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Weekend warriors



Brandon Craig/NW

While practicing last Saturday, the NMU rugby team worked on running with their hands on their heads. NMU will play host to Michigan State this weekend, and the forecast is for rain and snow.

NMU grasps for diversity

Progress made toward becoming multi-cultural

BY AMY HAINSEY
STAFF WRITER

Recruiting students of diversity into a predominantly caucasian community may be difficult, but this year marks a 19-percent increase of enrollment for such students at NMU.

NMU currently has 108 black students, 64 Asians, 71 Latinos, 90 multi-racial students and 154 American Indians.

"We expected an increase with the number of multi-racial students," said Bill Hill, director of Diversity Student Services. "The most significant increase was with the number of African Americans."

Senior Speech Communication major Latoka Hatcher said she stayed on campus to make a difference.

"I decided to come to NMU four years ago because I saw a brochure with a picture of a black girl standing in front of trees and it was so beautiful," Hatcher said. "When I got here there were only about 30 black students."

Hill said that Diversity Student Services plays a major role in educating and preparing all students to thrive in and contribute to an increasingly multi-cultural world.

He said they also work toward building a community in which cultural diversity is highly valued, differences are respected, and people of different cultures can flourish.

"We need to get to a point where the university is a leader in diversity," Hill said. "The mission of

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Different cost, same aid for Web courses

BY JIM KITALONG
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Students taking NMU's off-campus web-based courses are charged the extension tuition rate of \$140 per undergraduate credit and \$170 per graduate-level credit.

The extension rate is for any student taking off-campus classes, said Perrin Fenske, Director of Continuing Education. The extension rate eliminates all the campus facility fees, like the student activity fee, registration fees and learning technology fees. Flat-rate tuition does not apply to the extension rate.

A four-credit undergraduate course, including all facility fees, costs \$574.75, while a web-based four-credit course costs \$560. However, once the facility fees are paid, on-campus tuition is \$21.25 less per credit than the web-based tuition rate. So a student taking 12 credits on campus pays \$1,617, as opposed to \$1,680 for 12 undergraduate web-based credits.

"We have a different method for paying faculty at remote sites," Fenske said. "If a faculty member teaches on campus it is part of their regular salary, if they teach a web-based course it is considered an overload because in most instances the web-based course is an additional assignment to the instructor."

While tuition costs differ between courses taken on campus and those taken on-line, financial aid is awarded the same.

"Financial aid awards for telecommunication courses are treated exactly the same as regular on-campus courses," said Shirley Niemi, director of the Office of Financial Aid. "The only time they would be treated differently is if more than 50 percent of all courses that NMU offers were to be by telecommunications or correspondence, and we're not near that number."

Web-based courses will also appear exactly the same as courses taken on campus to an employer, Fenske said.

"There is no difference in the transcript from an on-line degree or a traditional degree," Fenske said. "It is still a degree that is conferred by the university."

"Virtually every university is doing this," Fenske said. "We're trying to make sure we hold our place in the market."

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The Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, Rosa Parks College Day Program was created by the Michigan State Legislature in 1986 to serve under-represented students. The program provides students with an opportunity to discover first-hand the potential of a college education and to expose them to the skills they need to prepare themselves for college entry and success.

Diversity Student Services also administers a shadow program in which college students volunteer to provide visiting high school students with a true-to-life college experience.

"It's a great program to be involved with," Hill said. "Based on previous evaluations of the program, this experience is the highlight of their visit."

Retreats for American Indian high school students are also available. The retreats focus on teaching the students the importance of stay-

ing in school, as well as how to excel and prepare for college. Students are briefed on financial aid and admissions, and are also exposed to role models at NMU.

Platform Personalities and First Impressions are two organizations that promote diversity through the use of guest speakers.

"They do an excellent job bringing in multicultural personalities," Hill said. "These entertainers help us get to where we are."

Hatcher said Diversity Student Services is constantly serving the minority students.

"What this school offers sells many of the students," Hill said. "For me, the rule of thumb is to tell the truth. Students and parents are concerned with the lack of diversity, but I tell them the environment is free of distractions, the professor-to-student ratio is high, and there is a tremendous amount of majors offered."

Hatcher said the biggest obstacle is not limiting yourself.

"I'm black, but I don't need to be with just black people. Half the reason for being here at NMU is to enjoy the whole experience."

Even though the university as a whole is reaching high goals, there are still issues at hand.

"We still need to overcome the lack of sensitivity and respect for these students from the community," Hill said.

"The reason African American students don't stay here is because of the town itself," said senior psychology major Cornelius Coe. "You're not supposed to judge a book by its cover and that's done a lot here."

Providing services that enhance the growth and awareness of diverse students is one step toward eliminating such problems.

"My hope is to not have to wait 30 minutes to look out of my office window to see a person of color walk by," said Hill. "I want to see a constant flow and I think that is possible."

Forum series presented

The Diversity Student Services Office and the Gateway Academic Program are sponsoring a diversity forum series. Each forum will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in Dining Room B of the University Center.

• "More Than Homosexual," scheduled for Oct. 20, will focus on the history of the Gay/Lesbian movement in America.

• "More Than Casinos and Alcohol," scheduled to take place Nov. 15, will attempt to tackle American Indian issues.

• On Nov. 16, 17 and 18, NMU will present Wayquay, an American Indian poet, performer, lecturer, writer and singer.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Sept. 14 issue of The North Wind, the Page 8 story, "Literary journal seeks designs," contained the following inaccuracies:

- Passages North is not accepting submissions for cover designs by students at large.
- The poetry editor of Passages North is Austin Hummel, The North Wind regrets the previous misspelling of his name.
- Passages North, a non-profit entity, receives no explicit funding from the Marquette Arts Council.

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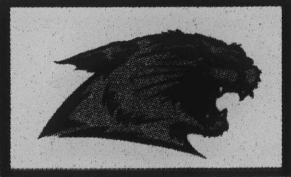
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BRIEFS

State

Cranes return after 100 years

SANDUSKY — For the first time in over 100 years, whooping cranes have been spotted in Michigan. The 5-foot-tall endangered birds were spotted bobbing in and out of a soybean field in Michigan's Thumb. Worldwide there are 412 whooping cranes, 267 in the wild and 145 in captivity. The species once numbered more than 5,000 in the Plains states before the states became more heavily populated. Due to their natural habitat being destroyed and the bird being hunted, their number fell to a low of 21 in the 1940s. The two in Michigan escaped from their Kissimmee, Fla., home. Though the birds built a nest, researchers expect them to return to Florida once colder weather arrives.

National

Charges against Clinton dropped

WASHINGTON — Special Prosecutor Robert Ray concluded on Wednesday that there is not sufficient evidence that President Clinton or Hillary committed a crime in Whitewater, bringing the six-year investigation to a close. Ray issued a statement which said there was not enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the Clintons knowingly participated in criminal activity. The full report will remain sealed for several weeks. The Whitewater investigation began in 1994 amid questions about possible criminal wrongdoing between the McDougals and Clintons over a time-share vacation property at Whitewater.

International

Missile blasts London spy agency

LONDON — A missile exploded at Britain's M16 spy agency in central London around 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday. The explosion did not affect the agency's operations, however. London police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry said it was too early to speculate whether the attack was carried out by terrorists. He said police would keep in mind capabilities of "dissident Irish groups." There were no casualties. A witness told police he was driving home when he saw a flash of light from the top of the building and that it was followed by a large bang and shaking of the ground. Some witnesses reported a second explosion.

Weird News

Fake-father robs maternity ward

TIRANA, ALBANIA — A man posing as an expectant father gained admission to Tirana's maternity hospital and stole \$13,000 in wages of nurses and other staff members last week. An Albanian newspaper reported that the man and an accomplice, after telling a security guard they were visiting a new mother, broke into an accountant's office where the wages were stored in a safe. They took the safe and put it in their car, pretending the baby's delivery had taken all night. It is unclear why the security guard failed to prevent the thieves from leaving with the small safe.

— Compiled from news sources



Brandon Craig/NW

Commuter students have been ticketed for parking in Lot 62, and a gate has closed the west entrance. However, staff vehicles only manage to fill about half of parking spaces available.

Parking perks explained

Permits prepaid for many faculty members

BY JAKIE WAGNER
STAFF WRITER

Paid parking is a perk for NMU's senior management, coaches, department heads, deans and other nonunion members.

"They each get \$100 that can be used for parking passes only," said Gavin Leach, director of budget and financial planning and analytical studies.

The cost of a parking pass went up this year for faculty members from \$50 to \$100 per car registered to park on campus. The fee was also raised for students from \$35 to \$50, to pay for the new road construction.

"If they want to have more than one car on campus they must pay the parking on any additional vehicles," Leach said.

The nonunion member contracts were worked out over last summer.

The paid parking along with a 2.9 percent pay increase and a 3 percent health benefits increase

are part of a compensation package given to all nonunion members.

"These benefits are compensation to the nonunion members for what the union members get in their contracts," said Michael Roy, vice president finance and administration.

The union contracts have not been finalized. The union will vote on the new contracts on Sept. 21.

"Settling contracts is an ongoing process," Roy said. "They are changed as the old contracts terminate and we need to negotiate new ones."

Donald Grant, head of the music department, would not comment on the issue.

The decisions about the nonunion member contracts were made by Roy, NMU President Judith Bailey, and Human Resources last August.

"I've been told that we get paid parking but I haven't seen any paper work on it," said Paul

Lang, head of the criminal justice department.

NMU staff can opt to have the parking fee taken directly out of their paychecks.

"I signed to have the amount taken out of my paychecks over 20 pay periods, and I think it is right for us to pay for our parking," Lang said. "I would imagine that the raise in parking fees had something to do with the paid parking for administrators but I haven't seen anything that says so."

Nonunion members were the only ones to receive this benefit. "We weren't included in making the decisions on benefits," Lang said.



Lang

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain late in the day. High around 55.
- **Saturday:** Rain showers likely. High 45 to 50.
- **Sunday:** Chilly with a chance of rain and snow showers. High around 40.

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Congressional hopeful visits Northern

Yob fields student questions, vows to reduce interest educational loans

By KURT MENSCHING
FEATURES EDITOR

During a brief campaign stop Monday at NMU, Chuck Yob spoke about education and transportation to a mostly required attendance of NMU students.

"I want to make it easier for people to go to college," Yob said.

Yob is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Michigan 1st District, which includes all of the Upper Peninsula and part of the northern lower peninsula.

He said if elected, he would work to increase the number of low or no interest loans made available to college students.

Three members of his six

campaign staff are paying student loans. One member, he said, is delaying his marriage because of his student loans.

"He had to hold off his life because of his student loans," Yob said.

Though he had no detailed plan, Yob said he would support federal grants, or forgiving loans, for students who maintained a B average.

"I liked how he focussed a lot on changing things in the U.P. and keeping things strong up here," sophomore secondary education major Jordan Hosking said. "He doesn't want just conservative views and he doesn't want just Democrat views. He wants what's best for everybody up here."

Director of political science at NMU Steven Nelson said the speech was superficial, which is typical stump speech.

"There's not a lot of details, because of time constraints," he said.

Hosking said he thought Yob had the right ideas.

"He hasn't gone in depth as much, but he knows where he's going," he said.

Yob also spoke of the need for teacher incentives to improve the education system.

"I'm not going to go to Washington and vote more money to the Department of Education while it wastes more money," Yob said. "Michigan schools are falling down."

Transportation is another sub-

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— Chuck Yob
Congressional Candidate

ject of concern for Yob. He is a former member of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

He said employers look for three things before moving to a new community: a good area to have good schools, good health care and good transportation.

"You're OK on the first two, but you flunked the third part," Yob said.

During the question and

answer portion of the event, several supporters of current 1st district Congressman Bart Stupak asked questions of Yob.

"He was a bit testy with the student questions," Nelson said.

"Most of the audience was there because of a class requirement," Nelson said. "It was a mixed bag [of reaction]."

Yob began his speech by urging political activity among the students.

"This election is an important one," Nelson said. "You get to decide the next president."

"Decisions the president makes are going to be with you for a long time. If you're concerned where \$1.8 trillion in tax dollars is going to be spent, you should be involved."

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Professor awarded grant to study crabs

Cumberlidge receives funding to research freshwater species

BY APRIL SPRAY
STAFF WRITER

Neil Cumberlidge, head of the biology department, was recently selected by the National Science Foundation to receive a grant to continue research he has been conducting on freshwater crabs.

The Biogeography and Phylogeny of the Freshwater Crabs Based on Molecular and Morphological Evidence grant is worth \$170,000.

The money will be shared with Florida State University.

Cumberlidge will continue his own work on the taxonomy — the naming and classification of different animals — and systematics — the study of the evolutionary relationships between animals or within a group of animals. The Florida State

researchers will do DNA testing.

"DNA work has never been done before on freshwater crabs," Cumberlidge said. "We will use this work to set new classifications for them."

Systematics is the study of the evolutionary relationships between animals or within a group of animals.

Because freshwater crabs are found in many portions of the world in tropical climates, Cumberlidge said he will be doing research to figure out how all the different types are related. He will do this through visual identification of different characteristics of the animals.

Cumberlidge said it is important to understand the crabs' DNA relationship in order to figure out how they ended up inhabiting such diverse spaces.

"You can't deal with the biogeography and distribution of the crabs unless you are working with a group of animals that are related to each other," Cumberlidge said. "We don't know if these animals are related but we hope to after this study."

As the NSF grant is competitive, Cumberlidge and his associates applied for it last year but were denied.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Terrance Seethoff said it is impressive for NMU to win a grant of this magnitude when competing against schools like Harvard, Yale and Stanford.

"We are very pleased that we have a department head who has the time to administer a large and diverse department and to maintain the level of scholarship that attracts national funding,"

Seethoff said.

Cumberlidge said the knowledge he gains from the research will benefit NMU students as well.

Classes that will be directly affected include Cumberlidge's Biology 595 Systematics course, and research and thesis classes for graduate studies.

"I had to develop the course because I had to learn the techniques," Cumberlidge said. "The students learn cutting-edge techniques and knowing them makes the difference for the next move in their career."

Biology graduate student Jon Lobello has been working with Cumberlidge and has taken his classes.

"The students will definitely

get something out of the grant," Lobello said. "Hopefully we could update some of the DNA sequencing equipment in the lab."

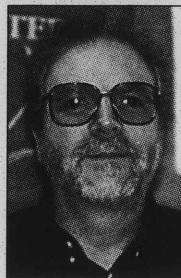
When Cumberlidge and his fellow researchers finish their studies they will add their findings to the Tree of Life project being organized by the University of Arizona.

The project attempts to place all species in a spot on the evolutionary timeline.

"Scientists argue about what could have happened, but the ultimate goal of biology is to find the one true tree of evolution," Cumberlidge said. "Evolution only happened once and in one way. I'm contributing to the portion on crabs."

Cumberlidge has also published a book on the subject titled "The Freshwater Crabs of West Africa."

You can view the Tree of Life project at <http://phylogeny.arizona.edu/tree/phylogeny.html>.



Cumberlidge



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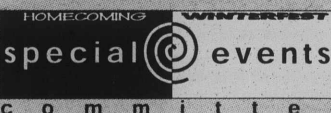
Steak Fry
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Hedgcock Fieldhouse

Bonfire
8:30 p.m.
Payne/Halverson Field

Saturday, September 23
Football Game
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vs. Michigan Tech
Superior Dome

Homecoming Dance
"Music by DJ"
8:00 p.m.
Great Lakes Rooms,
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EDITORIAL

Wiring, comfort lead to laptop success

In November 1998 a delegation of NMU faculty, students and administrators visited the University of Minnesota-Crookston. The intention of the visit was to sell the delegates on the idea of requiring NMU students to lease IBM Thinkpads through the university.

Those in attendance were exposed to the benefits of such a program, and were also afforded the opportunity to question members of the UM-C community on the pros and cons of the program. Much was learned, but NMU has not yet been able to follow through with the most important lessons of the trip.

UM-C discovered it was costly and difficult to wire its classrooms, yet until it did the laptop program was virtually impotent. The same will be true here unless something happens fast.

Rooms need to be wired for electricity and for network connectivity. Yet Vice President for Financial Affairs Mike Roy says there is no set date by which students can expect most classrooms to be wired in such a way. The university is apparently waiting for funding initiatives to come from the state legislature, which is like sitting in a boat and waiting for the fish to jump in — a fanciful thought, but it won't feed your family.

If the TLC initiative is to be more than a public relations blitz, the faculty will need to bring the laptops in a little closer than arm's length.

While it would be folly to suggest that the laptop has an appropriate place in every educational setting, like any expensive tool there is a great need for its cost to be justified. The only way to do that is to use it.

Students and faculty alike must feel more comfortable with it in class.

The best thing the university community can do right now is to not only continue to aggressively invest in the physical infrastructure of the campus, but also to get comfortable with its new tool.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student advocates controversial medical research

I am writing in regard to an issue that is not only important to me but the diabetic community as a whole. There is currently a debate over a stem cell research project that will make pancreas transplants more successful in diabetic patients by making the chance of rejecting the new organ less likely.

I was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at 8 years of age. During the past fourteen years I have had to take three daily

injections of insulin and check my blood several times a day.

I, like many diabetics, have been hospitalized for seizures and other side effects due to my diabetes. Diabetics can live a normal life, but at the same time cannot. There are many limitations that a diabetic has to deal with from the daily effects of high and low blood sugar, kidney failure and heart disease.

To date, the only "cure" for diabetes is for your pancreas to start working again, or to have transplant surgery.

The problem with transplantation is that the new host body

almost always rejects the pancreas. With this new testing, the cells can be genetically enhanced so that the patient might not need the highly toxic immunosuppressive drugs that prevent the body from rejecting the new organ.

I urge you to give your support by writing to the following: Carl Levin, senator2@levin.senate.gov; Spencer Abraham, Michigan@abraham.senate.gov; or the organization supporting this research, Advocacy in Action, advocacy@jdf.org.

Michelle Chartrand

Racial profiling remains

U-WIRE

If there is anyone out there who still thinks racial profiling does not happen, sit up and pay attention to this.

Wen Ho Lee, a Taiwanese-born, naturalized American citizen, spent more than 20 years working as a nuclear physicist at Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratories in New Mexico. He specialized in applied mathematics and fluid dynamics. In short, Lee was one heck of a

smart guy and an extremely valuable employee.

He was fired from his job in March 1999 under suspicion of espionage. In December, he was arrested and charged with 39 counts of mishandling sensitive information, 10 counts of unlawfully obtaining information and 10 counts of willfully retaining evidence, all of which allegedly occurred during a three-year investigation.

Was Lee a dangerously clever Chinese spy or just another vic-

tim of American xenophobia?

That depends on whom you ask. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has repeatedly denied that Lee's race had anything to do with his indictment. Notra Trulock, the Energy Department's chief intelligence officer, allowed Lee to continue his work at Los Alamos even after the investigation began in 1997, but later identified him as the prime suspect. This raises an

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Advertising dollars prescribe an underinformed constituency

I recently spotted the end of a Rage Against the Machine video that displayed the message that this year over 100 million voters will not be voting, simply because of lack of real choices on the ballot.

My question is this: Is it really a lack of choices or a lack of real media coverage?

Can you tell me George Bush's plan for medical care? Can you tell me how Al Gore feels about school vouchers? Can you tell me how Ralph Nader feels about anything? Can you tell me who Harry Browne is?

Paul Taylor, director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns, published a story in Mother Jones that brings some relevant issues to light.

For instance, in 1998 a survey of television news coverage across 25 states indicates that viewers were four times more likely to see a political advertisement than a political news story.

In an interview with the Dallas Morning News, Sam Donaldson echoed this point, "Outside of Nightline and our Sunday show, ABC News, in my view, has simply forfeited the field."

While television stations are dedicating less time to coverage — down a third from 1996, which was down a half from 1992 — they are charging much more for advertising. This year it is estimated that over

STAFF COLUMN



By Geoff Hineman

\$600 million dollars will be spent on campaign advertisement. That's a six-fold increase from 1972.

People wonder why it's always a two-man race; two parties have most of the financial backing.

The only reason Ross Perot was a factor in previous elections was because he was independently wealthy and could afford the advertising costs.

This presents a nasty chain of events. Politicians pay big money to get on television, immediately reducing the field of candidates.

The public, disgusted by the lack of real choices on the ballot, loses interest in the race.

Networks take this as a cue to cover the election less, leaving candidates with one option to get their message out: paying big

money for political advertisement.

To combat this problem, President Clinton appointed an advisory committee of broadcasters and public interest advocates to devise ways to combat the problem.

One idea that arose was for networks to provide five full minutes of nightly candidate discourse for 30 days prior to the election. Only 20 stations out of 1,300 in the country agreed with the proposal. The biggest hurdle, according to the Taylor article, was the fear of lost ad revenue.

Taylor quotes Perry Chester, the general manager of a CBS affiliate in Champaign, Illinois, as saying, "Once you give a politician five minutes of free airtime, he's going to go somewhere else and spend the money he has saved at your station."

Obviously, Mr. Chester (among others) has made his priorities clear.

Other avenues for election coverage include cable television and Internet access.

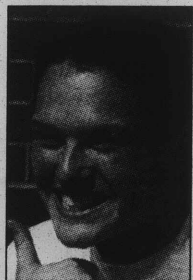
Considering that one-fourth of Americans don't have cable and one-half don't have Internet access, do we really want to rely on those mediums; they seem to eliminate the poor.

Then again, why should those who need the most help be informed of how to get it?

SOUND OFF

Next Week: Sould NMU administrators be given parking passes as part of their salary?

Should Indiana University have fired Bobby Knight?



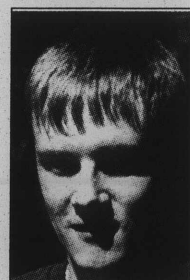
Mina McGuire
senior, geography

"I'm pretty apathetic about the whole situation. Bobby Knight's reign is over and it might hurt IU."



Ari Newberger
freshman, CIS

"I think he should not have been fired. Now IU is never going to see a tournament in March again."



Dave Langin
junior, education

"They should have kept 'The General.' Now I'll have to find a new team to watch."



Jesse Drees
senior, spanish

"He should coach here at NMU. I wish he was my coach, I need that kind of discipline in my life."



Chris Cook
junior, undecided

"No way. Bobby Knight put IU on the map for basketball by relentless coaching over the years."

PROFILING

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interesting question: If, in fact, Trulock felt Lee was a threat, why was he not fired immediately?

On the contrary, former Central Intelligence Agency operations officer Robert Vrooman told The Washington Post that "Mr. Lee's ethnicity was a major factor."

None of the many Caucasian people who had access to the same information were placed under investigation. He also said the case "was built on thin air" and the government did not have "a shred of evidence" to support its claims.

Furthermore, it should be noted that most of the alleged "stolen information" is still missing. It is not as if the FBI burst in Lee's door one day and found it sitting on his desk.

Perhaps this glaring lack of evidence is what prompted the government, finally, to release Lee from solitary confinement Wednesday. After nine months, Lee is a free man again. Judge James Parker, who presided over the Lee case, actually apologized for the government's conduct, saying that it "embarrassed this entire nation and everyone who is a citizen of it."

Indeed, we should all be embarrassed and ashamed to live in a nation that can throw an upstanding citizen into prison without probable cause — and ethnicity is not probable cause.

Racial profiling has been a hot-button political issue in recent months, but attention has been focused almost entirely on police operations at the state and local level. The blatant injustices imposed on Lee suggest that racial profiling could

be a national problem that pervades law enforcement up to the highest level. Unless concrete, satisfactory answers are supplied as to why Lee was suspected over his colleagues, the government should conduct a thorough and an investigation of law enforcement agencies' practices.

While there is no concrete evidence that Lee was a victim of racial profiling (i.e. no written order from any government official saying, "Get the Taiwanese guy."), the government's actions seem suspicious. Fifty-nine counts of criminal behavior were brought against a man, then dropped nine months later without so much as an "oops."

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Easy Rider



Matt Armstrong/NW

Adam Granger, an NMU pre-med senior, grabs a lift to Marquette Mountain recently for some soul riding.

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Lack of outlets, class use concerns students

BY KURT MENSCHING
FEATURES EDITOR

Sophomore history major Dan Mechalski uses his laptop in three of his six classes, but he is among the minority.

"Basically I just use [the laptop] to take notes on because I can't get on the Net," Mechalski said. "There's no outlets. There's not enough portable things to plug into."

Mechalski said he would make better use of the laptop if plugs were provided because his laptop's battery dies after three hours of classes, and he is unable to charge it due to lack of electrical outlets in Jamrich Hall and the other older buildings on campus.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Mike Roy said there is no set date or timetable for updating the classrooms.

"As far as the renovation goes, updating the classrooms is part of the adaptive program for Hedcock, the Thomas Fine Arts

building and Jamrich Hall," Roy said. "The budget for the planning has been approved, so the next step is the state approval from the legislature."

Despite the lack of outlets or network nodes, Roy said that students should still be able to make good use of their laptops.

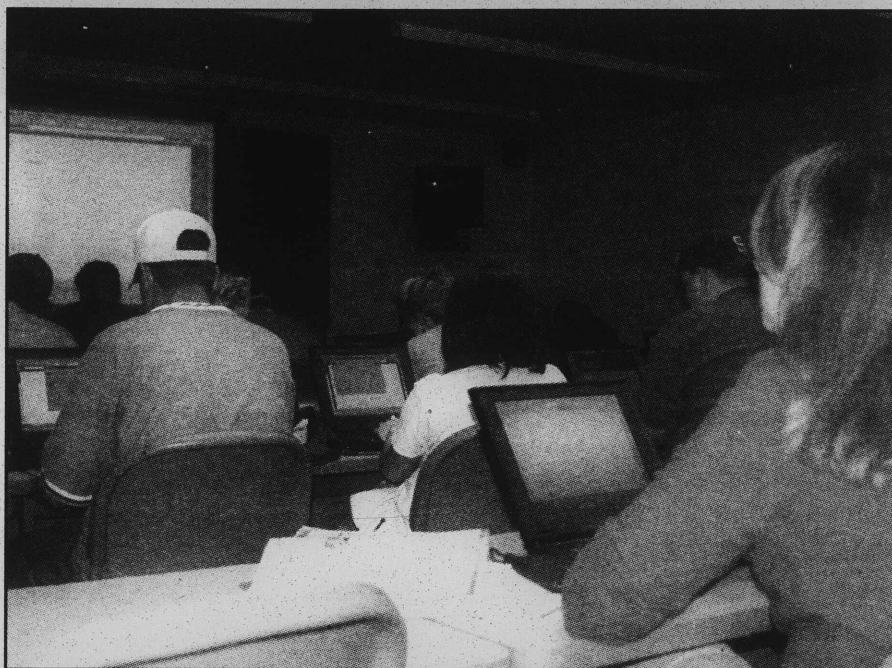
ASNMU President Nathan Leach said students not being able to use their laptops, or feeling awkward for doing so, is a concern for him.

"We've been hearing that students are not using [the laptops]; professors are not using the laptops in their classes," he said.

Leach said that the university must do a better job of providing classrooms that are up-to-date with the technology provided by the laptops.

He also said a student approached him after she was laughed at for taking her laptop out in class.

"I'm just concerned that the laptops are going to be some sort of glorified e-mail device," he said.



Brandon Craig/NW

Junior psychology major Melissa Crochere, right, uses her laptop during CIS 110 in one of the few wired classrooms across campus. The class meets in Jamrich.

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CAMPUS NOTES

NMU plans talks

on climate crisis

Kent Bransford, a nationally recognized climate change medical consultant, will present "Death by Degrees: The Emerging Health Crisis of Climate Change in Michigan."

His public lecture is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

Platform Personalities and the Environmental Science Organization are sponsoring the presentation. NMU students with an ID will be admitted free. The cost for non-students is \$1.

ASNMU parking

forum planned

Students with concerns and questions regarding traffic or parking on campus are invited to attend an ASNMU forum with Public Safety representatives.

The forum will be held at noon on Oct. 3 in the LRC next to Book Binders Eatery.

ASNMU President Nathan Leach will host the question and answer session. Public Safety Director Ken Chant and Assistant Director Darwin Gager will field student's concerns.

Leach said topics of concern may lead to action by ASNMU.

Contraception kit

workshop planned

Planned Parenthood is hosting a workshop entitled "Emergency Contraception — America's Best Kept Secret."

It is scheduled from 12:15 to 1 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Planned Parenthood's Marquette health center, 1219 N. Third St. The program is free, but registration is required by 5 p.m. on Sept. 22 due to a lack of space.

The program deals with EC and how it prevents pregnancy if applied within 72 hours of intercourse. Kits will be available.

Call 225-5070 to register.

Artwork added to

Sculpture Walk

The outdoor Sculpture Walk at NMU is expanding with the addition of three new installations.

A reception featuring talks by some of the artists is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sept. 22, outside Lee and Carey Halls. Hot chocolate will be served.

The Sculpture Walk was established about five years ago, and has expanded to 15 pieces.

Steel is the material of choice for most of the artists represented. Other materials on the walk include limestone and fiberglass.

USOEC celebrates

accomplishments

In recognition of the four Olympic boxers from NMU, the USOEC is conducting an event in the Cat Trax dining hall.

Cat Trax is located between Payne-Halverson and Gant-Spalding Halls, and the activities begin at 7 p.m. each night. The gathering will bring past Olympians and coach Al Mitchell to speak to the public.

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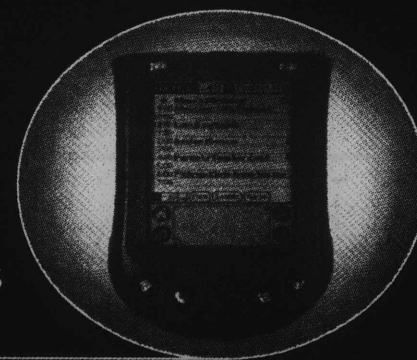


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Campaigns not focused on party issues

BY MARIBEL MOREY
U-WIRE

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Campaign themes are not about issues, but about which groups will benefit from the kind of leadership the candidate would bring to the office, David Leege, professor of government at the University of Notre Dame said.

The 2000 Bush-Cheney and Gore-Lieberman campaigns are not primarily focused on party issues, but on personality.

"Bush has downplayed policy and has concentrated on the image as a likeable, down-to-

earth person," said Joshua Kaplan, associate director of undergraduate studies and assistant professional specialist in the government department.

"Gore is carefully following Clinton, using policy with broad appeal," he said. "In my opinion, both candidates have learned a lot from Clinton, on how to campaign successfully. He's a model on how to win an election."

Putting personality aside, the two candidates have presented mainly domestic issues.

"I would guess that the issues are domestic issues: social insurance which includes social secu-

rity, Medicare, prescription drugs and everything else related to the high-costs people face with an illness," said Leege. "The second issue would include the responsible use of anticipated surplus."

Kaplan agrees with the importance of these issues.

"Now more of the issues are coming out which includes prescription drugs and defense spending and obviously they're important, but it's not clear that the issues make a difference [in this election]."

With a surplus the money can either go back to the people in the form of tax breaks or pay out part

of the national debt.

"Ironically, although Governor Bush argued for the tax cuts, he saw that he wasn't gaining many votes so he came back down from that," he said. "Now he's addressing the same type of issues as Gore — making a living and having a strong economy."

Issues are the quality of education and access to education, said Leege.

"Bush presents the education vouchers in a way that 'this is something different,' but it's a familiar Republican value," said Kaplan. "Just like Clinton said, I'm a new kind of Democrat,

Bush says he's a new kind of Republican."

Close to the issue of personality, but somewhat unique is the Clinton fatigue.

Some people think we need a change because they're tired of the Clinton administration, said Leege.

"For these voters, it doesn't matter who the Republican candidate is as long as it's now a Democrat," he said.



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I want you to mull over these significant questions the next time you are watching "empty-v," the next time you are parking your car, the next time you are at McDonalds, the next time you skip class to sleep.

You are living in the most important time period of human existence, a crux of mankind.

Make no mistake, this is no lecture. I'm not your parents, I'm your conscience, and I'm pissed.

Are you still with me? You are probably wondering where do I get off asking these questions, what business of it is mine?

These answers are for you, not me.

My point is this: you are an adult now, this is your life, you ought to do something worthwhile with it.

I'm not going to get up on a soap box, I just want you to take a long, honest look at your life.

I don't expect you to write me and tell me you are living a righteous life, or give me a justification for deviance.

For me, it's taken 23 years to get a lead as to where I fit into society. It is still a hazy lead I'm following, but it seems like good stuff.

The reality is that I still don't have a clue why people are the way they are, or why they do what they do.

Anthropologists and economists make theories, but offer very little in the way of concrete answers for me. Christians put faith in faith, which for me offers about as much to hold onto as a fading breeze off the lake.

I guess what I'm trying to convey is that there are no easy answers to the questions of life.

If you seek direction, you aren't alone.

But don't get me wrong, the meaning of life isn't found at a 9-to-5 with a 401k. If you are in college just to get a good job, you are missing a world of opportunity. If you are just using your Thinkpad to download porn and Napster, you are naïve to a galaxy of information.

What I'm pushing for is self-betterment through the quest for knowledge.

When you get some free time, find out about something you aren't familiar with. Go to a website dedicated to life off the grid (i.e. solar power, composting toilets, sustainable living). There are millions of people out there dedicated to making this world better for total strangers. Whats stopping you from joining them?

Make a difference in the world by making a change in your life.

Find something you can have feelings about, good or bad, and get involved. The way I see it you can do one of two things: give your life an aim, or just get in line with everyone else.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



By DANIEL POWELL



Brandon Craig/NW

NMU mascot Wildcat Willy is just a cool cat like the rest of us. Each morning, he avoids the parking lot hassle by riding his bike to school. He is seen here locking up his bike, because he knows the fastest way to lose his mode of transportation is to not lock it up. Willy locks up, so should you.



You can call on me

Willy's first class of the day, Cheers Throughout History, is held in Jamrich Hall. He arrives just barely on time, paid attention, took careful notes and always has his hand up first. Willy is majoring in Spirit with a minor in Go Team. The correct answer to this question is the fabled and historic cheer, "Rah, rah, sis boom bah." Willy and other students learn cheers ranging from the early Ivy League cheer above to Michigan State's "Fight, fight, go team fight, victory for MSU."

Brandon Craig/NW

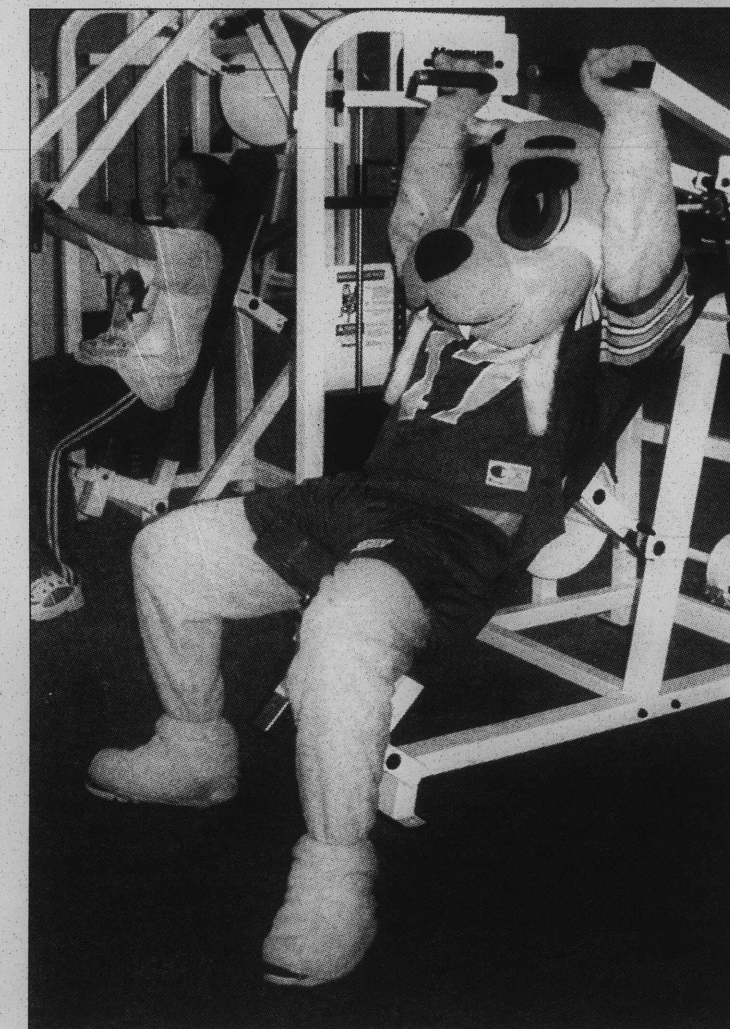
HOMECOMING A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WILDCAT WILLY For Northern's glory

In order to help do our part to drum up Homecoming spirit, this week The North Wind sent photographer Brandon Craig along with NMU mascot Wildcat Willy on Tuesday to get a glimpse of Willy's daily life. Whether heading to class and arriving in the nick of time, grabbing a snack in the Wildcat Den or hanging out with friends, Craig found the life of Willy to be not unlike the life of a normal NMU student.



Brandon Craig/ NW

Taking a snack break after classes, Willy stops at the Wildcat Den for a Stone Willy pizza. He also enjoyed the breadsticks with his meal. Willy chose a seat near the television set so he could watch USOC light-middleweight boxer Jermain Taylor defeat his Olympic opponent in the first round.



Brandon Craig/NW

It takes a lot of exercising to be in the peak shape which allows Willy to work the crowd at the Berry Events Center or Superior Dome between periods of NMU sporting events. Here in the Physical Education Instructional Facility, Willy works hard on a military press machine to build strength and endurance.

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After a long day, Willy rested in the Peter White Lounge of the U.C. with a copy of The North Wind.

Artists reconvene to mesh with the times

80s production techniques compromised musicality of Australian band

The Go-Betweens

"The Friends of Rachel Worth"



Grade: A-

BY GREG CLEARY
MUSIC REVIEWER

This is a story you've heard before: talented band releases a string of albums that are critically well received, but for one reason or another are commercial

flops. Finally they decide to pack it in and get real jobs, but as years go by, it becomes increasingly apparent they have influenced a whole new generation of musicians.

Encouraged by their own growing reputation, the band then reconvenes to record some more music.

Now the specifics: The Go-Betweens were from Australia, the decade was the 1980s. Among the many bands they influenced are Pavement and Belle and Sebastian.

Interest in the Go-Betweens resulted in two retrospective albums that were released last year: an early years collection

and a best of collection, which were intriguing, though not particularly impressive.

To me, the band came across as likeable enough, but a bit unfocused. It was easy to see why their brand of folksy pop music did not have widespread appeal in the eighties (or the nineties, for that matter).

Also, the band seemed somewhat victimized by the overly slick production techniques that characterized that decade.

The new Go-Betweens album, "The Friends of Rachel Worth," is another story, however.

Suddenly the Go-Betweens sound completely in step with the times, and without sounding the least bit trendy.

Singer-songwriters Robert Forster and Grant McLennan are backed by Adele Pickvance and

Americans Janet Weiss (Sleater-Kinney, Quasi) and Sam Coomes (Heatmiser, Quasi).

The band crafts a sound that is direct and organic — the perfect complement to these unobtrusively catchy pop songs, most of which are built around the songwriters' own brightly acoustic guitars.

The basic Go-Betweens sound will be recognizable to fans of such artists as Freedy Johnston, Michael Penn, and Big Star (another band whose reputation arrived about a decade too late).

None of the musicians overplay. Instead they add their own

subtle hooks to basic melodies, making music that can be as simple or as complex as the listener would like it to be.

It all meshes so wonderfully that it seems almost unfair to single out any one contribution, but Weiss and Coomes are at their best in the moody, atmospheric "Orpheus Beach."

The overall mood of the album is one of wonder and optimism.

The lyrics are solid and clichés are kept to a minimum.

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MOVIE REVIEW THE INSIDER

Journalist Pacino stellar in 'The Insider'

BY: JESSICA SKOLNIK
MOVIE REVIEWER

"The Insider" was just released on video.

This based-on-a-true-story movie stars Russell Crowe as a tobacco scientist for a large cigarette distributor.

He is living comfortably in large house with his his two daughters and his wife, who has a rather annoying southern drawl. One of his daughters is the infectious little girl from the Pepsi commercials.

His industry takes advantage of millions of people every day.

Nicotine loving consumers contribute

to the tobacco industry.

The corporate giants in return provide them with Camel cash and other perks, so that the companies can afford to avoid having to sell out to those who file lawsuits against them.

But Crowe's plush life soon goes into a downward spiral in this rather tedious, drawn out film. He gets fired from his job at the tobacco company for poor communication skills.

But we soon learn it is really because he knows the dirty little secrets of the industry.

Yes, he knows that smoking cigarettes is indeed bad for your health.

He also knows a secret that the

American people should probably know about. It seems the tobacco companies are extensively using a technology called ammonal chemistry.

In laymen's terms, what that means is the CEO of the tobacco company is adding stuff into your cigarettes that doesn't need to be there and will hurt you even more, but since it will make it more addictive and therefore sell better, they add it anyway.

After the tobacco scientist family man gets fired, Al Pacino enters into the picture as a guy with the news program 60 Minutes, which thinks the American people deserve to know about the tobacco industry's secret.

Pacino's character also thinks it will

make for an intriguing piece of broadcast journalism. So he sets out to get the Crowe character to tell all, even if it means death threats and moving out of his mansion.

Pacino displays yet another stellar performance and has all the best lines, of course.

So at this point in the film things start to get intense and there are some genuinely suspenseful scenes that basically lead to nothing but the Russell Crowe character having a pretty crummy life.

Despite it's flaws, I recommend this movie because you learn a lot about the corruption of media and censorship. You get to see Pacino swearing and shouting a lot.

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Thursday, September 21

Film: Gonzo presents "Zelig" (PG) at 10 p.m. in Jamarich 102.

Other: Join service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega for an official rush event. The group will go bowling at Big Daddy's at 9 p.m. Those needing a ride can meet at 8:45 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge of the University Center

Benefit Dance: A dance to benefit the Peter White Library will feature the music of the Feltliners. The dance will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. in the new community room of the renovated and expanded library. Those attending should enter through the new west entrance and take the stairs or elevator to the lower level. For more information call Laura at 226-1769 or Bryn at 228-9510.

Friday, September 22

Homecoming: Homecoming Parade at 5:30 p.m. Parade route runs up Third Street to Hewitt Street, over to Fourth Street, and down through campus.

Homecoming: Steak Fry from 6 to 8 p.m. in Hedcock Fieldhouse.

Homecoming: Bonfire at 8:30 p.m.

Sports: NMU volleyball will host Northwood at 7 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

Music: Madison Greene will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Literature: Poetry and Tarot Readings at the Common

Grounds Coffee House, 1907 Presque Isle, at 8 p.m.

Art: A reception in the outdoor Sculpture Walk at the NMU Art Museum will be hosted by the Friends of the University Art Museum. Hot chocolate will be served. This event will feature three new sculpture installations and talks by some of the artists.

Saturday, September 23

Other: Writing Proficiency Exam.

Sports: NMU football hosts Michigan Tech at 1 p.m. in the Superior Dome.

Sports: NMU volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley at 4:30 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

Dance: The Homecoming Dance will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Bring you boogie boots, your dancing shoes, your crazy legs and a funky foot.

Sunday, September 24

Last day to obtain 50-percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the university (full semester courses).

Last day to obtain 25-percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal (first block courses).

Film: Campus Cinema will present "Mission Impossible II" (PG-13); 6:30 and 9 p.m. in 102 Jamarich.

Auditions: Community-wide auditions will be held at 1 p.m., with callbacks at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25. Auditions

are open to all NMU students, faculty, staff and administrators, as well as local talent from the Marquette community. For more information, call the Forest Roberts Theatre Box Office at 227-2553, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wednesday, September 27

Dancing: Swing Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

Language: Anyone who is interested in speaking French and/or is interested in France and French culture is welcome to sit with the French Table in the Sweet Water Café at 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 28

Film: Gonzo will present "Trekies" (PG) at 10 p.m. in Jamarich 102.

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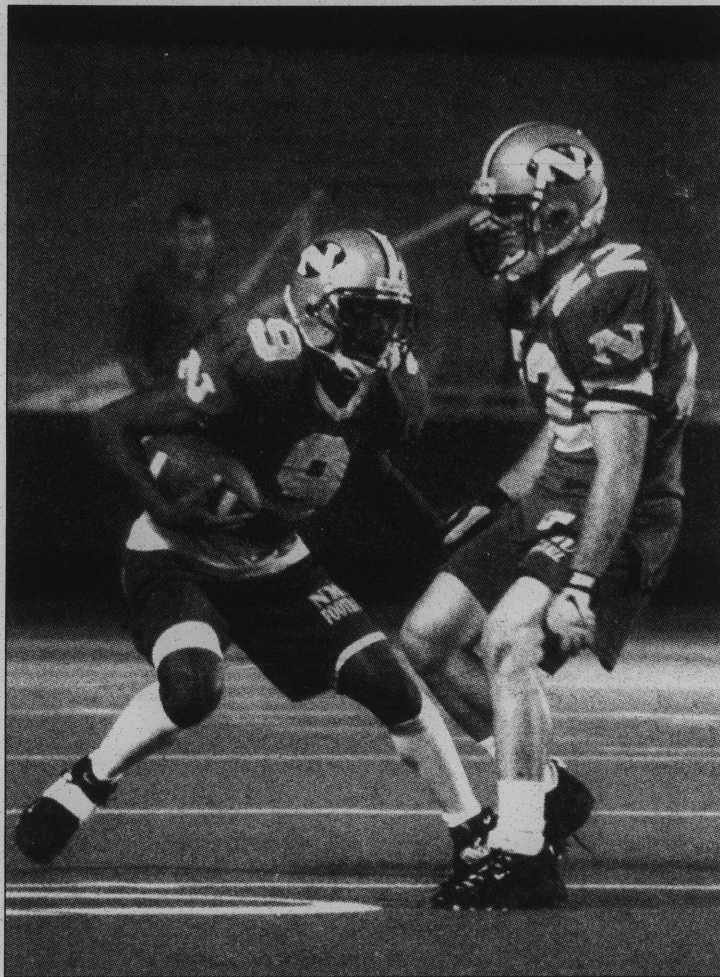
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Wildcats' junior defensive back Vanius Horton (9) made one interception in last Saturday's 31-17 victory over Hillsdale College.

FOOTBALL MICHIGAN TECH PREVIEW

'Cats ready for Huskies

BY TOM MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

While the students on the campus of Northern Michigan University prepare for homecoming this weekend, the Wildcat football team is excited for a different reason: Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech is coming to town.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Superior Dome, the 'Cats have a chance to reign supreme in the U.P. for the 17th straight time. NMU has not lost to MTU since 1955. But the streak means nothing to NMU head coach Eric Holm.

"Every year is different," Holm said.

Michigan Tech comes in with a 2-0 record after beating Indianapolis University 35-33 last Saturday.

Averaging over 35 points a game, the Huskies have a solid offense led by senior quarterback Alex Kowalski, who so far this season has completed 40 of 58 passes for 510 yards and four touchdowns. His favorite receiver is senior wide

out Jeff Geisz, who leads the Huskies with 21 receptions for 309 yards and three touchdowns. He set a new MTU record last week with 14 receptions for 237 yards against IU.

The NMU offense lost some big guns last week to the injury list. Senior tailback James Randle (hand) and junior flanker Tony Ebeling (knee) are out possibly for the rest of the season, Holm said.

Holm said the injuries will not change things on offense.

"Our backups are ready to step in and play well," Holm said.

The NMU offense is led by senior quarterback Bryan White, who has completed 53 of 96 passes for 581 yards and three touchdowns.

With leading receiver Ebeling out, White will look more toward senior split end Jamone Mims who this year has eight receptions for 64 yards and a team high two touchdowns.

Sophomore tailback Terrell Goldsmith, who leads the team in rushing with 278 yards on 55 car-

THE MATCHUP



NMU	W-L	MTU
2-1		2-0
OFFENSE		
28.7	Pts. (Avg.)	35.5
64	First Downs	50
210.3	Rush (Avg.)	205.0
193.7	Pass (Avg.)	274.5
34:19	Time of Possession	33:36
6	Rushing TDs	5
3	Passing TDs	5
1	Return TDs	1
3/4	FG/FGA	1/3
DEFENSE		
26.7	Pts. Allowed (Avg.)	31.0
50	Opp. First Downs	53
138.3	Rush (Avg.)	66.0
226.0	Pass (Avg.)	403.5
1	Sacks	8
6	Interceptions	3

Jason Lauren/NW
ries, will have to take on an even bigger role in the backfield with the loss of Randle.

Overall the 'Cats feel confident going into Saturday, coach Holm said.

VOLLEYBALL NORTHWOOD, SAGINAW VALLEY STATE PREVIEW

Wildcats in search of more victories

Head coach Scott Sandel feels his team can be a threat if it plays to the best of its ability

BY JENN JUREWICZ
SPORTS EDITOR

NMU head volleyball coach Scott Sandel said if his team can play up to its capability and pressure its opponents by constantly putting the ball on the other side of the court, it should not run into trouble this weekend.

The Wildcats (4-7 overall, 1-2 GLIAC) host arch-rival Northwood University at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saginaw Valley State University at 4:40 p.m. on Saturday. Both matches will be played in Vandament Arena.

Last season Northwood (3-0, 13-2) beat the 'Cats in the first round of the NCAA-II championships. Northern also lost to Northwood all three times the teams met last year.

"I definitely think Northwood will be the toughest opponent," senior middle blocker Yvette Sixbey was quoted as

saying in the Aug. 31 issue of *The North Wind*. "We got beat by them three times last year and we're ready to beat the pants off them — more than ready."

Sandel said the revenge factor against the Timberwolves should not be a distraction for his team.

"It's more about learning how to play clean volleyball — without any unforced errors," Sandel said. "We will be able to compete. We've seen Northwood, and we're just going to have to pressure them and force them to make plays."

The Timberwolves are paced by Romana Moravkova, who leads in kills and digs with 247 and 168, respectively.



Moravkova posts a .355 attack percentage.

Northwood's Dena Zizkova was named GLIAC Player of the Week this week. Zizkova averaged 3.78 kills, 2.89 digs, and 1.78 blocks per game. She also posted an attack percentage of .362.

The plan against Saginaw Valley (0-3, 4-10) will be the same as against Northwood, Sandel said. It is all about putting forth the greatest effort and keeping errors low.

The Cardinals lead the league in blocks with 71 solo and 170 assisted. Bree Hickman leads the team in kills with 202 and posts a .251 attack percentage. Hickman also paces the team in digs with 149.

Freshman outside hitter Kristin Koralewski is the Wilcat leader for kills with 114 and holds a .158 attack percentage. Junior outside hitter Alesia Hanzal and Koralewski both have 105 digs to pace the Wildcats.



Sixbey

USOEC BOXING OLYMPICS REVIEW

Boxers stay on road to gold

The four U.S. Olympic Education Center boxers competing in the 2000 winter Olympics in Sydney, Australia are all currently undefetaed.

On Tuesday, Jermain Taylor showed Bulgarian Dimitri Usagin why he is nicknamed "Bad Intentions" as he became the first American to knock out an opponent.

In the 156-pound opening round action Tuesday at the Sydney Exhibition Centre, Taylor needed only one minute and 50 seconds of the first round to put away Usagin with a crushing right hand to the chin.

"It was a good lick," Taylor said. "It caught him right on the button. I don't go for pretty, fancy. That's not my style. I just get the job done."

On Sunday, Brian Viloría and David Jackson collected wins.

In the battle of the 106-pound titans, Viloría, the reigning world champion, eliminated current European champion Sergei Kazakov of Russia, 8-6.

Viloría, who at 5-foot-4 is four inches shorter than Kazakov, forced the action in the first two rounds from the inside and held a

6-1 lead heading into the third round.

However, Kozakov became more aggressive and found the range with his left hand and won the third round 3-1 to cut the lead to 7-4 heading into the final round.

Viloría's defense tightened in the fourth and neither boxer was able to score consistently, giving the 19-year old American the 8-6 win.

It was Viloría's second win over Kazakov. He defeated the Russian, 11-10, in a 1998 USA-Russia dual.

"I felt a little rusty tonight and he was a very good opponent," Viloría said. "I think the difference [Sunday] was that my punches were landing more clearly and I had a better defense, but I could have stayed busier and been more aggressive."

In his 132-pound bout, Jackson won a convincing 19-7 decision over Naoufel Ben Rabah of Tunisia.

"I have been waiting for the fight for a long time and it is a great feeling ... a feeling that can't compare to anything else in the world," Jackson said. "As far



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USOEC boxers from left, Brian Viloría, David Jackson, head coach Al Mitchell, Jermaine Taylor, and Clarence Vinson. The four boxers are undefeated in Olympic competition in Sydney, Australia.

as my performance is concerned, I give myself a C overall. I feel like I can do a lot better when it comes to using my jab and keeping my hands up for defense."

Clarence Vinson said he felt the pressure of being the first American in action on Saturday, but that did not stop him from defeating a tough opponent and advancing to the second round of the 119-pound competition.

Vinson defeated Frenchman Rachid Boutaita, 9-2.

Vinson started slowly against the taller and more experienced Bouatam, a 1996 Olympian, before finally scoring on a right hand to the head with 50 seconds remaining in the first round.

"I was a little nervous because I didn't want to let my teammates or my country down," Vinson said.

"This win is really good for us because it sets the tone for the rest of the team and makes them realize that all of the hard work in

camp the last six months really prepared them for this moment."

Today, Vinson will box Taalaibek Kadiraliyev of Kyrgyzstan. On Friday, Jackson will face Selim Palyani of Turkey and Viloría will take on Brahim Aslouh of France. Taylor will be in action again Saturday against Canadian Scott MacIntosh.

Taylor defeated the Canadian earlier this year, 11-5, during the America's Olympic Qualifier.

— USOEC release

VOLLEYBALL GVSU, FSU, MTU REVIEW

'Cats struggle with GLIAC competition

BY JENN JUREWICZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Northern Michigan University's volleyball team opened up its GLIAC season with two losses and a win recently.

Tuesday, the Wildcats (4-7 overall, 1-2 GLIAC) defeated Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech in Houghton, 3-2 (10-15, 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, 15-8).

MTU (10-6, 1-3) began the match with a 2-1 lead as they looked to end their 17 match losing streak against NMU, but the 'Cats rallied in the two final games for the victory.

"Going into this week we started playing up to our capability," NMU head coach Scott Sandel said. "We were still up and down against Tech.

"Clean volleyball would not have caused us to go into five games. But when you have a young team, your performance fluctuates."

Senior middle blocker Yvette Sixbey led the Wildcats in kills with 22, and sophomore setter Liz Madsen posted 71 assists. Senior outside hitter Jill Balicki and Madsen each had 15 digs for the team high.

Northern was shut down by the Bulldogs of Ferris State University on Friday, 3-0 (15-11, 15-12, 15-4).

The Wildcats kept the games close against FSU (13-1, 3-0), but recorded a low hitting percentage of .024, while the Bulldogs posted a .259 attack percentage.

Northern was led in kills and digs by freshman outside hitter Kristin Koralewski, who recorded eight and six, respectively. Madsen paced the Wildcats in assists with 15.



Sandel

Thursday, NMU bowed to Grand Valley State University (13-1, 3-0) in its first match of the road trip, 3-1 (15-0, 7-15, 15-10, 15-10).

After being shut out in the first game, 15-0, the Wildcats came back to take the next game, 15-7. Northern Michigan University could not control its unforced errors, however, and struggled through the remainder of the match.

Sandel said if the team could just keep the unforced errors low, then it will prove it is competitive.

Freshman outside hitter Sabien Heisterkamp led the team in kills with 11, while Koraslewski posted six digs.

Also, freshman setter Thais Prandini started as a setter for the first time and posted 29 assists.

"Against Grand Valley and Ferris State we basically hit bottom as far as our effort," Sandel said.

"Our execution wasn't very good. Those were our worst matches of the year."

FOOTBALL HILLSDALE COLLEGE REVIEW

Interception return secures NMU victory

BY MIKE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Junior defensive back Jason Bluck rose to the occasion last Saturday in Hillsdale, setting a school record after returning an interception for 103 yards to seal a 31-17 victory for NMU over Hillsdale College.

The Wildcats (2-1 overall, 2-0 GLIAC) led 24-17 in the fourth quarter. Bluck's interception prevented the Chargers (1-2, 0-2) from making any late game come-backs.

"Right before the interception we had a pass deflected, which was a big play for us," NMU head coach Eric Holm said. "But Bluck's interception return sealed the game."

Junior quarterback Bryan White opened up the scoring for NMU with a 5-yard touchdown pass to junior split end Tony

Ebeling early in the first quarter. The Chargers then evened up the score at seven when quarterback Bill Skelton connected with split end Ed House on a 3-yard touchdown pass.

White later carried a touchdown in himself from one yard out to put the score at 14-7.

Junior place kicker Andrew Coster kicked a 44-yard field goal to give NMU a 17-7 lead at the half. By the start of the fourth quarter Hillsdale had the game tied at 17 after a touchdown and a field goal.

Sophomore Dustin Ramoie replaced White at quarterback in the second half after White suffered a sprained ankle. Ramoie pushed the 'Cats' lead to 24-17 with a one yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

"Ramoie's quarterback sneak for a touchdown was a big play for us in the second half," Holm said.

Before White left the game, he completed 13 of 25 passes for 125 yards, throwing one touchdown and running for another. Senior fullback Hector Castellanos led the Wildcats in rushing with 66 yards on 10 car-



Brandon Craig/NW

The Wildcats (shown at practice in the Superior Dome) beat Hillsdale College for the first time in thirty years at Hillsdale, 31-17, on Saturday. That was also the third win ever against HC on the road.

ries. He also led the team in receiving with three catches for 24 yards.

Northern took advantage of four turnovers by the Chargers, all of which were interceptions.

Bluck finished the game with two interceptions, while junior defensive back Vanius Horton and senior defensive back Jeff Ives each contributed with one.

"I can see why it has been so

long since we won there," Holm said. "They have a good football team. They played us tough, but for the second week in a row our players came up with some great plays at the end."



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TENNIS UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY REVIEW

'Cats suffer first loss of season

Northern Michigan University's tennis team lost its first meet of the season on Friday, falling to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 5-4, in a non-conference match-up.

The Wildcats (2-1 overall, 2-0 GLIAC) had chances to win the match, building a 2-1 lead after the doubles events, but four losses in singles competition gave UW-GB (1-0) the win.

"I thought our doubles teams played quite well," NMU head coach Troy Mattson said. "In singles, they played much better and won a lot of first sets. From that point, Green Bay stepped up and we couldn't answer."

At one doubles, junior Vessie Jeliazkova and sophomore Kris Koopman downed the Phoenix duo of Lianna Dorn and Mariah Goecke, 8-3, while at the number two slot, sophomores Brooke Aronin and Lavinia Janssen defeated Alexis Watson and Holly Wendorff, 8-4.

The three doubles match between the team of freshman

Rachel Riopel and junior Katie Stofcheck and UW-GB's Erin Parks and Kelly Gruszynski was close, as the Phoenix pulled out an 8-6 win for its only doubles victory.

In singles competition, Aronin and sophomore Heidi Ehlers earned points for the 'Cats with straight set wins at four and six singles, but wins by the Phoenix at No. 1 and 3 singles left NMU with a one point lead with two matches in progress.

Koopman, playing at the No. 2 spot, posted a 6-1 win in the first game of her match with Wendorff, but a pair of 6-4 losses in games two and three gave UW-GB the match tying set.

Northern returns to GLIAC action this weekend with a four match road trip. The Wildcats travel to Northwood today, before visiting Ashland on Friday, Mercyhurst on Saturday, and Saginaw Valley State University on Sunday.

—NMU sports release

GOLF GRAND VALLEY STATE INVITATIONAL REVIEW

Northern finishes 14th

The Northern Michigan University men's golf team competed with some of the country's best golf teams this past weekend.

The Wildcats placed 14th out of 16 teams at the Grand Valley State University Fall Invitational in Allendale. NMU totaled 664 points

California State University-Bakersfield won the event with a score of 602.

Ferris State University finished second with 605, while University of California-Davis took third with 607.

Junior K.C. Bjorne led the Wildcats with a 36-hole mark of 160 to tie for 38th place out of the

event's 80 golfers. Bjorne shot a 10-over 81 during the first day before coming back with a 79 during the final round.

Junior Eric Van Damme tied for 47th after shooting a 162, while freshman Rick Miller (167) tied for 61st.

Also, freshman Eric Borrell (175) tied for 69th, and sophomore Rick Comley (182) rounded out Northern's team scoring by tying for 78th place.

The Wildcats will travel to South Lyon to participate in the District IV Invitational, hosted by Wayne State on Sunday-Monday.

— NMU sports release

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SOCCER GANNON, MERCYHURST REVIEW

Gregor pleased with effort

BY MIRIAM MÖLLER
STAFF WRITER

NMU's women's soccer team lost its first two GLIAC games, 4-3, to Gannon and, 3-0, to Mercyhurst over the weekend.

"We played as best as we could," NMU head coach Carl Gregor said. "I told the girls I am not worried about the scores this weekend — just go out there and give me 100 percent, which they did.

"They never stopped playing, they never stopped trying and we played very good soccer."

Freshman midfielder Lene Stavland scored all three goals for the Wildcats (3-3-0 overall, 3-4-0 GLIAC) against Gannon (2-0-0, 4-2-0). But the Golden Knights, who finished third in the GLIAC last season, beat NMU with a fourth goal in the 81st minute.

"They were a more physical team than we usually play," freshman Carolyn Kunas said.

Northern came back in the 86th minute when Stavland rifled a shot into the net to bring the

score within one. In the last four and a half minutes the Wildcats challenged the Golden Knights but were unsuccessful.

"It could have gone either way," Gregor said. "We had chances to tie and we had chances to go ahead, we just couldn't capitalize."

The Wildcats were outshot by Gannon, 38-21; goaltender Amber Rivera saved 12 compared to six by Gannon's goaltender Kelena Miller.

The match against Mercyhurst (1-0-0, 3-1-0) remained goalless until the 53rd minute, when Mercyhurst scored three goals within a 13-minute span during the second half.

"Sunday we just ran out of gas," Gregor said. "My sweeper, Melissa Backus, played great this weekend but the last 20 minutes of the second game in the second half she was exhausted."

Gregor said the team had a lot of defensive breakdowns over the weekend.

"When we play against teams that are even or better than us, we can't afford any mistakes,"

Gregor said.

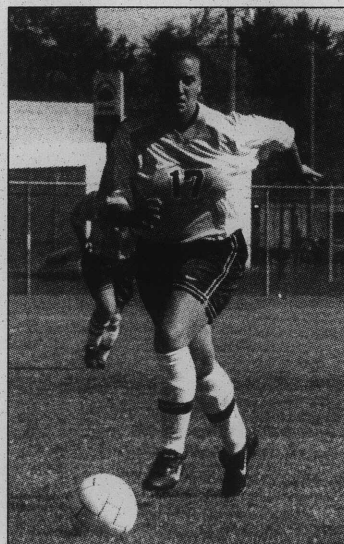
The Wildcats were outshot by the Lakers, 36-14.

Rivera saved 10 shots at the goal.

"We are doing way better and the teams we lost to, we were supposed to lose to," Gregor said.

Gregor was very happy with the performance of the team.

"I had some coaches comment to me after the games and they said this was the best they have ever seen us play," Gregor said.



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Northern Michigan University Freshman April Gieseke (top) recorded one shot on goal against Gannon University at home on Saturday, while freshman Shannon Hart (bottom, 6) posted two.

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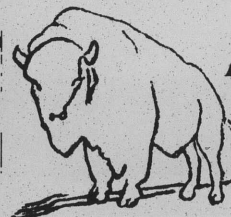
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Tennis at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, 3 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Northwood University, Vandament Arena, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Swimming Alumni Meet, P.E.I.F. Pool, 10 a.m.
Tennis at Mercyhurst University, Erie, Pa., 10 a.m.
Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, Minn., 1 p.m.
Soccer at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, 1 p.m.
Football vs. Michigan Tech (Homecoming), Superior Dome, 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Saginaw Valley State University, Vandament Arena, 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Golf at District IV Tournament, South Lyon, all day.
Tennis at Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, 10 a.m.
Soccer at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Golf at District IV Tournament, South Lyon, all day.

NMU 31, HC 17

Northern Michigan	7	10	0	14	31
Hillsdale College	7	0	7	3	17

FIRST QUARTER

NMU — Tony Ebeling 3-yd pass from

Bryan White, (Andrew Coster kick), 5:22.
HC — Ed House 3-yd pass from Bill Skelton, (Blake Barisich kick), 4:42.

SECOND QUARTER

NMU — Bryan White 1-yd run (Coster kick), 2:57.
NMU — Coster 44-yd field goal, 1:33.

THIRD QUARTER

HC — Shawn Kersjes 12-yd run, (Barisich kick), 2:57.

FOURTH QUARTER

HC — Barisich 22 yd field goal, 3:12.
NMU — Dustin Ramoie 1-yd run (Coster kick), 3:35.
NMU — Jason Bluck 100-yd interception return, (Coster kick), :49.

FIRST DOWNS — NMU 17, HC 18.
RUSHING — NMU, 48-146 (Hector Castellanos, 10-66); HC, 46-228 (Kevin Clive, 18-128)
PASSING — NMU, 13-25-0-120 (Bryan White 13-25-0-120); HC — 8-22-4-78 (Bill Skelton 8-22-4-78)
RECEIVING — NMU, Hector Castellanos, 3-24; HC — Ed House, 4-23.

GLIAC FOOTBALL

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Northwood	2-0	2-0
Michigan Tech	2-0	1-0
Saginaw Valley	2-0	1-0
N. MICHIGAN	2-0	1-1
2. Ashland	1-1	1-1
Findlay	1-1	1-1
Ferris State	1-1	1-1
Mercyhurst	1-1	1-1
3. Indianapolis	0-2	1-1
Hillsdale	0-2	0-1
Wayne State	0-2	0-2
Grand Valley	0-2	0-2

UWGB 5, NMU 4

SINGLES — No. 1 — Lianna Dorn (UWGB) def. Vessie Jeliakova, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2 — Holly Wendorff (UWGB) def. Kristin Koopman, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3 — Alexis Watson (UWGB) def. Lavinia Janssen, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4 — Brooke Aronin (NMU) def. Kelly Gruszynski, 6-1, 6-2; No. 5 — Emily Baines (UWGB) def. Kim Musgrave, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; No. 6 — Heidi Ehlers (NMU) def. Mariah Goecke, 7-6, 6-2, 7-5.

DOUBLES — No. 1 — Jeliakova-Koopman (NMU) def. Dorn-Goecke, 8-3; No. 2 — Janssen-Aronin (NMU) def. Watson-Wendorff, 8-4; No. 3 — Rachel Riopel-Katie Stofcheck (NMU) def. Erin Parks-Gruszynski, 8-6.

GLIAC TENNIS

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Northwood	4-0	4-0
2. Ferris State	3-0	3-0
3. Wayne State	3-1	4-1
4. Grand Valley State	2-1	2-1
5. Michigan Tech	1-1	5-1
6. Hillsdale	2-2	3-2
7. Saginaw Valley	2-2	2-2
8. Findlay	1-3	1-3
Mercyhurst	1-4	2-4
10. N. MICHIGAN	0-0	2-1
11. Ashland	0-5	0-5
12. Lake Superior	0-2	0-2

GLIAC SOCCER

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Ashland	2-0	4-1
Gannon	2-0	4-2
2. Mercyhurst	1-0	3-1
3. Grand Valley	1-1	5-2
4. Ferris State	0-0	3-1
5. Saginaw Valley	1-1	3-3
6. Northwood	0-1	4-2
7. Hillsdale	0-2	3-4
8. N. MICHIGAN	0-2	3-4
9. Findlay	0-1	2-4

GLIAC VOLLEYBALL

NORTH DIVISION

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Ferris State	3-0	13-1
Grand Valley	3-0	13-1
Northwood	3-0	13-2
2. Michigan Tech	1-2	10-5
3. Lake Superior	0-3	6-8
4. N. MICHIGAN	0-2	3-7
5. Saginaw Valley	0-3	4-10

HOCKEY POLL

CCHA Preseason Coaches Poll

TEAM (First-place votes)	W-L-T 99-00	PTS.
1. Michigan (11)	27-9-4	143
2. Michigan State (1)	27-11-4	132
3. Nebraska Omaha	16-19-7	106
4. Lake Superior	18-16-2	97
5. Notre Dame	16-18-8	92
6. Miami	13-20-3	79
7. Ferris State	21-16-2	74
8. N. MICHIGAN	22-13-4	71
9. Bowling Green	17-19-1	49
10. Ohio State	13-19-4	44
11. Western Michigan	12-21-3	34
12. Alaska Fairbanks	6-25-3	15

HOCKEY POLL

CCHA Preseason Media Poll

TEAM (First-place votes)	W-L-T 99-00	PTS.
1. Michigan State (19)	27-11-4	467
2. Michigan (20)	27-9-4	460
3. Lake Superior	18-16-2	350
4. N. MICHIGAN	22-13-4	343
5. Nebraska Omaha	16-19-7	315
6. Notre Dame	16-18-8	270
7. Bowling Green	17-19-1	222
8. Ferris State	21-16-2	202
9. Miami (1)	13-20-3	183
10. Ohio State	13-19-4	163
11. Western Michigan	12-21-3	153
12. Alaska Fairbanks	6-25-3	70

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PERSONALS

MgM — We need to officially designate you chairman of the committee and get things rollin' — Sport-O

Travis — Thanks for taking me running — Dante

Bradley — How is your offspring? When are you visiting? Where are you? We need your news nose — Large Italian forehead

Rick — Now we've got our EYE on you. You best behave, daddy-o — CA

George — Let's get chicken sanos and go through the trash — Holly

Travis — You're annoying. Please stop trying to use the scientific method. It's art — We

Staff — "You should be grateful for my generosity," is a bizarro-world sentiment from me. Thank you. Because I'm easy, easy like Sunday morning. Is it luck? No, it's pudding time, stupid. — Professor

Brady — We are undefeated without your mad skills, yo. We don't need you, so stay on your couch — Fight Club

COMICS

THE AMOEBA SET

JEFF KOVAL



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MANHATTAN ATOM

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THE NORTH WIND

Cartoonists Jeff Koval, Matthew Abel and Sterling Deto are all NMU students. If you would like to be a cartoonist, or would like more information, please contact Lucas Sponsler at 227-2545 for more information.

Ellyse — Welcome back to campus! I have been awaiting your return for many years. Keep the Pam put away and all should be good. We'll find other ways of raising hell, but ways that will keep us out of jail. I love you, girlie — Jenn

Mary — Did you eat your

Wheaties this morning? I did — Jenn

Wanted — Swell guy who can't decide between Monday Night football and WWF. Must like dogs and be literate. Income preferred, but negotiable. One stipulation: you gotta find me — VS girl

Chris — You got mad hops, girl. We best be winnin' Monday. Make sure you take your game face and I'll make sure Andy shows up to play — KB

Jenny — We needed your wisdom. Thanks for helping out; your time and consideration is much appreciated — NW Staff


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