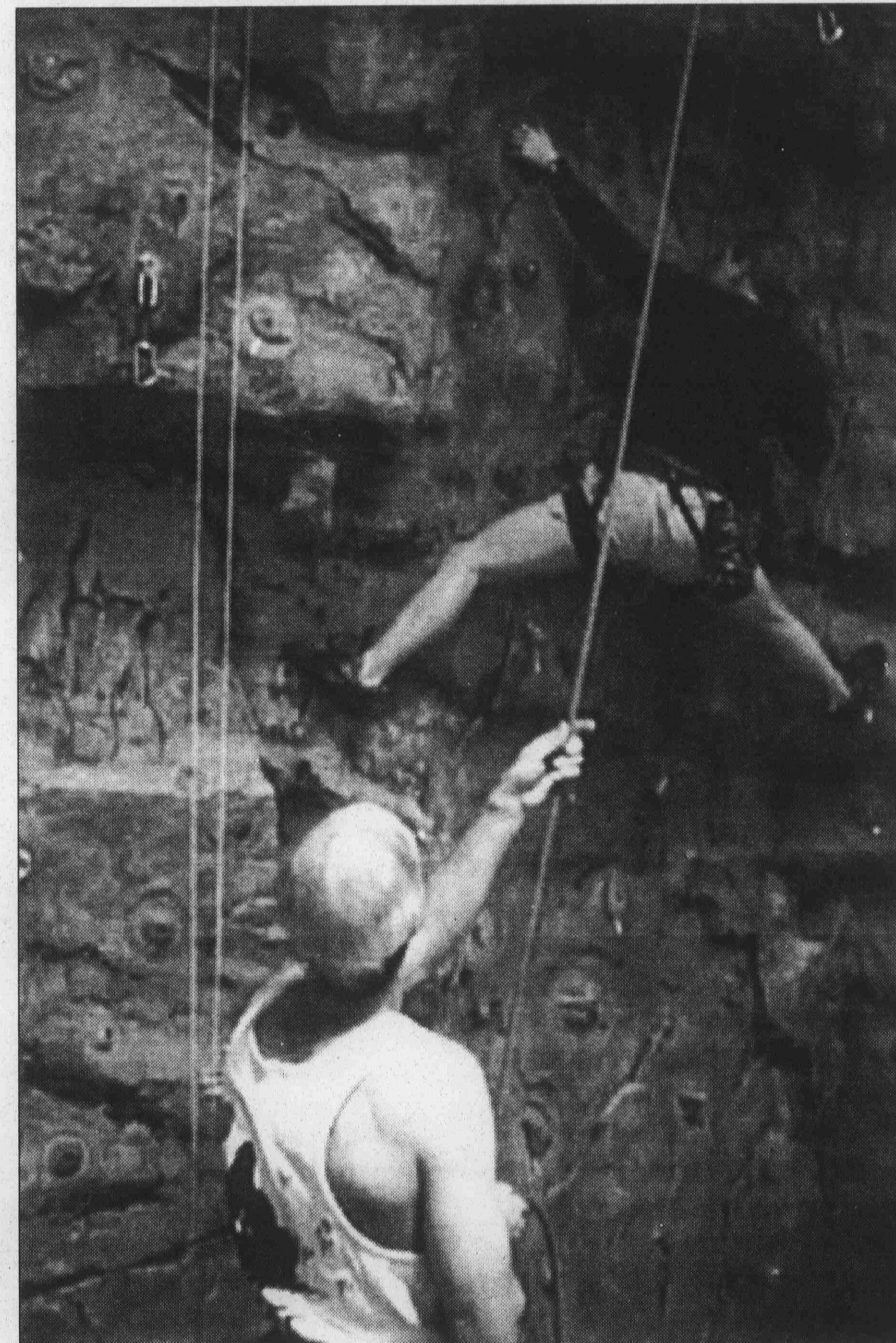


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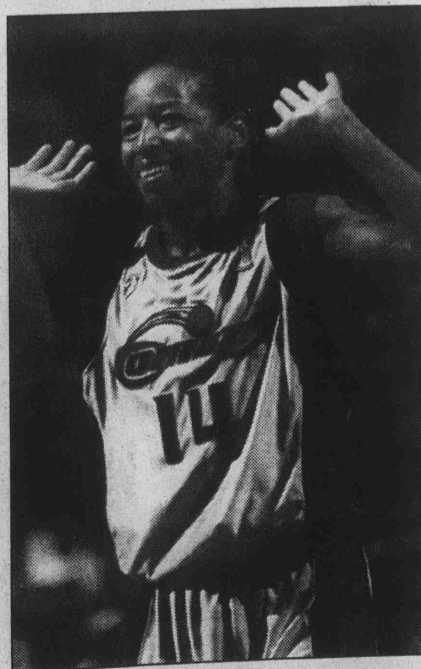


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Intentional Retake

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Monday, March 6
NMU Open Mic, brought to you by

OUTlook. Music, poetry, etc., from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Brule room of the UC.

Weekly Events: Mondays

Live jazz at the Club Aurora.

Tuesdays

Open mic at the Club Aurora.

Acoustic night at the Village Pub.

Jim and Ray at Vango's.

FILMS

Thursday, March 9

Gonzo Media presents: "The Mouse That Roared" at 7 p.m. and "The Return of the Pink Panther" at 10 p.m. in room 102 JXJ.

Sunday, March 12

Campus Cinema presents: "Sleepy Hollow" at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Room 102 JXJ.

Thursday, March 16

Gonzo Media presents: "Il Monstro" at 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in Room 102 of JXJ.

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday, February 24

Play: "A Chorus Line," 7:30 p.m., Forest Roberts Theatre.

The Marquette County Horse Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Bonanza Restaurant in Marquette. All equine enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 226-3476 evenings.

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Saturday, February 26

Spring Break Begins at 5 p.m.

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Suicide Snowshoe Shuffle: SUNTRAC ski area, Ishpeming. Registration from 7:30 a.m. until 8 a.m. Starting times for races: 25-k 8:30 a.m., Kids' Fun Run 8:45 a.m., 8-k 9 a.m. For more information, call 228-3659.

Sunday, February 27

OUTlook meeting, every Sunday at 6 p.m. Attendees talk about upcoming events and provide a safe environment for GLBT students to gather and meet others. For more information, contact Charles at 227-4018.

Wednesday, March 8

Sigma Tau Delta Winter Colloquium Series presents: Hilary Niemela on "Variations of Courtly Love: Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde and Marie de France's Lais," and Matt Maki on "The Poetry/Prose Continuum." They will speak at noon in the English department lounge.

Wednesday, March 22

The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning presents the lecture, "Strange Occurrences in the U.P." at 7 p.m. Russ Magnaghi discusses a wide variety of strange occurrences documented in the U.P. In the farms and forests on mighty Lake Superior and in the depths of the iron mines, strange and unexplained lights, sounds and smells have led to folklore that is unique to this region. Gathering information is an ongoing process, so be prepared to relate your stories. Call 227-2979 for more information.

Hunger for Homeless Week 2000

Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry and funded by the Student Activity Fee

Film: Roger and Me - 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000 - 102 Jamrich: This interesting and informative film is about social justice and the situation of automotive factory workers in Flint. The admission price is a can of food, which will be donated to needy people.

Panel Discussion - 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2000 - Pioneer Room U.C.: Come and ask authorities about needy people and locations that could use help in Marquette. This program will give you new insight to local areas of need. Come with a question you would like answered. The admission price is a can of food

Volunteer at Charitable Organizations - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2000: Meet at 9:45 at the Catholic Campus Ministry Center at 1200 Hebard Court, across from the hospital and Cohodas. Your work will be greatly appreciated.

Can Drive - March 12 - 19, 2000: Your gifts of canned food and other household items will be donated to needy people during this week-long can drive.

Information Table in the U.C. March 13 - 17, 2000: A table will be set up across from the Wildcat Den containing information about hungry and homeless people. Stop by and pick up a brochure or speak to the people handing them out.

**If you have any questions or would like to help with anything, please call the
Catholic Campus Ministry Center
at 228-3302**

Thank you for your participation!



HOCKEY MIAMI PREVIEW

NMU faces key CCHA matchup

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU hockey team is looking to climb higher in the CCHA standings on its final road trip of the season before the playoffs this weekend.

NMU faces the Miami University RedHawks at Goggins Ice Arena in Oxford, Ohio. The games are scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Miami (13-14-3 overall, 14-6-4 CCHA) enters the series after ending its three-game losing streak with a win over Nebraska-Omaha. The Wildcats (19-9-4, 14-6-4), who already have clinched a playoff spot, are looking to remain in the top three of the CCHA.

"It's so tight in the league right now," NMU senior defenseman Kevin Schmidt said. "We don't want to fall any farther. We want to finish as high as we can and go into the playoffs with momentum."

The RedHawks' top line is composed of junior right wing Pat Leahy, senior left wing Dustin Whitecotton and freshman center Nick Jardine. Leahy leads the team in scoring with 16 goals and 19, assists while Whitecotton follows with 10 goals and 25 assists. Jardine was named CCHA Rookie of the Week last week

and has recored 22 points this year.

Freshman David Burleigh is the starting goaltender for Miami. He posts a 2.93 goals-against average and an .878 saves percentage.

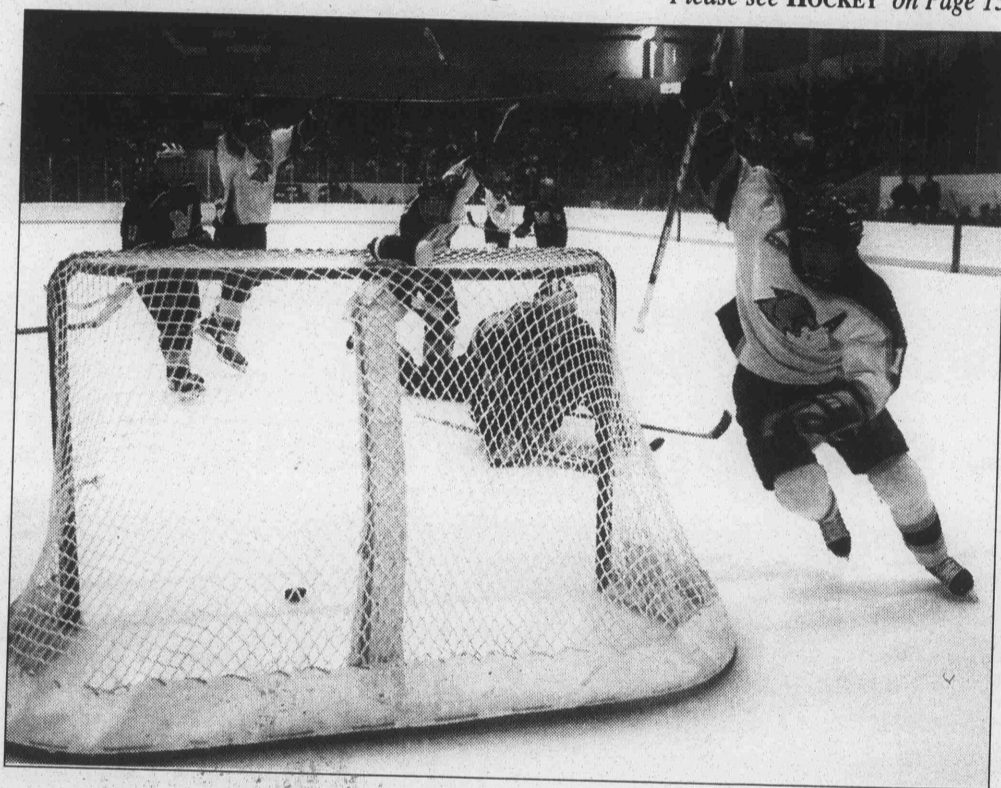
Dan Ragusett ranks fifth among CCHA goalies with a 2.07 goals-against average and a .913 saves percentage.

"[Miami has] won some big

games," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "They play with a lot of enthusiasm, and they possess an excellent workload - so we're going to have to play very well. The line with Whitecotton, Leahy and Jardine has carried their team offensively."

The Wildcats now have a defensive line, which include freshman center

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Senior right wing J. P. Vigier scored the game-tying goal in last Saturday's contest against Michigan. He leads the nation with six shorthanded goals.

Duane Pape/NW

WOMEN'S LAKE SUPERIOR STATE/SUOMI PREVIEW

Two U.P. rivals take aim at Wildcats

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

The No. 17 NMU women's basketball team will try to avoid what happened last year as it closes out the season — losing.

NMU (19-5 overall, 14-4 GLIAC) hopes to end that trend as it travels to Sault Ste. Marie to face Lake Superior State University on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Last season, the 'Cats closed out the regular season losing three of their last five games, including their final two games. The last loss of the regular season was at home to LSSU. This season, Northern has lost two of its last three and three of its last six.

"Last year we were empty," NMU head coach Mike Geary said. "Our tank was empty at this time last year. It was very difficult to rally and try to win the conference championship last season. I don't have any of that feeling this year."

Lake Superior State (14-10, 8-9) is led in scoring by freshman forward Alice Duesing (13.3 points per game). Junior forward Kendra Harris (10.7 points per game, 4.0 rebounds per game) and senior center Shannon Kulick (10.1 points per game, 7.8 rebounds per game) round out the players who average double digits per contest.

LSSU is 3-6 in the last nine games, losing by an average of five points per

game.

On Dec. 7, NMU beat LSSU at the Berry Events Center, 72-54.

"With everyone else in the North Division, we have played them twice within three weeks," Geary said. "With [LSSU], it's been a couple of months."

"We know that they have a young, capable team that has their back to the wall as far as a chance to getting into the conference tournament. It will be a very highly competitive game."

Northern will finish the regular season at home Saturday with tip off set for 5:30 p.m. against non-conference foe, Suomi College. Senior Night will be the first game ever between

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MEN'S LSSU/SUOMI PREVIEW

Wildcats re-focus

BY KURT MENSCHING
STAFF WRITER

The NMU men's basketball team will square off against two Upper Peninsula rivals this week in an attempt to get back on track after Saturday's loss to Grand Valley State.

"We forgot what it takes to succeed," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "We'll be more aggressive this week."

NMU faces Lake Superior State University (12-15 overall, 4-13 GLIAC) tonight in Sault Ste. Marie, and Suomi College (10-21 overall) on Saturday. Both games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

"We're still in the race for regional seedings," Ellis said, "so every game is important."

Senior forward Kevin Coduti returns this week. He has been out since injuring his ankle Jan. 20.

"It'll take a while to get back into the flow of things, but I'm excited," Coduti said.

Northern defeated LSSU, 84-61, on Dec. 7. In the game, LSSU shot 43 percent from the field and 33 percent from behind the three-point line.

"Because [LSSU] is a U.P. rivalry, it will be a very competitive game," Ellis said.

Senior center Mike Hammill paces the Lakers, averaging 14.1 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

"They'll try to penetrate and kick it out to their big guy," NMU senior guard Pete Moe said of Hammill. "They've got a size advantage over us."

Ryan Hiller, the starting senior forward for the Lakers, provides a perimeter threat for the Lakers, Ellis said. Hiller averages 9.4 points per game and leads the Lakers in steals with 30.

"He's a capable player who transferred from Division-I [Oakland University]," Ellis said of Hiller.

Saturday's game against Suomi will be the final home game of the season for the 'Cats.

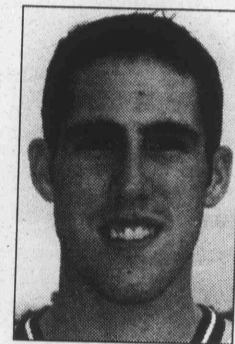
NMU defeated SC, 78-75, in Hancock on Feb. 5. Pacing that game for Suomi was Bill Loeke with 18 points.

"[The] last time we played [Suomi], we should have won by more," Moe said. "We've have to do better offensively and defensively."

NMU senior forward Cory Brathol leads the GLIAC in free-throw percentage (83.3 percent) and ranks second in scoring (22.4 points per game), while Northern currently leads the GLIAC in field goal percentage (49 percent).

Wildcat leaders

Cory Brathol, 23.2 points per game; 83.3 free-throw percentage, 2.6 assists-per game, 1.3 steals-per game; Damian Matalac, 6.5 rebounds per game, 24 blocked shots; Steve Maseller, 48.2 field-goal percentage, 47.9 three-point percentage.



Moe

SWIM AND DIVE GLIAC CHAMPIONSHIP

NMU defends conference title

BY KURT MENSCHING
STAFF WRITER

The NMU swim and dive team successfully defended its GLIAC championship last weekend in Detroit to give NMU its fourth GLIAC title.

The Wildcats won six individual and four relay events.

"It's always tougher to be the one with the target on your back than to be the one chasing," NMU head coach Chris Coraggio said. "It puts a little more pressure on us, but we rose to the occasion."

Senior Erin Vostad finished first in each of her three events, with times of 24.96 seconds in

the 50-meter freestyle, 59.74 in 100 butterfly and 54.11 in the 100 freestyle.

"It was nice to prove all of the hard work from the past six months," Vostad said.

Vostad had not been in the pool for several weeks due to the re-occurrence of an injury from last year.

Also stepping forward with multiple victories was junior Cary Gregor.



Coraggio

She placed first in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke with times of 1:02.95 and 54.76, respectively. She also finished second in the 200 individual medley (2:14.12).

"We had people step up and qualify to get to the finals who weren't seeded to do so, and that was the key," Coraggio said.

Sophomore Katie Richter finished first in the 1-meter dive event after not diving for several years due to a knee injury. She also placed third on the 3-meter board.

Senior Darby Berger had lifetime bests in her three events and qualified for the NCAA championships in the 100 breaststroke

(1:06.87) and 200 breaststroke (2:24.54).

The Wildcat relay teams won four of the five events in which they participated. They finished first in the 200 freestyle (1:39.64), 400 medley (4:04.03), 200 medley (1:51.52) and 400 freestyle (3:36.79).

"That last relay was fun to watch," Coraggio said. "Everybody in that relay swam very well, and we beat them by half a pool length."

Repeating as GLIAC champion was the focus of the team this season, Coraggio said.

"This [weekend] was about doing the job we needed to do," he said.

NORDIC NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL

Wildcats to send full teams to NCAAs

The NMU Nordic ski men's and women's teams swept the NCAA Central Regional in Giants Ridge, Minn., on Saturday and Sunday and will send a full men's and women's team to the NCAA Championships in March as a result.

The women claimed the championship in a field of 12 teams, while the men topped 10 schools.

NMU placed six women racers in the top 10 of the meet's two races, while the men placed seven skiers in the top 10 of Saturday's 10-kilometer freestyle.

Sophomore Aubrey Smith placed first in the 5-k freestyle, while sophomore Melissa Oram finished first in the 15-k classic.

Sophomore Chris Cook placed first in the 10-k and 20-k classic, with times of 23:17.5 and 53:39.8, respectively. Senior Jesse Downs followed in second, finishing 35 seconds behind Cook.

— NMU sports release

ALPINE USCSA REGIONAL, NMU INVITATIONAL

Skiers sweep tournaments

The NMU alpine team ski team won the United States Collegiate Snowsport Association Divisional Regional at Marquette Mountain and at the NMU Invitational last weekend placing first both days.

"It was really nice having both meets here in Marquette," Rogers said.

Sophomore Michelle Murray and senior Christy Salonen both led NMU to a victory in the regionals in the slalom and giant slalom. Murray, senior Liz Welles and freshman Sara Irving finished in the top five of Saturday's meet.

Murray's combined best two runs won the championship with a time of 81.03 seconds. Welles posted a time of 83.32 with Irving following in fifth at 88.02.

In Sunday's giant slalom, five Wildcats placed in the top 10.

"I am fairly confident that Welles, Salonen and Murray all have the capability of making the NCAAs," Rogers said of the March 8 to 11 NCAA Championships.

— By Tina Schohl



Duane Pape/NW

NMU senior Christy Salonen won the slalom and giant slalom races in the NMU Invitational last weekend at Marquette Mountain.

HOCKEY U-M 2, NMU 2; U-M 1, NMU 1 Wildcats rebuild esteem

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team may not have picked up a win last weekend, but it may have given itself more respect as a national contender.

NMU tied the then No. 5-ranked University of Michigan, 1-1, on Friday before tying U-M, 2-2, on Saturday at the Berry Events Center.

"We played really well," NMU junior goalie Dan Ragusett said. "It shows that we can play with teams like this."

NMU (19-9-4 overall, 14-6-4 CCHA) contained the Wolverines (22-7-3, 17-5-3) to 1-for-16 on their power play.

"We took away the middle and let them control it on the outside, but they didn't get it through very much," NMU head coach Rick Comley said.

On Saturday, NMU held a 2-0 lead with 12:29 remaining in the third period before Michigan scored two goals in the next 1:51.

"We were very disappointed," Comley said. "It was a very quiet locker room after because we were up 2-0 — and that's a game we have to win at home."

The Wolverine's game-tying goal was scored after NMU's net was dislodged, which would have disallowed the goal, Comley said.

"If you go back and look at their second goal in slow motion, I bet the net was off," he said.

On Friday, U-M scored in the first period before senior right wing J.P. Vigier tied the game with 2:44 left in the third.

"I just put it in the net, and after that we all got kind of crazy," Vigier said.

The crowd also went crazy as it threw its noisemakers on the ice, which resulted in an NMU delay of game penalty.

"[The referee] had no choice but to call a penalty," Comley said. "Fortunately a goal wasn't scored during that time."

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Women's basketball at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, 5:30 p.m.
Men's basketball at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Alpine skiing at NCAA Regional Tournament, Middlebury, Vt., all day.
Hockey at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Alpine skiing at NCAA Regional Tournament, Middlebury, Vt., all day.
Women's basketball vs. Suomi College, Berry Events Center, 5:30 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Suomi College, Berry Events Center, 7:30 p.m.
Hockey at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 7:05 p.m.

CCHA STANDINGS

Team (Overall)	W-L-T	Pts.
1. Michigan (22-7-3)**	17-5-3	37
2. Michigan State (22-9-2)**	17-7-1	35
3. N. MICHIGAN (19-9-4)**	14-6-4	32
4. Lake Superior St. (15-13-2)*	14-8-2	30
5. Notre Dame (14-15-7)*	11-9-6	28
6. Ferris State (19-13-2)*	12-12-2	26
7. Nebraska-Omaha (12-15-5)*	10-11-5	25
8. Miami (13-14-3)	10-11-3	23
9. Bowling Green St. (13-16-1)	10-13-1	21
10. Western Michigan (10-17-3)	8-13-3	19
11. Ohio State (10-18-4)	6-15-3	15
12. Alaska-Fairbanks (5-23-2)	3-22-1	7

** Clinched home ice in CCHA playoffs
* Clinched playoff spot in CCHA playoffs

U-M 2, NMU 2

Michigan	0	0	2	0	2
N. Michigan	1	0	1	0	2

FIRST PERIOD

1. NMU, Bryce Cockburn 4 (Bryan Phillips, Chris Gobert), 1:43.

SECOND PERIOD

No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD

2. NMU, Jimmy Jackson 7 (J.P. Vigier, Chad Theuer), :28; 3. U-M, Jeff Jillson 7 (Mark Kosick), 7:31; 4. U-M, Jed Ortmeyer 8 (Mike Comrie, Andy Hilbert), 9:40.

OVERTIME

No scoring.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 0-3; U-M, 0-10. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 9-26; U-M, 12-24. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, 29 (Dan Ragusett 7-13-8-1); U-M, 21 (Josh Blackburn 4-6-10-1).

U-M 1, NMU 1

Michigan	1	0	0	0	1
N. Michigan	0	0	1	0	1

FIRST PERIOD

1. U-M, Josh Langfeld, 8 (John Shouneyia, Sean Peach), ppg, 11:18.

SECOND PERIOD

No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD

2. NMU, J.P. Vigier, 15 (Kevin Schmidt), ppg, 17:16.

OVERTIME

No scoring.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 1-6; U-M, 1-6. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 5-10; U-M, 6-12. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, 29 (Dan Ragusett 11-7-9-2); U-M, 34 (Josh Blackburn 8-12-9-5).

GLIAC MEN

NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN*	15-3	20-4
2. Michigan Tech	12-6	17-8
3. Northwood	8-9	13-11
Grand Valley State	8-9	12-12
5. Saginaw Valley State	5-12	11-13
6. Lake Superior State	4-13	12-15
7. Ferris State	2-15	4-20

* Clinched division title

GVSU 71, NMU 61

N. MICHIGAN

Brathol 9-16 0-0 19; Masetler 5-10 0-0 10; Matacz 7-11 5-6 19; Moe 2-7 1-2 5; Price 0-5 0-0 0; Ramberg 1-1 0-0 2; Whitten 0-2 0-0 0; Roberts 2-9 0-0 6. Totals 26-61 6-8 61.

HALFTIME — NMU 34, GVSU 34. **FOULED OUT** — None. **REBOUNDS** — NMU, 31 (Brathol 8); GVSU, 36 (Bauer 15). **ASSISTS** — NMU, 14 (Masetler 4); GVSU, 16 (Boucher 8). **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 15, MTU 8. A — 1,509.

NMU 80, FSU 45

N. MICHIGAN

Brathol 4-13 0-0 9; Roberts 4-8 0-0 10; Matacz 5-10 1-2 11; Moe 2-3 0-0 5; Price 4-5 3-4 13; Ramberg 3-7 2-3 8; Dillon 2-2 0-0 5; Whitten 4-9 0-0 10; Masetler 4-10 0-2 9; DellAngelo 0-1 0-0 0; M. Coduti 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 32-71 6-11 80.

HALFTIME — NMU 37, FSU 20. **FOULED OUT** — none. **REBOUNDS** — NMU, 46 (Ramberg 7); FSU, 39 (Anderson 11). **ASSISTS** — NMU, 21 (Moe 5); FSU, 6 (Anderson, Tinsley 2). **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 15, FSU 10.

GLIAC WOMEN

NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Michigan Tech	15-3	18-3
2. Ferris State	14-3	18-4

HOCKEY

Continued from Page 11

Peter Michelutti, to match up against Miami's offensive leaders, Comley said.

Senior left wing Roger Trudeau leads the 'Cats in scoring with 17 goals and thirteen assists. Trudeau is also tied for second in the league in goals.

"As far as beating them, it's going to be like any other game in the CCHA," Schmidt said. "If you don't show up to play, you're going to lose."

Wildcat leaders

Roger Trudeau, 17 goals, five power-play goals; Bryan Phillips, 15 assists; J.P. Vigier, Jimmy Jackson, plus-18; Vigier, six shorthanded goals; Dan Ragusett, 2.11 goals-against average, .910 save percentage.

3. N. MICHIGAN	14-4	15-5
4. Lake Superior State	8-9	13-8
Grand Valley State	8-9	13-9
6. Saginaw Valley State	4-13	8-14
7. Northwood	3-14	6-16

NMU 72, GVSU 64

N. MICHIGAN

Dykstra 4-8 2-2 10; Leverentz 6-17 1-2 13; Gobert 3-8 5-6; Rehmann 1-5 0-0 3; Weber 2-4 5-5 9; DellAngelo 3-11 4-5 12; Poutanen 0-1 2-2 2; Dalton 4-11 2-3 12. Totals 23-65 21-25 72.

HALFTIME — NMU 36, GVSU 35. **FOULED OUT** — None. **REBOUNDS** — NMU, 49 (Leverentz 8); GVSU, 47 (Randall 11). **ASSISTS** — NMU, 18 (Dykstra, DellAngelo 4); GVSU, 17 (Kerr 4). **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 21, GVSU 19. A — 1,013.

FSU 74, NMU 71

N. MICHIGAN

Dykstra 1-7 1-2 3; Leverentz 11-16 4-8 26; Gobert 6-11 8-10 20; Weber 0-3 0-0 0; Rehmann 2-6 1-1 6; DellAngelo 6-13 1-1 14; Dalton 0-2 0-0 0; Keranen 1-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 11-14 71.

HALFTIME — NMU 30, FSU 39. **FOULED OUT** — None. **REBOUNDS** — NMU, 29 (Leverentz 8); FSU, 30 (Kirkland 12). **ASSISTS** — NMU, 13 (DellAngelo 4); FSU, 19 (Rois 9). **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 14, FSU 14. A — 450.

INTRAMURALS

HOCKEY

Men's Division — Sundays

1. Don't Ask Me	3-0-0
2. Red Wings	2-1-0
Old Mill Knights	2-1-0
4. Blades of Steel	1-1-1
5. Morning Wood	1-2-0
Choppers	1-2-0
Jimmy Vegas	1-2-0
8. Fallopian Swim Team	0-2-1

VOLLEYBALL

Co-Rec Division 1

1. Mighty Mouths	4-1
We & the G	4-1
3. Tang II	3-2
4. 4th Times a Charm	2-3
Hooligans	2-3
6. Snow Flakes	0-5

Co-Rec Division 2

1. Smack It	5-1
2. The Plumbers' Sons	4-2
30" of Dangling Fury	4-2
4. Blood Thirsty Armadillos	3-2
5. Tang I	2-2
6. 1.21 Gigawatts	1-4
7. Max Pack	0-6

THE MATCHUP



NMU	W-L-T	MU
19-9-4		13-14-3
OFFENSE		
3.38	Goals (Avg.)	3.07
171	Assists	138
279	Points	230
32.0	Shots (Avg.)	27.3
DEFENSE		
2.20	Goals Against (Avg.)	3.06
7	Shutouts	0
23.3	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	26.1
.905	Save Percentage	.878
SPECIAL TEAMS		
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MEN'S GVSU 71, NMU 61; NMU 80, FSU 45

NMU's streak ends

BY JEREMY PICKENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's basketball team saw its 10-game win streak snapped this weekend after two conference road games.

The Wildcats (20-4 overall, 15-3 GLIAC) fell to Grand Valley State University on Saturday and defeated Ferris State University on Feb. 17.

The 71-61 loss to GVSU (12-12, 8-9) was the first for the 'Cats since their 65-60 Jan. 20 loss to Northwood University.

"[The GLIAC] is a competitive conference," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "When you don't play well, you're going to lose. We didn't play well against Grand Valley."

The Wildcats shot 43 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line, while being out-rebounded, 31-36.

NMU senior forward Cory Brathol and junior center Damian

Matacz each scored 19 points to lead the 'Cats. Brathol also had eight rebounds and two assists.

"We simply weren't focused or aggressive enough," Ellis said. "A loss is never good, but I think this one will help us refocus going into the remaining regular season games."

NMU defeated Ferris State (2-15, 4-20), 80-45.

"We ran a zone defense against Ferris, and it worked perfectly for us," Ellis said. "They didn't shoot well, and we grabbed a lot of rebounds."

The Wildcats shot 45 percent from the field and 55 percent from the free-throw line, while holding FSU to 24 percent from the field.

NMU senior guard Jason Price led the Wildcats with 13 points. Senior forward Jimmy Roberts (10 points), freshman guard Andre Whitten (10 points), and Matacz (11 points) all scored in double figures.

WOMEN'S NMU 72, GVSU 64; FSU 74, NMU 71

NMU splits weekend series

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

The No. 4 women's basketball team split its weekend road series downstate as it slipped farther back in the race for the North Division title.

NMU (19-5 overall, 14-4 GLIAC) played a tight game with Grand Valley State, as the 'Cats were victorious 72-64 on Feb. 19.

It was Senior Night for the Lakers as NMU led by nine with three minutes left in the first half, but GVSU cut the lead to one by half-time. The game was close through the second half until NMU hit numerous free throws to the final eight-point win.

"A lot of things at one point in the game were going against us," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

"We really showed some mental toughness to play our way out of that and win."

NMU had five starters score double digits in the win. Senior forward Sasha Leverentz led the team with 13 points, while junior center Jill

Gobert had her fourth double-double of the season with 11 points and 17 rebounds.

NMU lost Thursday to Ferris State, 74-71. It was Northern's first loss to the Bulldogs in five years, a span of 11 games.

The loss dropped the 'Cats to third place in the GLIAC North behind Michigan Tech and Ferris State, respectively.

Ferris led, 37-17, with five minutes to go in the first half, but NMU outscored the Bulldogs 52-37, in the next 25 minutes, but still lost by three.

"We got off to a real sluggish start against Ferris," Geary said.

"But we were able to put ourselves in a position where we were only a play or two from being able to pull it out."

Leverentz led NMU with 26 points and eight rebounds; Gobert had 20 points and three steals.

"One of the keys in our comeback against Ferris and our win against Grand Valley was the play of Shari Rehmman," Geary said.

Rehmman, a senior guard, recorded nine points and four assists in the two games, but Geary said it was her leadership and drive that led NMU through the weekend.

"There was more togetherness and more of a sense of urgency than at any point that we have had all season," Geary said.



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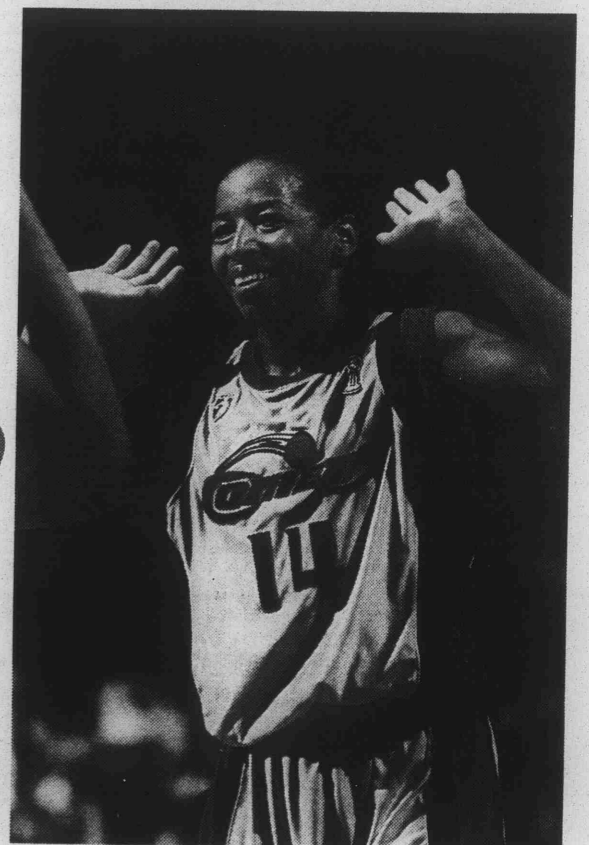
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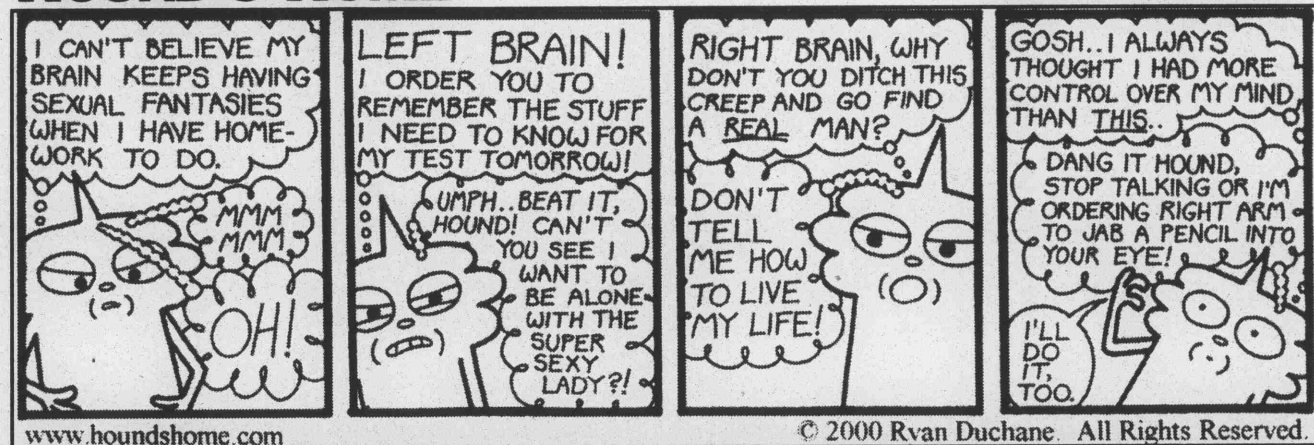
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