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## Alcohol and drug violations on rise

BY TRAVIS MARGONI NEWS EDITOR

NMU has maintained a relatively stable crime rate over the past three years. However, there has been a steady increase in liquor law and drug violations.

The most recent arrests made on campus took place on Thursday, April 20 by the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team.

Matthew Olson, Daniel Murphy, Anwar Crutchfield, Jonathan St. Martin and William Annor were arrested at their respective residences in Marquette and on the campus of NMU.

The arrests were made in connection with a two-month UPSET investigation, UPSET commander Det. Lt. Jeffrey Racine said.

Five of the six arrested were residents of NMU residence halls, which included rooms in Hunt and

**Gant Halls** 

Racine confirmed that large amounts of marijuana, LSD, cocaine, opium and extacy were retrieved from the rooms, along with money and property. Each of the men were charged with delivery and selling, or the manufacturing of one of the drugs.

Associate Dean of Students Mathew Wiese said he does not think there is a large amount of drug dealing on the NMU campus.

"We are aggressive with the busts that we make," Wiese said. "The last group of students busted are no longer students."

During 1999, nine arrests were made on the NMU campus in connection to drug law violations, and eight arrests were made in 1998.

"NMU is like any other campus," Racine said. "The drugs are

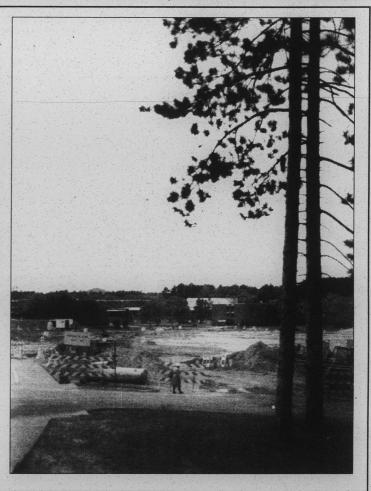
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## Making

way

**Construction workers** level off what was previously a field between the LRC and Magers Hall. The construction is part of an effort that will increase the number of parking spaces by 180. Parking passes will cost \$50 per vehicle for students this fall, an increase of \$10. Staff and faculty, whose parking passes will now cost \$100, face a \$60 increase.

Lucas Sponsler/NW



## Laptop requirement poses questions

An estimated 4,500 NMU students will receive IBM Thinkpads this fall after paying the \$385 per semester TLC fee.

As with any complex issue, it is difficult to approach the TLC from every angle. However, the following is a brief look into some of the more pressing questions being asked by NMU students.

#### **Financial Aid**

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 Roy, "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 students who waived the fee will not suffer for the decision.

#### **Deductible**

Students will pay up to a \$500 deductible if their laptop is damaged for any reason from accidental breakage to nuclear holocaust.

According to NMU's contracts with IBM, the lessee must pay the deductible if the laptop damage is "a result of electrical power fluctuations (other than lightning) and the equipment is not protected by an operational surge protector," or if the damage is "due to viruses or programming errors."

The student must also pay the deductible if the laptop is lost as a result of theft, or if it "occurs from a governmental seizure, nuclear hazard, or war or other military action," according to the contracts.

During the 1999-2000 school year, when the laptops were yet to be required, only three thefts occurred. While only one of the three stolen laptops was recovered, there are ways for Public Safety to trace a laptop if the new user tries to log on to NMU's network.

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#### Crime

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out there, and it is getting worse."

Michigan State University had the most campus drug violations in the state in 1998 with 111. The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor made 87 arrests that year in connection with drug law violators. Michigan Technological University, with an enrollment of about 1000 students less than NMU, had 4 drug violations in 1998.

"NMU is lower than most universities downstate," Racine said. "But it is not completely exempt."

Among other crime statistics at NMU over the past three years, only liquor law violations have seen a dramatic increase. In 1997, 44 arrests were made on campus in relation to liquor laws being violated. In 1998 that number increased to 50, and in 1999 the number of liquor law violations increased again, to

Wiese said that an increase in awareness, combined with a decreased tolerance of underage drinking has resulted in an increase of liquor law violations.

"We are trying to stress the importance of having no tolerance for under-age drinking," Wiese said.

Public Safety was unavailable for comment on the issue of liquor law violation increase.

Wiese said that of all the campuses he has seen, NMU is one of the safest.

"Northern has high quality students combined with a community atmosphere," Weise said. "It's hard to find this in the city."

#### Laptops

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#### Models

At an April 5 question and answer session, Fred Joyal made assurances that students will receive the newest models available this fall.

Joyal, NMU's vice president for academic affairs, said the IBM Thinkpads distributed will have 64 megabytes of RAM, a 4.6 gigabyte hard drive and an internal CD-ROM drive.

The Thinkpads will come with external 3.5-inch floppy drives.

"The industry is moving away from the 3.5-inch floppy, but there is no clear 'winner' yet that will be the replacement," Joyal said.

Each laptop will come with the same software bundle.

"the standard software that we will be distributing [includes] Windows 98, Microsoft Office 2000, a browser and e-mail package and Norton AntiVirus," Academic Computing Director John Limback said. "There will be some other miscellaneous software coming with it."

Some classes will require specialty

"There will be 10 or 12 software packages that we have that will be installed only for people who have 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."

#### **Printers etc.**

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, Academic Computing director John Limback

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

When considering a printer, students should take into account the type of printing they will be doing. For some people, print speed is important. For others, picture quality takes precedence. These factors, along with price, often help determine which printer should be purchased. A decent printer can cost from \$50 on up.

Students will also need printer cable, which runs about \$15, a surge protector, about \$20, and a carrying case, which the bookstore will carry a number of different styles. Prices for carrying cases begin around \$17.

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#### **Board approves tuition increase**

MARQUETTE — A tuition increase of \$88 was approved by the NMU Board of Control at its meeting April 28. Tuition and required fees will go up from \$3146.10 to \$3,234.10 for full-time resident undergraduates. This figure does not include the \$385 per semester TLC laptop fee, which is required of all students with less than 56 credits. Full-time nonresident undergraduates' tuition will increase by \$178 to \$5760.10.

The board set tuition at \$118.75 per semester for resident students taking less than 12 credits, and \$224 per semester for nonresident students.

#### **Room and board rates approved**

MARQUETTE — The Northern Michigan University Board of Control has approved room and board rates for the 2000-2001 school year. The rate for a double occupancy room and NMU's meal plan will cost \$4,612, an increase of \$134 over last year. A single room assignment, plus meal plan, will cost \$5,512, an increase of \$234.

A new \$202 infrastructure fee for anticipated debt service will bring the total increase to 7.5 percent for a double room and meal plan. \$108 of this fee will go to Quad I renovations, and \$94 will go to renovations of the lobbies adjacent to Quad I dining facilities.

#### **Arts and Sciences dean named**

MARQUETTE — Terrance Seethoff is the new dean of NMU's College of Arts and Sciences. He has served as interim dean for more than a year, and will begin his permanent appointment July 1.

Seethoff joined the NMU mathematics faculty in 1969, and served as that department's head for 19 years before accepting the interim dean position.

In the early 1970s, Seethoff authored and co-authored new degree programs in computer science and data processing. He has also played a major role in developing NMU's current math placement procedures.

"Dr. Seethoff's contributions extend far beyond the areas of computing and mathematics," Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said. "He has played key roles in major university-wide planning activities. He is recognized for his intelligence, his thoughtful, balanced approach to matters and his commitment to higher education."

#### **Bailey announces fundraiser goal**

MARQUETTE — NMU President Judi Bailey has announced that the goal of NMU's first-ever fundraising campaign is to raise \$30 million in private donations over the next several years. Since the "quiet phase" of the campaign began June 1, 1996, gifts totalling more than \$25 million have already been donated.

"We are thankful that so many alumni and friends of Northern have chosen to invest in our students," Bailey said. "It's thrilling to me that people outside our campus community are as excited about the fantastic things happening at NMU as those of us who have daily opportunity to be inspired by our students, faculty and staff."

Goals have been set to raise \$12 million for student success and access, \$8 million for campus facilities projects, \$6 million for faculty and staff opportunities and \$4 million for outreach and partnership programs, Bailey said.

— Compiled from NMU news releases

#### **Making waves**



Jason Barnes/NW

While the big lake may have a calming, hypnotic effect during the summer months, it turns deadly come autumn. Admire it, but beware when the skiesNovember turn gloomy.

## **Earning their daily bread**

## The familiar job-hunting ritual can be easier if students know where to look

BY JACKIE WAGNER
STAFF WRITER

Now hiring ... employment opportunities ... jobs available ... when students begin to settle into a new college town with full U-Hauls and empty wallets, these are attention-grabbing phrases.

Whether taking a position at tried-and-true places like fast-food joints or convenience stores, or less traditional choices like telemarketing for the NMU Development Fund, students have many ways of earning cash while going to NMU.

One popular first stop in this search is the JOBSearch Center.

"We help students that come in by placing them with jobs," JOBSearch Director John Frick said. "We can't place everyone with jobs, but there are characteristics that employers look for that give students an edge.

"Employers are looking for dependable, trustworthy individuals that show a work ethic."

Most of the jobs that JOBSearch places students with are on-campus positions at Dining Services or secretarial work.

For more information about the JOBSearch Center, call 227-2500 or visit the office at 1102 University Center, across from the Peter White Lounge. On- and off-campus job listings are posted on a bulletin board outside the office.

On-campus jobs offer a short commute, ability to network with others at NMU and flexibility around students' class schedules. However, when these jobs get filled up or the right opportunity comes along, students will often try their luck off campus.

Freshman business major Chad Mallette did just that. After a short stint at a gas station, he took a job working the midnight shift at a motel.

"I worked as a desk clerk and attended class at the same time," Mallette said "I worked 30 to 40 hours a week, and that brought my grades down. It was hard to find the time for work, sleep and school

"Sometimes I'd get off work at 7 am, go home and sleep for a hour, and then go to class. It was rough."

For reasons such as these, NMU forbids on-campus student workers from working more than 20 hours a week during the school year.

When students go out and find jobs, there will usually be some sort of job interview.

"I dressed a notch up for the job interview and tried to make a good inpression," Mallette said. "I was a little nervous but confident that I would get the job."

WELCOME

This is a special orientation edition of The North Wind. With this, we at The North Wind would like to welcome and introduce incoming freshmen to Northern and Marquette. During the school year, we try to keep students and the community informed and updated on what's going on at NMU. Enjoy your visit, and we'll see you in the

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## New housing experiment to begin in

This year, NMU's Housing and Residence Life department is trying a new method of bringing on-campus students' home and academic lives closer together.

"There are going to be four new houses [half of a residence hall floor] affiliated with academic departments," Housing and Residence Life Director Carl Holm said. "The students who live there will have a unique opportunity to interact with students with similar academic interests, and most importantly with faculty from their chosen field."

There are two houses — one for students interested in majoring in business, the other for education students — in Meyland Hall. There will be a nursing house in Payne Hall, and a behavioral sciences house including psychology, sociology, single room assignments.

social work and communication disorders — in West Hall.

This grouping of students with similar interests is another method the department uses to try to make on-campus living as smooth as it can for incoming

NMU's enrollment has been steadily rising over the last several years, and the department has done well in fitting the new students in, Holm said.

Last year, the first and second floors of Meyland Hall were opened up. Meyland was previously the United States Olympic Education Center hall — now the USOEC athletes take up the third

Holm said the students and athletes blend well together.

The population rise has also forced more denials to requests of

"Certainly we won't be able to accommodate as many as are requested," Holm said. "Traditionally we've had as many as 300 to 400 requests for singles. We'll probably be able to accommodate about 100 [this year]."

Since most students will have roommates, many precautions are taken against pairing up incompatible people.

"We work hard to assign people on the basis of what we call their personal preference," Holm

"The staff provides all students with an opportunity and an outline for discussing roommate issues, such as when do you study, do you like the windows open, and so on.

"We try to get those addressed early on, before they're even issues.'

"The students who live [in the new houses] will have a unique opportunity to interact with students ... and faculty from their chosen field."

> — Carl Holm Director. Housing and Residence Life

If problems arise, residence hall staff help the roommates try to work out their differences. This is usually successful, Holm said. If it isn't, then students always have the option of requesting a room transfer.

There are always a number of room change requests, but Holm said these requests most often occur for reasons of meeting someone the person would rather room with, or wishing to change

to a different hall, as opposed to moving because of disliking one's roommate.

Different halls get different "personalities" every year, Holm said, because of all the new students moving in every year.

All in all, Holm said living on campus is an enriching experi-

"Students I've talked to have always said they felt more a part of what the university experience was because they lived on campus," he said. "They always knew what was going on and where it was going on.

"The resident advisers and directors ... A student who has questions about academics or social issues or how to find some resources has a tremendous amount of information available."

- By Jackie Wagner



#### **EDITORIAL**

### Seek balance: goal of The North Wind

The goal of The North Wind is to seek balance. That's our slogan: 'seek balance.

When this newspaper serves its purpose, it strives to be a voice for the students, as well as a transmitter of information.

Balance is found through understanding. The better students understand the administration, the faculty and staff and each other, the more effective the university community can be in achieving its goals. If The North Wind can spread understanding, it will help people to find balance within this community.

On Page 2 are the results of the readership survey we conduct each year. Please take a few moments to peruse it. Such information is helpful to us with regard to how we plan out the students' newspaper.

For those who have for the first time picked up a copy, welcome. This special orientation edition was designed and published specifically with you in mind.

This are an independent student newspaper. None of our funding comes from the university itself. The bulk of our funds come from advertising revenue.

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Once again, thank you for reading, and please, make the most of your newspaper. Allow it to be the voice of the students and an advocate for balance and understanding in both the university community and the world at large.

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Student angered by TLC requirement

My letter is of great concern. I recently put in for a waiver from the TLC program next year and was denied. I met all the requirements except I am not an upperclassman.

I am a graphic communication major. In graphics we do not use PCs, we use Macs, so for my major I do not need a laptop. I pay for college myself and barely get by. I do not need an extra \$800 a year added to my bill for something I refuse to use.

The TLC program should not be forced on the students currently enrolled at NMU.

Fred Joyal feels that we have no choice. I have spoken my concern to him and he tells me there is no way to change the committee's decision on my waiver.

When I enrolled at NMU, I had a choice if I wanted a laptop, and now at the end of my freshman year I am forced to have one in my sophomore year.

The whole program is lining each NMU student up and bending them over and sticking them in the ass. It just plain sucks. Edward Niemi at least tried to help with the problem when I went to him.

The computer they offer is OK, if you use it for Internet and e-mail. But for any other use it is unequipped. There is not enough RAM, and the hard drive space

is to small.

Last semester in the middle of finals week, my "great" laptop decided that Microsoft Word would not let me save papers anymore and error every time I did. Worst part is I learned this after writing my research paper for EN 111. Seven pages later, on a "real" computer, I finished two hours after it was due. Thanks to my laptop, I only got half credit and got a B in the class.

The TLC initiative is blasphemy. Forcing students to participate in a program that is unresearched with the students is wrong. I was never surveyed if I liked the idea of the program. Where was my say in this?

**Chuck Gura** 

## Sincerity of column called into question

It is with deep regret that I post this message to the community of Northern Michigan University, but I feel no other recourse available. I reference what I presume is the April 20, 2000 edition of The North *Wind* Online, specifically the opinion piece by Dan Powell, "Of bikes and men."

It is with deep regret that I feel the need to unearth some facts about the past of Mr. Powell, and dispute some points in the article.

Let me preface by stating that I attended high school with Mr. Powell some years back, and a

more upstanding student you could not find. Mr. Powell's grace, dignity, and panache were unmatched, and truly a blessing on our fine institution. Thus, his misleading claims in the aforementioned article were all the more surprising for me to read.

Mr. Powell makes reference to a bicycle he owns or owned that he dubbed "Pedro." The article details the bond Mr. Powell formed with "Pedro," but it may interest your readers to know that Mr. Powell previously owned a similar bicycle, a "cruiser," or "townie," as he calls it, in high school. He referred to this bike as "El Diablo," and he doted on it constantly.

"Never again will I meet another two-wheeled, banana-seated masterpiece which compares with El Diablo;" "Fair El Diablo, they say your handlebar-mounted basket detracts from your beauty. I scoff at those who would chastise you;" and "my El Diablo can kick your bike's ass."

I must say El Diablo was a sight to behold. You can thus understand my dismay when I read Mr. Powell flagrantly turn his back on El Diablo for this newcomer Pedro, smearing El Diablo's memory and all he stood for. I, for one, will not be a part of it.

Mr. Powell, do not smear the memory of the great El Diablo in any future columns.

**Tim Shaughnessy** 

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HEY PROFESSORS! JUST THINK OF ALL THE FUN "RESEARCH" YOUR STUDENTS WILL BE DOING IN CLASS WITH THEIR LAPTOPS ...



## Relationships irreplaceable

Allow me to be one of the first members at Northern Michigan University to welcome you to our fine establishment. I'd like to spend the next few minutes discussing a topic with you that's been on the minds of a lot of current NMU students and offer you some advice.

You are to be the inaugural class for NMU's "TLC Program," otherwise known as that free laptop NMU gives you when you get here.

Well, as far as it being free, only the most naïve among us might actually believe things come free these days. There was a little bit of a tuition hike that covered these "free" laptops. It caused a stir among some of the current students at the university; but like I said, nothing's free.

The larger portion of students had problems with the TLC program for a different reason — a reason that led the student body to vote down the proposal for the TLC program the one (and only) time it was put on the ballot for referendum three years ago. It involves the student/professor relationship at NMU.

By now you should already know that NMU is a middle-sized school with

low student-to-professor ratio. This allows some wonderful things to happen: more individual attention, the ability to go deeper into topics, the opportunity to foster relationships that may extend past classroom walls. I'm sure you've seen the way this works in some of your smaller high school classes. Now stick a laptop in the loop.

It seems a little out of place, doesn't it? There has been a general concern among the current student body that adding another factor to the current relationship may jeopardize that special connection that many students here feel. It is my understanding that there are a number of professors who feel the same way. And it's hard to look past it. I mean, this computer is actually, physically, between you and your professor.

I encourage you, as the first fullforce TLC class, to be aware of the possibilities that exist outside of the computer. It is not a teacher; it is a tool. It's nothing more than a hammer with more parts. It may make certain tasks okay, a lot of tasks - easier, but it is still a tool.

Expert mythologist, Joseph Campbell, in 1988 said, "What we're

#### STAFF COLUMN



By GEOFF HINEMAN

learning in our schools is not the wisdom of life. We're learning technologies, we're getting information."

It is up to each student to remember that there is a world of education outside of your laptops. They can't write touching sonnets. They can't debate the origin of man with you. They can't paint breathtaking landscapes. Humans

Good relationships with the many wise professors we are fortunate to have at NMU can take you places that a laptop could never approach. They already know this. Now you do. Welcome.

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

### **SOUND OFF**

#### Should incoming freshmen be required to attend orientation?

"Yes, orientation is a must! Although it may seem tedious or even unnecessary, the chance for incoming students to network with faculty, staff, and fellow Justin Marlowe students is invaluable"



graduate, public administration



TRACY KENT freshman,

"Orientation should be optional depending on if a student has a family member or a friend who knows the tricks of the trade.

"Yes, I went to

my sister's orientation and I think it's a good idea. It helps students get acquainted with campus, where they need to go and what they need to do."



RACHEL PEAR senior, **MSHS** 



ANGELA WENNERBERG graduate, English

"Students don't necessarily need orientation. It's a good thing to have, but for those who already know the school (family, friends, etc.) they could spend the time more wisely on campus.'

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

## Pedro: pedaling communalism

I have a bicycle named Pedro.

I don't own him so much as we're "together." Actually, Pedro is leaving me to spend the summer in Yosemite with my friend Jason.

Pedro has been with me since last fall. He isn't my first bicycle, nor is he 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 one ridden by my bike-



less comrades.

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

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

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

To me, riding a bicycle makes sense. Finding a parking space is not a prob-

#### STAFF COLUMN



**By DANIEL POWELL** 

lem. You stay in shape. You get a feel for the geography of where you live.

Pedro's a simple, beautiful piece of machinery. Riding him slaps you with the backhand of reality. But it's a good

Bicycles are the most efficient vehicles known to man — you are pilot, crew and engine room.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is reprinted from the April 20 edition of The North Wind. Daniel Powell welcomes reactions to his columns at nrthwind@nmu.edu.

## An education will teach you to think

College is more than books and homework.

They call it "socialization," where you learn to exist in society.

I hope you're not coming to college with the singular intention of being able to get a good job when you're done. Employers don't want someone who doesn't know how to deal with reality. They want someone who can interact with other humans, and along with the ability to figure stuff out, accomplish objectives.

College won't make you smart. It will, however, teach you to think.

Ah, there's the rub: how does a fresh young college student figure out how to think and get stuff done while simultaneously learning how to interact as an adult within our wonderful society?

Well, I've come up with a list of things to be taken into consideration by people who want to be college students this fall. I'm no expert, but I've been in college long enough to know how to

sound like I know what I'm talking about. And that's what it's really all about, isn't it?

• Don't let anything get between you and who you want to be. It's easy for any number of things to get in your way. Girlfriends, pokemon, beer, boyfriends: all these can be judgement-clouding distractions.

Lots of young people get caught up in asking themselves, "who am I?" This question poses a problem, because by the time you figure out who you are, you've changed. Who do you want to be? Are you living in a way that will get you there?

• Pay attention to the colors of the doors at the ends of the halls on the second floor of Jamarich. It took me three years to notice they're color coded. I still do a couple of laps before finding my classes.

• Find a professor you like and take as many courses as you can with that

• Play with your sleep patterns.

If you live on campus you probably won't get very far into September before noticeing that no matter what time it is, someone is awake. Don't let this frighten you, it's sort of normal. If you need an excuse to stay up, go watch the sun rise from atop Sugarloaf or from the black rocks at Presque Isle. If the experience itself doesn't inject enough life-affirming energy into you to get through your classes, the crisp morning air will.

• Get an on-campus job. It's a good way to get to gain a multitude of acquaintances which may come in handy at informal social gatherings.

"Hey, don't you work at the Wildcat Den?"

• Attend an NMU sporting event whenever possible. Even if you know nothing about the sport, it'll help you to feel connected, as though you attend a university. You'll probably see a lot of people there who you've had classes with, or whom you've served burgers and tater-tots.

• Take a sauna as often as possible. It's pronounced "Sa-ooo-na," and there's nothing quite like rolling around in the snow and watching it melt off your body. It's good for you.

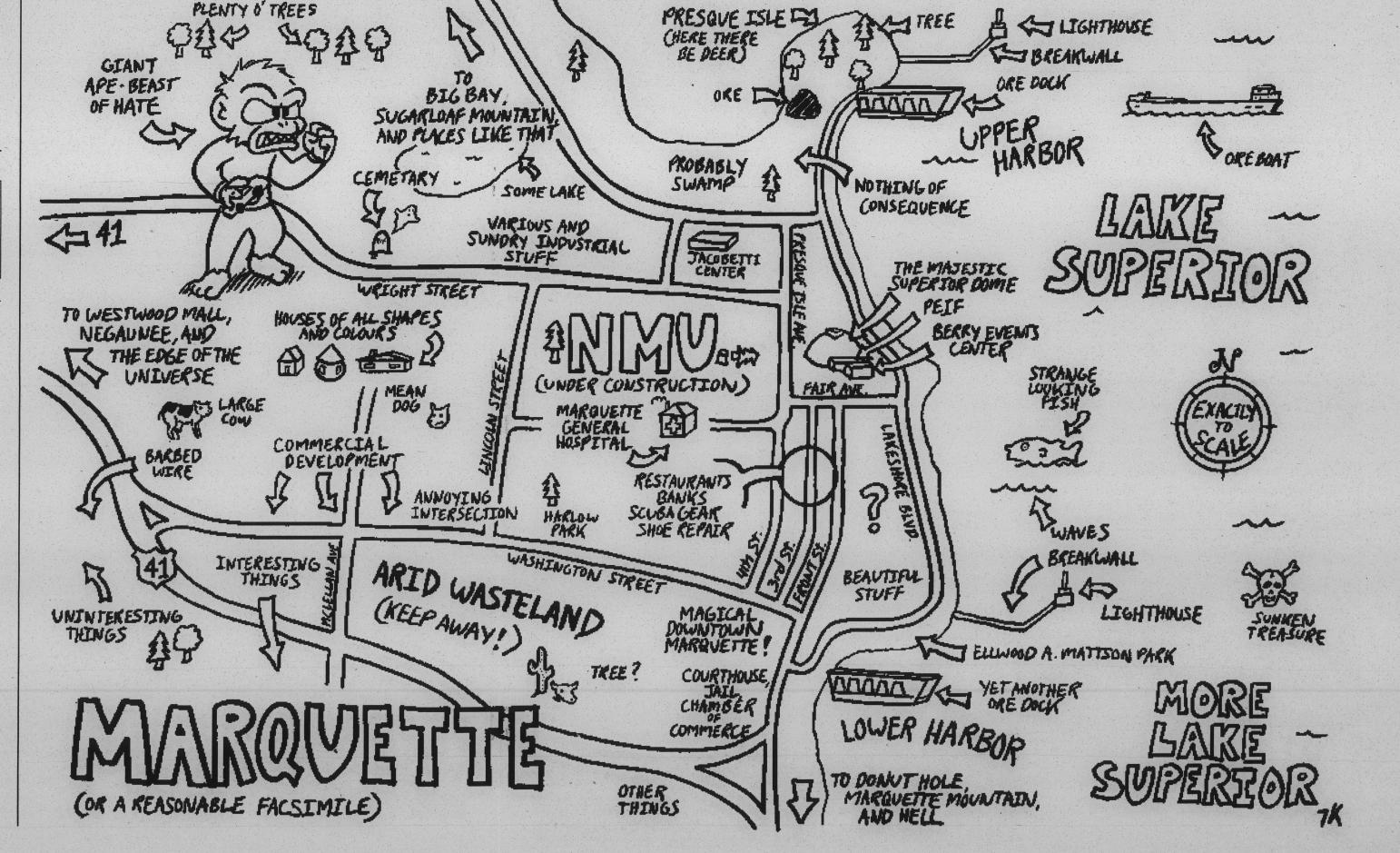
If you leave college having learned nothing else, please learn how to think and interact, everything else is pretty much trivial. Socialization is more than knowing to ask, "what's on tap?" and buying the first pitcher. It is a necessary ingredient in making a more complete you, a you who is better equipped to live in the world today.

#### **FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**





By Lucas Sponsler



EDITOR'S NOTE: Lucas Sponsler welcomes reactions to his columns at lsponsle@nmu.edu.

## Take a jump: hot summer, cool water

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Pack a lunch, grab your mountain bike, a fishing pole and bathing suit — buck spray in midsummer — and enjoy biking, hiking, swimming and fishing outdoors in Marquette.

Marquette county provides about 14 different hiking and mountain biking trails, most of them located along County Road 550. Trails around Harlow Lake, Hogback and Sugarloaf Mountain and Little Presque offer easy to difficult trail conditions for hikers and bikers.

The North Country Trail also runs through this area, connecting seven states from North Dakota to New York.

For extended backpacking trips, areas around Craig Lake, Van Riper State Park and the McCormick Tract are a perfect aim. All these wilderness areas are beyond Michigamme, which is approximately 40 miles west of

Marquette

Special mountain biking and cross-country skiing trails can be found south of Marquette. The Blueberry Ridge trails are open to the public all year around. Trails around Marquette Mountain are great for experienced mountain bikers. For unmarked trails and secret spots ask local bike store attendants or just talk to locals.

There are many free maps available of the city of Marquette, as well as of Marquette county. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 226-6591.

Swimming is another favorite activity for students who enjoy the Upper Peninsula summers. Despite the cold water temperatures of Lake Superior, many people like to cool their hot bodies in the clear freshwater.

"There are a couple of public beaches," Carol Fulsher, manager of tourism development said. "McCarty's Cove is very popular among the college crowd." The beach is located along Lakeshore Boulevard and provides both watchful lifeguards and volleyball courts. South Beach, Little Presque Isle, Dead River basin and Tourist Park are also nice places to suntan and bathe.

The Black Rocks at Presque Isle Park (off Lakeshore Boulevard) and Little Presque (off Co. Rd. 550) sometimes offer spots to jump into Lake Superior but Fulsher warns of low water depths and advises to be careful.

Active fishermen and hunters will be in heaven in the U.P. Hunting and fishing licenses are available at almost every sports store or gas station. To find out good fishing spots: make friends with locals or ask sporting store attendants. For further information, call the DNR at 228-6561.



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## Active lifestyle elicits experience

In 1969, Dave Bonsall left his home in Kingsford to enroll at NMU as a freshman. For the next four years he lived in Halverson Hall's Dakota House. For two of those years he was a resident advisor, and he worked as a hall director for three years after his 1973 graduation.

He then left the university to work for a book company in Lansing, only to return within a year to work in the student activities office. Bonsall, who now serves at NMU's director of student activities and leadership programs, recently spoke with North Wind Editor Lucas Sponsler.

#### What can being involved in a group

"It's a lot of fun. This is a special four or five years in anybody's life. College should be fun. It's a great way to meet new people. Hopefully some people with diverse cultures, interests, perspectives that help you grow and get you outside the box you're in when you come here. I think that's especially important for commuter

"Employers will tell you, any students coming out who can point to extra-curricular involvements that have helped them develop leadership skills, learn how to work with other people, to work in a team situation, to problem solve, to be able to manage a project or program and communicate well."

With the group of guys who you lived

with in the Dakota House, ("I lived with just a great group of guys. There's usually like 55 or so living in a house. We had over 40 come back four years in a row.") what sort of things made it so you became so

"That's a good question. Well, there was an exceptional RA who was there my freshman and sophomore years, named Lenny Gieger, We did a lot of group activities, at the time intramural sports were a huge thing and we had jerseys for our teams and we won a lot of championships. We just did a lot together and we promoted a lot of group activities and we made it a point to stay in touch when people did

#### In what ways has Northern changed since you were a student here?

"A huge change has been with the student body. When I was a student there were about 6,000 students and 4,000 of them lived on campus. Since then we're up over 8,000 students and on campus is maybe 1,800, 2,000 students, so the vast majority commute. That's a group we have a lot of empathy with. We'd like to see more commuter students involve themselves beyond classes. I know it's a tough thing because they work, they've got family, they've got friends they've grown up with. We certainly don't want to ask them to give those things up, but just to expand their circle a little bit.

#### **CONVERSATION WITH**



Dave Bonsall

"I think a big change is that students are much busier. When I was a student, of the 55 guys in our house I think maybe six of them worked. Most of them worked maybe six or ten hours a week for spending money. It's gotten to be now that if you went back and walked through Dakota house today there'd be maybe six or eight that don't work. Part of it's cars. When I was a student I think maybe one out of every six or seven students had a car. Now I think maybe one out of six or seven doesn't have a car."

If someone who went here back then walked through campus today, what would make that person feel as though this is still the same place?

"Even back when I was a student Northern really prided itself in a low faculty to student ratio. You were a person who was known on campus, you had an identity. Professors took time for you. I

think that's something Northern's maintained and should be really proud of."

The socialization process you go through with college, learning how to 'be' a social person, I guess that could be seen as being as important as the academic development.

"Absolutely. We've become an isolated society. When I lived in the residence halls we had one TV in the whole house and that was in the TV room. So you naturally had lots of people in the TV room. Now all the rooms are wired for cable. So most people have their own TV and they watch in their

"Many people go to the cafeteria and bring their food back to their rooms. It used to be you went to the cafeteria and sat with all the people you knew. We had a guy named Will Keim here a few years ago who said that we're getting people who can carry on relationships with a person who lives thousands of miles away through computer - very intimate relationships. And yet that same person would have a hard time turning and carrying on a ten-minute conversation with the person at the computer terminal next to them. So that whole socialization thing of learning how to work with people, enjoying that aspect, involving people, empowering them, being friends with them, communicating. It's a huge skill not just for jobs, but for life, I think."



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# Preview 2000

## **Success swims** Wildcat blood

are a big part of the action and excitement on campus, and Northern is no different. For a relatively smaller school, NMU sports teams have been largely successful over the past decade.

Take the volleyball team for example, in 1993 and 1994 it won the national championship, and was runner-up in '92 and '95.

The hockey program at Northern last won a national championship in 1991, but con-

At most universities, sports tinually has league leaders among its line-up, as well as players who move on to the NHL.

> Last year, nordic skier Aubrey Smith finished 13th in an international ski meet, while the men's basketball team won its confer-

> The list goes on, but the pattern of success indicates NMU produces fine athletes. The following is a collection of season previews as prepared by The North Wind for its readers.



James Randle, left, led NMU in rushing last season, averaging 79.5 yards per game, and earned first-team All-GLIAC honors.

#### **Football**

NMU football head coach Eric Holm wants nothing more than to improve on last season's 6-4

"We all feel like we have an opportunity to compete for a conference championship," he said. "There's a lot of anticipation."

However, since the winter semester's grades have come in Holm has had something else to smile about. Thirty of his student athletes were on the dean's list. When Holm took the program's reigns, in the winter of 1995, there were three football players on the dean's list.

"It's something we're pretty happy about," he said.

As for this season's prospects, "The good news is we've go a lot of guys coming back, particularly on the offensive line.'

Nine starters will be returning on offense, while six defensive starters will return to the roster. Also, the 'Cats will benefit from the fact that quarterback Brian White already has two seasons under his belt as the starter.

Followers of NMU sports will be pleased to hear that former basketball standout Pete Moe may find a place on the team.

"He'll be with us. We're going to try him at wide receiver and see if that won't work out," Holm said. "He's a good guy, and he's mentally tough."

#### Soccer

This year the NMU soccer program has something new -JV team, and an assistant coach.

Head coach Carl Gregor, who will be coaching both teams, said this is a good way to induce competition among players, as well as give everyone adequate playing

"A JV program gives players a chance to play right away instead of sitting on the bench half the season," Gregor said. "As for the varsity players, it will make them play better knowing someone from JV can move up at any time."

Last season the team posted a 2-11 overall record, and was 1-9 in the GLIAC. Gregor said his team has the potential to be successful, and the goal for the season will be to attempt to win every game.

"We'll be drastically better than last season," Gregor said.

As for recruiting, Gregor said there have been 85 girls to visit

Northern, who were interested in the program.

The other new addition to the team, assistant coach Pam Janeshek, played on the team last season, but used up her remaining eligibility.

The first practice is set for

19, Aug. with the first game for the varsity squad on Aug. 25. The JV team opens up its season the following

"We're definitely look-

ing pretty good for next year," Gregor said. "People think I'm crazy, but I'd like to say we'll try to win the conference."

Gregor



NMU hockey head coach Rick Comley will begin his 25th year as coach of the Wildcats in the fall. Last season NMU compiled a 22-15-5 overall record, and were 14-11-5 in the CCHA. Eight players graduated, and because of this the line-up may need a little rearranging.

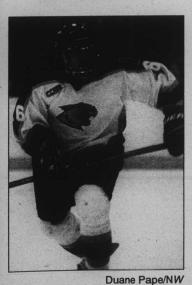
Eight new athletes, however, have signed letters of intent to attend and play hockey for the university. Four of the recruits are from Michigan and two are from the Upper Peninsula - Justin Kinnunen (Negaunee), and Alex Sawruk (Sault Ste. Marie).

"This is one of the youngest recruiting classes we've had in a long time," Comley said in an April 11 Sports Release. "We're bringing in a good mix of size and speed, which will help us on the big ice sheet, and they all have potential to grow into excellent players for the program."

The Wildcats have lost two of its top offensive players in left wing Roger Trudeau and right wing J.P. Vigier (34 pts.). Last year, Trudeau ranked second in the CCHA in scoring (36 pts.) and was named to the CCHA All-Conference First-Team. In his freshman year, center Chris Gobert was third in scoring on the team and was named Rookie of the Year in the CCHA.

"We'd love to be able to duplicate last season," Comley said. "We have a good home schedule this season. Sometimes who

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NMU center Chris Gobert was named CCHA Rookie of the Year for the 1999-2000 season.

## Preview 2000



#### HOCKEY-

Continued from Page 13 you're playing is just as important as how you're playing."

One of the recruits, Craig Kowalski (Clinton Twp.), is considered one of the best young goalies in the country, Comley said in an NMU sports release.

Comley said he probably will not know who the No. 1 goaltender will be until Christmas, so returning goaltender Dan Ragusett will split time with Kowalski in net.

Comley said it is still too early to tell how the freshman will do in the line-up, but he said the key is showing the players how they can improve.

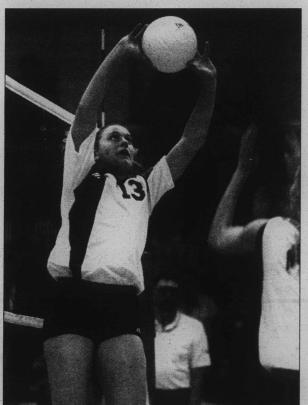
#### Women's basketball

In March, with a record of 25-6, the NMU women's basketball team finished for the sixth straight season with 20 wins or more. This feat was accomplished for the tenth time in 12 seasons under NMU head coach Mike Geary.

"Everybody works hard to get established," Geary said of his team's winning ways. Geary's goal — and his greatest challenge during the off season — is continual improvement.

"We want every player to come back a better player," he said. "They have to handle the boredom of repetition. But, that can really help."

Another key to consistent success is the recruitment of better players from the onset. Geary has done just that this off season. He has taken strides to improve on the team's size, bringing into the program 6-4 Domintea Wawrzyniak, from a junior college in Chicago, 6-3 Tracy Kapala, from Wisconsin, and 5-10 Jacoba Williamson,



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Setter Anne Kinsella helped lead the Wildcats to a second-place finish in the GLIAC North Division in 1999.

from Marquette Senior High School.

Its sixth appearance in the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Finals ended in defeat at the hands of Northern Kentucky, 77-70. Before the loss, however, in its tenth straight GLIAC Tournament appearance, NMU beat Ferris State, 93-80, for its seventh conference championship.

After one season in the Berry Events Center, the team boasts a 13-1 record in the new facility.

#### Men's basketball

After leading the NMU men's basketball team two straight postseason NCAA appearances, NMU head coach Dean Ellis knows how to guide a team successfully through challenges.

With seven seniors — four of them regular starters — recently finishing their college basketball careers, however, he now faces another challenge to continue such success

The greatest loss for Ellis is that of Cory Brathol (22.3 points per game), who graduated in May. Brathol finished his career bringing in First Team All-American honors. He also led the team to its first GLIAC Tournament championship in March.

Last year was the third 24-win season in the history of the program. In spite of going 24-6 overall, NMU's season ended abruptly with an, 89-57, first-round loss to Northern Kentucky in the NCAA-II Regional Tournament.

His team's lack of experience will be a leading challenge for Ellis when the 'Cats take the court to defend its conference championship next season.

Two juniors from Australia, Damian Matacz (8.1 ppg), and Adrian Whitten (3.2 ppg) will account for the bulk of experience heading into next season.

#### **Swim and Dive**

Chris Coraggio, NMU head coach, will be looking to his seniors to provide leadership this winter.

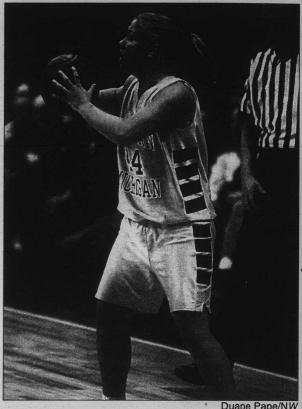
"We'll have a very young team next year but we'll also have veterans who will be counted on to not only do well individually, but also to provide some leadership for our team," he said.

Along with the likes of seniors Faye Liming, Marlena Barcus and Cori Graham, Corraggio expects a lot from senior All-American Cary Greegor. This August, Greegor will be competing in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis, Ind.

Greegor is one of five NMU swimmers to have competed at nationals last year, and although All-Americans Erin Vostad and Darby Berger have graduated, two other All-Americans remain with the team, sophomores Megan Woodworth and Sarah Verbrugge.

Another challenge facing Corraggio is the question of how he will incorporate a recruiting class into his reigning conference championship team, which will host the GLIAC meet this year.

"Last year we carried 18 on the team," he said. "We have 13 people returning. We have 14 new people coming in, which is a much different mix."



Guard Leigh Ann Dalton averaged 1.5 rebounds-per game and 6.7 points-per game for NMU last season.

#### **Tennis**

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said last year his squad lacked depth, and is hoping the five new players on his roster will help the team in that area. Last season, the roster was small, with just seven players. At the end of the season there were six, due to an injury to Annie Early which is the minimum requirement for meets.

"The quality of players we have brought in will definitely increase the talent level of our team," Mattson said.

Last season, the Wildcats finished 7-5 overall and finished sixth in the GLIAC tournament.

Sophomore Brooke Aronin recorded an 11-4 GLIAC record at No. 1 singles. She was also named to the All-GLIAC First-Team.

The only player not returning to the team is Michelle Somers, who graduated in May. Mattson said she will be missed as she was a solid doubles player.

The team begins practicing on Aug. 24 with the first game being around Sept. 11.

"We're going to work hard in order to do the best we can in the conference," Mattson said.

#### **Alpine Ski**

The NMU alpine ski team did not place lower than second place in the ten races it attended last season, including placing first out of 16 teams at the USCSA Regional on Feb. 20 in Marquette.

Even though the alpine season does not begin until January, NMU head coach Jill Rogers knows the team philosophy.

"I expect us to make the best of whatever situation, while staying positive and focused," Rogers said.

A few new names will appear on the roster in the upcoming season. Walk-ons Jarah Young, from Traverse City, and Megan Martin of Truckee, Calif. will be a part of the line-up. Also, a Canada native is another prospect,

of the line-up. Also, a Canada native is another prospect, but the skier has not made a decision at this time, Rogers said.

The strongest returning skier is junior Michelle Murray. Last season, one of Murray's many accomplishments was a first-place finish in the slalom race at the Wisconsin Governor's Cup with a time of 71.840 seconds.



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Erin Vostad, who graduated in May, was the national champion in the 100-yard butterfly in 1999.

#### Nordic Ski

The NMU men's and women's nordic ski team captured first place in both the conference and the region, finished ninth at the NCAA championships, as well as placing a skier in the top 20 of an international competition. As if that is not good enough, NMU head coach Sten Fjeldheim expects his team to be improved.

The team will add seven new women skiers to its line-up this year, including Rachel Daw, Minnesota State Champion, and Jordan Seethaler, Wisconsin State Champion.

"Last year we had four NCAA All-Americans," Fjeldheim said. "It was one of our best years ever. We are looking forward to [Daw and Seethaler] contributing to our success. I'm sure they will make an impact right away."

At the NCAA national tournament in Soldier Hollow, Utah on March 11, Senior Abigail Larson,

juniors Chris Cook, Aubrey Smith and Melissa Oram were named All-Americans in their respective races.

Smith also took 13th place at the International Junior World Championships in January, with a time of 14:35.3 minutes in the women's 5-kilometer freestyle race.

"[Smith's] race is significant because it raises a lot of hopes for other girls who are training and striving to be in the top 10 in the world, and she got awfully close," Fjeldheim said in the Jan. 27 issue of The North Wind.

#### **Cross Country**

When the NMU Cross Country running team begins its season this fall, coach Sten Fjeldheim said his team plans on performing as good, if not better than last season.

Last year, even though the team was young, it placed first in the U.P. Championships, 3rd in the GLIACs, and 5th in the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional. The team also sent sophomore Caitlin Compton to the NCAA II National Championship.

Sophomore Caitlin Compton became the first NMU woman runner in 19 years to qualify for the NCAA's, where she finished 18th with a time of 21:40.9 minutes. Compton also finished first or second in every race but one last year.

"[Compton] is such a gutsy runner," Fjeldheim said in the Nov. 18 issue of The North Wind. "Cross country is such a mental race. She handles it so well for being a freshman, and she's only going to get better."

The only runner not returning is Carrie Nelson, who graduated this May.

Fjeldheim said the goal for the season will be to qualify more runners for the NCAA II championships.

"I think we have a good chance to qualify for nationals," Fjeldheim said. "The conference championship course will be rugged and hilly, and that's what we're used to."

#### Volleyball

The NMU volleyball team will take the floor this year under the direction of new head coach, Scott Sandel, who was previously assistant coach at the University of South Carolina at Columbia.

Sandel replaces former head coach, Toby Rens, who resigned in January.

Last season, the Wildcats finished 28-11 overall and 17-2 in the GLIAC. The eleven losses were the most the team has had in a season since 1990.

Not returning to the team this year are middle blocker

Meirong Lu and outside hitter Nirvana Kos. Lu led the team in digs with 3.7 per contest and had the highest attack percentage, while Kos was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year, and led NMU with 3.9 kills per

"We'll just have to train hard and pick up the slack," Sandel said in the March 23 issue of The North Wind.

Sandel said he has recruited six or seven new players, but nothing has been finalized yet. He said it is hard to tell what the team will be like this early.

"I think we'll be very competitive," Sandel said. "I don't know the conference too well since this is my first year, but I expect we will surprise some people."

The team reports for its first practice Aug. 14, and one of the new players in the line-up is former NMU basketball star, senior Sasha Leverentz.

"I think I'm adjusting pretty well," Leverentz said the April 6 issue of Th. North Wind.

#### Men's golf

The NMU golf team splits its seasons between the fall and summer and make its home course at Wawonowin Country Club in Ishpeming. Last season, the seven member squad coached by Dean Ellis only played in the fall, because the meet in the spring was cancelled.

On Sept. 10, the Wildcats placed fourth at the Lake Superior State Invitational with a score of 323. Rick Comley posted the lowest score for NMU, and eighth overall, shooting a 78. Cory Korpi followed with an 81.

At the GLIAC Championships Oct. 9, NMU finished ninth of 13 teams with a score of 957.

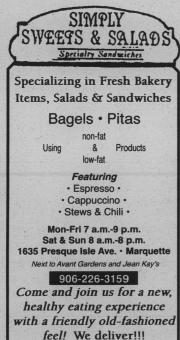
Ellis was unable to be reached for comment at time of

"We were a little disappointed with the results of the fall season," Ellis said in the Oct. 14 issue of The North Wind. "We had a young team so there was a lot of pressure all season on our few upperclassmen."

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