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## Optional LRC lab fee to hit waiver students

BY JACKIE WAGNER  
STAFF WRITER

With the implementation of the TLC laptop initiative, finding a desktop computer on campus will be harder this fall.

For students who choose to waive the program and \$385 per-semester fee, it will cost \$60 if they wish to use the computer lab in the Learning Resource Center.

"There will be approximately 30 computers in the lab," Hub Director Ed Niemi said. "There is no guarantee that if you have a pass, you will get a computer. It's first come first serve."

There will be a system set up next fall to buy computer lab passes.

"It will be like buying a PEIF pass, you pay once and can use the lab any time," Niemi said.

The remaining lab is designed to be used by part-time students, graduate students and other students exempt from the TLC program.

"It is not NMU's goal to have enough computer stations on campus for everyone," Niemi said.

By waiving, the student confirms that

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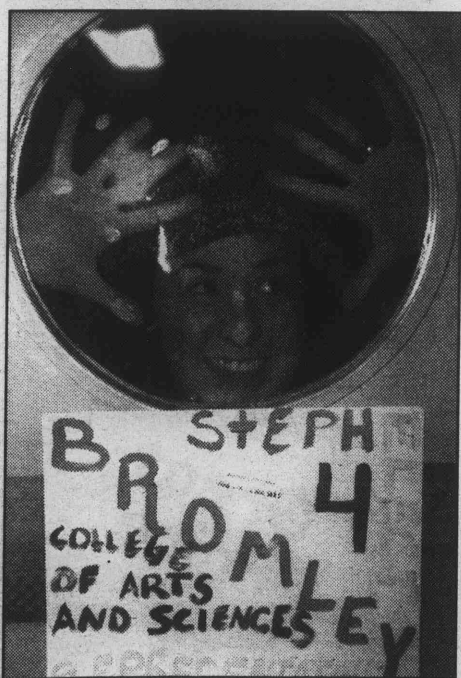
## Making a getaway

Marketing major Brian Garavaglia, left, and mathematics major John Connolly, both freshman, turn Lot 40 on NMU's campus into a roller-hockey rink Wednesday.

Duane Pape/NW



## Ballot Guide 2000



Jason Barnes/NW

Freshman political science major Stephanie Bromley is running for College of Arts and Sciences representative for ASNMU. Please see the Ballot Guide 2000 insert in the middle of the newspaper.

## Two jobs too much for Comley

Pro career may be in his near future

BY JASON LAUREN  
MANAGING EDITOR

It was just too much work for one person to handle.

That was the mutual agreement when Rick Comley announced March 23 at a press conference in the Izzo-Mariucci Academic Center that he was resigning as NMU's athletic director after 13 years to focus on his hockey head coaching responsibilities.

NMU's only hockey coach in its 24-year history said he has been thinking about stepping down as AD for the last three or four years.

"I just don't believe that in this day and age, that one person can do two full-time jobs," he said.

Comley said the decision on which job to drop came down to his love for hockey.

"I'm a hockey coach," he said. "It's my love and my passion, and it's what I live for every day. I've tried to serve [as a hockey coach] the best that I could as an administrator ... but I've found it increasingly more difficult to have enough hours in a day to put in the quality time what I think is needed in the coaching. ... I think, as coaches, if you're going to be successful, it has to dominate everything you do."

The NCAA's increasing rules and regulations began to dominate a lot of Comley's time, said NMU Sports Information Director Jim Pinar, who has been Northern's SID the last 11 years with

an office next to Comley's.

"Every year the NCAA demands more from colleges and universities," Pinar said. "It takes up so much of your time and [the NCAA] demands more of your time. I don't know how [Comley] did it, I really don't."

Pinar said Comley's long days, which began as early as 7:30 a.m. and lasted until the evening, may have caused too much stress for Comley.

"When we had to search for a football coach [in 1995], it took time away from his coaching," he said. "I think it hurt his coaching ability because he put in so much time and wanted to do a good job in finding the right person to coach football. I could see the stress. You can only work so many hours in a day."

Comley said his departure as AD will be better for NMU because his replacement will have more time to spend on the

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Comley

Last day for juniors and seniors to obtain the TLC waiver is Friday, March 31.



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they can meet computing standards without the use of NMU computers, therefore NMU does not need to provide them the labs. Part-time students, graduates and other students exempt from the TLC program will also be able to

rent a laptop from the library for \$15 a day or \$40 a week.

"There will be a limited amount of laptops available to rent; it will be like renting a book from the library," Niemi said.

Computer stations all over campus will be slowly phased out as more people fall under the

TLC program.

"Students do not need to pay for computers that are not getting used," Niemi said.

Students who opt out will be able to receive limited tech support from the Help Desk.

"We're looking at having limited call-in help," said Chris

Wagner, help desk director, "but that will probably change by fall."

The Help Desk's staff's training will primarily be on the Thinkpad, he said.

Niemi said students may not be aware of all that is involved in opting out of the TLC program.

"There may be some who

wish to re-think their decision," he said. "Students who would like to opt into the program can call the Hub."

The Hub is also there to answer any questions students have about the program, Niemi said.

Students can call the Hub at 227-1775.

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AD's responsibilities.

"It's time for another person to be the athletic administrator and have his or her full day to devote to what it needs to take," he said. "[Assistant AD] Brian Verigin needs another full-time person in this department. ... I think it will be good for the department."

Comley said as the hockey coach there was at times a conflict of interest with being fair to the other sports.

"If you talked to the coaches, and they answered honestly, they

would feel that also," said Comley of a conflict of interest.

NMU men's head basketball coach Dean Ellis said he supports Comley's decision.

"I think he's made a great decision, because now he can do what he loves to do with his family situation," he said. "He's always concerned about his family's well-being and the coaching staff's well-being, which is really neat, and you never see that side of him publicly."

One event that was perhaps too public was this school year

which was splattered with controversy and turmoil.

Former volleyball head coach Toby Rens was reprimanded for using inappropriate language toward senior captain Kari McEnroe, and senior Cory Brathol, the men's basketball team's leading scorer, pled guilty to domestic violence which led to a one-game suspension.

"Some would speculate that this last year put me over the hump, and it probably did," Comley said, "but not [from] one incident."

With former NMU hockey

player, Tom Waddell, being the general manager of the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers and many NMU players moving on to professional careers, Comley may soon be moving on to a pro career.

"My future plans are here, but I do have aspirations to be involved in professional hockey at some time," Comley said. "I could be here another 10 years, and be very happy. I do have an interest in the professional game, and I always have."

NMU President Judi Bailey

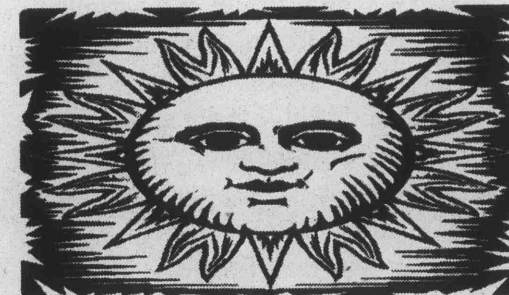
said an immediate search will begin to replace Comley, whose tenure as AD ends July 1.

"No one can replace Rick Comley," she said. "People will fill the position, but not necessarily replace [Comley] as AD."

Verigin said he has not decided if he will apply for the position, which Comley said will be filled by a person who will keep NMU's athletic success thriving.

"I have such trust and faith in this institution and its leadership," Comley said, "that we'll go on and we won't miss a beat."

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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Man admits to plotting murder

MARQUETTE — Escanaba businessman Dwayne Lee Kuehl, acquitted Monday of trying to kill a city official, has pleaded guilty to possession of ricin, a toxic substance, and admitted he planned to murder another man with it. Kuehl, 38, admitted to Judge Robert Holmes Bell on Monday that he possessed the poison with intent to murder Jim O'Toole, an Escanaba building inspector for "shutting down all my apartments." Kuehl reached a plea agreement on Monday after he was found innocent of attempted murder last December in Delta County Circuit Court.

## National

## Train crashes into bus, kills two

TENNGA, Ga. — The driver of a school bus that was struck by a speeding freight train, leaving two children dead and five injured, has so far refused to talk about the crash, a hospital spokeswoman said Wednesday. Bus driver Rhonda Cloer, 34, whose own 5-year-old daughter was critically injured in Tuesday's wreck, has said "no" to answering questions about the accident, said Sharon Cahill of Erlanger Medical Center in nearby Chattanooga, Tenn. Cloer, who was listed in fair condition, has a solid driving record in her three years on the job, school officials said. Her bus was struck broadside by the 33-car CSX Corp. freight train traveling at 55 mph. Some of the victims were thrown from the bus as it was dragged by the train.

## International

## OPEC lowers petroleum prices

VIENNA — The Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries bowed to U.S. pressure for cheaper oil Wednesday, agreeing to higher output limits that sent petroleum prices into an immediate tailspin. Iran, the cartel's second largest producer, opted out of the deal, saying it feared a price plunge and complaining about interference from Washington. OPEC won applause from the Clinton administration, which said there was now no need to release national emergency supplies to ease election year political pressure from consumers irate at high gasoline prices. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said the decision was made in the interests of producers and consumers in a prudent way. Naimi said OPEC was aiming to keep the price of benchmark North Sea Brent in the range \$20-\$25 a barrel compared to a recent nine-year high of \$32.

## Weird News

## Swedish maids fight hotel porn

STOCKHOLM — A group of Swedish chambermaids are seeking protection from male hotel customers who become "over-excited" after watching pornography on television. In an article published in Saturday's Aftonbladet Daily, the group, members of the Swedish Hotel Workers Federation, called for the maids to be given alarms to use in case of attack. "Chambermaids are always having to come face to face with over-excited guests watching porn movies," they said, demanding the maids be allowed to work in pairs. "We have to dry off sticky television screens and clean stained sheets, as well as picking up used tissues thrown under beds."

— Compiled from news sources

## NMU hockey players join pros

Senior right wing J.P. Vigier and senior defenseman Kevin Schmidt became the second and third NMU hockey players to sign professional hockey contracts this year.

The Atlanta Thrashers announced Friday they have agreed to terms with Vigier, according to Don Waddell, vice president and general manager for the team, who is also a former

NMU player.

Vigier was an unrestricted free agent after going unselected in the NHL Entry Drafts. Terms of the deal were no disclosed.

Vigier will report to the Orlando Solar Bears of the IHL, the Thrashers farm club.

Vigier ranked second on the team and tied for 12th in CCHA scoring this season (18-17-350).

Schmidt signed a contract

with the Port Huron Border Cats of the United Hockey League.

General manager/head coach Greg Puhalski made the announcement. Terms were not disclosed.

Schmidt was named to the All-CCHA Second Team this season while receiving CCHA All-Academic Special Mention honors.

— NMU sports release

## CAMPUS NOTES

## Forum scheduled

Students, faculty and staff are invited to two discussions on the design and quality of the educational experience at NMU.

The results of these discussions will be used to formulate action plans for the Academic and Student Affairs divisions when they merge July 1.

The first meeting will be from 3 to 5 p.m. April 5 in Pioneer Rooms A and B of the University Center. The other will be from 2 to 4 p.m. April 10 in the Huron and Erie Rooms of the UC.

## Activist to speak

Winona LaDuke, an environmental, women's and children's rights advocate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. April 5 in Jamrich Room 103.

LaDuke, an Ojibwe from the White Earth reservation, is the author of "All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life." She was named one of Time Magazine's 50 most promising leaders for the future in 1994. She is Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader's running mate.

The lecture, "Native Struggles for Land and Life," is free of charge. Her visit is funded by the King-Chavez-Parks Initiative. For more information, contact Diversity Student Services at 227-1554.

## AAUW offers \$800 scholarship

The American Association of University Women, Marquette

branch, is accepting applications for its 2000-2001 local scholarship. AAUW offers an \$800 scholarship each year to undergraduate women attending NMU.

Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply. Applications and a detailed list of guidelines can be obtained from Financial Aid at 308 Cohodas.

## Ex-Congressman to speak at NMU

Edward Derwinski, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, will speak at 7 p.m. Friday in the Explorer Rooms of the UC. In his speech, titled "America: Land of the Free," he will discuss government functions, elections, and how to get involved in local and national politics. It will cost \$2.

## Culinary students mix palatable delights with spy style

James Bond and his girls will be providing entertainment at a fundraising dinner titled "Live and Let Dine", which will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Chez Nouz in the Jacobetti Center.

The event was put on by students from the HM 225 class, to raise funds for a scholarship.

Other entertainment provided for the guests will be card games, raffles and a silent auction.

"There is someone from the acting department who will play

Bond at the dinner," senior hospitality major Eliot Kroll said. "Volunteers will be the Bond girls."

This is their second annual fund-raiser. The first raised \$5,000, and this year's goal is to raise \$10,000. The money will be used to fund a scholarship program for NMU's culinary students, Kroll said. Local businesses have made donations.

Seven Upper Michigan A.F.C. chefs will each make one of the

seven-course meals while the first year cooking students, from the Cooking and Baking class, will assist them throughout the dinner, he said.

Tickets for "Live and Let Dine" are \$77 per person, which includes a seven course meal with three wines. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the silent auction at 9:15 p.m. For reservations contact Nancy Arcand at 227-2364.

— by David M. Sprouse

## FORECAST

- **Friday:** Mild and partly sunny, high near 55, lows from 30 to 35.
- **Saturday:** A chance of rain early, then partly sunny, high near 50, low near 35.
- **Sunday:** Breezy with a chance of rain, high near 50, low near 35.

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EDITORIAL

Choose wisely

If you are a student and you are reading this editorial, hopefully you are going to vote in next week's referendums and ASNMU elections.

Take your time this weekend and look at The North Wind's Ballot Guide. When you are deciding how to vote, take into consideration what you feel is the role of student government. Take into consideration what you, as a student, value.

You have a lot to think about. How your student government represents you is important. ASNMU has a unique role on campus. It serves as a vehicle for information to pass to and from students and the administration.

How it packages its messages, however, is just as important as the information it conveys.

ASNMU can be only as effective as the students allow it.

ASNMU has over the past two years garnered a great deal of notice among the university hierarchy and among students.

Nathan Brandel, who is running unopposed for ASNMU vice president, wants to continue to improve upon what has been established as an effective student voice.

"Nick Vivian has brought ASNMU to a point where it is highly visible," he said. "People know the ASNMU name. The problem now is that ASNMU is almost to a point where students don't feel attached to it. Other students who aren't as involved in campus life don't feel ASNMU is approachable.

"We want to be the place that gets students involved."

ASNMU Presidential candidate Nathan Leach, who is also running unopposed, seems to have a handle on where he wants to take NMU's most important student advocacy group.

"One thing we're going to work on is getting freshmen involved," he said. "We're gonna start out young. When you get freshmen involved with student organizations, you decrease apathy."

What can ASNMU do for you, the student-at-large? Only you have the answer, and the only way you can answer wrongly is by ignoring the question.

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Hate crime laws mix message

A New Jersey court case regarding hate crimes has garnered a bit of media attention lately. The case involved Charles C. Apprendi Jr., who is currently serving the sixth year of a 12-year sentence that stems from a crime he committed in 1994.

Apprendi, under initial investigation, told police he was shooting at the house of a black family in a predominately white neighborhood to send them the message that they were not wanted. Years later he said he was pressured by police to claim the crime as racially motivated.

The rock in the shoe of this whole process deals with the New Jersey law that leaves the decision of sentencing (with motive as large factor) to a judge instead of a jury. This power, paired with a New Jersey law that allows defendants to be sentenced to longer prison terms if they acted with a "purpose to intimidate an individual ... because of race, color, gender, handicap, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity," spawns a judicial ranking system among

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By GEOFF HINEMAN

violent crimes.

If a man kills his wife because he believes she is having an affair, he may face 20 years in jail. If that same man were to kill a co-worker because of homosexuality, he would face 20-plus years of jail time. Since when did one murder become less offensive than another? A dead body is a dead body, regardless of race or handicap. Murder is murder. I think there is already plenty of room within in the first-, second-, and third-degree murder system to address premeditation and malice.

Don't get me wrong. I believe the sooner we can rid society of hate crime, the better. Hate has

no place in a working communal society, but murderers, batterers, rapists and other proprietors of violent crime are equally as menacing.

Most states have similar laws to New Jersey's. It's this sort of separation that prohibits the furthering of equality in this country. I am a tremendous proponent of equality, and I understand that differentiating issues need to be recognized and addressed before they can be remedied, but isn't this separation counterproductive? It establishes a motivational dichotomy for crime, and since hate-crimes can be sentenced for longer terms, then that non-hate-based crimes cannot garner as stiff of a sentence, therefore they must not be as bad.

I understand the motivation behind the law, but it seems — as with our society — that a good idea has been taken to extremes so ridiculous that it brings contradictory results.

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

New language police on the prowl

I've been thinking about the conflict between free expression as guaranteed by the First Amendment and the lengths to which our society seems willing to go to protect citizens. The whole concept of "hate crime," for instance — which judges people on what they think and espouse — punishes people for thoughts as much as actions.

The safety of our society demands curtailment of those who would threaten us, say those who support such curtailment of First Amendment rights. "You better not offend anyone else by using inappropriate language," they say. More and more, civilization is driven not by those who would speak out, but by those who would silence them.

Time was, the limitations on free speech could be amply demonstrated by the expression, "A person can't yell, 'Fire!' in a crowded theater." These days, though, it seems as though the list of words one can't yell there,

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By DON WILKIE

or anywhere else, for that matter — includes enough of them to fill a fair-sized thesaurus. I don't have to tell you what these words are; we all know most of them. Some have to do with race, religion, sexual preferences and gender differences — those characteristics that make us different from one another.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me" is no longer the yardstick by which we measure. The assumption is that words do hurt, and the Language Police should determine exactly which words

hurt most and eradicate them. As in the case of sexual harassment, offensiveness needn't be proven; it's the province of "any reasonable person."

Ah, but universities are different, right? Maybe you haven't noticed. Section 2.2 of the Student Handbook contains the following words: "No students shall deliberately ... degrade a member of the University community." Maybe no one has ever been expelled for calling someone else a naughty name, but the mere fact of that regulation's existence is enough to chill the blood of any libertarian.

After all, "any action which has the effect of stifling free expression of differing points of view or which is disruptive of efforts to present a wide variety of opinion is contrary to academic freedom and is, therefore, unacceptable within an academic community." Oh, wait ... those words are in the student code, too. Imagine that.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Student investigates claims about greeks**

When I read Erin Rodriguez's letter (NW, March 23) I was shaken. The outrage that this student had concerning The North Wind's representation of the greek competitions impassioned me.

Had I missed something? Apparently there is more to being greek than stuffing your mouth with donuts! Did the liberal press and its seedy, evil perversion of fraternities and sororities blind me?

A page prior there was an article about a sorority that was helping the National Kidney Foundation (no irony intended). Even God was a greek, and he spoke during the competitions. Surely my preconceived "Animal House" prejudices regarding what greek life is about must be reevaluated.

Knowing that I would not be able to get any real answers from the biased North Wind, I decided to unearth the true spirit

of these organizations first hand. I went straight to the organizational information boards in the UC.

Expecting to find heartwarming pictures of greeks "bell-ringing" and "adopt[ing] families," I was now doubly shocked to see that the pictures posted were of ... well ... they were of parties, water guns and people hanging out.

I must admit there was not a single donut-stuffed face to be seen; however, there were several pictures of a guy and girl using their lips to do I don't know what to a piece of paper.

In defense of one fraternity, whose letters I don't recall, it did have a picture of several bags of what could have been either food for the homeless or trash for the dumpster. It was piled neatly next to several large paddles that I think they use to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

My point? Oh yes, my point is simple: If you are going to criticize the way people characterize you, maybe you should

examine the way you represent yourself.

After all, you "are Greek and [you] are here to stay!"

Fred Fox

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If you do not request the waiver by March 31, 2000, the university will automatically enroll you in the TLC Laptop Computer Initiative and provide you with a computer, appropriate software and technical support for a fee of \$385 per semester.

You may request the fee waiver when you pre-register for fall semester 2000. Questions concerning the waiver should be directed to the HUB, 201 Cohodas Administrative Center. By phone: 906-227-1775.



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# Jazz on Friday

BY JUSTIN MARLOWE  
FEATURES STAFF REPORTER

The fourth annual NMU Jazz Festival kicks off Friday with a full day of jazz-related activities, featuring New York trombonist/composer John Fedchock.

In the festival's main event, Fedchock will appear with the NMU Jazz Lab Band at 8 p.m. at the Kaufman Auditorium.

"John Fedchock is one of the best young musicians and writers to appear in many years," said John Cooper, Jazz Lab Band Director. "His playing is very modern, yet steeped in the rich jazz tradition. I know everyone who comes out will enjoy the show."

A graduate of Ohio State University and the Eastman School of Music, Fedchock has appeared with many of jazz-dom's greatest ensembles, including Woody Herman's Thundering Herd, The Gerry Mulligan Concert Jazz Band and Louie Bellson's Big Band.

Currently, he leads his own New York Big Band and regularly appears with top ensembles throughout New York City.

For many NMU music students, the festival provides the chance of a lifetime.

Senior music education major and NMU Jazz Lab Band member, Brent Showerman, said,



**John Fedchock**

"The highlight of my time spent here at NMU has been the chance to perform with jazz legends such as Clark Terry and James Moody at past festivals," he said.

"I know we'll have a great experience with John Fedchock, and so will everyone who comes to the show."

Cooper likes to see more people enjoy jazz.

"Our mission is to get people interested in jazz music and to provide our students with high-quality playing experiences," he said.

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## 'Cats earn many individual awards



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The Wildcats had many student-athletes excel in their respective sports, earning individual honors. The North Wind sports staff compiled a list of the honorees.

### Women's basketball

Northern will lose two of its greatest scorers in forwards Sasha Leverentz and Carrie Dykstra. Both ended their careers with more than 1,000 points and more than 400 rebounds.

Leverentz, an All-American forward, was named to the Datronics All-Great Lakes Region First Team, the All-GLIAC North First Team, the GLIAC Tournament MVP and the Great Lakes Region All-Tournament Team this season. She led NMU in three offensive categories (22.7 points per game, 38 three-point percentage and 86 percent from the free-throw line). Leverentz scored in double figures in all 31 Wildcat games while setting a new school record for the most field goals in one season with 280. She finished third in the nation in scoring average.

"[Leverentz] had probably the greatest individual season [at NMU] anyone has had," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

Dykstra led the team and was 20th in the nation in assists with 5.5 per game, while averaging 10.6 points per game. She also set a record for career free-throw percentage (81.8 percent).

"She was a very versatile

player," Geary said. "[Dykstra] was a special player in the program, and we are going to miss her dearly."

Leverentz finished seventh on the NMU all-time scoring list with 1,409 points, while Dykstra finished ninth with 1,305 points.

### Men's basketball

The NMU men's basketball team had several individuals win honors.

Senior forward Cory Brathol became only the second Wildcat in school history to be named to Division-II All-American team.

"It's a tremendous honor for him," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

"He became the go-to player for us in his freshman through senior years."

Brathol was redshirted his first year. He led the team in scoring the next four years.

In addition to the all-American honors, Brathol was also named to the Great Lakes All-Region First Team, GLIAC Player of the Year, All-GLIAC North First Team and GLIAC Tournament MVP.

Brathol led the Wildcats in scoring (22.3 points per game) and in three-point shooting (37.7 percent). He recored 5.7 rebounds per game.

He became the second player in school history to score 2,000 points.

Senior guards Pete Moe and Jason Price were named to the GLIAC All-Defense team.

### Football

The NMU football team had five players earning awards for their performances this year.

Senior offensive guard Shawn Ryan and senior punter Ty Hartung both earned a berth on the All-Region football team. Hartung was named a Division-II All-American. He ranked 11th in the nation with a 41.7 yard punting average.

"Hartung will be hard to replace," NMU head coach Eric Holm said.

Senior defensive lineman Steve Matzl, senior offensive lineman Marc Dugas and junior running back James Randle earned first-team All-GLIAC honors.

"We were happy to see them win awards," Holm said. "They all had big impacts both on and off the field."

### Cross country

The NMU cross country team had three women earning All-GLIAC first-team honors this season. Sophomores Aubry Smith and Abigail Larson and freshman Caitlin Compton each earned GLIAC awards, with Compton earning all-American honors.

Compton finished second Nov. 5 in the Division-II regional meet to qualify for nationals. There she finished 18th with a time of 21:40.9. She was the first NMU runner to earn all-American honors.

"They all have incredible

work ethic and positive attitudes," NMU head coach Sten Fjeldheim said. "They made my life as a coach much easier."

### Tennis

Freshman Brooke Aronin's 11-4 individual record was good enough to earn her All-GLIAC First Team honors.

"[Aronin] was outstanding this year," NMU head coach Troy Mattson said. "Being a freshman, she learned a lot by playing against women with more experience. It will help her be even stronger next year."

Aronin was the first tennis player from NMU to earn All-GLIAC honors.

### Volleyball

Sophomore middle blocker Meirong Lu and freshman outside hitter Nirvana Kos both were named to the All-GLIAC First-Team. Kos' performance was also earned her GLIAC Freshman of the Year.

Kos led the Wildcats with 3.9 kills per game and 52 service aces, while Lu led the team with 3.7 digs per game and a .295 attack percentage.

### Hockey

Four NMU players were named to CCHA all-conference teams and two others received honorable mentions for the 1999-2000 season.

Senior left wing Roger

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Smith



Aronin



Brathol



Kos



Lu



Gobert



Trudeau



Vigier



Dykstra



Leverentz



Compton

Best Image Possible



## HONORS

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Trudeau was the first player to be named to the CCHA First Team since NMU rejoined the league in 1997. He ranked second in goals scored in league play (17) and had the most points (17-8-25) in league play for NMU. Also, he tied for the most game-winning goals in the league with four.

Senior defenseman Kevin Schmidt received CCHA Second-Team accolades. Schmidt led NMU with a plus-17 rating in the CCHA and plus-18 overall.

Freshman center Chris Gobert was named to the CCHA All-Rookie Team as well as CCHA Rookie of the Year. Gobert ranked second among freshman in the CCHA in scoring (24). He ranked first among freshman in the league for goals (15).

Freshman defenseman Jimmy Jackson was also named to the CCHA All-Rookie Team.

## Nordic ski

Four Wildcats earned all-American honors in the men's and women's Nordic ski campaign.

Junior Chris Cook was named all-American in Utah at the 2000 NCAA national championships in the men's freestyle race. Cook was also the Great Lakes regional champion in the men's freestyle and classic. Senior Jesse Downs was runner up to Cook in both races.

Junior Abby Larson was an all-American in both the classic and freestyle races at nationals.

Sophomores Melissa Oram and Aubrey Smith were All-American's in the classic race, as well as regional champions in the

classic and freestyle races, respectively.

"We were the only team with three skiers [women's classic race] in the top 10 in Utah," NMU head coach Sten Fjeldheim said. "That hasn't happened in a hell of a long time."

## Swim and dive

NMU sent five women to the nationals: junior Cary Greeger, senior Erin Vostad, senior Darby Berger, and freshmen Megan Woodsworth and Sarah Verbrugge. Each earned all-American honors this season.

At nationals, Greeger was second in the 200-yard breaststroke and third in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"[Greeger] is a young woman who doesn't go out of the way to get in the spotlight, but deserves all the recognition she gets from the team and others," NMU head coach Chris Coraggio said.

In her eligibility time at NMU, Vostad won all-American honors 29 times. At nationals she was seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100-yard butterfly. Vostad was also an academic all-American this year.

Berger was eighth at nationals in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke.

Berger was dedicated to making her goal and, in the process, helped to make the team stronger, Coraggio said.

## Alpine ski

The NMU women's alpine team had many women ski to success this season. Among the women in the spotlight were

Seniors Christy Salonen and Liz Wells. Salonen had two first-place finishes in the slalom at Heart Scoble. At USCSA regionals she was first in the giant slalom. She also won at divisionals, in the slalom and the giant slalom.

"Christy was a real attribute to our team," NMU head coach Hill Rogers said. "She is a hard worker and ended her career with many victories."

Wells also was an important addition to the alpine team, Rogers said.

At the Tibits Memorial, she won the slalom race and was second in the giant slalom. At USCSA regional, Wells was second in the giant slalom and third in the slalom.

Rogers said that Wells went to new heights this season and made new improvements in her skiing.

"[Wells] has shown tremendous growth in her four years on the team," Rogers said.

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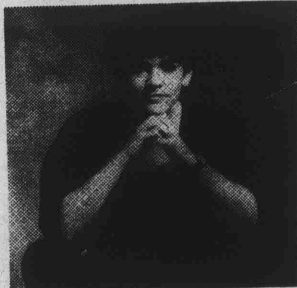
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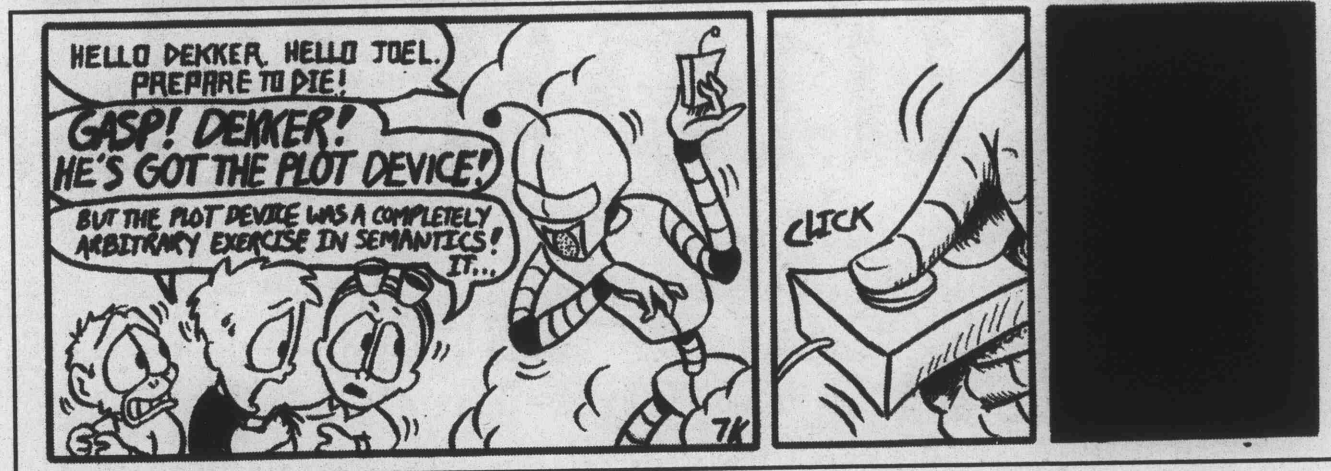
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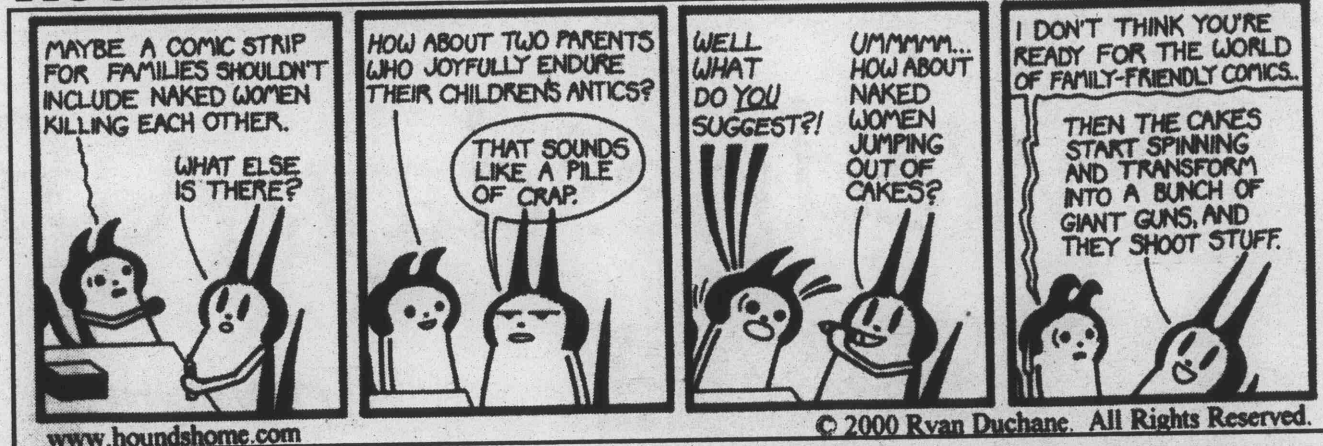
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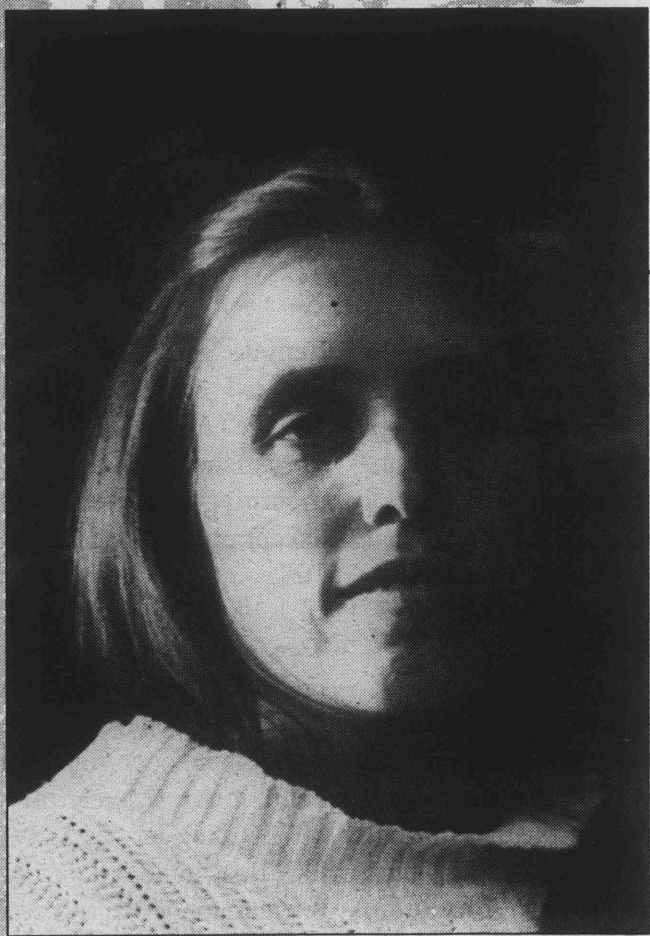
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# Winona LaDuke

Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe) is an internationally renowned activist for environmental, women's and children's rights. A tireless advocate, she has founded the White Earth Land Recovery Project which buys back tribal lands, organized the "Honor the Earth" tour with the Indigo Girls, and researched the health impact of uranium on the Navaho reservation. She was named by Time magazine as one of the country's most promising young leaders in "50 for the Future" and was Ms. Magazine's Woman of the Year in 1997. As she was in 1996, Ms. LaDuke will be Ralph Nader's vice-presidential running mate for the Green Party.

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# THE NORTH WIND

# BALLOT GUIDE 2000

Thursday, March 30, 2000



## Students faced with decisions

When students vote in the April 4 and 5 referendum and ASNMU general elections, they will be faced with plate full of decisions to be made.

Not only will students be faced with choosing who to represent them in student government, but they will also be asked to vote "yes" or "no" to Student Activity Fee increases and to proposed changes to the ASNMU constitution.

One decision students will not encounter is who to vote for in ASNMU's presidential and vice-presidential elections. Nathan Leach and Nathan Brandel are running unopposed in the elections, respectively.

As a result, Leach is concerned that students are not getting as involved in student issues as they should.

"Personally, I don't think there's a lot of interest this year," Leach said. "With only one person running for president, with only one person running

for vice-president, you haven't seen the issues. There's not a lot of debate."

Brandel, however, disagrees.

"It's only the vice president and president spots that are lacking," he said. "If you look, the greatest number of candidates is running for the off-campus positions. That says a lot about the fact that people want to get involved."

Aside from the positions of president and vice president, four other candidates are running unopposed.

More than 30 people are running for the Student Assembly's 23 positions.

"People go through the election process because they want to be on ASNMU," current ASNMU President Nick Vivian said.

"It's not because someone pushed them into it."

Vivian said he hopes the candidates who are not elected will stay involved.

"Other positions will open up," he said. "The only thing that's constant about ASNMU is change."




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# MEET THE ASNMU CANDIDATES

All candidates were asked the following two questions: (1) Why are you running for a position on the ASNMU Governing Board? (2) What do you view as the role of student government? The numbers in the parenthesis indicate the number of openings.

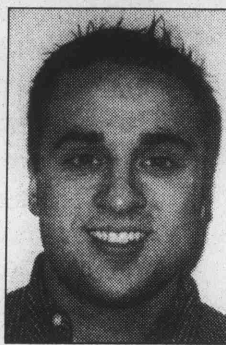
## PRESIDENT (1)

1) I have been an involved student ever since I stepped foot on campus in the fall of 1996. In my first two weeks on campus I had already found myself in a leadership role in Van Antwerp Hall Government. Since then, I have been a member of many organizations on campus and have become familiar with what makes our university tick. I firmly believe that ASNMU is a strong voice for the students of NMU. As a student who has served in positions ranging from improving residence hall life to increasing spirit as NMU's mascot Wildcat Willy, I bring experience from a wide range of leadership positions. I am excited to continue working together with students of NMU to meet the changes and challenges that will face our university in the up coming year.

2) The role of the student government is to be a voice for the students. This takes a "hands-on" approach from each member. Next year, you will not only see

**NATHAN LEACH**

*Senior, public relations, Marquette, Mich.*



more of ASNMU and a strong commitment to voicing students concerns, but you will also see ASNMU taking a more active role in helping other student organizations, as well as increasing its involvement in the campus and Marquette community. Helping to build and continue traditions such as Homecoming and Winterfest will be a few of the projects ASNMU will take on. We should also like to find ways to promote and explain what ASNMU is doing for students by attending organization meetings, placing postings around campus and utilizing *The North Wind*.

**MINDI FLINTOFT**

*Freshman, secondary education (Spanish), Mattawan, Mich.*



1) I have been involved with both house and hall government this year and really enjoyed doing both. I have a lot of ideas, and I feel that I could make a positive difference.

2) Student government is the way to influence change around NMU. Many students complain about one thing or another but make no effort to change it. Student government is a good place to start to make NMU an enjoyable place for everyone.

**TODD W. GAUTHIER**

*Freshman, political science/pre-law, Powers, Mich.*



1) I am running for a position because I believe I possess the ability necessary to provide a purposeful voice for students so the ideas and issue they deem important are heard and furthered. I believe that the students' voice can be much louder at this university, and I know I can be the person to amplify that voice.

2) The role of student government is to get out and talk with students to obtain an understanding of what their issues are.

**LIANNA MOORE**

*Sophomore, mathematics, Canton, Mich.*



1) I am running for ASNMU because I want the people of down campus to get more involved and to know what is going on with ASNMU and the people up campus. I want to give back to NMU by putting my contributions to the government.

2) Student government allows students to voice their concerns they have. It has the ability to change how things are run on campus so they meet the students' needs.

## VICE PRESIDENT (1)

1) I'm running for ASNMU Governing Board because I think that we as students can make a difference on campus. Here are some ideas to make the campus better for us. One is by having printers supplied to every student who owns a computer. Another is using the space when the computer labs are removed in the future. The space could be used for a new, centralized student union. Others include installing more emergency phones. It's ideas like these that are thought of every day by students on NMU's campus. I would like to see these ideas recognized. Better yet, I would like the people who have these ideas to become a part in making them a reality.

**NATHAN BRANDEL**

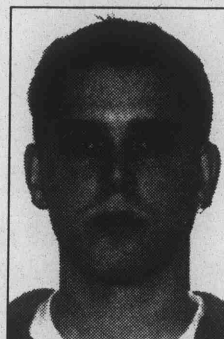
*Junior, international studies, Manitowoc, Wis.*



2) The role of the student government is to take what we as students need and push those ideas before the administration. ASNMU is the representation of the student body. The student government will work with the student organizations to change student life on campus and in the community.

**RYAN EDBERG**

*Sophomore, business, Sagola, Mich.*



1) I feel this position would prove to be beneficial to me in terms of this being a learning experience, but on a larger scale, there are a lot of ongoing campus issues such as the laptop program that and the parking problem seem never to be resolved.

2) Student government should stick up for the students. I feel that, for example, if we as students had taken a stand earlier on the laptop issue, we could have changed a few minds.

**MICHELLE HARRISON**

*Junior, public administration, Detroit, Mich.*



1) I feel that I would be able to help students communicate to the university what they want or what should be done to better the environment of Northern.

2) I feel that student government is a channel for students to express their wants and needs. It should take student input and feelings about an issue to create policy that reflects what students want.

## DOWN CAMPUS (2)

## COLL. OF BUSINESS (1)

## UNOPOSED

Other unopposed races include:

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### Coll. of Tech. and Applied sciences

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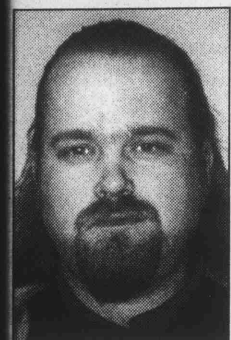
Sophomore psychology major Karen Seablom (Ishpeming, Mich.).





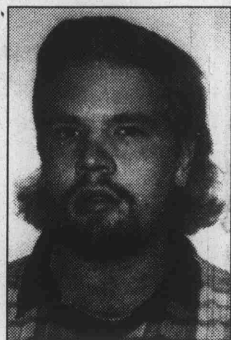


## OFF-CAMPUS (7)



**RUSSEL A. DISCH**

*Freshman, political science/pre-law, Gwinn, Mich.*



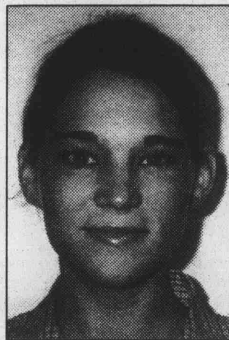
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*Junior, speech comm., Royal Oak, Mich.*



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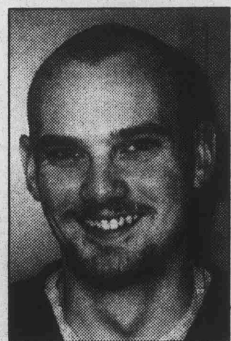
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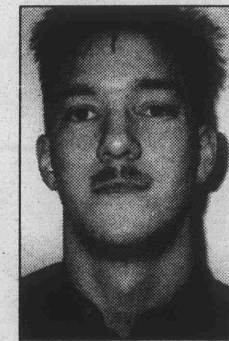
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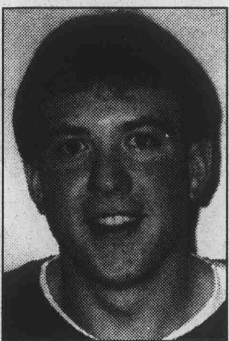
**CAREY STORTZ**

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**LEE THENNES (I)**

*Junior, political science, Cook, Mich.*



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*Junior, elementary education, Chicago, Ill.*



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1) I am running for a position on NMU's student government because I think the students that attend this university need a voice that will speak their minds. A proper representative is one that voices the concerns of the constituents. If elected to the board, my ambition will be to share the concerns of my constituents as well as create a heard voice for the off-campus students.

2) The role of student government is an opportunity for students to make their university their own. It will also be a great opportunity for me to put my education to work at NMU.

1) I'm currently running for ASNMU campus representative to utilize my communication skills and interact with NMU students. I will continue reaching out to all NMU students and do my best in voicing their opinions and concerns to ASNMU.

2) My view as the role of student government is to consolidate NMU students' opinions and concerns in order to relay them appropriately.

1) I am running for an off-campus representative position because I know I have the ability to make a difference on this campus. I have held many leadership positions, including being an academic programmer, the secretary of my house and hall governments, and a member of the Student Finance Committee, to name a few. I look forward to working with the student government to meet the students' needs.

2) The role of the student government should be to interact with the campus community so that the views and concerns of the student body are heard and represented.

1) I am running for ASNMU because I feel strongly about many of the issues confronting NMU in the next year. I want to be able to express my opinions and those of my fellow students while at the same time helping to make NMU the best it possibly can be.

2) I feel student government is a very important tool for the student body to utilize in expressing their opinions and dealing with faculty, staff and major issues at NMU. Student government is very visible and can have a great impact on how NMU works for the students.

1) I spent a semester as minute-taker for the ASNMU meetings, and it seems as though our student government is rather disorganized and frequently misses the target. ASNMU needs to turn to creating solutions instead of complaining about existing situations.

2) ASNMU has long been dubbed the connection between students and the administration. ASNMU hasn't accomplished this very effectively, and that needs to be changed. ASNMU needs to be a body that represents the students, not the one that tries to get a leg up on their constituents by kissing butt.

1) I am running for ASNMU because of the TLC laptop program. I am concerned that NMU [may not] implement this program correctly with the least amount of problems for the students. This is a large undertaking that if we, as students, are not careful, there will be no benefit to us.

2) Student government is the easiest way for students to communicate their concerns to the administration. Students can talk to the faculty but have no such forum to speak with the administration. My goal is to make the bridge between the administration and students easier to cross.

1) I am running for the ASNMU Governing Board because I have experience necessary to be an effective member. Serving as chair of the assembly this past semester, I have learned a lot about how ASNMU operates. There will be a lot of potential turnover this year, and ASNMU will need experience to continue the work that it still needs to accomplish.

2) The role of student government is to carry out the will of the students. It is also important for student government to communicate the opinions of the students to the appropriate channels.

1) I want to be more involved. I love meeting new people and knowing what's going on. While classes and studying take up the majority of my time, it's not gratifying enough. I want to be able to give something back, besides my hard-earned money. Serving my fellow students will be very rewarding.

2) The student government exists to serve the student body. ASNMU should consist of people who are role models for their fellow students. ASNMU should be willing to put in the extra time and effort to fulfill the needs and concerns of NMU's community.

## REFERENDUM

**Note:** Students will vote whether to maintain the Student Activity Fee at its current level of \$19.05 and will vote on increases for the following organizations:

### ASNMU

NMU's student government is asking for a 15-cent increase, from 75 to 90 cents.

### The North Wind

NMU's independent student newspaper is asking for an increase of 35 cents, from \$2.75 to \$3.10.

### Radio X

NMU's student-operated radio station is asking for a 20-cent increase, from \$3.10 to \$3.30.

### Student Finance Committee

A subcommittee of ASNMU, responsible for distributing funds to student groups and to student activities, is asking for a 65-cent increase, from \$12.35 to \$13.

## CONSTITUTION

Students will vote on whether the following changes are needed in the ASNMU constitution (For a more detailed description, please see story on Page 1B):

1) **Academic representatives:** The College of Professional Studies will have one representative. This is a change from two representatives.

2) **Quorum:** A quorum consisting of a majority (51 percent) of the Assembly's voting members shall be necessary to conduct all formal business. This is a change from a two-thirds required vote.

3) **Requirements and qualifications:** ASNMU members must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.0. This is a change from a 2.5 GPA. Also, ASNMU members must be free from any university imposed disciplinary probation. Previously students with any university probation were excluded from serving.

4) **Impeachment and removal:** Any member of the ASNMU and All-Student Judiciary may bring impeachment charges through his or her respective branch before the Assembly upon a three-fourths affirmative vote of the Assembly with quorum. Previously, this portion of the constitution called for 200 student signatures before the Assembly could take up consideration for removal of the president, vice president or a representative.

## WHERE TO VOTE

### Internet

Students can vote on the Internet at [vm.nmu.edu/vote](http://vm.nmu.edu/vote) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Polling stations

Students can vote at Jamrich Hall, Wildcat Den, Jacobetti Center or Payne/Halverson Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.



# Athletic fee fails to make referendum

The semesterly athletic activity fee will not be on this year's referendum ballot.

The fee, which would have given students access to all NMU athletic events, failed to make the ballot for several reasons: a set fee was not established, unanimous support from a student group was not found, a specific plan for hockey tickets was not formed, and the plan was not presented to the entire ASNMU Student Assembly at one of its meetings, Student Athlete Advisory Council

President Jessica Durfee said.

"This happened for a number of reasons, but in no way was it the fault of ASNMU," she said. "[ASNMU] sincerely tried to help us. We ran into a few roadblocks, and things didn't happen as planned. It is not anyone's fault. It is just a matter of dealing with a bureaucracy."

The SAAC will again attempt to get the athletic fee proposal on the next referendum ballot, Durfee said.

— By Jason Lauren

To vote on the Internet go to [vm.nmu.edu/vote](http://vm.nmu.edu/vote)



**Monday**  
Live Jazz

**Tuesday**  
Open Mic  
18 & over

**Wednesday**  
Live DJ  
18 and Over

**Thursday**  
Paulding Light

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Return of The  
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**Friday and Saturday**  
April 7th and 8th  
-First Annual Spring Jam Fest-  
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**Thursday, March 30th, 8pm - 12pm**  
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**At the Northland Pub in**  
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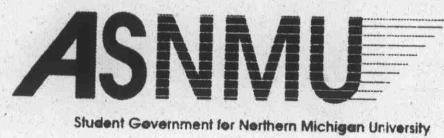
Mr. Daniels will speak to the audience about movies, acting, etc.

**Mon., Apr. 3**  
**7:00 PM**

**Forest Roberts Theater**  
**Northern Michigan Campus**  
**Tickets \$15.00**

Tickets available at: NMU EZ Ticket Outlets, Superior Dome, Berry Events Center, Forest Roberts Theater, University Snack Shop, at the Door, or call 227-1032





# Vote

## April 4th and 5th

Vote online at [vm.nmu.edu/vote](http://vm.nmu.edu/vote)

### No Excuses!!!

This vote will determine your representation on issues such as TLC, Liberal Studies, Parking, Housing, Food Service and many others.

Vote for President, Vice President, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies, College of Technology and Applied Sciences, General Undeclared University and the College of Business. Off Campus, Up Campus, Down Campus and University Apartments.

Also, vote on the fate of the Student Activity. You will have the opportunity to vote on the increases for ASNMU, The North Wind, Radio X, and the Student Finance Committee.

Watch for the ASNMU Polling Locations in Jamrich, Jacobetti, the Wildcat Den and the Payne/Halverson Lobby.

## Please vote on April 4th and 5th

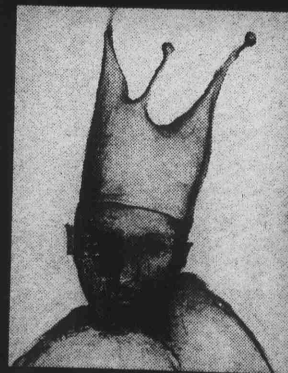


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