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ALL YOU CAN HANDLE, BRO

STUDENTS PURGED

Bagley: 'It's in the university's best interest, fiscally. Of course it's not going to be comfortable, but no enema ever is.'

BY OPTIMUS PRIME
LICKKEY MONSTER

After days of deliberation, the Master Subcommittee on Campus Planning revealed a plan which would rid NMU of its most vexing problem: students.

"We're not really happy about it," said Don Elway, student. "But it's a plan we're willing to live with."

Elway, however, does not represent anyone other than himself.

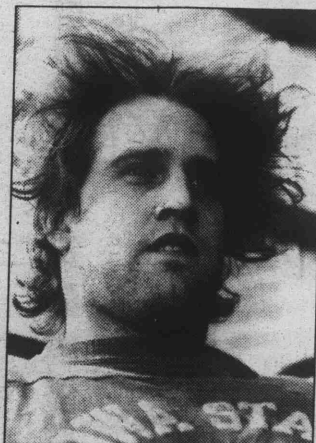
"I used to be a bowler," he said. "One of the greatest. I used to bowl 300 after 300, but then the joy went away."

When the joy went away, Elway came to NMU.

"It was like Chicago DNC in '68, man," Elway said. "Only I was playing Nintendo when the guys came in with the hoses. Someone shouted 'BERZERKER,' and I fell under my bed. The mercenaries didn't see me right away, until I ran."



Francis



Elway

Wrag correspondent D.A.R.Y.L. was tipped off by Francis, who called right away to say what's up.

"I didn't really see what was going on, but I know it didn't make any sense," Francis said. "But I figured it was all a part of the master plan, so I went about my business. If it's part of the master plan, I don't really have much to say about it. The Mastermind is calling all the shots anyway."

This is the part where Roddy the Robot comes in with the Plot Device and changes the entire direction of the story. It didn't really make much sense to begin with.

You are all minions of The Wrag. You will read it from cover to cover and you will laugh.

"Little ditty, 'bout Jack and Diane/Two American kids growing up, in the heart land/Jackie gonna be a football star/Diane the debutante, back seat of Jackie's car."

I was driving in my 1983 Datsun 200SX the other day, listening to K-rock, when this song came on.

It put me into another place. Listening to K-rock often does. I went to a place in my mind. I went to a hay field in Parma, Michigan, where I used to bail hay.

Hay is great, it'll make you strong and it'll scratch your fore arms up. After NMU's Great Purge of 2000, I started spending more time thinking about bailing hay.

Man, I gotta get me a truck.— Dr. Sullivan contributed to this report.



Wayne Hoobler/Wrag

Mercenary Boba Fett, one of NMU's hired guns, removes the students from campus Tuesday, pogrom-style, baby!

Joe, 25, has 'it' figured out

Doesn't plan on telling anyone else, but he might if we ask him.

Tell me, Joe, what's it all about?

"You mean you don't know?" Joe said.

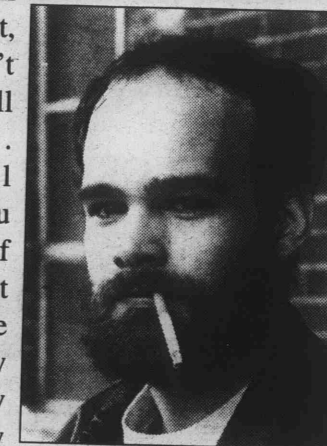
Nope. I was hoping you'd tell me.

"Well, I'll tell you what, college ain't gonna tell you. College'll tell you about lots of stuff, but not 'it.' College tells you how to fit in, how to dress, how to act, how to find the a wife. College tells you how to get a job so you can get ready to retire, so you can get ready to die. College tells you how to be comfortable.

"That's a buncha hoey. 'Shut up and get back in line.' That's what you punks are lettin' society tell you.

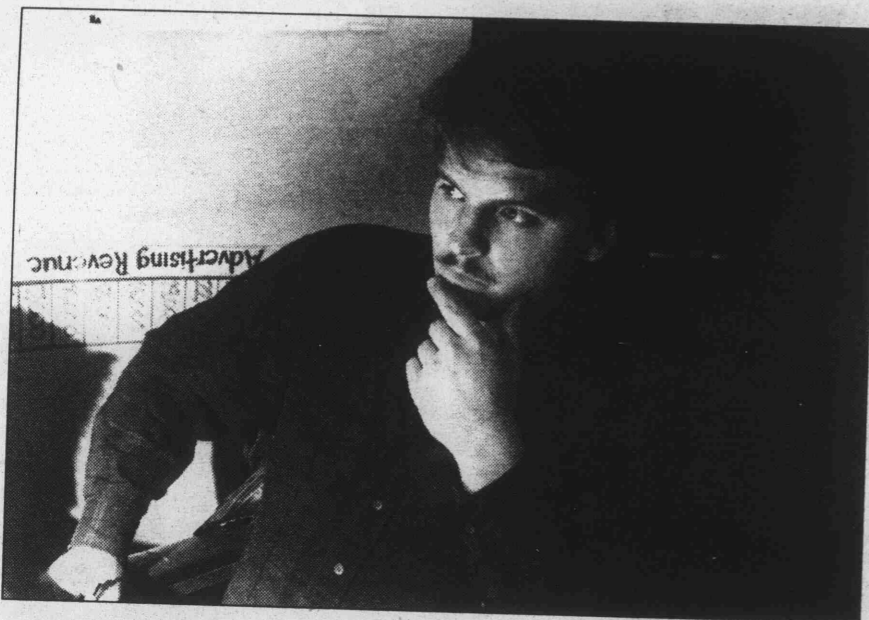
"Not me, man. I'm not gonna let college pigeon hole me. If you wanna let college be an extended vocational \."

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Joe

BRUISE



Manly Propaganda/WW

The Mastermind, hard at work in his office deep in the catacombs beneath Jagerich Hall, contemplates the future of the univerisity. As minions of The Wrag, we answer to him, he calls the shots.

JOE

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school, that's fine by me, bro. I'll be over here doing my own thing.

"I'm gonna do my damndest to be a free thinkin' SOB.

"You want to know what 'it' is? A paradox, that's what it is. As soon as you think you have 'it' figured out, you don't. As soon as you figure out that you can never really understand 'it,' that's when you have 'it' figured out.

"Not to sound cliché, but like Socrates said, the wisest fellas are the ones who know they don't know dittley.

"Step out of your comfort zone and figure 'it' out for yourself, brotha."

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NEWS IN OUR BRIEFS

Local

Drive-by shootings frequent NMU

MARQUETTE — Many students are now wearing bullet-proof vests to protect themselves from the random drive-by shootings on campus. Public Safety is now selling the vests for twenty dollars. Over the past five days, seven drive-by shootings have occurred on campus, the most recent on Tonya Harden Drive near Cophodus. Police said that east and west side gangs have been feuding violently for the past month, and more drive-by shooting sprees are expected over the next two months. No injuries have been reported yet.

National

Clinton to produce more cigars

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is in the process of turning the tobacco industries upside down. Clinton announced his plans, which are receiving wide-spread approval from the Senate and House, to buy out Phillip-Morris and other large tobacco producers. Clinton said that his plans include eliminating cigarettes completely. "Cigarettes are decaying the state of our national health," Clinton said. The elimination of cigarettes will begin in May, and Clinton said that people who really like cigarettes "better buy a ton while they still can." Clinton said he plans to maintain cigar production. "Cigars benefit everyone, they're very useful," Clinton said.

International

Laptops flood world's campuses

EVERYWHERE — Northern Michigan University has become the model for every campus on the face of the planet. Starting in the fall, each university world-wide will require their students to pay for and use IBM Thinkpads. Waivers will be available for juniors and seniors with a compatible computer, but it will be impossible for a student to be granted that if they can breathe. "It's the greatest education our chumps, oops, students can have," said Harvard Dean of Students Ima Likenschool. Even shitty schools will be investing in the laptop program. "We're hoping that the students who use them will be able to one day attend a prestigious institution like NMU," said Bay de Sock President Mikie Likie.

Weird News

I'm Binky Warez!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HARVEY — Binky Warez said yesterday he doesn't like post-cards. In other news, Warez went to the store, where he purchased two rolls of toilet paper. "A man shouldn't have to poop!" he said. "It's a damn poop tax!" He then stopped by Woodholic's Wood Carving Emporium and filled out a job application. "You know, I'm really hopeful for this," Warez said. "I really want to get wood [job]." Binky Warez said he likes beautiful women, big breasts and Boo Berry cereal. He dislikes telemarketers and Latin soul music from boy bands. One day in his childhood he was playing a game of Monopoly when he was hit by a train. "I'm Binky Warez!" "Hey, I'm Binky Warez!" he said. "Hey, I'm Binky Warez!" — *Compiled from some stuff we overheard at the bar*

You've seen the smiley-faces.
Now prepare for a shocking twist.
NMU's Cophodus has been hit by the...
Breakfast Club Bricklayer

BY EL HOMBRE
LADIES' MAN

Images of Anthony Michael Hall, actor and star of "The Breakfast Club" and "Pirates of Silicon Valley," have apparently been laid into the brickwork at Cohodus.

"It's kinda like one of those Magic Eye things," said Vice President of Bricks Seifer Irving. "You gotta look really hard. Or try to not look. Or something."

Irving said the secret is to tilt your head twenty-five degrees and stare at the building. "The best place to look from is the middle of Tonya Harden Drive," he said. "It'll take about five minutes, but trust me, it's all worth it. Just keep on staring. Especially all you new and easily-confused freshmen. Trust me on this."

The bricklayer's motives for

using the differently-shaded bricks to create Hall's likeness are not entirely clear, said Pumpkin Safety Investigator Cluclu McGillicuddy. "Either this guy has some kind of mental disease, or he just really really liked 'Weird Science.'"

Meanwhile, Irving kept jabbering. "The thing is, you may experience distortions of time and reality as you stare. Ignore all distractions. Clear your mind. All unnatural noises, especially ones that sound like car horns or people screaming 'Get out of the road!' Eyes on the prize, baby."

The company hiring the bricklayer is holding an investigation. "We're going to find out who did it," said Laid-Back Construction President Eddie Brockenspiel, "and we're going to exact swift and brutal mob justice ... uh, but if you could soften that up before

it goes in the paper, I'd like that. Maybe say something about just waving a finger and scolding him. That'd be okay."

In the meantime, some Tech students with nothing to do got angry over a Weekly Wrag ad.

The Breakfast Club Bricklayer's secret may hinge on one vital point. "We were looking on imdb.com, and we found out that Anthony Michael Hall is NOT his real name!" McGillicuddy said. "His real name is..."

The entire world held its breath for just a moment.

"...Michael Anthony Hall."

The entire world exhaled.

"It's true," he said. "Look it up. But what kind of person would need to change their name that drastically? What dark past is he trying to hide?" The entire world blinked.

Maybe your dreams for your new laptop can come true, too

BY ABAD AZZBIGMAN
FROG-CREEK RUNNER

The academic courtyard will soon be graced by a new walkway to enhance its appearance.

The Visual Improvements Committee has suggested improvements such as a yellow laptop road that would run from freshman parking lot 20 to Cohodus.

"It's really an excellent idea," said Tariq Maki, an undeclared senior. "Thinkpads are pretty durable, I use mine as a T.V. tray, and it falls all the time... I think it still works."

One committee member said she thinks the yellow laptop road will be a recruiting asset.

"Who wouldn't want to attend a university with a beautiful yellow laptop walkway?" said Vice President Julia Highrezol.

University Money Manager Rike Moyabib said that by using laptops as a walkway, NMU could continue to raise the price of tuition each year.

"Well, we'll need to upgrade the computers every two years," Moyabib said. "NMU will not allow its students to walk on outdated technology."

Highrezol said that the new walkway will be easier to plow and maintain in the winter.

"We can save a lot of dirt, and avoid spring mud by having these Thinkpads as a base," Highrezol said. "Trucks can just drive and

plow on the laptops."

Total construction of the new walkways will consist of over 60,000 Thinkpads. NMU has decided against any bidding on the project, and allow the infamous Actually I'm Really Only Slightly Miffed Bricklayer to compose the yellow laptop walkways.

"I don't plan to make any smile faces on the walks," the Actually I'm Really Only Slightly Miffed Bricklayer said. "I'd like students to feel like they are following a yellow road that will bring them to a magical place filled with horses of a variety of colors."

"Maybe their dreams can come true."

FORECAST

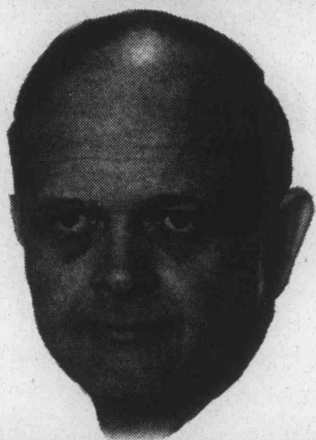
- **Friday:** This is one of those jokes we put in to see if you're paying attention, or just bored.
- **Saturday:** Did you ever notice how it's always after midnight, so when CAN you feed Gizmo?
- **Sunday:** When I say Trane, I mean "A Love Supreme," not this meeting Virginia crap.

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Writer lives Elmore Leonard novel

To: The home office
From: Dark Starr
Re: Latest column

TIJUANA, Mexico — Hey, boss, sorry I haven't filed a column in a while. They only gave me one phone call and confiscated my laptop. A ThinkPad for every student — unless you're incarcerated, I guess. (The guards love Tetris.)

If you get this note, it means Luis made it back to San Diego and found a fax machine. He has really taken good care of me; I think I'm his wife. (Please don't say anything to my fiancée. I'll tell her when I get home.)

I should be back in Marquette within the week, but that's what they told me last week, too. Thanks for covering for me. This "foreign correspondent" crap sounds much better to my parents than "in a Mexican jail on a bogus indecent exposure rap." Story idea: Next year before Spring Break, how about something along the lines of "not all countries have the same respect for due process"?

My parents' lawyer just flew in from Detroit and can't figure

out how I ended up in jail for interviewing rowdy spring breakers from Indiana. "I don't understand, either," I said. "I bet Mexico doesn't have a First Amendment."

"Right, right," he said. I don't think he knows Spanish. It hasn't been all bad, though. There's a Californian in the cell across from mine and Luis' who has a radio tuned to an English station in San Diego. So if you insist that I earn my generous paycheck, the following can serve as this week's "Views from Abroad" column.

• The Academy Awards — or as they say here, the Oze-cars — were doled out Sunday, and the Academy finally got around to tackling some long-standing taboos. How else do you explain the NRA's Oscar for a supporting role in "Six-Year-Old Kills Classmate"? Bravo, gents;bravo.

I must admit, however, that I was pulling for either Al Gore or George W. Bush as best actor in their hit comedy, "I Am the Reformer — No, I Am."

• All but one of the teams in my NCAA hoops pool has been

sent home, so that must mean it's time for baseball. The Tigers, having acquired Juan Gonzalez and Hideo Nomo, should once again challenge the Cubs and White Sox for the title of best minor-league team in all of Major League Baseball.

• KaLena Barnes, a sprinter on Nebraska's women's track team, is

working out **VIEWS FROM ABROAD** with the Cornhusker football

team this spring as a punter, the first woman to do so. You'll know she has a chance to make the team when she gets her own probation officer.

• Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) appointed a priest from Chicago as the new House chaplain, the first Catholic to hold the position. That's great; at least we now know that the accusations of anti-Catholic bias among the Republicans were exaggerated.

Well, that's all from here. I might need a leave of absence when I get back, though. I think I have a honeymoon to plan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lookin' down the barrel of a gun ...

There are just too many parking spaces on campus and not enough bike racks. Shouldn't there be a committee formed to do something about this?

Cars Are Coffins

Student offended by greek week coverage

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm, like, totally offended by the front page picture of the girl and the donut. Unlike the rest of you, sometimes I just don't like the idea of a girl and a donut.

Oh my God, like I cannot believe how incredibly gross that picture was. I totally cannot believe anyone would allow themselves to be photographed on such a bad hair day.

I personally don't like those sorority girls at all. They are silly and rude. And they don't

know a good thing when they find her. I mean, I'm like totally an awesome chick. Just because I don't have Abercrombie underwear like the rest of them, they feel the need to exclude me. Whatever.

Don't you ... forget about me.

Ima Schlut

Deity annoyed by drag show hub-bub

I was shocked and dismayed at the mass panic the second annual drag show caused at your little university.

Can't you all just get along? If I may quote myself, I believe I said "Love your neighbor as yourself", not "Hate your neighbor because he dresses like your sister."

Normally, I don't have to pay attention to such small communities, but you people have defined ridiculousness, and I just can't take it anymore.

Please, for the love of me,

stop taking my holy text out of context. It's really starting to get on my nerves.

Don't make me come down there.

God

Student dishwasher pleads no contest

I am responding to the charges brought against me by NMU for leaving smiley face streaks on the plates in the UC.

I didn't do it. Maybe it's some kind of divine intervention telling you people to leave the barely-intelligible smiles alone.

Just because those happy faces might bring a little brightness to our otherwise dreary days, doesn't mean you have to take them away.

Harried and hopeless

Deity denies divine intervention ideas

I had nothing to do with any smiley faces. I think whoever

MOUTH OFF

Next Week: Who's the cutest Backstreet Boy?

How should the university go about promoting diversity, while still upholding the low standards the locals hold so dearly?



Buster Whiffledink
senior, woodworking/
wildlife management

"Standards, shmandards. Who cares? A wise man once said, 'If you're not wasted, the weekend is.' You can't take the beer away, so standards are the next best thing. By the way — yes, chicks dig the teeth."

"Genesis is that which causes mass exodus. The path of the righteous man is paved with pico sauce. Plush animals are the dynamic of future worlds. Go to the bookstore. Valhalla, I am coming."



Fritz Shmeltz
freshman, brothel
management

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BY JENNY JURGLEWISE
STAFF CRACK

One lucky Northern student will receive a \$2,500 scholarship if he or she swallows enough

goofy cider in the "Chug a lot of cider" contest which will take place at 8 p.m. April 7 in the Wildcat Den.

The contest was developed by the president of the NMU Goofy

Cider Club, Mary Sidarski. Students must drink as much as possible in order to win, without throwing up, Sidarski said.

"Our cider contains some funky spices which may cause people to feel funny," Sidarski said. "It might even cause people to pass out."

The hook to the contest is to outdrink NMU President Julie Bagley.

"I'm a big fan of cider," Bagley said.

Sidarski and five other members of the club will participate in the contest with Bagley, but they are exempt from winning the scholarship.

"We thought this would be a good opportunity for students who spend more of their money on cider than on school," said Sarah Kwiatcow, vice president of the NMU Goofy Cider Club. "With the money that lucky student wins, he or she can pay for school and still have enough money left to drink cider every night."

There will be a seven hour time limit to this contest, since it is being held on a Monday night. Students will need a few hours of sleep in order to attend class the next day, Sidarski said.

Ambulances and EMTs will be on hand to pump stomachs in case too much of the cider is ingested, Sidarski said.



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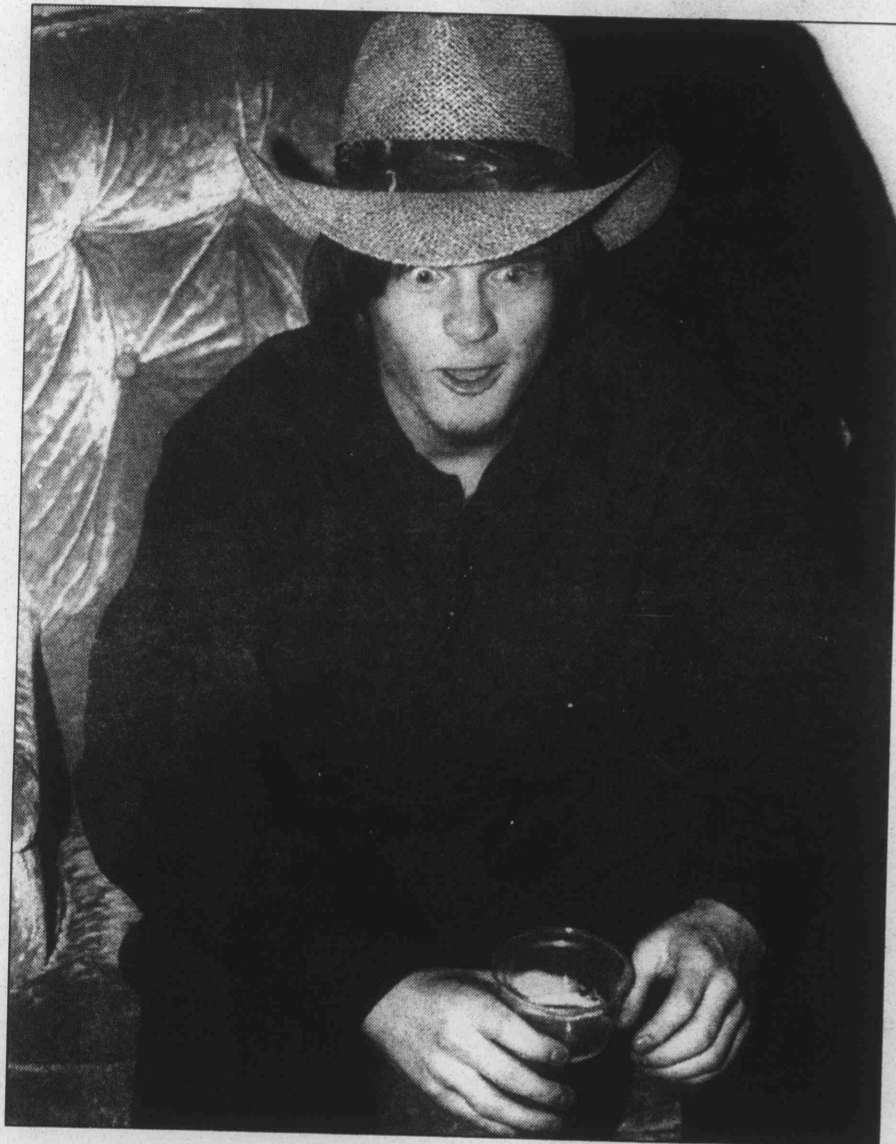
About 20 jugs of Goofy Cider are ready to be tapped for the "Chug a lot of Cider" contest, coming up soon at the Wildcat Den.

The winner of last year's contest, Chad Beachbum, will be on hand to cheer and give guzzling tips, Sidarski said.

"It was tough," Beachbum said. "[Bagley] is quite a guzzler. I almost didn't think I would make it, but I pictured that money in my hand, and it kept me going."

The qualifications for contestants are as follows: 1. Must be an NMU student; 2. Must be at least 21 old (for medical insurance purposes); 3. Cannot already have a scholarship.

"All of us in the Goofy Cider Club wish everyone luck," Sidarski said.



Personal Photographer/WW

Chad Beachbum, a senior studying beerology, won the contest last year and has been spending his prize since, at local Taverns.

Conversation with llick-lick Lickey-monster

Subversive editor Mebeer Dontdrink spent some of her precious time talking to the widely known and loved Lickey Monster.

There has been a lot of talk about the Lickey-monster and its licking tongue, but nobody really faced the question what or who you actually are. Tell us about yourself, lick-ey!

"Lick-lick. I became a lick-lick-lickety monster when I started lick-lick-licking things. Things: I just want to lick 'em. Lick 'em! The lickey-monster in me, however, is just that — a monster. Sometimes I feel like Dr. Bruce Bannon, PhD — You know, the guy who, when

the spirit moved him, he'd turn large and green, and all his clothes would explode off of him because he was all of a sudden muscular like Lou Ferrigno.

Only, the only part of his clothes that weren't torn off of him were the top part of his pants, just above his knees. Lickey monster is like that; my tongue just goes wild and I can't keep it in my mouth. It's a burden, I know, but somebody's got to bear it."

Who taught you this special tongue technique?

What is this word? "Technique?" I'm all natural, baby! All you can handle!

What other things can you do with this special talent?

Other than the fact I'm a monster with a tongue, I'm not all that special. Everybody has the potential to be a Lickey-monster, even you. Just stick out your tongue and give it a flick.

One way you can practice is by pretending you're a dog and drinking your beverages with your tongue.

It's great!

Given the situation that you meet a

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Lickey-Monster

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Be honest. Was anybody ever offended by your tongue?

After meeting the Lickey-monster, a person can't help but feel good. That's what I do. My goal in life is to make people feel good. If it ever got to the point that my monster-hood was offending, I'd have to pull a Dan Marino and retire. I'm not going to let myself get done like my boy Doug Flutie was by Buffalo. That was raw. But, like I always say, "You know what you know when you know it." I know I'm glad to be me. Are you glad to be you?

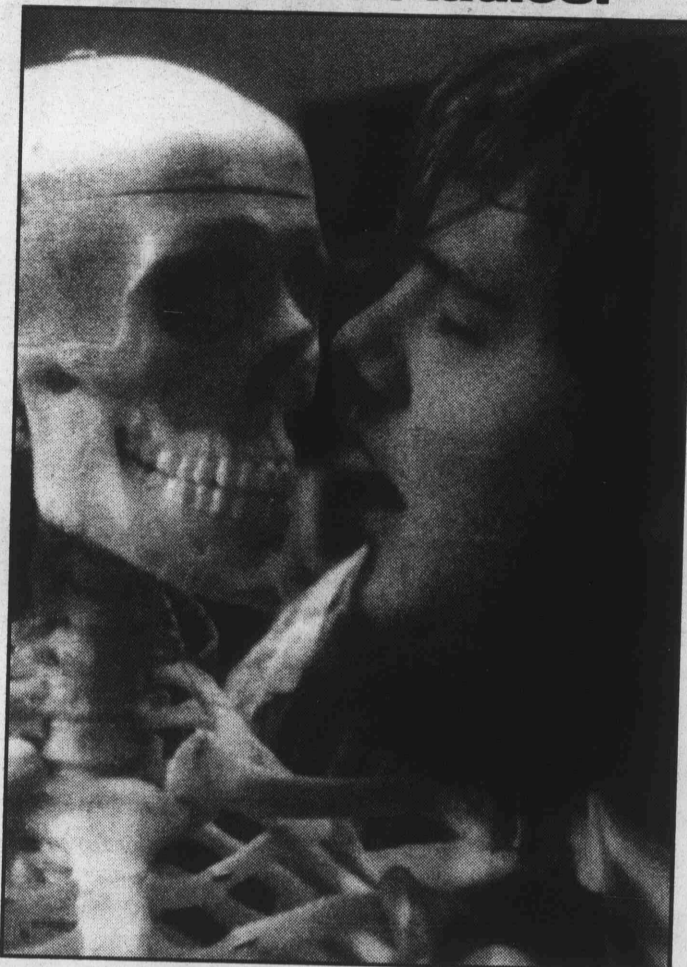
What has been the strangest situation with your tongue and what was the strangest place your tongue has been?

Never you worry your pretty little mind, honey child. I'm like puddin', baby. Have you ever read the directions on a box of pudding? Well, it says to cook, then chill. That's what I do. I cook, and then I chill.

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Weasles Galore NMU ditches Wildcats for rodents

BY JENNY JURGLEWISE
MARINE AT LAN DOC

The Wildcat logo has been around just a tad too long, don't you think? Starting in the Fall 2000 semester, the new logo will be the NMU Weasles.

Now the school mascot can appear live at sports events. Who the hell needs Willy when two weasles can be running around on the ice of the Berry Events Center?

The weasles were brought in

from captivity in South America, said sophomore Zoology major Julie Meyer.

Meyer is the brain behind the logo change.

She gathered 3,500 signatures from Northern students in order to get the logo changed.

"Wildcats aren't intimidating," Meyer said. "But, weasles...weasles can sneak up on you when you least expect it."



Your Mom/NW

Zachary and Moola, the new NMU team mascots.

The male, Zackary, and the female, Moola, will be live at all NMU home sports events. They will crawl around on the floor during the National Anthem and students and children can play with them during intermissions.

Alley 'Cats polish their balls

BY CHAD
RANDOM JUGGERNAUT

The echoes of the amplifiers rang in the heads of the Alley 'Cats as they rolled into Big Poppie's Bar and Bowl Lounge. The only thing sharper than the pin-shattering din was the bitter-sweet aroma of Newport Lights.

Will NMU reinstitute its bowling program as a Division-II sport?

That's the topic many student athletes are discussing at Big Poppie's during the Bud mixed-league on Tuesday nights.

"I've been wanting to roll the globe here now for a while," junior Randy Thomselick said. "The Alley 'Cats are back!"

The self-dubbed "Alley 'Cats" have been petitioning the NMU athletic department for approval of funds to regain their Division-II status. They have Title X backing their cause, which entitles all mullet-loving athletes an equal opportunity to participate in college level athletics.

"We've been down a tough

road and still have a big page to turn," said senior Jesus Hernadeuz.

"Mullets don't grow overnight, but with Title X on our side, they will again follow the chocolate road all the way home."

Athletic Director Joe Getraer is aware of the need of a bowling venue, and the team's need for funds at NMU.

"The mullets have shown their support for a bowling team," Getraer said.

"There is currently a plan on the table for changing the ice at the BEC to regular ice size, from the larger, Olympic ice. The additional space could then be converted to two on-campus lanes."

For Thomselick and Hernadeuz, maple on campus would be a dream come true.

"We need our own lanes," Thomselick said between tight strokes at Big Poppie's.

"To compete on a national level, we need the state-of-the-art facilities.

"We're not asking for electronic scorekeepers. Just some well oiled wood."

With all the funding the marquee teams receive, Hernandez said, the lesser-followed teams suffer.

"The initial investment is not

that great," Hernandez said, "but the possible benefits are limitless. Think of the prestige a national bowling title would bring to the NMU community."

There are other benefits, added Thomselick, after a particularly hard-thrown strike.

"Enrollment would certainly go up,"

Thomselick said.

"Statistics have shown championships are good for a school's image."

If America's past-time suc-



Hernadeuz

ceeds in becoming a varsity sport, the head coach would be Dave Champanois.

"We had an all-night bowl-athon last week to simply prove to we have the bowlers, the balls and stamina to bring a legacy back to NMU," Dave "Champ" Champanois said.

"We have the ball rollin' to pick up the seven-ten, but we need a little help."

The Alley 'Cats invited interested individuals and the student body to join them on \$2 pitcher Monday to "see what we are all really about."

NMU wins in tourney

BY VINCE CLOROTHAL
GATE KEEPER

Two Northern Michigan University students found themselves in the 2000 Playstation NHL99 competition finals with the EA Blades, controlled by Jahn Seacot, downing Sethy BooPlone's Team, Czechoslovakia, here in the University Center's Peter White Lounge, 8-3.

After starting with a worldwide pool of more than 578,937,824.3 over a month ago, the teams were dwindled down to 64 through an initial round robin tournament. The tournament has been ongoing since the start, with only stops for bathroom breaks and people walking in front of the T.V.

"It was a rough start," Seacot said. "Sitting on my ass that much and playing with my controller so much...I got sore. My wrists are raw."

Seacot, a No. 5 seed, won the Midwest regional in Cleveland, Ohio, by downing No. 8 seed Britains' national champion Simon Wonderstruck, 14-3, while BooPlone (90-15-5) murdered, literally, his Final Four opponent to advance to the finals. Charges are still pending

on the alleged knock-off by BooPlone.

Seacot's Blades (110-0-1) jumped out to an early lead and never gave up, even in the final minutes, as he scored twice in the last minute to extend the scoring margin in the final.

"He's a penishead," BooPlone said. "It's not fair with the lineup he has."

All contestants had a chance at the beginning of the tournament to pick a pre-made team or make their own team. Seacot choose to make his team with the

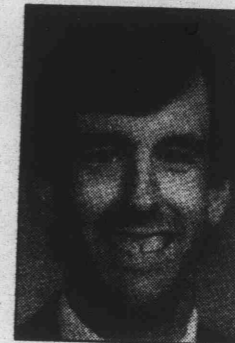
characteristics of the 1999-2000 NMU hockey team.

"They couldn't win much in real life, so this one is for them," Seacot said. "Go Wildcats!"

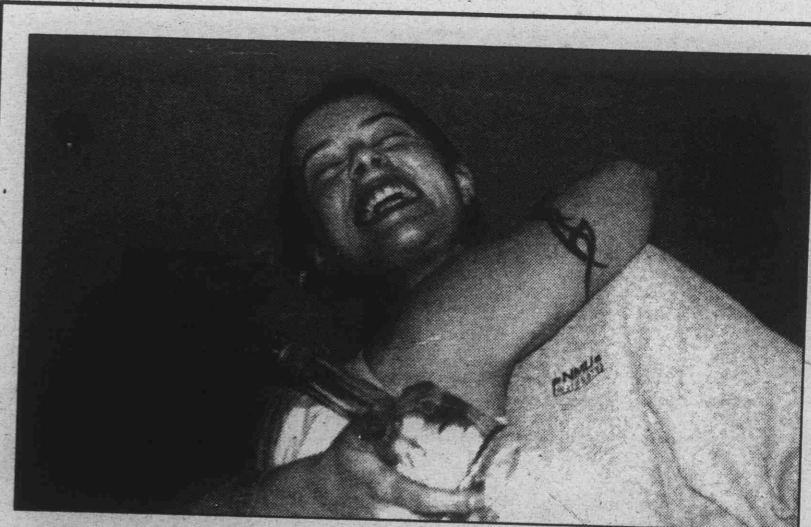
The Blades controlled most of the action on their end with speed and quickness. BooPlone had Dominick Hasek as his goalie.

"It's not fair when he gives Thomas Hawly all the speed a player can get in the game," BooPlone said.

"He over exaggerated everyone's characteristics, from the centers to being good to he making Danny Ragsaset a brickwall. Good thing he played that other goalie in the second period, or else I may have never scored any goals."



Seacot



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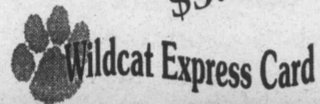
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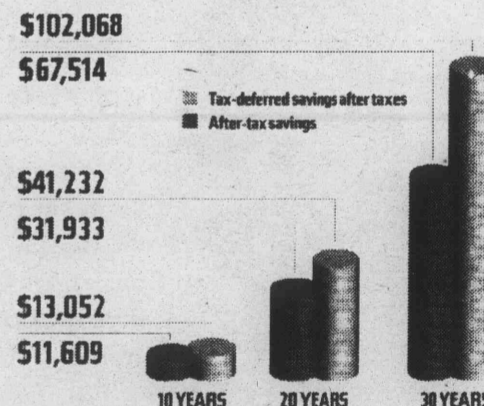
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