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Comley resigns as athletic director

Will remain as hockey coach

Rick Comley will announce his resignation as NMU's athletic director at an 11 a.m. press conference today.

After 13 years as both athletic director and head hockey coach, Comley's role as athletic director will end July 1 to concentrate on running the hockey program he established in 1976.

"This is what I want to do," Comley said. "I wouldn't trade the experience, but the truth is, holding down both jobs has become too much for one person. It's time to return to coaching and do the best job I

can with the sport I love most."

A national search for a full-time athletic director will begin immediately, NMU President Judi Bailey said.

During his tenure as athletic director there has been continual growth in regulations and reporting requirements instituted by government agencies, the NCAA and the athletic conferences with which NMU is affiliated, Comley, 53, said.

"Add the obligation to serve on national committees and the inescapable management, planning, supervision and prob-

lem-solving responsibilities, and there's simply too little time for coaching," Comley said.

Comley's term was punctuated by efforts to ensure compliance with Title IX, the law calling for gender equity in intercollegiate athletics, as well as planning and construction of the Superior Dome, Berry Events Center and the Izzo-Mariucci Academic Center.

NMU's athletic director is responsible



Comley

for eight women's and five men's sports involving 250 student-athletes and 37 coaches and support staff.

"Rick Comley has made an outstanding contribution as athletic director," Bailey said. "Northern is definitely a better place today because [Comley] did excel in the job."

Progress during his term would have been impossible had it not been for the support of past and present colleagues, such as NMU retirees Barb Patrick, who was an assistant athletic director, and Tom Peters, who was an assistant to the presi-

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Liberal Studies proposal passed

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

The Academic Senate passed a proposal Tuesday to add a mathematics proficiency requirement to the Liberal Studies Division III, the foundations of sciences and math.

The discussion about Division V will be up for debate at the senate's next meeting.

"What they voted on was the language that said a student has to place above MA 100 on the placement exam or take MA 100 or a higher course to fulfill partial division requirements," Academic Senator Ray Ventre said.

Although the senate has passed the proposal, it is still subject to the approval of Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fred Joyal, said Roberta Verley, chair of the Academic Senate.

"Joyal has the option of approving or not accepting; he might send it back to us," Verley said.

The math placement test was originally administered to help determine which course in the sequence students most likely should enroll in when they wish to study math.

Now it becomes an exam that determines whether students have to take a math class, Ventre said. If students pass this test, they do not have to take a math class and can fulfill the requirement with another science course.

Between 56 and 60 percent of students placed at or above MA 100, according to statistics from the math department —

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Feel the seal



Duane Pape/NW

Junior aviation maintenance majors Al Randall, left, and Travis Steinmetz feel for air leaks while conducting cabin pressurization tests on an airplane Tuesday in the Jacobetti Center.

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dent, Comley said.

"[Patrick] was instrumental in elevating women's sports to a proper place of prominence. It's been a great pleasure witnessing the growth of community respect for all of our women's squads."

During Comley's tenure as athletic director, NMU won national championships in hockey (1991) and volleyball (1993 and 1994).

He is the only coach in the 24-year history of NMU hockey and has compiled a 553-451-62 career record, which

ranks eighth on the NCAA all-time win list.

Comley is a two-time winner of the Spencer Penrose Memorial Trophy as college hockey's national coach of the year (1980 and 1991) and has twice been named CCHA Coach of the Year (1979-80 and 1980-81) and WCHA Coach of the Year (1988-89 and 1990-91).

The Stratford, Ont., native played hockey at Lake Superior State University and coached his alma matter for three years before coming to NMU.

— NMU sports release

Tickling the ivories

Senior elementary education major Kristina Penfold tests out the piano in Thomas Fine Arts.

David Roberts/NW



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"which means 40 to 50 percent of our students do not place above [MA 100]," Ventre said. "They will now have to take a math class unless something changes."

"That's a significant number of students."

Many high school students

who come to college have a low math proficiency, and they never raise this level while in college, said Don Zalewski, interim head of the math and computer science department.

"We are trying to make sure our graduates look good in math," Zalewski said.

He also said there will be

more students that have to take a math class when the proposal is finally approved.

A discussion about Division V, formal communications, which is proposed to be changed to foundations of information and technology literacy, will be held at the senate's next meeting.

"There are actually four

options out there that are being considered," Verley said.

One of the options is to add an additional language division, which would require students to take at least one semester of a foreign language.

The second option is to combine both non-English language courses and computer technology

courses and leave the division as it is.

The third option is to change the division to only have computer technology courses.

The last option is to change the division so its emphasis is only formal communications, requiring students to take language and/or public speaking courses.

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BRIEFS

Local

Man nearly drowns in PEIF pool

MARQUETTE — Lifeguards at the PEIF may have saved the life of 83-year-old George Gustafson at about 2:30 p.m. Monday. Public Safety Officer Paul Campbell said Gustafson most likely suffered from a heart attack and was underwater for a period of time during senior swim time. Public Safety, the Marquette Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services responded to the call, and Gustafson was taken by ambulance to Marquette General Hospital. Gustafson was still listed in critical condition as of Wednesday night.

National

Court upholds U-W activity fee

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that public universities may require students to pay activity fees. The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit brought by a group of conservative Christians at the University of Wisconsin who opposed paying the fee because funds were granted to organizations such as the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, Amnesty International and the International Socialist Organization, who they said engage in ideological and political activities while receiving activity fee funds. The court ruled the University of Wisconsin exacts the fee for the purpose of facilitating free and open debate among students and does not violate constitutional free-speech rights. It also ruled the university stressed viewpoint neutrality. The suit was filed during the 1995-96 academic year, when the fee totaled \$331.50 per student. The ruling overturns previous decisions by a federal judge and a U.S. appeals court in Chicago.

International

Iran blamed for Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD — Iraq blamed Iran Wednesday for an explosion in Baghdad's residential district, which killed six and wounded 38, according to the Iraqi News Agency. Three Palestinians and three Iraqis were killed in the Tuesday night mortar attack, which the Iraqi government is calling "a flagrant aggression against its security and sovereignty," a security spokesman said. Tensions between the two nations have escalated over cross-border attacks by the Iraq-based Mujahideen Khalq and an incident in which Iraq apparently shot an Iranian reconnaissance drone down for flying too near the border, which Iraq spokespeople said occurred last week.

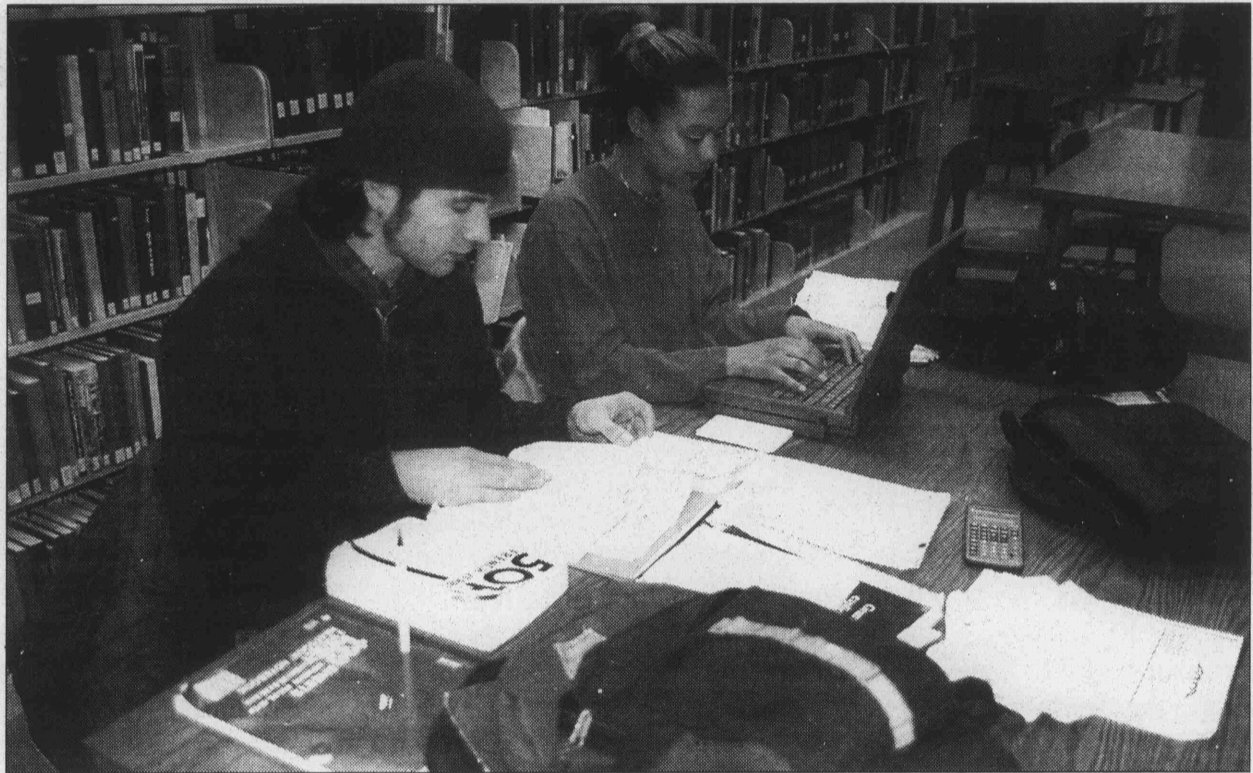
Weird News

Snake in pants causes concern

PARIS — A man attempting to smuggle a snake past airport security by placing it in his underwear was caught Tuesday, an airport spokeswoman said. The 30-year-old was singled out by a security dog which smelled the 16-inch boa through his pants. He had just travelled from Colombia and was trying to smuggle the snake into Roissy airport. After he was caught and the snake discovered, he told airport officials he had wanted to add the snake, which is outlawed and on the endangered species list, to his collection. The snake was confiscated and is in the care of airport officials.

— Compiled from news sources

The tools of learning



Duane Pape/NW

Junior French/electronic imaging major Eric Janofski and undeclared freshman Jenee Jeffries use old and new technologies to research their respective subjects Wednesday at the LRC.

Enrollment rising at NMU

BY JIM KITALONG
STAFF WRITER

When K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base closed in 1993, NMU's enrollment dropped by 1,300 students, causing concern over how to bring that number back up.

Now, seven years later, it looks as if NMU's enrollment is going up, said Associate Vice President of Planning Paul Duby.

NMU's enrollment for fall 1999 showed a 16.2 percent increase from the previous year in full-time freshmen, Duby said. Overall enrollment increased by 3.5 percent, raising the total number of students to 8,144.

The latest numbers show a 13.5 percent increase in new freshmen and an 11.5 percent increase overall this semester.

"By the fall of 2003," Duby said, "we hope to be back to the number of students we had before the base closed."

NMU has tried to raise its pro-

file through strong academic programs, an active Web site and the TLC program, Duby said. The university has also increased the number of admission counselors who visit areas in Wisconsin, northern Illinois and Michigan.

"The increase in enrollment helps us utilize our facilities," Duby said. "It also keeps tuition costs down and helps us offer more specialized classes that otherwise couldn't be offered."

An issue that the university must face due to the rising enrollment is housing.

"One of the things we're doing is predicting what the effect of the rising student population will have on the housing plans," said Carl Holm, director of housing and residence life. "But predictions are never easy."

This year, excess students were housed in Meyland Hall, which was previously used for short-term housing needs and the USOEC. Next year the USOEC

will continue to use half of Meyland Hall, and all vacant space will be used for student housing, Holm said.

Holm also said two residence houses, the Jungle in West Hall, and Tarawa in Payne Hall, will no longer be limited to upperclassmen next year. Students planning to live in residence halls next year are being informed that single rooms cannot be guaranteed.

"We're hoping to open about 150 new spaces for next year," Holm said. "We're predicting about 100 to 125 new students living in residence halls."

While the rise in enrollment has not yet changed, NMU's admission standards and the high school GPAs and ACT scores of incoming freshmen have gone up, Duby said.

"The higher GPAs are not from enrollment standards," Duby said. "They're from different kinds of students enrolling at NMU."

FORECAST

• **Friday:** Some morning sprinkles, scattered showers later, high 55, low 30 to 35.

• **Saturday:** Mostly cloudy, showers likely, high 40 to 45, low near 30.

• **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, high 40 to 45, low 30 to 35.

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Sorority lending a hand

Grocery receipt drive helps kidney foundation

BY JENNIFER MARY SWANSON
STAFF WRITER

NMU's Phi Sigma Sigma sorority has been working to donate money to the National Kidney Foundation.

Econo Foods presented the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority with a check for \$315 Tuesday. From September 1999 until last Sunday, the sorority had been collecting receipts from the grocery store. The receipts totaled \$31,424.

The supermarket will donate 1 percent of the total amount on collected receipts to any non-profit organization, said Econo Foods bookkeeper Darcy Herman.

"The program is Econo's way to give back to the community,"

said Econo Foods Manager Tony Lofaro. "We know fund-raising is hard for non-profit groups and this our way of making it a little bit easier."

Greek Council President and Philanthropy and Fund-Raising Head Maria Vezzetti, said the organization has worked extremely hard.

Vezzetti said the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority stood outside the store each night for a week collecting receipts from customers.

"It would be nice to have the money because we could really use it," said Phi Sigma Sigma philanthropy and fund raising committee member Rebecca Compton. "The National Kidney Foundation can help needy people with it and that is more important."

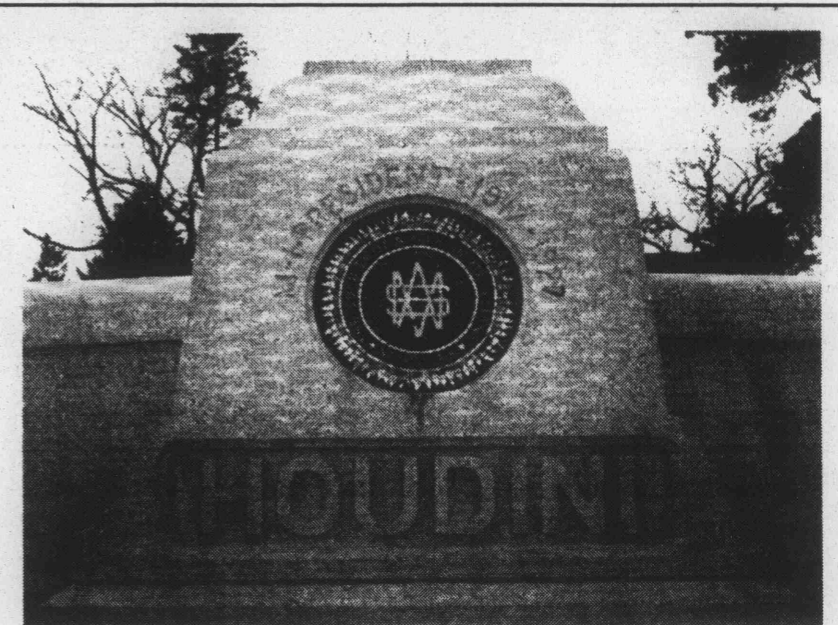
This sorority's work has not gone unnoticed. Last week during "Greek Week" it was voted "Anchor Splash Best Greek Organization" and "Greek Week Champs" by the other greek organizations.

The sorority also raised money with its annual "Rock-a-thon." Once a year the girls sit in rocking chairs at the Westwood Mall, asking the public for donations for the National Kidney Foundation.

Every year at the mall, each girl is required to raise at least \$20, but Vezzetti said they usually make more. This year the "Rock-a-thon" reached a total of \$1,600.

"It feels good to help other people and that is really what our sorority is about," committee member Nicole Saunders said. "Greek organizations are often given a bad rap."

"Maybe this will give us a start at giving greeks at NMU a better name."



He's no Houdini.

The great escape artist Harry Houdini said that he was determined to come back from the grave if possible. He didn't. But someone else did: Jesus Christ claimed to be the God who created the universe and said he would die and then bodily rise from the dead to prove he was God. He did.

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Qualifications

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- Has a notable leadership involvement on campus.

Speech Criteria

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- The speech must include personal experiences and reflections on the value of involvement, the development of skills for the future, and be relevant to ALL student leaders in general.
- The speech should incorporate this year's theme:
"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."

Selection Process

- This year's banquet is on **Thursday, April 13.**
- Applications can be picked up at the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office, 1206 University Center.
- Deadline for applications is **Monday, April 3, by 5:00 p.m.**
- Auditions will be held on **April 5 and 6.**

If you have any questions, please call Dave Bonsall at 227-2439, Dan Przybylski at 227-4213, or Josh Simondet at 226-7247.

UPC tables probation plan

BY JACKIE WAGNER
AND LUCAS ANDERSON
STAFF WRITERS

A plan to revamp NMU's academic probation policy was tabled at Wednesday's University Priorities Committee meeting, pending further discussion.

The plan, proposed by Associate Vice President of Planning and Analytical Studies Paul Duby, would suspend any student taking more than eight credits who has below a 1.0 grade point average at NMU. It would also "put teeth in" academic probation by making students with a 1.0 to 1.99 GPA show willingness to improve by meeting with advisors or mentors or by attending workshops, he said.

By doing this, Duby said, NMU would have a higher caliber of students and would be a higher-quality university.

According to Duby's records, only one student has come back from having a GPA below 1.0 and received a degree. The majority

of such students do not make it to their third semester, he said.

Under the current policy, students receive a warning letter if they go on probation.

Also, the proposed policy would suspend a student if he or she was put on academic probation and did not raise his or her GPA to at least a 2.0 in a semester.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said the policy should be revised to recognize students who work hard and raise their GPA, even if they do not make 2.0 in one semester.

He also raised questions with the plan to make mandatory advisor meetings for students on probation, about how NMU would enforce this and what NMU would do with people who did not go through this support program but still raised their GPA.

"This is leading them by the nose," Joyal said. "The advisors wait for students to come to them. They should be more proactive in hunting down the ones they never

see. The motivated ones are going to do it on their own."

The measure was approved at a meeting of the Academic Senate, which occurred Tuesday.

"When a student has less than a 1.0 GPA, it doesn't mean they're trying hard but just don't get it," Academic Senator Brent Graves said.

Joyal said grades like that would be the result of not trying. "I have no sympathy for students who don't work."

Duby said instituting a plan to make students get academic help from NMU would not be too great of a stress on departments such as the HUB or the Student Service Center.

"The resources we have right now are underutilized," he said. "The overflow would be absorbed."

The measure was tabled until the UPC's next meeting, so the committee could get better informed about what enforcement would be put into place for the plan.

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EDITORIAL

The time is right

As the old saying goes, "timing is everything." In Rick Comley's case, the time is right.

Comley's resignation as NMU's athletic director is the right choice for not only him, but also for the university (Please see story on Page 1). With the added responsibilities of being an athletic director, it was clear that Comley was having difficulties handling the dual role of athletic director and head hockey coach.

"The program itself is much bigger now — the number of sports, the dollars involved, the addition of the women's programs, the expanded rules that we have to deal with under the NCAA — it's much more complex now," said Comley in the April 22, 1999 North Wind.

Comley also said, in that same issue, that he agreed to take the athletic director position because at that time, the department was "troubled." He changed that.

During his tenure, Comley helped in the effort to ensure NMU was in compliance with Title IX, the law calling for gender in intercollegiate athletics. He helped implement women's Nordic and alpine ski, tennis and soccer.

"My goal when I got here was to continue the success, stabilize everything because we were in a period of turmoil, and enhance the growth of the women's program while protecting the success that the men had been having," said Comley in the April 22, 1999 North Wind.

Those goals were accomplished. NMU's success continued as three national titles (hockey in 1991, volleyball in 1993 and 1994) were won under Comley.

Even after a fall semester that was riddled with difficult questions for Comley, the athletic department has continually enjoyed the stability it needed when he took the job 13 years ago.

Hopefully the soon-to-be-vacated position will be filled by a person who has the tools necessary for stepping up to the difficult task of both propelling NMU's athletic programs toward the success that has come to be expected.

Whoever replaces Comley as athletic director will have the benefit of devoting all of his or her attention to that job. NMU will be fortunate if that person can be nearly as effective as Comley has while dividing his attention between the hockey team and his duties as athletic director.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student's opinion on smiley faces, diversity

This time I have two things to write about. First is the letter from the Mad Bricklayer (NW, March 16) about his persecution for making the Hab something unique. My first letter may have sounded a little crazy, but this time, I assure you I am serious. I urge each and every one of you to grab a sheet of paper right now. On this paper write the following statement:

"Dear President Bailey: I like the smiley faces on the side of the Hab. They give our campus something unique. I urge you to intervene in Clossner Construction's maltreatment of the employee who tried to make our days a little brighter. Thank You, (sign your name), A Concerned Tuition-Paying Student."

Then slap that letter in an envelope, address it to President Judith I. Bailey/602 Cochodas Administration Center/Northern Michigan University. In lieu of a stamp just write "campus mail" on the upper right corner and drop this off in any hall's mail drop.

My next item is your cover story (NW, March 16). I am not surprised that urban-based students do not return to NMU's campus. It is a culture shock, just as it would have been if I had enrolled in a college in a large metropolitan area. It is unfortunate that 21 non-Caucasian freshmen decided to pass on the opportunities the U.P. has to offer.

It would be even more unfortunate if "large-scale shopping and dance clubs" bombarded the rest of the student body. What's next, Starbucks? I chose Northern because of its commitment to smallness. All of the recruitment propaganda I received said "Northern Naturally."

I have appreciated the diversity of the people I have met and learned from since my arrival here. Maybe I am blind to the racial tension on campus because I don't label people Caucasian or non-Caucasian. If I wanted to attend a school where

big-city entertainment was a priority, I wouldn't even have looked at Northern. I think if people from Detroit leave Marquette, they leave because they don't have the imagination to entertain themselves.

Fred Fox

Missing Greek Week coverage attacked

I am the girl displayed on the front of last week's paper (NW, March 16). Let me tell you this ... you obviously missed the point. Tuesday's Greek God/Goddess competition was not about me eating doughnuts. Yes it was fun, and I do not object to you using my picture, but where was the article?

Where was it mentioned that Goddess Erin Meminn spoke about the difficulties of being greek, and God Michael Newell was answering questions about how greek life will benefit him in the real world? Where was it mentioned that awards were to be given for highest greek organization GPA and philanthropy?

The 100-plus members of the greek system represent five different student organizations, which means it is your job to represent us. When have you mentioned the greeks outside local stores bell-ringing for the Salvation Army? What about the greek organizations who adopted families at Christmas? What about the money these groups raise for their national philanthropies? I know we contact you about these events, and we want to see them covered. They are of interest to us as well as many non-greeks.

In addition, I have hand delivered to you the results of the week-long competition and hope to see them published in The North Wind.

We are greek, we are good for this campus and this community, and we are here to stay!

Erin Rodriguez

Alumnus encourages denial of free ticket fee

Regarding the proposed fee for free tickets to all NMU athletic events (NW, Feb. 24), you

can be sure that someone within the NMU administration team wants you students to vote yes on the proposed fee.

I have observed that NMU elections do not have a high priority with most students; therefore, if this election turn out is as per usual, a majority of a minority of students will cause a fee to be charged to all students now and for some time to come.

Very important is the fact that only 800 seats will be available in the Berry Events Center. With a student body of about 8,000-plus, a majority of the students would not be able to use its "free" ticket to basketball and hockey.

The Board of Control of NMU has accepted the duty to approve tuition and fees. Don't do their job for them. If you vote "yes" and the proposal is ultimately approved by the administration and the Board of Control, you students will forever be pointed to as the reason for this fee.

Once instituted, fees seem to have a way of increasing as time goes on. The board does not seem to want your vote on any other fees, so why assume its duty in this instance?

The proposed fee is not a large amount of money, but I believe there are good reasons not to vote "yes."

Donald K. Potvin
Class of '58

At the request of the author, The North Wind withheld his name from last week's letter entitled "Mad Bricklayer speaks his peace."

The North Wind verified the identity of the author before the letter was printed.

LETTER POLICY

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Students hand Apathy their playoff tickets

This guy I know named Apathy bought season tickets for the BEC inaugural hockey season. Lucky for me, he didn't show all year, and I sat in his seats with my friends and cheered for the 'Cats. Damn, he had good seats, too.

But he showed up during the first round of the CCHA playoffs. Yes, Apathy brought his entire family to the best-of-three-game series to see the 'Cats drop two close games to the University of Nebraska-Omaha. I wasn't able to sit in Apathy's seats, but that wasn't a problem. There were plenty of other seats open. In fact, the

series was the lowest-attended of the entire season. He showed up late, but his deafening silence was overwhelming.

It wasn't always that way. In fact, for the season on the whole, it was a good year at the BEC — 3,902 fans showed for the first game on Oct. 8. Twice later that month 3,902 fans turned for a homestand against non-conference Clarkson. Through the season, Comley's hockey machine could count on a solid fan turnout for home games — that is, until Omaha came calling.

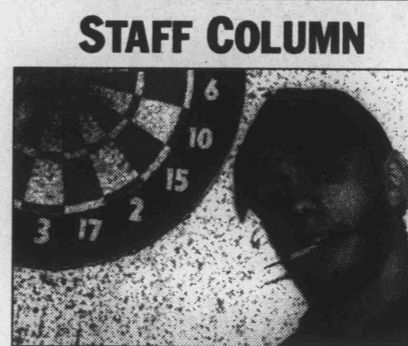
For the season, the BEC never saw fewer than 3,000 fans for a game. The highest figure

during the Omaha series was 2,579. The low point came in Game 3, when a dismal 2,460 'Cats' fans showed.

OK, so you had to buy tickets because the games weren't included in the season tickets package. That didn't keep fans from the community away. As NMU students, we should be the dominant presence in the BEC.

As I watched, I thought back to the U of M series weeks ago, when NMU's hard-charging squad tied the national powerhouse in back-to-back games, before back-to-back full houses.

So what happened? I really don't know. It could have been



STAFF COLUMN

By DANIEL POWELL

school work had you all too busy to come out and cheer. Not too likely. Maybe you thought you would save your money to head to Detroit to see NMU play in the CCHA Final Four.

We live in a "hockeytown,"

but in reality, we showed what a fib that is. Omaha — say it with me: O-ma-HA — fills its 8,000-seat arena every game. Omaha, population who cares, knows jack about hockey. They have no national championships, yet we've had one in the 1990s.

For the fans who did attend the series, thanks. For those who didn't, you have a whole year to think of a good excuse. Any way you slice it, we let down our student-athletes and ourselves. Next season, maybe someone will card Apathy at the door.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Daniel Powell welcomes reaction at nrthwind@nmu.edu.

Headlines, bestsellers define society's state

After watching CNN for eye-catching headlines, searching my stock base of Web sites and re-examining ever-controversial issues, I came to the realization that last week was full of sad news that isn't controversial.

Pakistani soldiers executed 40 Sikhs in Indian-controlled Kashmir. The Sikhs had maintained a neutral stance in the Indian-Pakistani conflict. Meanwhile, a Detroit man was arrested for trying to sell his 10-month-old daughter, and a southern man is on trial for starving his child.

Most of the other stories currently in the news are equally as depressing, so I headed to a local bookstore to check out the magazine rack for something less

STAFF COLUMN



By GEOFF HINEMAN

morbid to write about. As I passed the bestseller rack, I did a double-take. The bestseller list is peppered with books on how to get rich and skinny.

Could it be that we, as a society, are

becoming depressed with the news that is being fed to us? Are we looking for that which will make us feel better about ourselves, or is the bestseller rack another example of a society looking for instant gratification? Whatever the reason, the bestseller list illustrates the continued search by our society for that elusive pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Often we spend time searching for the big payoff and overlook the little ones every day.

Is being a millionaire worth more than hearing a child's laughter? Does losing 20 lbs. feel better than a ray of sunshine on your face? Is "dressing for success" more rewarding than roughhousing with your dog? Yet the search for the pot of gold

goes on, while every day we overlook the little pieces of gold that make us richer than any self-help book ever could.

Turn off the television. It's getting warmer out; enjoy it. Go for a walk — with no destination. Call your parents; they miss you. Put down the book for a half-hour and throw a Frisbee. Sleep in. Keep a journal. Every second presents a new opportunity for happiness. Before you know, your pot will be overflowing.

I'd better stop before I end up writing a "Chicken Soup" book. Or worse yet ... Oprah's "Column of the Month."

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

SOUND OFF

Next Week: Do you think The North Wind covers NMU greek life effectively?

Should NMU raise its academic standards?

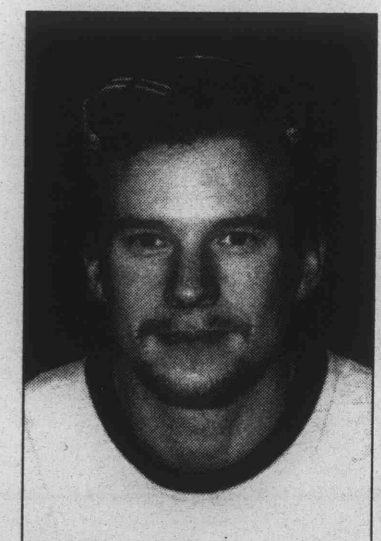


Meghan McDonald
senior, hospitality management

"I would not have had the opportunity to correct my academic mistakes made at a previous university or to successfully transition from personal tragedies to a graduation that finds me in good academic standing. College is about life, not just books."

Joel Van Dam
senior, math/woodworking

"Most definitely. It seems to me that most anybody from Northern can graduate without any serious effort. It discredits those individuals who desire to succeed."



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 SOUND OFF questionnaire by 7 p.m. Monday. We will choose two opposing views to print in the next issue.

CAMPUS NOTES

Waivers on-line

Students eligible to request a TLC laptop fee waiver should see a waiver notice screen during registration on SOLAR. The deadline to waive is March 31.

To be eligible, a student must have 56 credits by the end of this semester. If a student is eligible but does not see the screen, he or she should contact the HUB at 227-1775.

Auditions open to community

Community-wide auditions for "America! (according to Broadway)" will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre, McClintock Room 105.

Please prepare a one-minute monologue or 32 bars of a Broadway song. An accompanist will be provided.

Professor's work receives award

NMU professor Phillip Watts was awarded the 1999-2000 Peter White Scholar Award on Feb. 10.

Watts received \$10,000 to continue his research on junior-level rock climbers. Rock climbing at the junior level has exploded in popularity, and his work will be the first published data on the topic in the world, Watts said.

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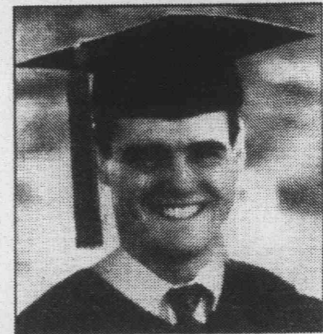
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Climbing wall still nameless

March 29 is the deadline to create a new name for NMU's new indoor rock climbing wall at the PEIF.

The idea is to come up with the most creative name, including logo, to promote its features, which include cracks, overhangs, sport routes, and numerous natural features.

The first place entry will win a \$50 gift certificate to Downwind Sports. Runners-up will receive a trip or program of their choice from NMU's Outdoor Recreation Center.

Winners will be announced at the Wall's first climbing competition, which will be held April 1 and 2. Entrants need not be present to win.

Use your own creative means for designing the name and logo and submit all entries no later than 9 p.m. March 29 to the Outdoor Recreation Center at the PEIF. Entries must include a full name and phone number.

The contest is sponsored by NMU Recreational Facilities and Services and the Outdoor Recreation Center.

NMU Recreational Facilities reserves the right to use the name and logo for future use.

Crab research pays off

Neil Cumberlidge, NMU professor and biology department head, recently presented papers on freshwater crabs at two conferences. He also discovered a species of crabs that have not been seen since 1898.

"The conferences are a great way for researchers to network and learn," Cumberlidge said. "These gatherings give us a chance to meet the

world experts in the field."

Cumberlidge gave presentations at the annual meeting of the Crustacean Society, hosted by the University of Southwestern Louisiana-Lafayette, and at a colloquium hosted by the University of Lisbon, Portugal.

The paper discusses the results of the research by Cumberlidge and former NMU biology faculty member, Richard von Sternberg, on the evolutionary relationships between freshwater and marine crabs.

Cumberlidge is currently overseeing a graduate project examining the evolutionary biology of crabs. The researchers iso-

late and compare DNA samples.

This information will be entered into a computer that constructs trees, showing evolutionary relationships.

Cumberlidge spent a year in Liberia researching the freshwater crabs, looking for a link between the crabs and a lung disease people develop after eating the crabs.

"It was amazing," Cumberlidge said of the discovery. "The freshwater crab is very unusual, and they're not related to crabs in the rivers. I'm doing some work to see which other of the river crabs they're related to."

— By Kristie Heinonen



Cumberlidge

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Strange things, unexplained

Let's face it, we've all had strange experiences that could, if we put them in a different light, be construed as paranormal activities. Heck, after watching "The Sixth Sense," it makes people wonder if there isn't a whole lot more going on that we never imagined.

I've been an optimistic skeptic since I was a kid, but this week, I arrived at a whole new level in my ghost almost-believing. To truly grasp the story, we must start at the beginning.

One of my friends spent a good deal of his childhood in a small town in Illinois. On a road trip, we decided to pull into the town and check it out, just for old-time's sake. Nothing like seeing where someone grew up to put him in real perspective.

Driving around the factory town of Decatur, we drove by a large, white, looming house that forever sticks in my mind. On the porch, I saw a woman standing, staring at my car as we drove past. She had such a disturbing look on her face — so troubled and needy — that I had to look away. Behind her, I saw a small child, face pushed up against the glass of the front window, crying for his mommy. For some reason, a chill shot down my spine when I looked at them.

Immediately, I looked back, and the woman was gone. Although this isn't necessarily an unusual experience, I dwelled on the episode as we drove through the town. On the way back through town, we circled by the house again. I stared intently at the porch, thinking I had imagined the woman.

But there she was, standing with her back to me, in front of the door to walk back into the house. A man carrying a bag of groceries was walking up the steps to enter the house. I strained my neck to see what would happen, as it appeared he was going to walk right into my troubled lady. The last glimpse I had of the scene looked a lot like he had walked right through her.

I truly thought I had lost it. I made my friend drive past the house again, and there was no one in sight. I dreamt of this woman's face for nights afterward.

Then, while perusing the wonderful world of the Internet this week, I stumbled upon a site for "The Others" — the new TV show in the "Saturday Night Thrilllogy" on NBC. Upon checking it out, I found links to other ghostly Web sites. I chuckled as I scanned through the pictures of haunted houses with ghostly spots on them, which were supposedly some sort of apparition. Through one orb, however, I could see the house clearly. It was my Decatur house — the one with the strange lady who seemed to disappear. (www.prairieghosts.com/harrold.html)

Apparently, the American Ghost Society undertook an investigation of the house recently. There are three known ghosts: a small boy, a middle-aged man — who is seen mostly in the master bedroom — and a woman who stands on the front porch.

If you have ghost stories, I'd love to hear them. E-mail me at kbasolo@nmu.edu.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY KRISTY BASOLO

NMU to hop a rail with Train

BY LISA GREIS
STAFF WRITER

For this train, people don't have to stop at a railroad crossing. Turning on the radio will do. Train, a band from San Francisco, will perform at 7:30 p.m., March 30 in the Berry Events Center.

Train's self-titled album contains the single "Free" which is featured on the Fox TV series "Party of Five" and the hit single "Meet Virginia," which is on radio play lists across the United States.

"The band's music is very enjoyable with the wild genre of music that it brings together," said Melissa Lockwitz, vice chairperson of Northern Arts and Entertainment and head of promotions for the Train concert.

"The band offers a Counting Crows-like vibe on its eponymous debut, marrying soulful, melodic and sometimes edgy rock with honest, lyrical songwriting," according to Guitar magazine.

Train has opened for such acts as the Dave Matthews Band,



Photo courtesy of Da

Coming up at the Berry Events Center, Train: Charlie Colin, Rob Hotchkiss, Patrick Monahan, Scott Underwood and Jimmy Staff

Collective Soul, Counting Crows, Blues Traveler, the Barenaked Ladies and Big Head Todd & The Monsters.

The band, formed in 1994, consists of Patrick Monahan (lead vocals), Charlie Colin (bassist), Scott Underwood (drummer), Rob Hotchkiss and Jimmy Stafford (guitarists).

"The first-rate track 'Meet Virginia' has all of the elements to

escort top 40 out of its youth fixation and add a little grit to the mix," according to Billboard Magazine.

The album was released in February 1998, but it took nearly two years for the band to reach success. Train seems to work its way toward a long career.

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as we can every night to everyone in the audience."

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"We really hope students take this opportunity to see a great and up-coming band such as Train while they can still get tickets at a reasonable price, instead of later when they will have to pay \$25 and upward at some other venue," Lockwitz said.

Northern Arts Entertainment, along with Student Activity Fee, are sponsoring the event.

Advance tickets are \$15 for students and \$15 for non-students. They will be available at the NMU EZ ticket outlet phone at 227-1032.

For more information about the band, check out its website at www.trainline.com.

Watch: Business lunch and a piece of my heart

BY ERIN SNODDY
FEATURES STAFF REPORTER

Two one-act plays, "Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room" and "A Piece of My Heart," will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at the Black Box Theater in 105 McClintock.

Senior theater major Steve Dupuie said he wishes he could find the time to do the small things necessary for everyday living — such as folding his laundry.

Dupuie is directing the one-act play "Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room," written by Christopher Durang.

"It's a play about appreciating the simple things in life," Dupuie said.

The play centers around "Chris," played by David Hanson. Chris is a writer, fatigued by his agent's nagging attempts to convince him to create racy screenplays in order to earn more money. Chris refuses, wishing only to do his laundry.

Dupuie can relate to Chris' desire to slow the furious pace life can sometimes take. He said, with all his obligations, he does not even have time to complete household chores. Dupuie urges people to attend the show because he feels most people will be able to empathize with the character.

Phil Cooper directs "A Piece of My Heart" by Shirley

Lauro. The one-act play depicts six women in three nurses, one Red Cross volunteer, a United Organization singer and an intelligence officer. Cooper represents the American men involved in the war.

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hop a rail with Train



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Gimmy the troll, Jimmy

BY MARY ANN MCCOY
STAFF WRITER

Was that Jerry Seinfeld at the University Center Tuesday or was it John Travolta? The voices that came out of the Great Lakes Rooms sounded like the two actors, but the voice belonged to stand-up comedian Jimmy Fallon.

Fallon, a "Saturday Night Live" comedian, performed in front of about 860 people, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs Dave Bonsall said. People had to sit on the floor, and others were turned away at the door.

"It was awesome, and I was shocked how many people came out," Fallon said. "I really think it was a fire safety hazard."

Fallon did many impressions, including John Travolta, Cliff Claven from "Cheers" and Kramer from "Seinfeld." Fallon not only impersonated famous people; he also interacted with the audience.

"He played off the crowd really well," said Jon Davies, assistant professor of education. "He knows how to incorporate stuff he learned about Marquette in some of his songs."

The 25-year-old comedian could relate to NMU's

students because he was a college student once himself.

"I went to school at St. Rose in Albany...for four years," Fallon said.

He majored in computer science.

Fallon enjoyed being on campus and described the atmosphere as "very warm and energetic, with a lot of energy in that room."

He also did parodies to songs from known artists like U2, R.E.M and Counting Crows.

"He takes the songs that everyone is familiar with, then puts a spin on them," said Jodee Flynt-Davies, a Marquette resident. "It appeals to all age groups."

Even though Fallon knows what it means to be on stage, he seemed a little bit nervous.

"I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I thought we were going to stand up in a barn somewhere on top of hay stacks."

For many, his hour-long performance seemed too short.

"I (would've) like to see him perform for longer amount of time," ASNMU President Nick Vivian said. "I don't think he got in all the material he wanted to — I would like to see him back on campus."

Fallon was brought to NMU by Northern Arts & Entertainment, the Student Activity Fee and the Promotional Services.

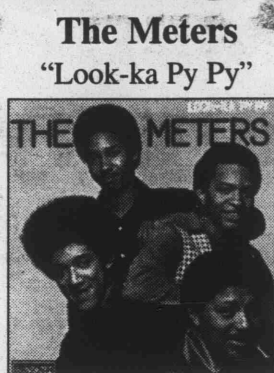


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Jimmy Fallon sings to his troll doll as part of his stand-up comedy show Tuesday night in the UC.

MUSIC REVIEW FUNK

Funky cruisin' with 70s band The Meters



The Meters
"Look-ka Py Py"

Grade: A-

BY SARAH RUMPEL
MUSIC REVIEWER

Any serious music lover will agree that true appreciation is earned from exposure to a

diverse array of musical styles and eras. The most talented artists display influences from musicians of the past.

Any time a new group or hit song comes out, we have previous artists to thank for their creativity and sway on future generations. A genre of music known as funk is a core element to be thankful for, and to also obtain a top-of-the-line collection.

One of the best funk bands that ever played is The Meters, an early 70s band that pumped out the beats as a funk-powered freight train, thumping down the tracks of soul. The Meters con-

sisted of guitarist Leo Nocentelli, bassist George Porter Jr., drummer Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste and organist Art Neville. Each member of this fabulous quartet had the skills and background to form this skin-tight ensemble.

A true definition of a "jam-band," has tracks of motivic-structured grooves that refuse to quit, with sweet variations of strong melodies, and that is exactly what The Meters provide.

"Look-ka Py Py" was the band's second album, released in January of 1970. This album is

spilling over with rhythms to remind us all that our legs were made for dancing, especially the band's track "9 'till 5," which switches back and forth between different jamming tempos and beats showing off the group's talent as performers.

The entire album is one of those types that are played while cruisin', especially tracks "Rigor Mortis" and "Little old Money Maker." In fact, The Meters title track "Look-ka Py Py" was written while cruisin' down to Atlanta to record. The hypnotic vocal chant is in reference to the sound of the mis-firing engine of

the band's station wagon. With Modeliste drumming on the ceiling of the car, the rest of the band sang for about 100 miles until it arrived at the studio and then recorded its new hit.

Basically, The Meters constructed a sound that filled the airwaves across the nation with fresh and sleek melodies. The band may no longer perform live but can still be heard and enjoyed by all.

All of those music enthusiasts out there should let themselves be entranced by The Meters. You'll feel the sweet vibe if you let it — so let it ride.

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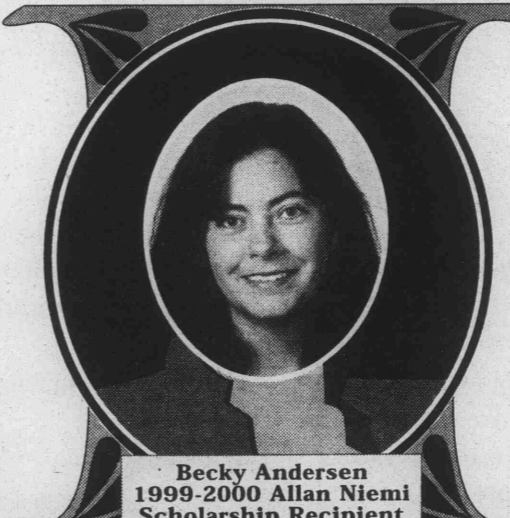
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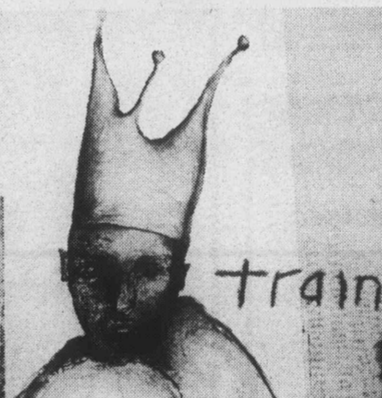
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Thursday, March 30

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Thursday, March 23

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Saturday, March 25

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Sunday, March 26

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Wednesday, March 29

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Lab/Studio III Student-Directed Plays at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre 105 McLintock.

Thursday, March 30

Lecture: Kip Fulbeck 7:30 p.m. in JXJ room 105.

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Saturday, March 25

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WOMEN SEASON REVIEW

Wildcats continue basketball excellence

BY JON SICOTTE
STAFF WRITER

Last season the NMU women's basketball team surprised most people by going 23-6 with a team that was not expected to be that great.

Expectations seemed to be higher for this season, but NMU head coach Mike Geary said the confidence level did not have to rise for this year after last season's first-round loss in the NCAA-II Tournament.

"We knew that we were talented enough to be pretty good if we

worked hard enough," Geary said. "Our aim every day in practice was to try to get to that [level] as quickly as we could."

NMU finished a sixth straight season with 20 wins or more (25-6), the 10th time in the 12 seasons under Geary.

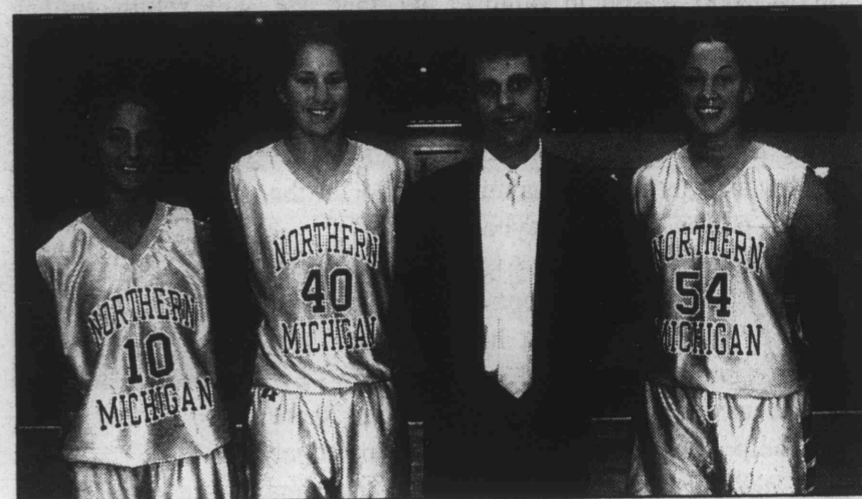
"It was a strong team that had a very versatile attack," Geary said. "We could hurt you inside and outside offensively. We were a great defensive team early and then later on in the season also."

NMU started the season 7-0 before falling in a non-conference game to Florida Southern.

After going 4-2 in its longest road stretch, NMU went 10-2, to place in second in the GLIAC North Division with a 5-1 conference record. The only conference loss came at the end of the 12-day, six-game stretch to GU.

"The Gannon game was a tough one to take because it was just more due to poor scheduling on my part," Geary said. "We played three games in four days. I don't think there is any doubt in anyone's mind that we were the better team."

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Duane Pape/NW

NMU head coach Mike Geary and, from left, seniors Shari Rehmann, Sasha Leverentz and Carrie Dykstra helped NMU to its sixth straight 20-plus win season and ninth NCAA Tournament bid.

HOCKEY SEASON REVIEW

Disappointing finish

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU hockey team's season started with a bang and ended with disappointment as it won four straight games at the start of the season and was eliminated during the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

The Wildcats (22-15-5 overall, 14-11-5 CCHA) ended the season losing to the University of Nebraska-Omaha, two games to one, in a best-of-three series in the CCHA playoffs. NMU finished fourth in the CCHA, before the playoffs, after losing two games to Lake Superior State University.

"Obviously it was a very disappointing finish," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "We were very consistent up until the last two games. Whatever happened, I don't know. We lost a tough game against Lake Superior. It was senior night and it seemed to deflate everybody. We struggled against Lake Superior twice and then Nebraska the first night, but then we played very well the last two nights, and unfortunately, we just couldn't score."

The Wildcats were not very strong in the first game of the series but played strong in the second game and even stronger in the third, Comley said.

"Our scoring chances were 23-6 in the third game their goaltender was just unbelievable and unfortunately we couldn't score."

The team was definitely capable of doing more, Comley said. But

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Trudeau signs with Blues

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One NMU hockey player has signed an NHL contract, while another is in the process of signing, NMU head coach Rick Comley said.

Senior left wing Roger Trudeau signed with the St. Louis Blues organization, and senior right wing J.P. Vigier is in the process of signing with the Atlanta Thrashers organization, Comley said.

Trudeau was also offered contracts by the Phoenix

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MEN SEASON REVIEW

BEC woes turn into history

BY KURT MENSCHING
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The 1999-2000 men's basketball team looked quite familiar this season, with the exception of one major new face: the Berry Events Center.

Returning seven seniors of eight returning lettermen, the 'Cats finished the season as the third men's basketball team in NMU history to win 24 games, finishing with a record of 24-6. Also, for the first time in school

history, the team brought home the GLIAC Tournament trophy, while receiving a berth in the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament, as well.

The first game of the season, and the first played at the BEC, did not fair as the team may have hoped. Michigan Tech defeated NMU, 72-62.

NMU senior forward Steve Masalter said the game was an eye-opener for the team.

"We realized that we probably weren't ready," Masalter

said. "We had a lot of work to do."

After two victories on the road, NMU returned to the BEC and fell to Ashland in overtime, 98-96.

"We were 0-2 at home," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "We were concerned about playing in the new building at that time. We were able to make some adjustments in what we did practice-wise. Right now we have one of the top winning records in the country at home, so I think we really solved the problem - if there was a problem - of playing in the [BEC]."

NMU senior forward Cory Brathol said the change to the BEC took some time to get use to. After the adjustment, he was more comfortable in the new arena.

Masalter said he loved playing in the BEC. "It's more of a college atmosphere," he said.

The loss to Ashland would turn out to be the last time the 'Cats lost at home.

Starting with a victory over Wayne State, 73-69, the team strung together an eight-game winning streak.

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Duane Pape/NW

NMU seniors, from left, Steve Masalter, Jimmy Roberts, Cory Brathol, Jason Price, Kevin Coduti, Mark Coduti and Pete Moe have helped the Wildcats to three consecutive 20-win seasons.

'Cats to lose key players

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU volleyball team will begin its 2000 season in August without two of its top offensive players.

Sophomore middle blocker Meirong Lu and freshman outside hitter Nirvana Kos both are leaving NMU to pursue their volleyball careers at different schools.

Lu said her decision to leave NMU was based on the fact her younger sister, Yurong, could not attend the university. Her sister still needs help learning to speak English and will instead be attending a junior college in Colorado and Meirong will be attending Denver Metro State University and playing volleyball there in order to be near Yurong. Meirong has two years left before she completes a degree in Business.

"I will miss Northern a lot,"

Meirong said. "I have made many friends and enjoyed my time here."

Kos said she is leaving due to personal reason and is unsure whether she will return to her native country of Croatia or attend a different school in the U.S.

"I knew when I came up in my interview process there was potential of them not being on the team," NMU head coach Scott Sandel said. "But it didn't affect my decision to come here."

Sandel said it will be an adjustment for the team, but he will be doing some recruiting as well before the season starts.

"We'll just have to train hard

and pick up the slack," Sandel said.

The team is relatively young still and the goal this spring will be to tackle mental focus, Sandel said.

Also, he said he has not yet gotten to the point of replacing Lu and Kos' positions in the lineup.

Last season, Lu played in 38 matches for 127 games and totaled 473

kills and 472 digs. She averaged 3.71 kills-per game and 3.72 digs per game. She also possessed a .295 hitting percentage.

Kos averaged 3.9 kills-per game and 2.94 digs-per game, with a hitting percentage of .332. She posted 520 kills and 388 digs in 38 matches for 132 games played.



Lu



Kos

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part of the team's success can be attributed to the fact many players on the team were successful individually.

"I think you don't win 22 games if you don't have a lot of people who have good years," Comley said.

NMU senior left wing Roger Trudeau was NMU's top offensive player with 36 points, and the leading scorer with 21 goals. Trudeau ranked second in the CCHA in scoring and was named to the CCHA All-Conference First Team. Senior right wing J.P. Vigier followed with 18 goals and 17 assists. The third leading offensive player was freshman center Chris Gobert, who was named CCHA Rookie of the Year, and to the CCHA All-Rookie team, with 33 points.

Senior defenseman Kevin Schmidt was named to the CCHA All-Conference Second Team. Schmidt led NMU with a plus-17 rating in league games.

"I think [Trudeau] and [Vigier] had great years, very steady and very consistent," Comley said. "Gobert was outstanding, he definitely deserved rookie of the year."

Some difficulties the team saw this season were low scoring and weak special teams, Comley said.

NMU ended the year with a 17.2 percent power-play percentage and an 82.6 percent penalty killing percentage. It tallied 38 power-play goals and 11 short-handed goals.

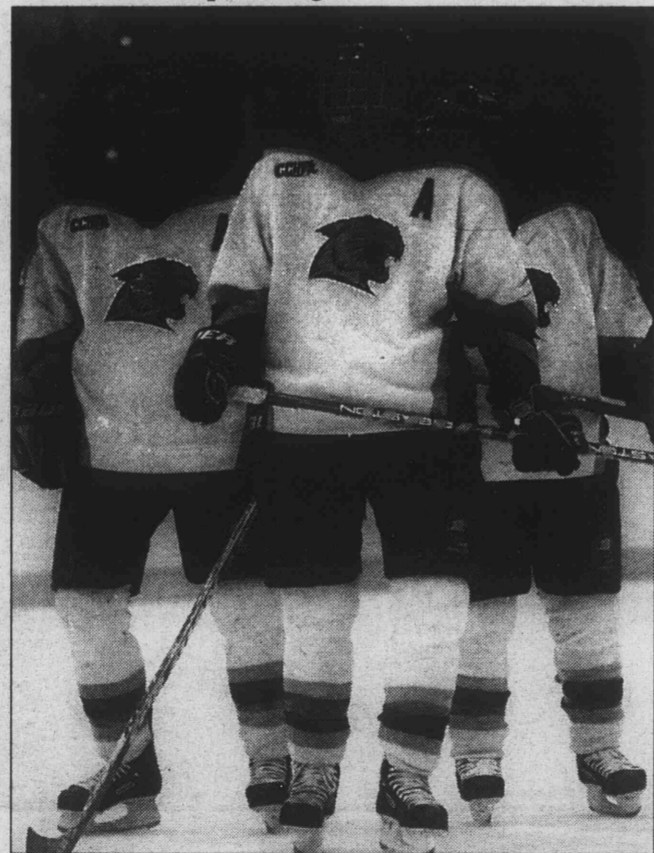
"I said all year that [special teams were] going to catch us and haunt us and it did," Comley said.

The series in which the Wildcats gave one of their best performances of the season was the Feb. 18 and 19 series against the University of Michigan at the Berry Events Center. NMU tied No. 7 U-M, 1-1, the first night and, 2-2, the second. Another top perfor-

mance, Comley said, was the Jan. 14, 6-0, win over the University of Notre Dame at home.

"When we played well, we hit and protected the puck," Comley said. "We outshot most of our opponents all year. We got sloppy down the stretch and started to turn the puck over a lot."

Junior goaltender Dan Ragusett was the team's top goaltender, posting five shutouts, a 2.15 goals-against-average, both of which were school records, and a .908 save percentage.

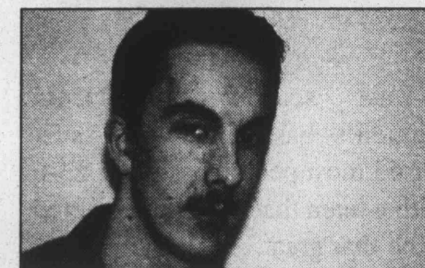


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J.P. Vigier, Roger Trudeau, and Chad Theuer, from left, were three of the four leading goal scorers during the 1999-2000 hockey season.

NMU hockey year not that shocking

SPORTS COLUMN



BY JASON LAUREN

The NMU hockey team's season ending after the first round in the CCHA Tournament was shocking, but it may not be as shocking as many Wildcat fans may think.

Northern's roster consisted of more upperclassmen than the 1990-91 national championship team, so it was natural for NMU fans to have expectations as high as NMU being a national championship contender.

Heck, I did. I wrote a column in the hockey season preview insert that read "Keys to a national championship season" as its headline. Let's see how NMU fared in those keys.

1) Take advantage of its schedule — no. Northern ended its season with the fifth easiest schedule out of 54 teams in the nation. As a result of losing four games and tying two others to teams with losing records, the Wildcats' final Pairwise Ranking, which has determined the 12-team NCAA Tournament the past four years was No. 23.

2) Adjust to the Olympic-size ice — nope. It was difficult for Northern to play at home after playing all of its road games on regulation-size ice. NMU finished with a 10-7-4 record (.571 winning percentage) at home and a 12-6-0 (.667) record away from the Berry Events Center.

"That was really tough," said NMU head coach Rick Comley of adjusting to the Olympic-size ice. "It's a big adjustment from going from one to another."

3) Split or sweep the top teams in the conference — uh-uh. The Wildcats' record against the CCHA's top three teams (Michigan, Michigan State and Lake Superior State) was 1-5-2. With a record like that, it's difficult to expect to finish at the top.

4) Improve its power play — ditto to No. 1, 2 and 3. Northern "improved" its power play from 15.5 percent in 1998-99 to 15.8 percent last season.

"We worked at [the power play] week after week, but a team needs the right people, and obviously we didn't have the

right people," Comley said.

5) The centers must play well — sort of. Northern had the task of replacing Buddy Smith, Brad Frattaroli and Rich Metro from the 1998-99 season. After Chris Gobert and Chad Theuer, NMU's talent at center dropped off. Gobert and Theuer are talented offensively, but they did not make up for the defensive abilities of the 1998-99 trio.

"Our lack of skill at center was a problem," Comley said. "Center is such a key position in hockey. It's an area we have to improve on next year."

7) Successful penalty killing — no way. This was an area that killed the Wildcats all year. NMU's 86.9 percent penalty killing in the 1998-99 season ranked among the best in the nation, but this year the NMU's percentage dropped to 82.8.

During the 1998-99 season, NMU allowed two or more power-play goals in seven games, and its opponent's power-play goals contributed for 27.2 percent of their goals. Last season, NMU gave up two or more power-play goals in 12 games and 45.6 percent of its opponent's goals came on the power play.

The 1998-99 center trio was missed in this area, too.

"We lost three guys, who did a great job killing penalties," Comley said.

Last season was heartbreaking to not only the NMU team, but also for every NMU fan.

"It leaves an awful taste in your mouth," Comley said. "It's not horrible, but it wasn't what we were capable of."

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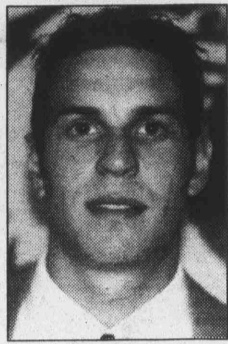
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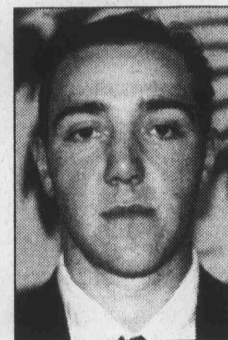
Coyotes, Tampa Bay Lightning, and the Montreal Canadiens, Trudeau's father John said.

Trudeau decided Saturday, through his agent, to sign with St. Louis.

The General Manager of the Blues called him and welcomed him to the organization and informed him



Trudeau



Vigier

he would be put on a plane Sunday and flown to St. Louis. On Monday, Trudeau had dinner with the General Manager and attended a Blues game, where afterwards he met his possible future teammates, John Trudeau said.

Trudeau flew to Worcester, Mass., on Tuesday to begin practice with the St. Louis farm team the Ice Cats of the AHL.

"We're very happy for him and we wish him the best," John and his wife, Phyllis, said.

Both will play for the No. 1 farm team right now in the spring, and both will go to the NHL training camp next year, Comley said.

"I think it's great for them, but it's good for us, too," Comley said. "It helps recruiting; it helps a lot of things. It helps to sell your program when your kids are going on to play pro hockey."

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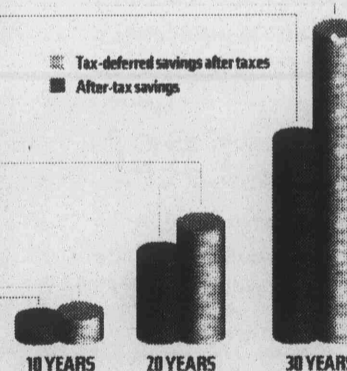
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"We never did anything like this in Hedgecock [Fieldhouse]," Brathol said - of the home-winning streak.

Ellis said the experience and dedication helped it adjust to the new arena and continue winning streaks.

"Our team was talented, yet not overly talented," Ellis said. "Each night we had to be well prepared against our opponent and try to exploit its strengths and weaknesses.

"We were able to do that. Our players really understood what it took to be successful: the preparation and being mentally able to play. That shows in the win streaks we were able to compile."

The streak and senior center Kevin Coduti each fell against Northwood University when NU defeated NMU, 65-60. Coduti dislocated his ankle and did not play for the next 11 games.

"The team got down on itself during the shoot around the following day," Brathol said. "But then we won a few games and people stepped up. Before too long, we were playing good and had a winning streak."

The 'Cats then to put together a 10-game winning streak.

"The fact that Coduti was out 11 games - and we were able to win 10 in a row during that stretch - just typified how competitive we were," Ellis said.

The streak ended, and the team's longest losing streak of the season began at Grand Valley State with a 71-61 loss. The second loss came at Lake Superior State, 70-69, before the 'Cats were able to stop the two-game slide with a victory over Suomi College.

"Maybe the Lake Superior loss hurt us more than any," Ellis said, "because it moved us in the regional ranking and hurt our power ranking in the region."

He said the ranking hurt the team by causing it to not receive the second seed in the national tournament. The second seed receives a first-round bye.

NMU went on to win the GLIAC Tournament before falling in the first-round of the national tournament.

From a winning standpoint, NMU achieved a goal for the season.

However, Ellis said the team fell short of another goal: to go deeper in this year's national

tournament than it did last year.

"I think in the back of our minds, we were hoping to get deep into the national tournament," Ellis said. "Hopefully, [we'd] win our regional and get into the elite eight. Unfortunately, that didn't happen."

Ellis said the senior class is probably one of the most successful classes in NMU history.

"They were a special group of guys," Ellis said of the seniors. "They understood what it took to win."

They learned that in their sophomore year and carried it on right through this season. They averaged 21 wins in [each of] the last three years. That's a tremendous statistic.

"I'm going to miss them on the court and maybe even in more ways off the court. They're just great people. They've really put our program back on the map."

Brathol, the leading scorer with 646 points, said his senior year experience was not different from his past three seasons.

"We're just like a big family," he said. "We were a group of guys growing together over the years."

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Northern fell farther back in the GLIAC race on Jan. 31 with a loss to first place Michigan Tech at home.

The losses to MTU and Ferris State in consecutive games (Feb. 14 & Feb. 17) dropped NMU farther back in the standings.

"We had a rough stretch at the end of the regular season," Geary said. "But I could see our players coming together at least in communication and in their toughness...if we had that going [for us] then we would get better."

NMU finished third in the GLIAC North (15-4), but stormed through the post-season tournament and beat Ferris for a record 7th post season tournament title, the most for any school in GLIAC history. Perhaps the highlight of the tourney may have been NMU's first win over Michigan Tech in two years in the semifinals.

"I think winning the conference was the highlight," Geary said. "Winning first in the regular season is something that is not even really recognized by the conference."

NMU then entered the

NCAA-II Tournament as the No. 2 seed with a first round bye. They easily beat Missouri-St. Louis to advance to the Regional Finals against No. 2 nationally ranked Northern Kentucky, where the Wildcats fell 77-70. NMU finished the season at 25-6.

"If we played that team 10 times, we'd come out 5-5," Geary said. "It was just their night."

NMU proved that it's the effort and not an arena which makes a team. After going 210-79 at its home for 28 years, Hedgecock Fieldhouse, NMU went 13-1 at the Berry Events Center in its inaugural year.

"We don't determine where we play, we determine how we play," Geary said. "You have to attribute [the home record] to our players toughness, they were not going to let anyone tell them their facility was not a great set up."

NMU finished in the top ten in the nation in three categories. The 'Cats finished first in free throw shooting with 78.3 percent, also the highest in school history. Northern was No. 5 in the nation in scoring margin, winning by an average of 21.3 points per game, and NMU was 9th in the country with a scoring clip of 80.9 points per game.

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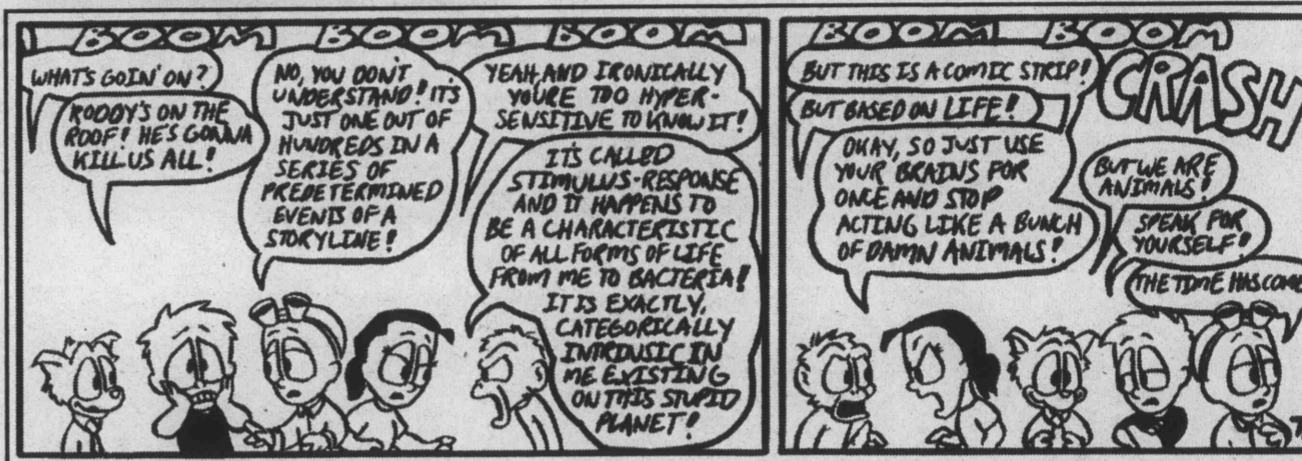
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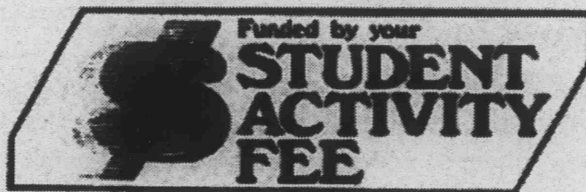
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