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Tuition, parking fee may be increased

BY NICK VIVIAN
 STAFF WRITER

The price of an education at NMU is on the rise. That was the word given by Budget Director Gavin Leach and Vice President for Finance and Administration Michael Roy at a campus-wide Budget and Tuition Forum held in the Wildcat Den on Monday.

Proposed increases include a 2.8 percent tuition hike, along with the \$385 TLC

Fee required of all freshmen and sophomore students. An increase of 7.5 percent in housing costs and a 7.5 percent increase in the dining services meal plan will also be forwarded to the Board of Control for its approval April 28.

Even with approval from the Board of Control, many of the costs will depend on how NMU fares with the state legislature early in the summer months. The Senate has approved a plan that would have NMU receiving an increase in state allocations of

more than 9 percent.

"Based on the Senate's recommendation, we will be moving forward with a balanced budget," Leach said of the 2.8 percent tuition increase. "If the appropriation were to drop to 4 percent after the House deliberations, we would look at eliminating proposed program initiatives, deferring the costs of some projects and internally re-allocating some of our current funding."

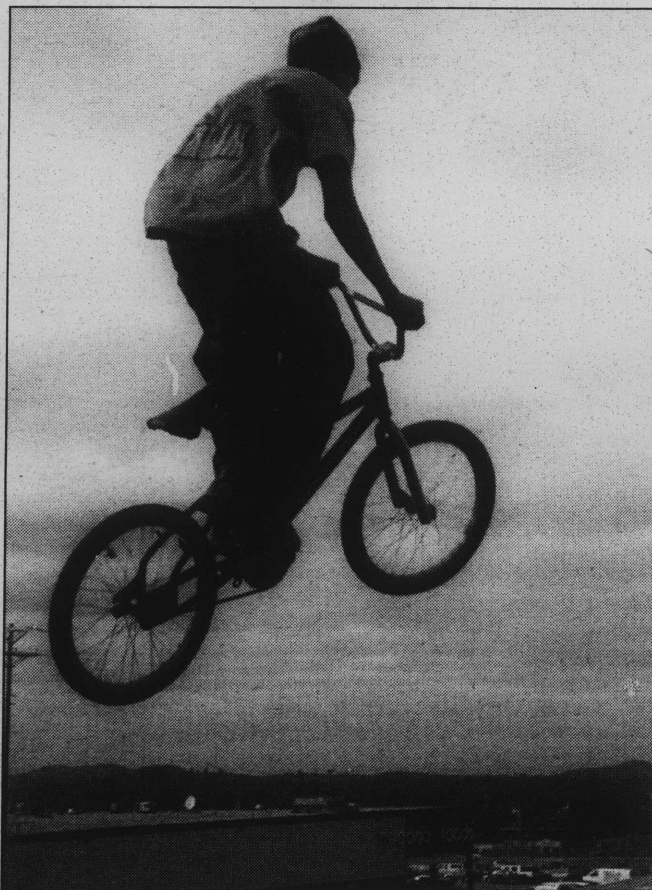
The costs of on-campus living and the

dining services meal plan were also discussed. Both departments are seeking a 3 percent inflationary increase and an additional increase of 4.5 percent for infrastructure.

"The infrastructure fees will be put toward costs that we expect to incur as we move forward with plans for renovating Quad I, the residence hall lobbies and perhaps the recreation rooms in each resi-

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Flying high



Jason Barnes/NW

Dirt jumper Colon Lacono, an undeclared freshman, catches some air near grocery store Econo Foods on Monday.

TLC students covered

Financial aid to ease burden

BY LUCAS SPONSLER
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

NMU administrators say students who pay the TLC fee will not suffer when financial aid is doled out.

"It's a required fee for freshmen and sophomores," said NMU Vice President for Financial Affairs Michael Ro, "so it shouldn't be a problem for them."

Neither should it be a problem for upperclassmen who chose not to waive the fee.

Regardless of class standing, "if students opt in, it will be reflected in their financial aid package," said Shirley Niemi, director of financial aid. "As long as the money lasts we'll try to get them the lower interest loans."

Niemi said such students will be the first to be offered Perkins loans, which have an interest rate of 4 or 5 percent, as opposed to other loans, which have interest rates of around 7 or 8 percent.

Niemi said students who waived the fee will not suffer for the decision.

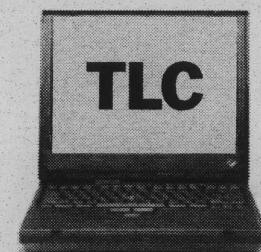
"The same amount of grant and scholarship money will be given to students," she said, "regardless if they got a laptop."

The future amounts of money financial aid will be able to disperse will be determined in Lansing in the months to come.

"We're looking at an increase in our budget initiatives for next year," Niemi said. "but a lot depends on what the legislature is going to do."

The TLC fee is on tenuous ground, as administrators have lobbied for the legislature to not consider it as part of a tuition increase, which could affect how NMU's state funding.

"The fee, whether it's included in the percentage [tuition] increase is based on whether a majority of the students are charged the fee," said NMU Director of Budget and Finance Gavin Leach.



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Jason Lauren/NW

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dence hall," said Carl Holm, director of Housing and Residence Life.

Richard Wittman, director of Dining Services, said, despite that renovations to the Quad I area will not be made until 2001, money for architectural design and dining services consulting must be spent now, and revenue from the new fee will help to offset the costs.

"Our goal has always been to serve the students at the best price," he said. "The renovations to the Quad I area will help us continue this service."

The plan introducing an increase in parking registration was presented by the Parking and Traffic Committee. It increases the cost of a student parking pass from \$40 to \$50 and the faculty and staff from \$40 to \$100.

The increase in the registra-

tion fees, if approved by the Service Charge Review Committee, will be earmarked to subsidize the costs of re-configuring current parking locations. The result of the \$2.3 million project will be an increase of 180 parking spaces. NMU officials have identified \$1.1 million from general fund reserves to cover costs, but said the remaining money must be raised from fee revenue.

"The students made out well," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said. "We saw an increase coming. Although it was \$10, it could have been a lot worse."

However, not everybody agreed with the recommendation to increase faculty and staff fees by \$60. Russel Kangas, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1094, agreed with the student rate but said the faculty and staff rate is unfair.

"I'm in favor of keeping the

student rates low because they are getting hit in other areas," he said, "but I think they went too high on us."

Robert Albritten, a Communication and Performance Studies professor, disagreed.

"The money has to come from somewhere," he said. "The students will see a tuition increase next year, and now is not the time to burden them further."

Gavin Leach said, "We looked at many alternatives. With other fees, including the TLC, to also substantially increase the parking fees on students would be overwhelming. We could have raised the fees two years ago, but people would have been paying for something that wouldn't have been seen until the fall of 2000. Finally, we'll see the benefits."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nick Vivian wrote this story after relinquishing his ASNMU presidency.

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BRIEFS

*Local***April 29: the day for NMU seniors**

MARQUETTE — Michigan First Lady Michelle Engler will be the featured speaker at NMU's commencement April 29, and will receive an honorary doctorate of humanities. Former ASNMU President Nick Vivian has been chosen as the student commencement speaker. The commencement ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Superior Dome and will be broadcast live on WNMU-TV 13.

*National***D.C. inundated with demonstrators**

WASHINGTON — Thousands of protesters on Sunday blocked streets in the capital with human chains, disrupting, but failing to shut down the International Monetary Fund's spring meeting. Unlike the protests that overwhelmed police in Seattle at World Trade Organization talks last fall, the weekend demonstrations were largely nonviolent. The protesters planned to be back today, when the World Bank, which is across the street from the IMF, holds its spring gathering of many of the world's finance ministers and central bank governors. The demonstrators are protesting what they say is an emerging "global corporatism" that ignores the plight of working and poor people. They say that World Bank and IMF policies have created sweatshop conditions for workers, squeezed spending on health and education and devastated the environment.

*International***Bomb kills McDonald's employee**

DINAN — A bomb at a McDonald's in France killed an employee on Wednesday. No one claimed responsibility for the bomb, but authorities linked the restaurant blast in Dinan to previous bombings in the Brittany region. Dinan Mayor Rene Benoit told TF1 television three bullets were fired at the McDonald's a month ago, but no one claimed responsibility and no threats were received. A spokeswoman for McDonald's French headquarters in Paris confirmed one person died in Dinan but declined further comment. U.S.-based McDonald's has in recent months been the target of French protests against globalization.

*Weird News***Journalist falsely declares death**

LOME, Togo — Togolese police have arrested a journalist for falsely reporting the death of the president's daughter, judicial sources said Monday. The government issued a statement saying that Leleng Gnassingbe, daughter of President Gnassingbe Eyadema, was in the best of health and on a family holiday. Weekly newspaper "L'Exile" had reported in its April 13 edition that Leleng had been killed along with three passengers when her BMW crashed into a truck. "L'Exile" staff said gendarmes seized all copies of the newspaper before they reached news stands last week, and director Hippolyte Agboh was taken to see Eyadema Friday morning to discuss the story. He was held in Lome prison. According to legislation introduced this year, journalists who publish false information can face up to three months in prison and fines of up to one million CFA francs.

— Compiled from news sources

Put on a happy face

Duane Pape/NW

Yet another smiling face graces the exterior of the still-under-construction Seaborg Center. Perhaps old habits do die hard, even for inanimate objects. Either way, might as well smile.

Salary clarification made

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
FEATURES EDITOR

A job title in some cases does not do justice in what an individual actually does to get paid.

Looking at NMU's top 40 salaries, printed in the April 13, 2000 issue of *The North Wind*, the question of why who gets paid for what might come to mind. Why are there 13 members of the college of business on the list? What does Phillip Beukema's job title, senior management, mean?

The salary list showed Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1999 gross pay of administration and department heads. The figures include all supplemental income, such as that earned by teaching a class while fulfilling an administrative position, said Michael Roy, vice president for finance and administration.

When a full-time faculty or administrative position needs to be filled, the university offers the

applicant a position at a "market rate," which means the university makes its offer after comparing it to the positions at other universities, said Fred Joyal, vice president for academic affairs.

NMU's contract with the American Association of University Professors and the NMU Faculty Association determines the basic pay increase each year, along with the minimum pay for each rank, Joyal said.

One reason people's salaries might appear high when compared to his or her job title has to do with seniority.

"Length of service at NMU is responsible, more than anything else, for the level of pay you see across faculty," Joyal said.

That may explain why business professor Brian Gnauck is the fifth highest person on the salary list. Gnauck is the former dean of college of business. When he retired from that role, he returned to the faculty.

Beukema, formerly the NMU

vice president for academic affairs, also seems to fit in the category of seniority.

When he left his position, he was granted a six month sabbatical. This means he was provided his previous salary while he got the chance to upgrade his skills for a new position, NMU President Judi Bailey said.

"You have time [to] learn to be retooled," Bailey said.

After the six months his salary was reduced to 9/11 of his former pay. He will be paid 9/11 of the \$107,385 base salary he made from July 1999 to July 2000. Based on that equation, his salary will be reduced to \$87,860.

This is a standard procedure, Bailey said.

"The [9/11] standard converts a senior administrator to a new salary," Bailey said.

Beukema currently works for the development fund office as director of foundation relations.

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FORECAST

- **Friday:** Mostly cloudy and milder, high 45 to 50, low near 35.
- **Saturday:** Early clouds give way to sun in the afternoon, high 55 to 60, lows 40 to 45.
- **Sunday:** Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm, high 60 to 65, low 50 to 55.

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Laptops, opinions and concerns. At NMU, everybody's going to have them. Professors speak

BY JEREMY PICKENS
SPORTS EDITOR

With the mandatory TLC initiative on the horizon, professors from NMU voiced their feelings and concerns about the upcoming implementation of laptops in the classrooms.

The opinions presented here reflect those of five professors from four departments, and are not a complete synopsis of NMU's faculty's views.

Requiring the laptops for classroom use was not a priority for most professors interviewed. The consensus, however, was the laptop initiative presented a unique ability for students to communicate with one another through email and chats.

"I won't use it directly in my lesson plans, but for exchanging basic information they could be very useful," said Economics Professor David Prychitko, interim head of the department.

Economics Professor Tawni Ferrarini said the laptops will open the communication lines between students and faculty. She has been a pioneer of online courses at NMU and has taught an economics course online for two years.

"I think [laptops] can enhance the learning experience of the students," Ferrarini said. "Students can e-mail questions and comments to not only me, but to other class members 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The computer science department has many plans for the laptops beyond e-mailing, Computer Science Professor Jeff Horn said.

"We in the computer science department are looking forward to the laptop initiative," Horn said. "In my classroom, it will be extremely useful because of what we can do with them. We can program in class and do things like desktop swapping. We won't have to go to the computer lab all the time now either."

English Professor Tom Hyslop said computers are the wave of the future college curriculum.

"While computers will never replace teachers, teachers who use computers will replace those who don't use computers," Hyslop said.

The professors said they have not been directly involved in the implementation process of the TLC program. However, special training on how to assist the students with programs or usage is provided to faculty on a self-interested basis.

Education Professor Jon Davies said all the skills he will be using have been learned on his own accord through repetitive usage or skill builders offered by the university on specific programs.

The professors interviewed agree that with the laptops inevitably will come problems.

"Some possible drawbacks of the TLC are getting all the students on the same level of compe-

"There will be a tremendous push for the use of laptops on the part of all faculty. Why? Because if there isn't that use, the villagers are going to be angry, and they're going to surround the castle carrying torches.

— Tom Hyslop
English professor

teness," Ferrarini said. "It will be frustrating for those students who are more competent than others and must wait for them to learn."

Education professor Jon Davies said memory and tech support could also pose problems.

"The laptops don't have enough memory," Davies said. "The first thing I did when I received mine was upgrade it."

"Another thing that concerns me is a lack of tech support. When the students need help, they need it now, not in a week. The infrastructure of the support service may need to be changed before we can really get up and going next year."

Horn reiterated the fact that laptops cannot be an all-inclusive solution.

"Laptops will never be able to replace note taking," he said. "We cannot do things on laptops that we can do with desktops; they simply don't have the capability," referring to hardware such as large monitors and sound devices. "You can't open up these laptops and upgrade them."

NMU will still have much work ahead to smoothly make its transition to 'the high tech, high touch ThinkPad university of the Midwest.'

"It won't be apparent right away whether this program will succeed, but it is a great experiment in the portable platform realm," Horn said.

Ferrarini said the short-run costs of instituting a program such as the TLC will be outweighed by the extended benefits the program will bring.

"In the short run, the transition may very well not be smooth, but in the long run the TLC has the potential to greatly benefit the university," Ferrarini said.

Hyslop was similar in his views, however he felt both the students and faculty must act cautiously when

"The bottom line is this: there will be a tremendous push for the use of laptops on the part of all faculty," he said. "Why? Because if there isn't that use, the villagers are going to be angry, and they're going to surround the castle carrying torches, to steal an image from the old Frankenstein films."

"I just question policies that appear to be engraved in stone with no opportunity for modification."

NMU learns from others' programs

BY DANIEL POWELL
COPY EDITOR

NMU is neither the first nor the last university nationwide to undertake a plan for wiring students.

In 1993, the University of Minnesota-Crookston became the first "ThinkPad U," and since then 100 schools from across the country have visited UM-C to study its program.

In November of 1998, delegates from NMU visited UM-C to observe.

"As a whole, UM-C seems to have a feel for the pulse of where technology is heading and how to get it to students," said Paul Bentley of the trip, as quoted in the Nov. 5, 1998 issue of *The North Wind*.

Calvin College of Grand Rapids, Mich., also visited Crookston. Calvin, a private Christian school of nearly 4,000, was also slated to begin a laptop program next fall.

This week, *The Chimes*, Calvin's student newspaper, reported that the college's administration had "pulled the plug" on its program.

The decision came after surveys found "overwhelming faculty opposition and that 72 percent of incoming freshman would already have computers, and wouldn't need laptops," according to the paper.

Before initiating its program, Vice President for Information Technology Henry DeVries had surveys distributed to all current Calvin students and faculty, as well as to incoming freshmen.

DeVries said in the *Chimes* interview that he was "not entirely surprised, but had been hoping to see different results."

"We had been doing a lot of

research at other schools and were quite excited how other institutions have taken hold of ubiquitous computing," DeVries said.

"We had a vision of what could be happening here at Calvin. But we have to find a program that works at Calvin College and that's what we did with those surveys."

Another school that studied UM-C was New Jersey's Seton Hall University. Seton Hall, a Catholic school of 5,000, started a ubiquitous laptop program in 1995.

Seton Hall spent \$15 million in 1995 to bring their network up to speed. By 2001, all SHU students will have laptops, according to Seton Hall's Web page.

Presently, Seton Hall employs more than 90 information technology staffers, with an annual operating budget of \$11 million.

Many of those employed by Seton Hall are students, as will be the case with NMU.

Northern's Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said he was unaware that Calvin had scuttled its plans for a laptop program.

"Calvin College is a private college and not like NMU at all," he said.

"If they pulled the plug because they think incoming students will have computers, they have made a mistake and were doing this for the wrong reasons."

"But, since Calvin is so unlike NMU, what they do would not influence us one way or the other."

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— Fred Joyal
Vice president,
Academic Affairs



Art of the Mac



Jason Barnes/NW

Sophomore electronic imaging/photography major Jason White puts to use his Macintosh IBook. Although the Mac OS is the widely considered the preferred platform for art and design, students in that major will still be required to use the IBM ThinkPads provided in the TLC initiative.

Student's laptop stolen

Three Thinkpad thefts have occurred at NMU this year, and getting replacements is costly

BY AARON KRIEGER
STAFF WRITER

Even when attending a high-tech university, students can often still be plagued with low-tech crimes.

On Monday, April 1, one of NMU's laptop computers was stolen from an empty locker room in the PEIF. The victim was senior English major Jason Rivers.

He was set to graduate in less than two weeks.

"At this point, I am no longer concerned with getting the computer itself returned," Rivers said. "The only problem now is that several research papers and presentation materials that were saved on that computer are gone.

"I need those files to graduate."

Public Safety said this was not the first instance for a laptop to have been stolen. Like most of Northern's students who have lost a laptop, Rivers has not only lost research papers and tomorrow's homework, but he also now has to pay a \$500 deductible.

When signing up for the TLC program, NMU students agree to pay the deductible if anything happens to the computer under circumstances ranging from outright theft or loss all the way up to government seizure, nuclear hazard or war.

Stolen laptops are treated like any other criminal investigation with the exception that Academic Computing is notified by Public Safety. If the computer's new user logs on to NMU's network, it can be detected, and possibly traced.

While most laptops are never returned, Public Safety has had some success, with a promising recovery rate of about 33 percent.

"We talked to at least six different schools about this and their experiences varied wildly," NMU Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said. "Some had very low theft rates. We asked IBM to check into it with other schools, and they came back with about the same answers."

Public Safety officer Paul Campbell is in charge of the stolen laptop investigations and said students need to keep an eye on their technology.

"[The laptops] should be treated like textbooks during the week of finals," he said.

As for Rivers, he is offering "a substantial reward" for either the laptop or his files, no questions asked. Anyone with information is asked to call 228-0143 or e-mail jrivers@nmu.edu.

He said even copying the files onto a disk and returning them would be sufficient.

"No charges will be pressed," Rivers said. "I just want to graduate.

Help a fellow student out."

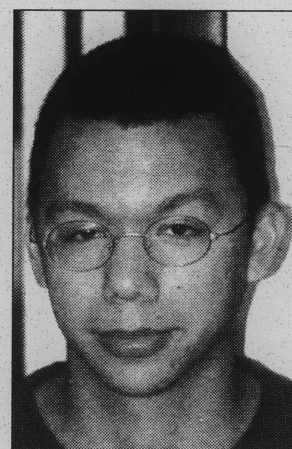
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Do you think the TLC initiative is a good thing?

"Yes, I believe the TLC initiative is a great thing, since it is going to solve the parking situation and all other student problems."



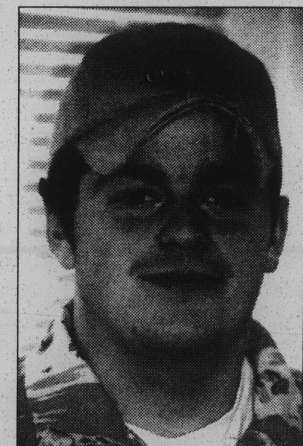
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Mark
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"Well, I can find a more satisfying way to spend \$385 a semester."

"No. I think relations between faculty/staff and students are already impersonal. Why initiate something that's going to separate it even more?"



Don
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EDITORIAL

Pedal or pay

As NMU students are faced with one of the most significant tuition hikes in the history of the university, there are a number of issues to consider.

No longer will students enroll at NMU because of it has the lowest tuition among state universities. However, as Northern seeks to become "high touch, high tech," it is trying to shift its allure. Only time can reveal if NMU is playing its hand effectively.

Yet it is one fee in particular which deserves the attention of students, faculty and staff. Administrators have proposed raising the cost of parking passes, while increasing the number of spaces. The university should be commended for shifting the weight of the cost from the shoulders of shallow-pocketed students. (Please see story on Page 1.)

"The students will see a tuition increase next year, and now is not the time to burden them further," said Communication and Performance Studies Professor Robert Albritten.

The price of a parking pass will go up for students. Such an increase is perhaps inevitable. The one issue which has reared its ugly head time and time again has been the "parking problem."

Well, now that NMU is "fixing" it, those who stand to benefit should pay. Hopefully the changes made this summer will quiet the whining. It could be worse, campuses nation-wide wrestle with where to put the cars.

Students deserve the opportunity to have adequate parking facilities, yet, for students who think the cost of the pass is too much, there is another way: ride a bicycle to class.

Many students live close enough to campus that they can go sans automobile.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student appalled by fitness advertisement

In a recent edition of The North Wind (NW, April 6,) an advertisement appeared boasting the Famous U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team Diet. I found the placement of this advertisement in our student newspaper irresponsible, and here's why.

Let's start with the ad's opening line: LOSE 20 POUNDS IN TWO WEEKS. There is virtually no healthy way to lose this much body mass in such a short period of time. Any credible source of information will recommend no more than two pounds of weight loss per week for most individuals. This is because any weight lost beyond this amount will almost certainly be in the form of water, not the preferred source — body fat.

Depriving the body of water is both dangerous and ineffective in keeping weight off. In any case, by itself, body weight is not a very meaningful measure of health or fitness status. Yet, this ad plays upon the general public's perception that one's body weight is of importance.

The ad's claim this diet was devised by a famous Colorado physician is yet another attempt to validate the diet. The fact that one is a physician does not qualify the person to meddle in nutritional consultation. Physicians are normally trained in a specialized manner and may not have enough education or experience to prescribe nutrition.

In addition, the diet is proposed to allow one to lose

weight the scientific, proven way. Based on this statement, I can only assume that there exists research published in a reputable scientific journal. Certainly such an earth-shattering finding would find its way into the scientific literature. However, the ad does not allow the reader discretion to review this research, that is' its availability is undisclosed. I wonder why?

Finally, this ad is obviously targeted at a mass audience — that is, desperate individuals who have been unsuccessful in losing weight. Interesting, the ad itself expresses the fact that this diet was designed especially for the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team. Even if this diet is effective and well tolerated by these women, it is not appropriate to then assume it will work for other groups of people. For example, the ad encourages men to give this diet a try. However, differences in physiology between men and women, not to mention intra-gender differences, make the idea of a universal diet unreasonable.

I was surprised that an ad that is peppered with self-contradiction would be presented. This is the kind of nonsense normally reserved for second-rate fitness publications. I realize The North Wind staff is neither the creator nor the proprietor of this ad, but they should be held accountable for it. I would encourage any individuals who are considering sending away for this diet to first do a little research on proper weight-loss techniques. Even a minimal amount of investigation

will demonstrate the absurdity of the promise made by this ad.

Of course, I could be totally out of line, and interested readers of The North Wind may successfully lose those promised pounds. The only likely loss incurred is the \$9 ordering fee.

Anthony Auriemmo

Lack of requirement viewed as a disservice

The editorialist in last week's edition (NW, April 13) suggests that an engineering major (or any student) would benefit 20 years into the future from a course in public speaking.

Division V in its present configuration offers no course work from a speech communication perspective. NMU is one of the few institutions of this size that does not have a graduation requirement for a course in oral communication skills.

I would agree that a course in how to orally present information and make a case for something are skills that will serve graduates well into the future.

The vast majority of position descriptions ask for skills in effective oral and written communication. We probably do our students a disservice by not allowing them to use courses such as public speaking, argumentation, interpersonal communication or small group communication as part of the liberal studies options.

Realize this institution does not recognize the importance of communication skills in its liberal studies program offerings.

Prof. Karyn Rybacki

A SEMESTER IN REVIEW: YOU SAID IT

"Oh. Ah. I can hardly contain myself. There's nothing like coming to a school where sub-standard faculty is hired."

— THOMAS NICHOLAS ON NMU'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PUSH

"I am no fool, yet I am sometimes foolish. But yet, are we not all at times?"

— THE MAD BRICKLAYER

"For the people who just started this semester, welcome to Northern. Not only will they buy you dinner before screwing you, they'll be nice enough to charge it to your meal plan."

— STEVE BRISSON

"I didn't need you to tell me that. I learned that from the nun who taught me in second grade."

— ANONYMOUS BYSTANDER'S RESPONSE TO PROTESTOR'S PROCLAIMATION THAT ALL CATHOLICS ARE GOING TO HELL

"We are NMU Wildcats, who start cat fights that get to be too wild."

— KAREN SEABLUM

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

— ERIN RODRIGUEZ ON GREEK PERSECUTION

"Their moral sense darkened, they became lesbians, homosexuals and even unashamed defenders of such behavior."

— TIM TIMBROOK ON THE DRAG SHOW

"I think if we took away their plush chairs, certain individuals might be inclined to actually move around and get things accomplished."

— DWAYNE SORTOR ON NMU ADMINISTRATORS

"But then again, I'm not practicing tooth-fairy Christianity."

— PAUL KORZENKO ON WHY HE'S RIGHT AND THE REST OF US ARE NOT

The good, the bad and the even worse

For my final column of the semester, I thought it might be fun to do a year in review. Without further ado, let's begin.

- **In the News:** *Overexposed* — Elián González. Enough already! *Underexposed* — The reasons behind the WTO protests in Seattle. *The Worst Call* — Any of today's coverage from Littleton, Colo. Leave those people alone, so they can move on.

- **Music:** *The Good* — Santana. Even without the eight Grammys, "Supernatural" would still be the best album of 1999. *The Bad* — 'N Sync. Are there really that many 14-year-old girls with disposable income? *The Ugly* — Kiss. The first reunion tour was for the fans, the rest were for the money.

- **Sports:** *The Good* — The first round of NFL playoffs. The Packers were sitting at home drinking Old Milwaukee and eating cheese curds while Lions were still playing. *The Bad* — John Rocker gets his

punishment reduced tremendously. If he were in any other line of work, he would have been fired. *The Ugly* — The final month of NMU's hockey season.

- **Presidential Race:** *The Good* — John McCain starting to find the line between Republican and Democrat. *The Bad* — George Bush Jr. agreeing to speak at Bob Jones University (where interracial dating is banned). *The Ugly* — The mudslinging in the Republican primaries; it put the issues in the background. Bad G.O.P. Shame on you.

- **Trends:** *The Good* — The increased focus, nationally, on education. *The Bad* — Boy bands. Sagged pants follow closely; can we pull up our pants yet? *The Ugly* — Large protests turning violent.

- **Campus:** *The Good* — This year's entertainment. The sports teams played very well this year, Forest Roberts Theatre had some wonderful productions, and Northern Performing Arts series pre-

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By GEOFF HINEMAN

sented some fantastic programs. *The Bad* — Voting to increase the price of parking passes for students by 50 percent and faculty by 150 percent, while adding only 180 new parking spaces. *The Ugly* — Radical protesters on campus. It's pathetic that some of these people can't present themselves as intelligent when trying to persuade us to their way of thinking; it's worse when "The Powers That Be" at NMU continue to let these people bring

their hatred to campus.

- **Web sites:** *The Good* — www.the-hungersite.com. *The Bad* — www.ask.com. *The Ugly* — www.metal-sludge.com.

- **Biggest Mises:** The Y2K fiasco, all of the ".com" commercials, continued coverage of Elián González.

- **Biggest Hits:** Not seeing the Cowboys, Broncos, Packers or 49ers in the Super Bowl; athletes starting to be held accountable for their crimes (unless you're the leading scorer on a certain Division-II basketball team, which shall remain nameless); the Catholic Church asking, publicly, for forgiveness.

Well, there they are folks, the things that have occupied my mind for the last eight months. Have a good summer, and we'll do this again next year.

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

Goodbye and thanks

Saying goodbye can be the hardest thing to do, but at the same time it can be exciting.

This is my last issue working for The North Wind. I am graduating after five years at NMU and four years at The North Wind.

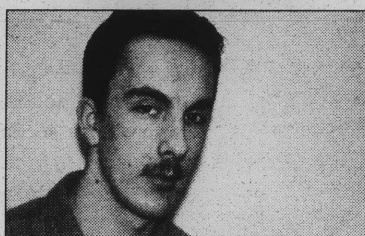
I can still remember handing my application for a sports reporter position in 1996. I hesitated to let go of my application as the then sports editor, Kristy Basolo, tugged on the other end. I let go. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

I had always been obsessed with sports and been able to string words together to make sense, but I did not know if sports journalism was for me. Kristy called me back for an interview and told me I was hired. I would be covering the two sports I played in high school — hockey and tennis. Thanks, Kristy.

It did not take long before I realized that sports journalism was my calling. Not only did I have the opportunity to attend games for free, but I was also handed the stats throughout. Thanks, Sports Information Department.

Thanks to the fellow employees I worked with at this newspaper who helped guide this newspaper to its first 12 awards. It was the standards that were set and the brilliance I was surrounded with that has developed me

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By JASON LAUREN

into the journalist I am today. I must give a special thanks to the editor in chiefs that would bleed for this paper to meet the standards that have been established — Michael Murray, Kristy Basolo and Lucas Sponsler.

Thanks to the coaches, administration, secretaries and everyone involved with the athletic department. I know we bumped heads at times, but I also know we helped each other out. I have grown from those experiences.

The exciting portion of saying goodbye is that I will be moving on to a professional journalism career. I know the experiences I had while at The North Wind will guide me through my career. A large part of that experience was the people I worked with.

Thank you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jason Lauren welcomes reactions to his columns at jlauren9@hotmail.com.

Of bikes and men

I have a bicycle named Pedro. I don't own him so much as we're "together." Actually, Pedro is leaving me for another rider, my friend Jason. You are probably saying "who cares," right? Well I care.

Pedro has been with me since last fall. He isn't the first bicycle I had, nor the last. He's just a bicycle in a long line of bicycles. But, I'll never forget him.

Pedro, for those of you who don't know him, is your typical townie. That is to say, he is a cruiser: fenders, a bell, sparkly blue grips, a seat that says "turbo" — the works.

I have several bicycles, so Pedro has spent much of his time with me as the utility bike, the bike the person without a bicycle rides. Riding Pedro is a daunting endeavor; he only has one speed, and coaster brakes — or "back brakes," as they were once called. Your average college Joe hasn't ridden a bike like Pedro since childhood, and that's what makes him so special. He is simple. He is Y2K compatible. He gets great gas mileage.

It was once brought to my attention that riding Pedro for a non-bike person, is like never doing drugs and then deciding to hit an eight ball of cocaine. I'm not sure if that's good or bad.

But the fact remains, no matter who rode Pedro — newspaper editor, future state police officer, future felon, future economist — they all share an ear-to-ear smile when the ride is finished. And then

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By DANIEL POWELL

I share Pedro with someone else.

Riding bicycles is the best thing I can think of. I do it everyday. I ride to class, to work, everywhere. Last summer I borrowed a trailer, loaded it up and hauled four loads of laundry to a laundromat.

To me, riding makes sense. There is always a parking spot close to where you want to be. You stay in shape. You get a feel for the geography of where you live. People wave at you, which is sometimes good, depending at what they are waving.

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Get a bike and ride the hell out of it. It will be the best thing you'll ever do.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Daniel Powell welcomes reactions to his columns at nrthwind@nmu.edu.

NMU to have six printers

BY JENN JUREWICZ
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Students who will have laptops in the fall semester will have to add an important component to their systems — a printer.

Six printers will be on campus for any student to use — in the LRC and room 206 in Jacobetti, said Academic Computing Director John Limback.

“The residence halls are discussing adding some as well,” Limback said.

However, printers will be available at the bookstore through Lexmark and will be sold for \$80 with a one-year warranty.

For an additional \$20, students can purchase the printer with an extended maintenance agreement, said bookstore manager Mike Kuzak.

Students will have the option to preorder the printers through the bookstore over the summer, Kuzak said.

“I’m personally planning on buying a printer just because it’s easier,” said freshman math and chemistry double major Jennifer Ford. “But for the people who can’t afford it, it’s crap. The university provides us with a computer but no printer.”

Lexmark will have a booth set up in the dome on roll out day in August when the students pick up their laptops, Kuzak said.

In selecting a printer, students should consider the number of cartridge bays, the cost of ink cartridges, the printer’s speed and versatility and its resolution, or sharpness.

Some computer companies also offer money back on a mail-

in rebate. Kuzak said the price of the printers at the bookstore are similar to the price after a \$30 rebate.

Also, Imation is offering an LS120 disk drive for \$99 through the bookstore.

All NMU faculty will receive one of these drives, but it is an option for students to consider if they want additional backup or the need to save more files.

The disk drive holds 120 megabytes and comes with two super disks for saving. Floppies and disks can be used with this drive, Kuzak said.

Other items, such as a case for a laptop or a hand held mouse, should be taken into consideration.

Cases will be available at the bookstore starting at \$17, Kuzak said.

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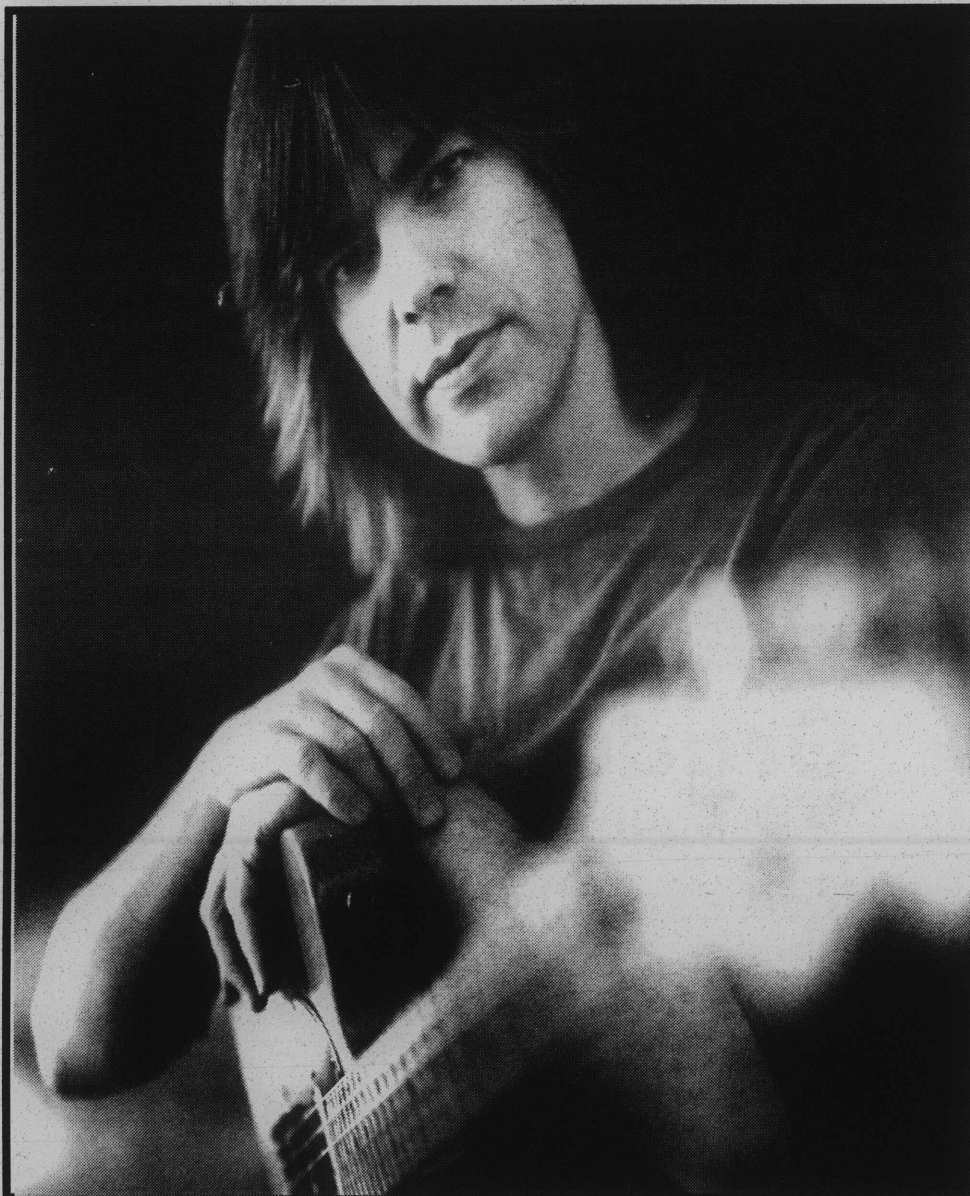
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"In a nutshell, I am the key individual working with private and corporate foundations in raising funds for the university," Beukema said.

Lorilee Rebhan, executive director of NMU's development fund, oversees Beukema's fundraising operations.

"[Beukema] is researching and contacting foundations that might be grant agencies for us," Rebhan said. "He is calling foundations and gathering information through the Internet."

Beukema's office throughout the year has been his home in Gwinn.

"Frankly, there isn't an office space available up here [for Beukema]," Rebhan said. "We have many people in a small area."

Rebhan, who has experience writing grants, said a person

needs a lot of quiet time to do that kind of work.

While Beukema is working on about 12 different projects, NMU is yet to receive a grant as a result of his efforts, Rebhan said.

The main reason members of the college of business receive a higher salary than other faculty members is the market rate.

James Scheiner, dean of the college of business, said the tendency is for the faculty of the medical schools to receive the highest pay, followed by that of law schools, engineering schools and then business schools.

Since NMU does not have programs in the first three areas, the business school faculty take home the highest pay rates at NMU.

"In the college of business, salaries tend to be higher because of the market of the position," Roy said.

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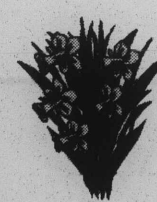
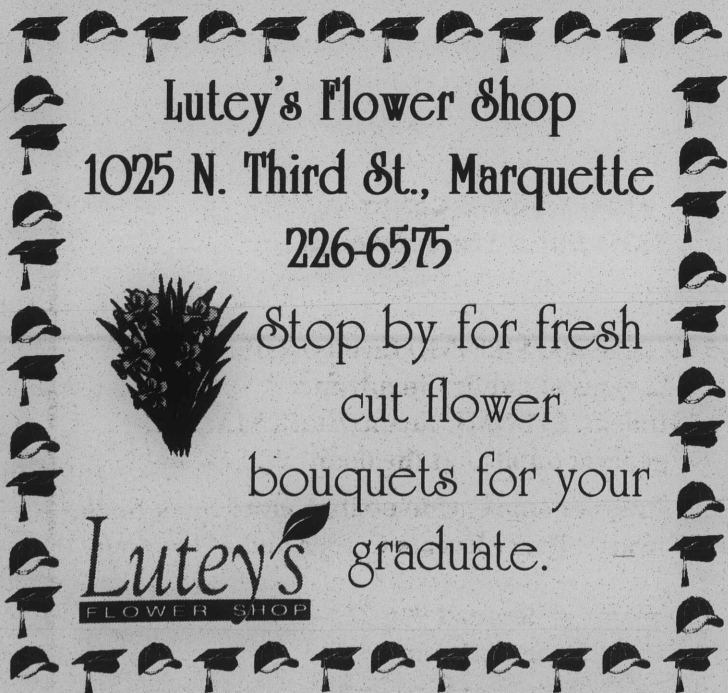
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Design of TLC laptops still taking shape

BY MAUREEN MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The estimated 4,500 students receiving NMU-leased laptops next semester can expect the newest models available, said Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal in an April 5 question-and-answer session with students.

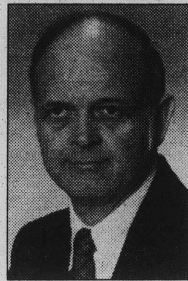
"They haven't even started making the model that we'll have in the fall," Joyal said.

The IBM Thinkpads distributed will have 64 megabytes of RAM and an internal CD-ROM drive, Academic Computing

Director
J o h n
L i m b a c k
said.

Included will be an external 3.5-inch floppy drive. Students' current models contain internal drives, but Joyal said this is simply the way the industry is moving.

"The industry is moving away from the 3.5-inch floppy, but there is no clear 'winner' yet that



Joyal

will be the replacement," he said. "I think people will find that this will be an evolution that they can live with."

Joyal said different methods of helping ease students' transitions from 3.5-inch floppies have been discussed. One was a "docking station" setup, which he said would not require a fee to use, similar to the modem ports.

Included on the laptops are many different software programs.

"The standard software that we will be distributing [includes] Windows 98, Microsoft Office 2000, a browser and e-mail pack-

age and Norton AntiVirus," Limback said. "There will be some other miscellaneous software coming with it."

Some classes will require specialty software.

"There are probably 10 or 12 software packages that we have that will be installed only for people in certain classes," Limback said. The extra software will come at no extra cost.

Joyal said students will be able to upgrade their laptops however they choose.

"In the bookstore, you'll be able to upgrade it any way you want," he said. "When you

upgrade it, we'll barcode it, so in the system it will say that this particular number has more memory or a bigger hard drive."

Students currently participating in the program have an IBM 390E computer. Limback said these students will be eligible for a free upgrade so their computers have the same amount of memory as the new models.

NMU has a 24-month contract with IBM for each computer. After that period of time, each is returned for an upgraded model. This means students will never have a computer more than two years old, Joyal said.

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The computing lab downstairs in the LRC bustles with activity recently. As the TLC program is phased in, laptop plug-in stations will take the place of all but 30 pay-to-use desktop computers.

LRC desktops on way out

BY KURT MENSCHING
STAFF WRITER

Several NMU departments will see slightly different benefits than may be expected from the TLC initiative.

Following the Summer 2000 semester, the LRC computer lab will be stripped of all current desktop computers, which will be distributed to other university departments.

"We're going to set the lab up for laptop usage," Academic Computer Director John Limback said, "so there will be a network connection and electrical connection."

LRC Room 105 will have 30 stations available by fee only. Students will have to pay \$60 per semester to use the computers.

Because of their age, many of the current computers are outdated, Limback said.

"Most units are going on four years old," he said, "so they

aren't suitable for much of anything."

Of 60 computers currently in the lab, about half may be distributed to other departments that require them.

"It would be around the first of August we'd know how many computers exactly we have," Limback said.

"Then the question is, 'Do they really want them?' These aren't the great units."

The decision will be made at that time by the ACS department.

Walter Anderson, head of the aviation department, said the eight computers his department is requesting will be used to improve the department's lab.

"What we're trying to do," he said, "is clean out our area and make it more efficient."

The computers will be used to run aviation-specific software.

"The fact is," Anderson said, "the laptop at this point in time cannot handle our needs. I had

some people look at what we have. They can upgrade our needs. We will have internet access to technical data that our students need to do their tests."

The physics department will also receive computers currently used in the LRC lab. They have requested 12.

Currently, the physics department runs computers on 286 or 386 processors. The older processors are no longer suitable for their needs.

"We use them primarily for the ES 340: Microcomputer Architecture class," Physics Department Head Dwayne Fowler said. "We also use them in many of our upper division physics courses that have labs in them."


The music department will receive the remaining usable computers.

The remaining computers currently in the lab will likely be sold, Limback said.



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More covered walkways to grace campus

Summer construction bringing connection between Jamrich Hall and West Science

BY JIM KITALONG
STAFF WRITER

Construction on an enclosed walkway connecting West Science with Jamrich Hall is set to begin this summer.

The 200-foot-long, 12-foot-wide walkway will be elevated, connecting the top floors of the buildings. The estimated cost of its construction is about \$600,000.

"One of our campus master plan goals is to have all of the buildings connected in

the core part of campus," said Michael Roy, vice president for finance and administration.

Another walkway still in the planning stage would connect McClintock with Hedgcock Fieldhouse, said John Bekkala, director of engineering and planning.

But whether it is built depends on the availability of state funding.

The walkways will help students using wheelchairs or crutches get to class, said Bekkala. They will also help students stay

warm in the winter. The walkway between Jamrich and West Science is part of the second phase of the Glenn T. Seaborg Science Complex project.

The first phase consisted of the construction of the new science complex. Phase 2 involves the remodeling and renovation of the West Science. The budget for the entire project is \$46,935,000.

"It's the biggest project we've ever undertaken here at Northern," Bekkala said.

Phase 2 of the project is set to begin May 15 and will be completed by the summer of 2001.

Seventy-five percent of funding for the Seaborg project came from the state of

Michigan; the other 25 percent was raised by NMU.

"Construction bids on Phase 2 of the project were received a week ago," Bekkala said. "Miron Construction, out of Wisconsin, is apparently going to get the bid."

Upon completion of the Seaborg project, the science complex will hold 170 faculty and academic offices and more than 100 laboratories.

"It will bring all of the math and science departments up to date," Bekkala said.

The state of Michigan has to give its final approval to proceed with Phase 2, Bekkala said.

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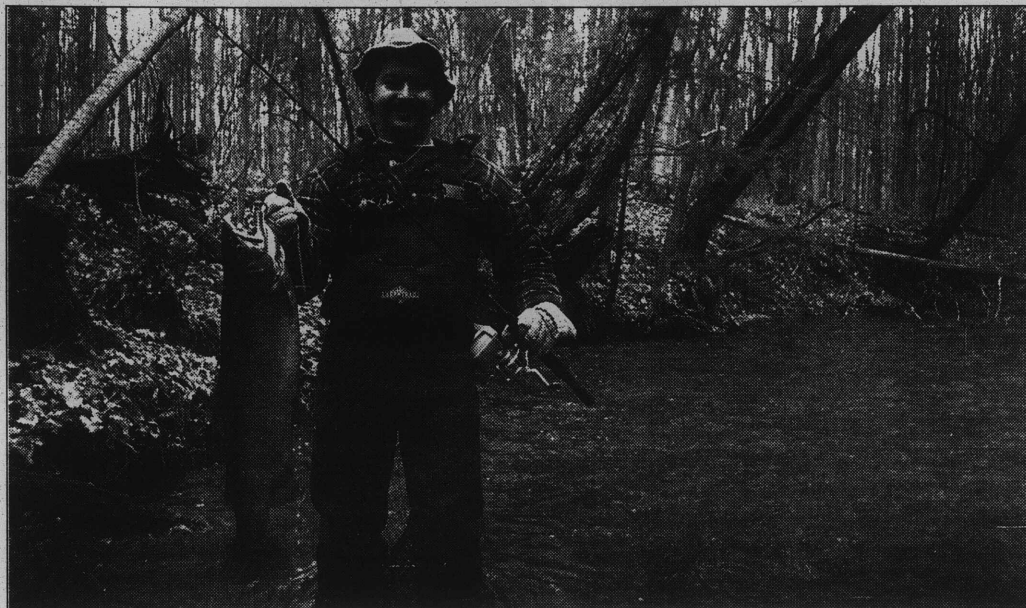
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Tenure numbers falling

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Although NMU's enrollment has increased by 14 percent since 1995, the number of tenured faculty has dropped two percent.

The enrollment in the fall of 1995 was 5,842. Enrollment this past fall was 6,148, and is expected to be higher yet in the fall of 2000. The price of tuition has also increased from \$2891 to \$3146.

The number of tenured faculty is currently 208, but in 1995 213 faculty members were tenured.

A faculty member must be hired into a tenured track position to eventually receive tenure.

There are currently more than 80 tenured track faculty members.

If a tenured track faculty member receives approval from the department head, college dean, vice president for academic affairs and the president, then the recommendations are reviewed by the Association of American University Professors at NMU.

Philosophy professor and Faculty Grievance Officer Jim Greene said the number of tenured faculty has remained about the same because of pressure on the NMU budget from

legislators in Lansing, Mich., particularly Dominic Jacobetti, former chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

NMU is allocated about \$7,000 for each student who attends a full year of classes, while the average university of NMU's size receives about \$4000 per student.

"Our alternatives are to raise tuition, lower salaries, or increase students," Greene said.

Gavin Leach, the NMU budget director, said NMU's academic standards will not be lowered as a result.

"We have a higher percentage of tenured faculty than all but one university in Michigan," Leach said. "Our state appropriations won't be increased as much as other universities that have an increasing enrollment."

The Severance Incentive Plan will begin on July 1.

The SIP will pay professors a percentage of their salary if they retire during the SIP set period, and is intended to reduce the number of tenured faculty at a greater rate than usual.

The SIP will give the retired faculty members the money in addition to their retirement plan.

About fifty professors and administrators are expected to

participate in the SIP.

Leach said the enrollment at NMU dropped in the middle of the 1990s, but appropriations did not.

"When K.I. Sawyer closed, our enrollment dropped from 7,168 students to 6,243 students," Leach said. "We're close to that number of full-time, year-long students again."

Vice-President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said the SIP will help the university to replace tenured faculty more effectively.

"If people just suddenly retire, we're pressured to replace them," Joyal said. "The SIP helps us to plan, rather than react."

Although NMU's per-student funding looks high now, it will even out over time, Joyal said.

"As our tuition increases, we will be receiving closer to what an average university of our size receives funding for per student," he said.

Leach said the appropriations NMU receives is out of NMU's control.

"We will be at the lower end of university appropriation increases until our enrollment grows," Leach said.

"That doesn't mean that we will reduce the quality of academic programs."

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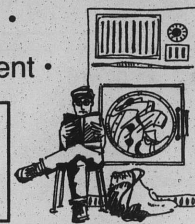
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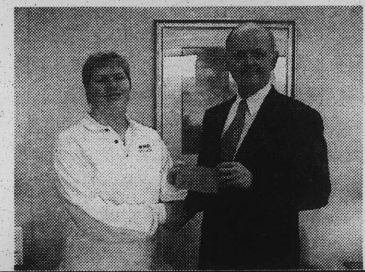
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The bus jolted along the coast-hugging highway. On our left, the morning mist crumbled down the side of the mountain, as if it were smoldering with the wrath of Pelé. On our right, the ocean chewed at the gray beaches. There were scarce few on the bus at this time of morning, especially travelling out of the Honolulu metropolis.

I was determined to have an adventure. When I returned to school and everyone asked what I did over the summer, I was going to have an adventure story to tell. But, as Murphy's Law states, things are always in the last place we look for them.

Our destination — an ancient Hawaiian burial ground — was just begging to be a story-time setting: secluded and remote, with strong ties to death and spirits. What more could one ask for?

It had been my pick for the day's activity, and my reluctant roommate reminded me of this as I dragged her through the heat up the winding dirt road to the site.

We walked through the woodlands, completely aware of the strange noises from hidden wildlife around us. After almost a mile, we finally saw the sign in the distance.

The site was hauntingly beautiful, positioned overlooking Sunset Beach. It was clear why the natives had picked this very spot to honor their deceased. We wandered aimlessly, but there wasn't an adventure to be found.

On our way back, the bus was crowded. Immediately, the elderly Hawaiian woman sitting across the aisle in front of me caught my eye. The view was amazing. If I hadn't run out of film, I would have risked a scene to take a picture of her.

The woman had her dark, thick hair swept up on her poised head beneath a red kerchief. Topping it was a straw hat with a fake fluorescent flower wreath that sat casually, like a crown.

Her fake lei and plastic coconut beads accented her navy housecoat. Carrying what seemed to be her every possession — and wearing the rest — she was piled atop the bus seat, amongst a plastic rainbow bag and fake leather purses. One in three of her toenails was painted hooker red.

Her hands were weighted with slightly tarnished brass rings. I studied the woman, crudely attempting to draw her likeness on the notepad in front of me.

The bus slowed in front of the Crouching Lion Inn tucked in a quiet bay at the base of a huge mountain. This was clearly her stop.

The woman reached over and touched the hand of the pregnant passenger who sat next to her. When she got to the front of the bus, she turned around. This was her stage. She smiled.

"Aloha means 'I love you ... God loves you,'" she said, in broken English. "You should love one another.

"In Hawaii, we kiss both sides ... to keep balance," she said as she kissed the stern bus driver on either cheek. He was used to the drill.

"Good day, Mama Luna," he said, as she sauntered down the steps.

As she reluctantly strolled away from the bus, she looked up at me and blew me a kiss. I was blessed. Behind those twinkling eyes, she knew a secret ... perhaps that of life.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY KRISTY BASOLO

Boxing is more than a barbaric fist fight.
It is an art.

Sweet Science

BY LUCAS SPONSER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's a familiar scene; the guys who have been around a while know what they're doing. They're the ones who lead the group in stretching exercises, while the newcomers look around, awkward and uncertain, to make sure they're doing it right.

Once the group is warmed up, the coach saunters into its midst from the edge of the gym.

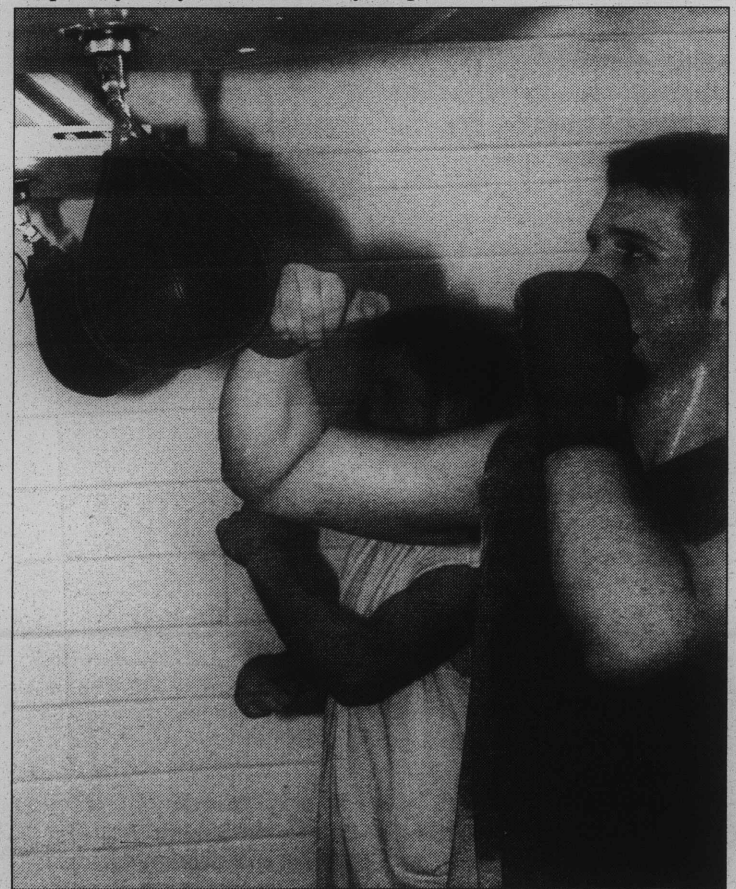
"All right," he says, dividing the group. "You guys are going to start on the heavy bag, while you guys start in the ring, shadow boxing.

"We're going to go two rounds at each station tonight.

"You new guys, you two are with me."

Boxing, once dominant on the American sports-scape, has recently been somewhat eclipsed by the big business of other professional sports.

"It's definitely a ghetto sport," Jeri Belmont said of boxing. "Boxing's a sport of depression. There's a lot of people who come out of poverty; they don't have anything. You don't need nothin' but



Jason Nune, a secondary education junior, and Kyle Ortiz, a secondary education freshman, release some energy while punching.

shorts, some hand wraps, and you can be great."

Belmont, an NMU graduate student in English and coach of the NMU Boxing Club, grew up in Philadelphia, where he spent a lot of time in the gym.

"There's a boxing gym in every neighborhood," he said, "so instead of hanging on the street — which a lot of us did — we went to the boxing gym."

The NMU Boxing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the fall and winter semesters in Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

Members of the club, Belmont said, are driven by motivations different from those of inner-city boxers.

"Up here, there's a different mentality," he said. "You have a lot of kids who want to do it and want to get in shape. It's a good outlet." Freshman secondary education major Bryan Medlin said many people join the club simply to stay in shape, yet there is a pleasant side effect.

"It's a fabulous workout, plus you get the natural defense skills," he said.

Medlin defends boxing against the common criticism that it is barbaric.

"There's a lot of brutality in the world," he said, "but in the ring there are rules. It's man against man, and there's respect between them. Boxing is a sport — they don't have hatred for each other."

Belmont's credentials are significant. He came to the U.S. Olympic Education Center in 1989, but left soon after to join the Marine Corps. Belmont was an All-Marine champion from 1993 to 1995 and, upon re-entry into civilian life, returned to the USOEC. Belmont stopped fighting competitively in the fall of 1996, taking charge of the boxing club, and has maintained the position since.

"He's a great coach," Medlin said of Belmont. "He's more laid back, but there's an intimidation factor because you know he knows what he's talking about. He's been there. You're not being trained by some Joe Schmoe. Jeri [Belmont] is a world-class athlete."

While there are currently no women training with the club, Belmont said, at one time, there were about six or seven female members.

"Actually, women are easier to train, because they don't have any preconceived notions of how to throw a punch," he said. "They have no macho side to 'em. They just want to learn."

Belmont said he appreciates the art of the sport.

"To see a fighter that can slip a punch, that can catch a punch, that can make you miss, that can make you pay for your misses and mistakes, that's the art," he said.



Jason Barnes/NW

As NMU Boxing Club coach Jeri Belmont looks on, Marquette resident Frank Tabor, 15, jabs a punch bag held by NMU freshman Jon Sabin in Hedgcock Fieldhouse Monday. The club meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. For information on the club, call Belmont at 226-7409.



Jason Barnes/NW

Secondary education junior Jason Nune sweats it off. Boxing has been described as a ghetto sport and a sport of depression.

English professor speaks the blues

BY LISA GREIS
STAFF WRITER

Acoustic blues underlined with spoken poetry in Cajun French and English might sound like a rather unique combination of music and literature.

But, creative writing professor Beverly Matherne is familiar with this combination. She wrote and created the book and CD "The Blues Cryin'," a collection of blues poems in facing pages of Cajun French and English.

She will be giving a poetry reading on July 28 in the University Center Art Gallery.

"When I was writing the new poems, I felt as though I was back home again," Matherne said.

Born just west of New Orleans in River Cajun Country, Matherne grew up surrounded by a rich musical environment, including blues and jazz.

Writing in the blues format allowed Matherne to approach subject matter she might not normally touch and provided an outlet for her sense of humor.

Writing in both Cajun French and English can be a challenge, Matherne said, especially when it comes to rhyming in two different languages. Another difficulty is the possible loss of meaning in the translation.

Matherne's collection of poems includes "A Blues Poem for Rosa Parks," a celebration of peaceful nonviolence, along with "Bad Cock Blues," about a woman enthralled by her lover.

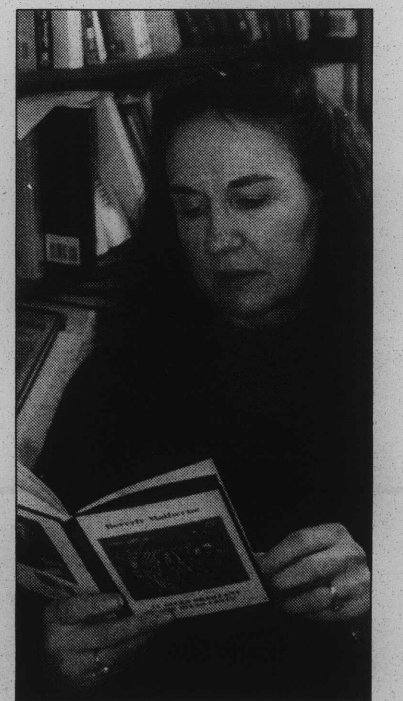
Also included "When a Man Get Cancer," which is about a terminally ill man, and the title poem "The Blues Cryin'," a passionate love poem that was recently nominated for a Pushcart Prize, a small press literary award.

On the CD, the voice of the poet enhances the poems, offering a real performance. A slide guitar and fiddle accompaniment emphasize the blues atmosphere, going beyond the mere words of a

book. Matherne compares the musical accompaniment to frosting on a cake and the filling in between, she said.

Two international newspapers have recognized Matherne's book and CD: L'Acadie Nouvelle, a daily French paper serving the Canadian Maritimes, and the bimonthly newspaper France-Amerique — the international edition of Le Figaro — serving Francophones located throughout the world.

Matherne has received a variety of awards for her writing, including the Hackney Literary Award for Poetry, and has been interviewed on the National Public Radio show "The Poet and the Poem" in Washington, D.C.



David Roberts/NW

English professor Beverly Matherne leafs through her book of poetry, "The Blues Cryin'."

MUSIC PREVIEW SUMMER CONCERTS

Summer time is full of rhythms

BY SARAH RUMPEL
MUSIC REVIEWER

Let the truth be told from the words of Bob Marley: "Sun is shining/weather is sweet/makes you wanna move your dancin' feet."

With the semester coming to an end, the days will soon be filled with warmth, sunshine and, most importantly, the sounds of numerous bands on summer tours. These events have the power to stimulate the senses with high intensity, and they are definitely worth calling into work sick.

Whether it is folk or metal, reggae or punk — with every season arriving music shows

from all walks of life.

However, summer time is not far away and that means many concerts and music festivals are coming up soon in Michigan and Wisconsin.

For those students remaining in Marquette, miles away from any noteworthy venue, the Hiawatha Music Festival (July 21-23) at Tourist Park will be a concert worth attending.

Those who do not mind driving can check out this schedule of events:

- Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor: **Mickey Hart Band** (May 18).
- Pine Knob, Clarkston: **Joni Mitchell** (May 31), **Styx** (June 2), **311** (June 8), **Blink 182** (June 9), **The Cure** (June 10),

- Jimmy Buffett** (June 13), **Indigo Girls** (June 17), **Ray Charles** (June 20), **Steely Dan** (June 25), **Brian Setzer Orchestra** (July 1), **The Village People** (July 8), **Brittney Spears** (July 9-10), **Ozzfest** (July 12), **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** (July 18), **Smokey Robinson** (August 10), **Peter Frampton** (August 12), **Santana** (August 13).

- Comerica Park, Detroit: **Dave Matthews Band** (July 5).
- Marcus Amphitheater, Milwaukee: **Red Hot Chili Peppers** (July 2).
- Alpine Valley, East Troy: **Jimmy Buffett** (July 22), **Ozzfest** (August 6).
- Milwaukee Auditorium,

Milwaukee: **Metal Fest** (July 28-29).

Also on the agenda, **Phish** will be doing a brief summer tour from June 22 to July 15. Nearby shows include Alpine Valley, Wis. (July 8); Deercreek, Ill. (July 10-12) and Polaris Amphitheatre, Ohio (July 14-15).

Continue to keep an eye out for more listings of not-yet-released dates. Sooner or later you will have to succumb to the innate desire to dance (or mosh) and be merry.

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


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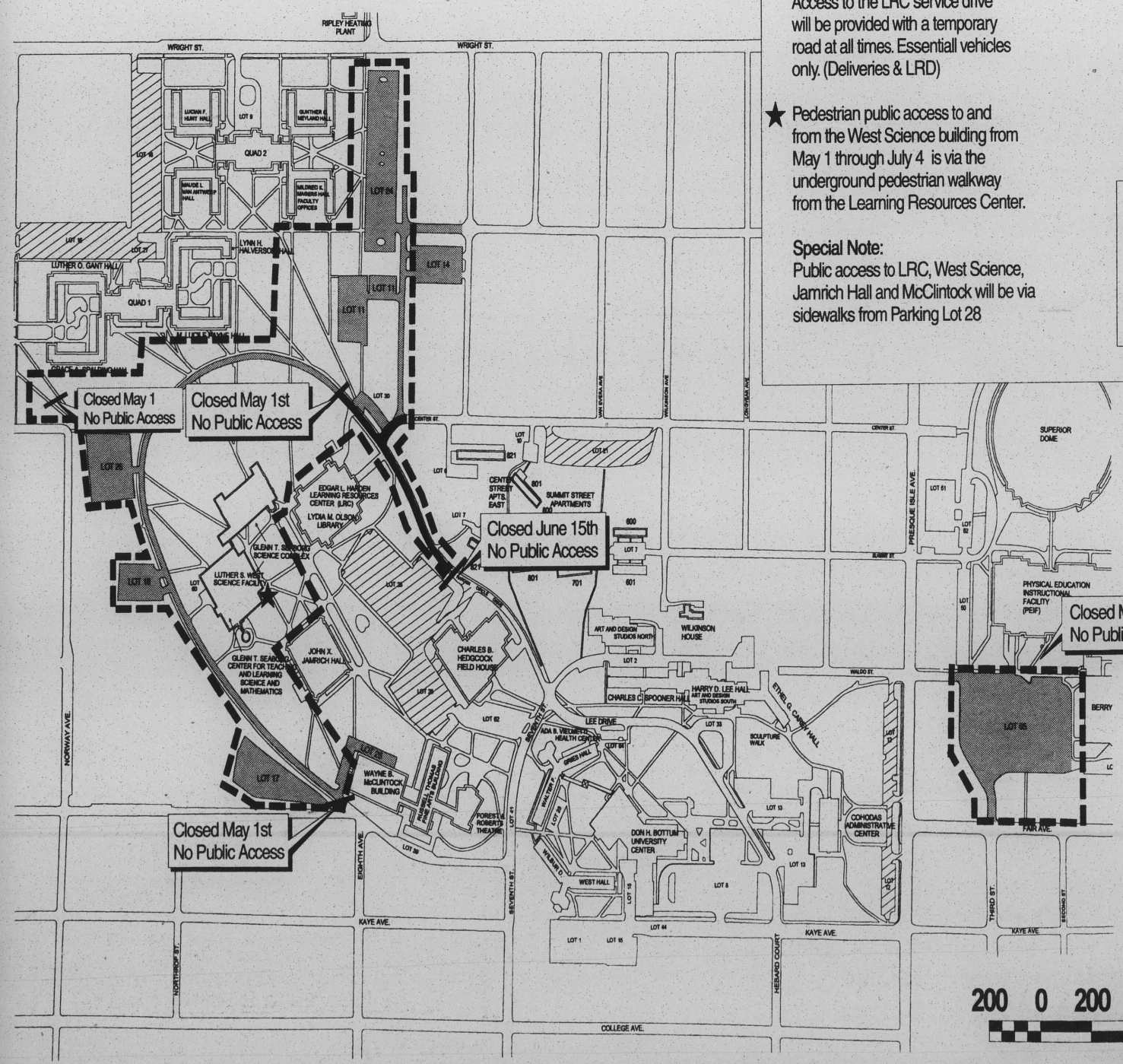
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LIVE MUSIC

Saturday, April 22

The Mike Stern Group, featuring jazz guitar, at the Forest Roberts Theatre. Rescheduled from February. Show begins with Combo Caliente at 7:30 p.m., with the Mike Stern Group beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The bands Delphine Hill, Overrated and Albilemec at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the UC.

FILMS

Thursday, April 20

Gonzo Media presents its final film of the winter semester: "Being John Malkovich" (R) directed by Spike Jonze, who also directed B-Boys' "Sabotage" video, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Room 102 JXJ.

OTHER STUFF

Thursday, April 20

Join the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve at our monthly meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. Slide show presentation by the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership. We will gather at the Panini Grill in Marquette. For more information, call Wendy at 345-9223 or email us at yellowdog@portup.com.

Friday, April 21

Psychology Colloquium: Student Research Presentations II introductions by Sheila Burns, Ph.D., NMU psychology department. It will start at 3:15 p.m. and run until 4:15 p.m. in Room 167 in Gries Hall. For more information, call 227-2935.

Multi-media presentation of "Thinly

Veiled," acclaimed performance on marriage. It's an exploration of the role of marriage in the lives of American women's lives. Two performances will take place, on Friday and on Saturday, both at 7:30 p.m. in the Explorer Rooms of the UC.

Saturday, April 22

Multi-family rummage sale at the corner of Lincoln and Norwood in the student apartments. There will be everything from household goods to toys to clothes. It will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last day of classes for winter semester 2000.

Earth Day service at Presque Isle. It will begin with a "bring own and eat it together" picnic at 11:30 a.m. From noon until 12:30 p.m., there will be a service with words, songs and prayers. For more information, or if you would like to participate, call 225-0616 or e-mail cwest@portup.com.

Sunday, April 23

Free yoga class, 7:30 p.m. in the Ontario Room in the UC. Everyone is welcome.


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

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



Easter Sunday. Cadbury eggs, mmm. Call your mom, she loves you too.

Wednesday, April 26


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



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NMU graduation rates below average

BY KURT MENSCHING
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Every year, each college or university is required by the NCAA to provide information for each sport on the number of student-athletes who receive university funding on the basis of their athletic ability. The graduation rate is based on the comparison of the number of students who entered the institution and the number who graduated within six years from that institution. Factors not taken into account for that number can be a student transferring to another university or returning to earn their degree after the six years allowed.

The NCAA releases the graduation-rate findings each year to help student-athletes in their decision whether to attend a certain school.

UNIVERSITY

The NCAA records the graduation-rate for all students who entered the university for that time period. Under those requirements, NMU was found to have a 32-percent graduation rate for freshman who entered the university between 1991 and 1993. The national average, as recorded in the report, was 43-percent.

Paul Duby, assistant vice pres-

ident of Planning and Analytical Studies, said that NMU's own statistics show a 45-percent graduation rate.

Duby said that the number may have been influenced by the lengthening amount of time taken by students to graduate.

"Students are working more and more," he said. "There has been a shift of priorities from school to work. Where before a student may have worked only 20 hours and taken more credits, we now see a lot more students working 30 to 40 hours and only taking 12 credits of class."

Another factor, Duby said, is NMU's broader community mission. NMU practices a high access to education method, which allows more students to try out college than other schools. Those students may find school is not right for them and not return, which in turn lowers the reported graduation rate.

NMU football head coach Eric Holm said it is important to compare the student-athletes against the average student who attend NMU.

"You're more representative of the student body," he said. "You're comparing apples to oranges if you compare NMU to Drake or Duke or Stanford. You have a different socioeconomic

background."

He said the overall percentage could be misleading.

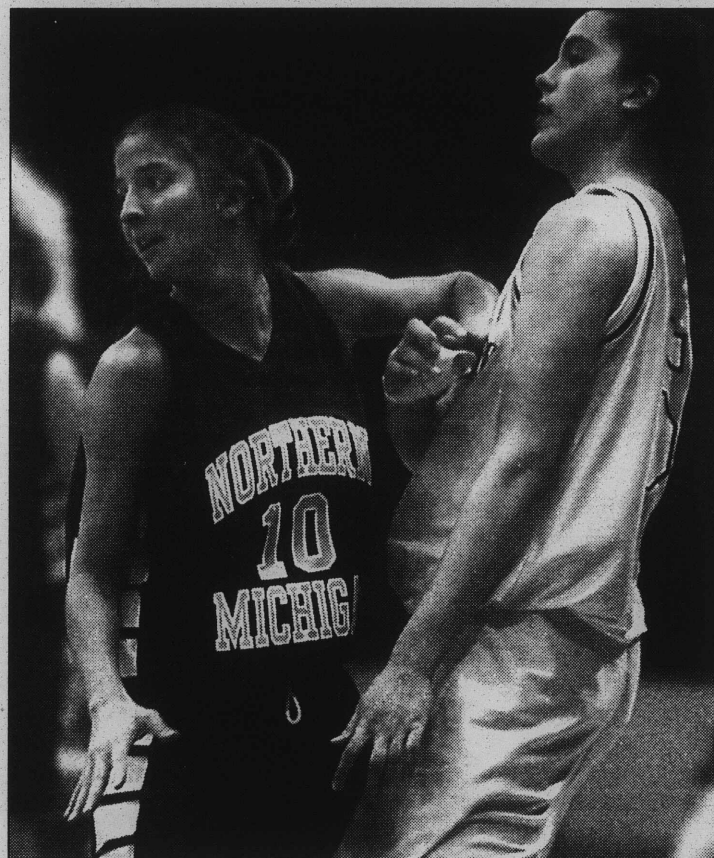
"If you take it just at face value its not very good. But kids come here for different reasons. They come here. And then maybe they can't afford it, want to get married, or want to be close to home. It's just the nature of NMU to a degree.

"Northern knows they are going to have a fair number of kids who aren't going to make it, but their mission is to give those kids an opportunity. At the athletic department its no different. Its just a snapshot of the university itself. We have a little more incentive to find kids who are going to want to be here. But the university has that, too."

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Of all freshman who played sports for NMU as a freshman between 1991-93, 33-percent left NMU within six years, diploma in hand. The national graduation rate of athletes is 50 percent.

"I think in those facts and figures, sometimes they are misleading," NMU athletic director and head hockey coach Rick Comley said. "I think the relative fact is how many were here as seniors and how long those people take to graduate. I think it



Duane Pape/NW

Senior guard Shari Rehmann will add to the women's basketball 75 percent graduation rate this winter with a degree in business.

misconstrues. What controls your hand over somebody who was here one year or two years and then gone somewhere else?"

Comley said that student-athletes face some unique chal-

lenges. One challenge for an athlete is managing their time.

"They're different than a normal student," he said of student-athletes, "because they require

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Athletic budgets reveals lost revenue

BY JASON LAUREN
MANAGING EDITOR

Athletic budgets show that schools lose millions of dollars by supporting athletic programs, but that may be deceiving.

According to the Higher Education Act Report, NMU lost nearly \$2.5 million by supporting athletics during the 1998-99 fiscal year, but that is not unusual, however. Ferris State University and the University of Minnesota-Duluth, which both have similar

athletic programs and enrollment, each lost about \$2.1 million.

NMU athletic director Rick Comley said very few schools - Division I or II - make money off of its athletic programs in terms of revenues and expenses that can be measured.

"Division-II sports are primarily non-revenue sports," he said. "Even though admission is charged, large enough crowds are not drawn to ever generate a great deal of money."

Athletic programs at NMU

and many other schools are funded directly from the school itself. Seventy percent of the athletic revenue generated at NMU in the 1998-99 fiscal year came from NMU's pockets. FSU contributed for 66.8 percent of its athletics revenues and UM-D picked up 44.4 percent of the athletic tab.

The difference between UM-D and NMU and FSU is UM-D generates more ticket revenue, mainly from its hockey program. Comley said the population base (85,493) of Duluth, Minn., gives

UM-D a better opportunity to draw more fans to hockey games, which attract as much as 5,500 per game.

Athletics at NMU produces money through aspects that can not be measured in the athletic budget, such as attracting students through exposure created through its programs, Comley said.

"There is no question that if you pick up a local paper or the Detroit Free Press, whether it is right or wrong, what's going to appear in there is the athletic

department as opposed to your history or math department," Comley said. "That's just life. It's life at Indiana, it's life at Wisconsin, it's life at Northern Michigan."

Athletic programs also give exposure to schools through TV, as Northern has done with its commercial publicizing that Michigan State men's basketball coach Tom Izzo, Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr and the San Francisco 49ers head coach

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Women athletes boast higher rate

GRADUATION

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practice. Their weekends, at least half of their academic years, are taken up with team activities."

Chris Coraggio, NMU head coach of the swim and dive team, said that the 20 hours allowed by the NCAA is a significant amount of time to be training and participating at a high level required by a sport.

The athletic department has several requirements designed to encourage graduation.

"We have required study halls," Comley said. "We try to encourage all athletes to take 13 or 14 credits and to attend spring session and summer school. We stress tremendously to all our coaches the importance of a high GPA. If you do these things, you're going to get athletes closer to graduation."

Women's sports at NMU graduate at more than twice the rate of men, with 67 percent of their athletes graduating within six years compared to 23 percent for NMU male athletes.

"I think it's more of a difference in the sport," NMU head volleyball coach Scott Sandel said. "If you look at the men's side, there's a lot of professional opportunity. You don't have that as much in the women's sports."

Sandel also said he does not believe the statistics play much roll in an athletes decision to attend a school.

"I think what happens a lot in [volleyball]" he said, "is that we have a pretty educated individual and family. They're looking at an education base. Yet I think they measure the overall success of a program. The reality of the process probably goes down to when they go on their five unofficial visits, it usually comes down to what school fits best for them."

Comley said he does not put much weight on the NCAA's findings.

"It's unfair to take every player who was a freshman," he said. "If you want to do that, that's fine. But then take every player who is a senior and tabulate that."

Coraggio said the NCAA statistics can be useful.

"Overall, I think they are important in that they give a broad picture of athletes," he said.

Coraggio said all of the student-athletes at NMU are excellent role models.

"The student-athletes are put under a lot of scrutiny by everybody," he said. "But by enlarge, we have a group of very dedicated men and women here who are balancing a tremendous amount of responsibility in their sport, in the classroom and as ambassadors of the university."

HOCKEY

Five percent of freshman who were on the hockey team during the two-year period graduated within six years.

"I don't think it's accurate," Comley said of the figure. "I think if you look at the hockey players who've been here, they almost all come back and graduate at some point. Many go on to play pro-hockey, so they eclipse the six-year timeframe."

The possibility of professional hockey may hamper an athlete's ability to graduate on time, Comley said.

"It's very rare, but you do have it where somebody will just pack up and leave that last semester," he said. For the most part, he makes arrangements or he comes back."

Father Al LaFleur, academic counselor for the Notre Dame hockey team, said the environment at ND encourages success. "The number of hockey players is a small percentage of our total student body," he said. "Our students are successful here because they pay a pretty penny to attend."

"I think the hockey team is taken up in that current."

He said ND also has professors mentor their athletes to help influence their future decisions.

SWIM AND DIVE, VOLLEYBALL

The NCAA combines several sports into the category labeled "women's other." NMU did not have a categorical breakdown of women's statistics, but swim and dive and volleyball, were both included in this category. NMU

graduated 62-percent of its freshman women.

The swim and dive team has a longer season and time commitment than most sports, Coraggio said. The team begins practice within the first two weeks of school with the national competitions being held in the middle of March.

"We're fortunate that the registrars office sends out three times a semester to the professors an inquiry as to how each student-athlete is doing in his or her classes," he said. "I'm thankful that the professors always respond to that and let us know how each athlete is progressing."

Sandel said he thought the numbers were an accurate portrayal of the graduation rate.

"For volleyball, they are pretty accurate because we recruit a different type of student for our sport," he said. "We don't have a lot of exceptional opportunities, so our athletes are coming here to get a degree."

Sandel said his academic philosophy is the same.

"We want to be at 3.0 [GPA] or above," he said. "If you're not 3.0 or above, then you're in study table. We want to make sure we're using the tutorial programs that are provided for us."

FOOTBALL

According to the NCAA report, the football team graduated 30 percent of that time frame.

Though 13-percent of black freshmen at NMU graduate within the six year period, none of the black players on the team went on to graduate from Northern.

"That's an issue with the school in general," Holm said. "Not many kids here have roll models. The school needs to address that."

Holm said one way he's tried to positively influence his minority team members is to have a black graduate assistant.

"I've asked the university for assistance with it," he said, "but they have not always provided."

Holm said he has recruited more academically inclined student-athletes, as well.

"We've recruited more academically inclined guys," he

GRADUATION RATES

School	Hockey	Football	Basketball	
			Men	Women
NMU	5%	30%	29%	75%
Michigan Tech	-	68%	25%	85%
Lake Superior State	50%	-	33%	60%
Ferris State	-	42%	0%	60%
Grand Valley State	-	50%	20%	56%
Saginaw Valley State	-	32%	0%	25%
Northwood	NA	NA	NA	NA
Findlay	-	38%	43%	83%
Gannon	-	-	50%	75%
Mercyhurst	-	-	50%	40%
Wayne State	-	6%	33%	50%
Hillsdale	-	72%	57%	75%
Ashland	-	53%	43%	0%
Westminster	-	87%	83%	71%
Indianapolis	-	34%	-	-
Michigan	-	-	-	-
Michigan State	-	-	-	-
Notre Dame	-	-	-	-
Miami (Ohio)	-	-	-	-
Nebraska-Omaha	-	-	-	-
Western Michigan	62%	-	-	-
Bowling Green State	47%	-	-	-
Ohio State	-	-	-	-
Alaska-Fairbanks	-	-	-	-

Note: The schools listed are in the GLIAC (football, volleyball and basketball) and/or in the CCHA. The rates above are for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 two-class average. Graduation reports are compiled for classes which started their freshmen year six years prior. Northwood University and the rest of the NCAA hockey stats could not be obtained to complete the above graph.

Jason Lauren/NW

said. "There's a reasonable expectation that if you recruit kids who are better students, the graduation rate and retention rates are going to be higher, as well."

Holm said the numbers were accurate, but it is not an accurate indication since he began coaching at NMU in 1995.

Between fall 1994 and Fall 1999, the football team nearly tripled its number of football players on the Dean's List, from 10 to 28.

"Attracting those higher quality students was not as easy," he said, "because most of those kids just had lots of different options, with better scholarships."

Holm said the football team philosophy is to have athletes who are going to come and stay.

"We found that kids who are more academically inclined tend to stay," he said.

"We don't want a revolving door. We have fewer problems and a higher retention rate. That's the type of program we want to be involved in."

"We have a stated right-to-try. But I always tell kids it's a right-to-try, not a right-to-grade."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team had 29 percent of freshmen graduate in the two year period.

NMU men's basketball head coach Dean Ellis said the graduation rates are misleading.

"Graduation rates as to players who have completed their eligibility at the school and then graduating is more realistic of a graduation rate. Since I've been here, of the players whom we've recruited and have gone through our programs in four years, everybody has graduated."

"So, in my mind, 100 percent of the players I have coached have graduated."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Of all NMU sports specifically published in the report, the women's basketball team had the highest graduation rate, with 75 percent.

NMU women's basketball head coach Mike Geary said he tells his team its last basketball game should not be the highlight of its players' lives.

"I tell my team it has 60 years after its last game," he said, "so it had better plan ahead."

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Steve Mariucci all graduated from NMU.

"The No. 1 advertising mechanism for Northern right now is the commercial with Izzo, Mariucci and Carr," Comley said. "Obviously, athletics has a role in NMU's marketing right now."

NMU Vice President of

Financial Affairs Michael Roy said athletics plays a large role in attracting students.

"There are students who come here because of our athletic program," he said. "Students who participate in athletics, either as a spectator or athletes, tend to have a longer bond with NMU."

Another factor that attracts students, Roy said, is athletics

adds to campus life, allowing students to attend games.

"Athletics is a means of providing contact with alumni, providing an access to media and a visibility to exposure," Comley said. "It's very difficult to measure how many students that turns into. But for certain, if we didn't have our name ever in the news, it would have a negative

impact on our enrollment."

One way that can be measured, which does not show in the athletic budget, is by the number of athletes whom attend NMU without receiving scholarships.

"For Division-II football, there are 36 scholarships allowed, but teams carry 100 players, so teams have 64 players times the cost of attendance who

are attending your institution," Comley said. "There's another \$600,000 coming in that's not treated as revenue."

NMU's enrollment consists of 262 athletes, 187 who receive athletic aid, either full or part scholarships.

"A lot of the people that come back have a connection with athletics," Roy said.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM BUDGETS

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Minnesota-Duluth	15	7,600	\$3,825,939	\$1,685,238	44.4%	\$4,267,679	-\$2,126,978
Michigan Tech	13	6,306	\$2,410,780	NA	NA	\$3,450,376	NA

* Revenues - (expenses + institution support)

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Rediscover NMU spirit

Let us celebrate this special day: the last publishing of The North Wind of course, with a reflection on the NMU year in sports.

I re-discovered what it was like to be an NMU fan this year. Covering NMU sporting events, I saw some sports for the first time and others from a different perspective. All, however, instilled school spirit in me. This spirit I have tried to pass on to you via the weekly coverage that graces these pages.

Talking to the football players after a home loss, I saw the desire and dedication they put into each game. And I saw how grown, brawny men can wear their emotions on their sleeves.

Interviewing Dean Ellis, the realization came to me that we have a golf team. One too that has much future potential with many young players.

My first in-depth interview with a student-athlete, Pete Moe, re-taught me how seven guys (or three girls) can form a brother-like bond. A bond that helped NMU put together its third consecutive 20-win season.

Five in the morning and 30 degrees below zero, I left with some friends to cheer for NMU's Nordic ski teams in Ironwood. That day became one of the most

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By Jeremy Pickens

memorable of the winter for me. Not because NMU dominated yet another race, but because I was there.

I had the honor of interviewing a long-time friend, Cary Greegor, after she qualified to compete in the U.S. Olympic trials. I'm still not sure whether her teammates or I were happier for her.

Sitting in the press box during a hockey game against Notre Dame and not being able to cheer for the Wildcats was tough for me. Cheering for the 'Cats in their CCHA first-round loss to Omaha-Nebraska was tougher though.

When Sasha Leverentz and Pete Moe decided one sport wasn't enough, I witnessed the dedication our athletes have not only to NMU, but to themselves.

I've talked to boxers that will be fighting in Sydney in a few

short months. *I know those guys, I can already hear myself screaming.*

Tom Izzo took his Michigan State Spartans to a National Championship this year. My sister will never let me hear the end of it. But even though I have never met him, the fact that he graduated from Northern gave us a connection that millions of other viewers can never understand.

Talking to volleyball players about former head coach Toby Rens resigning and seeing their apprehension for the future of the program was a down-side of fanism.

NMU athletics gives us all a chance to be a fan. After three years I re-discovered NMU spirit.

In no way am I saying all students should go to all the athletic events NMU participates in. Imagine the ramifications if 2,000 fanatic students went to a hockey game in an arena with only 800 student seats. I'm sure it would be a disaster with all noise. Just try to remember the games against Michigan. It would be terrible if that happened on a regular basis.

I'm just saying re-discover too for yourself the thrill and exhilaration of living vicariously through others.

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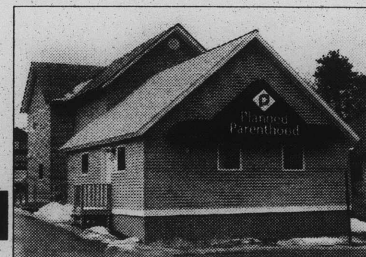
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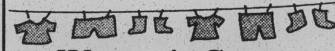



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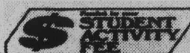
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Reflecting on rookie year

Since it's our last issue of the year, I thought I would write my first column — about my rookie year as assistant sports editor.

Being at *The North Wind* has been a life-changing experience. Don't laugh because I came to NMU thinking I was going to graduate with a degree in accounting. After writing for the paper, I realized what I was really meant to do. What a relief that was.

There is no doubt in my mind that I want to write sports for a newspaper after I graduate. My dream would be to cover an NHL team for a big city newspaper.

Why write about sports? Well I am a former athlete, so I know the score, and I like to watch all kinds of sports and throw my knowledge of obscure facts around. So why not make a career out of it?

Anyway, I came into the sports department with experience writing only feature stories. Writing sports is a bit different, and it took me about a month to

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BY JENN JUREWICZ

get the hang of the style.

The next step was learning how to lay out the pages of the sports section. Normally, for editors who know what they are doing, it doesn't take much time to throw a page together. But for me it took about four hours.

All rookies make mistakes. Sometimes these mistakes are big. For example, one time I was interviewing former volleyball coach Toby Rens about the incident between he and Kari McEnroe.

My tape recorder broke and I did not notice it until halfway through the interview, so I had to

ask him to repeat everything as I furiously jotted his quotes in my notebook.

Another time I placed a quote from basketball coach Mike Geary in the wrong part of the story, so it made it seem as if he was saying something else. I didn't notice it, but he did, and boy, did I feel stupid.

But at least I know now that one can truly learn from her mistakes.

My favorite thing about this job is I get to attend just about every sports event at NMU. Well, not every single one, but I have seen all our teams in action. I've attended some great games and had the privilege to tell you guys all about it.

I don't regret all the time and energy I invested in my job. For my remaining year or so at *The North Wind* I plan to get better, if not the best, at what I do.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jenn Jurewicz welcomes reactions to her columns at jjurewic@nmu.edu.

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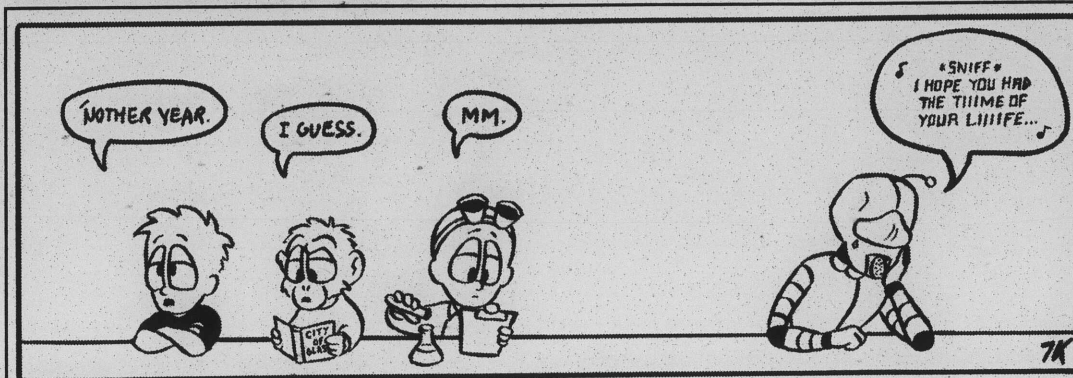
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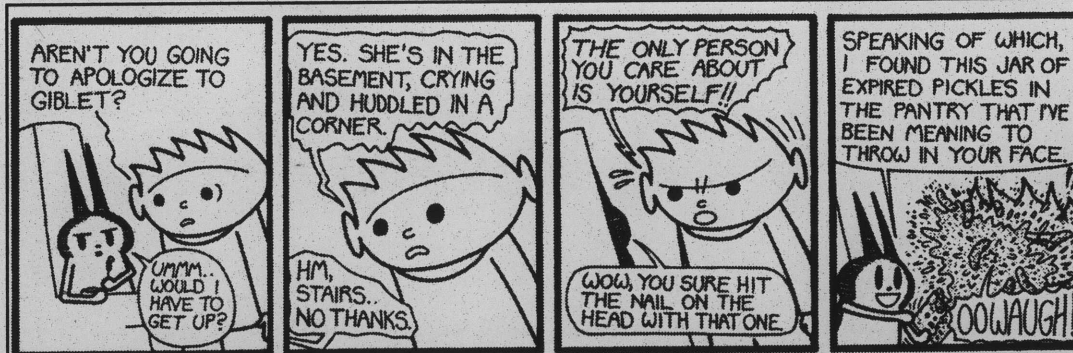
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PERSONALS

Congratulations to Apha Phi Omega on receiving the Community Service Award, and Katie Urbelis on receiving the Michael Nunnaly Award. Thanks for your hard work and dedication this year! — Chris

MJ — Thanks for the great times. We'll set you free soon, I promise. —HP/JW

Tappy — Yeah, our guinea pigs

are gonna do it! — Jurewicz

To my new roommate Mary — Get ready to party, baby, and take Savage for a walk! — Jenn

Happy b-day Mom, Dad and Bill, its good to be home. — DJP

Thanks to everyone who helped me this year. You know who you are. — Jeremy

Thanks, senior NW staffers! — non-senior NW staffers

Attention: Comerica Park is to now be refered to as the Bank. — Guty

Dust in The Wind. All we do crumbles to the ground though we refuse to see. Thank you, all, for such a rad year. Feelin' all right.

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