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NMU plans to increase enrollment to 11,200 students, it'll need to ...

Make room

BY LUCAS SPONSLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Sophomore public relations major Erin Spencer did not go empty handed to the University Facilities Forum Wednesday. She took her expectations with her.

"I figured, 'I'm going to be here another two-and-a-half to three years, some of these changes will affect me,'" she said. "I have opinions, I want to be able to speak on them, and have them heard."

The forum began with presentations from Campus Master Plan Committee member Jim Thams, Housing and Residence Life Director Carl Holm and Vice President of Administration and Academic Affairs Mike Roy. After the presentations, the floor was opened for questions and answers.

NMU President Judi Bailey

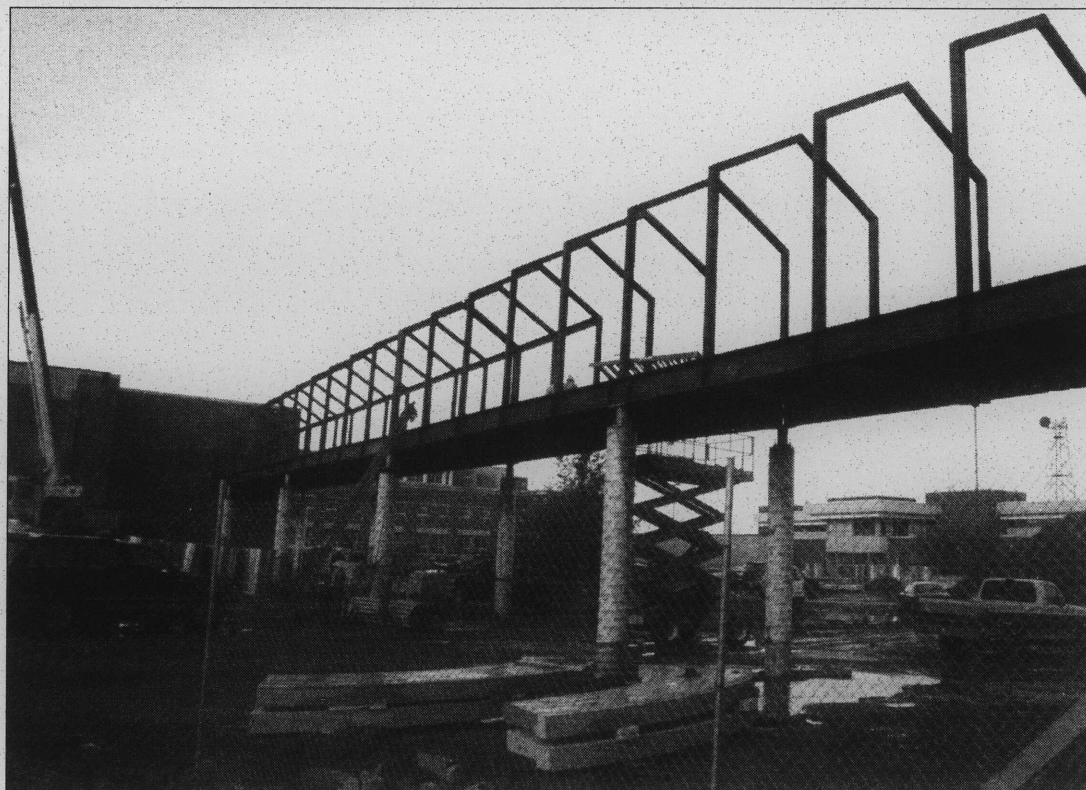
said she was glad to see students asking questions.

"One of the things I was most impressed about was the student participation," she said. "Those students were helpful in getting out other questions."

Though broad in scope, the theme of the university's five-year enrollment goal of 11,200 students was a common thread in the presentations made by Thams, Holm and Roy.

"The enrollment projections we've come up with are based on trending the past few years, and from looking at our capacity," Roy said.

Roy said the expanded student population will require more classroom space. Based on the current scheduling practices and classroom usage policies, NMU will need an additional 16.6 general purpose classrooms, 3.6 designated classrooms and one addi-



Brandon Craig/NW

The tunnel starts to take shape last week. It will connect Jamrich Hall and the West Science Building, which is currently being renovated. The project, costing \$19 million, will be completed this fall.

tional laboratory.

"These are very rough figures," Roy said.

For NMU to be able to handle the projected enrollment increas-

es, several important steps must be taken. Some, such as the completion of the \$19 million West Science renovations, are already in motion. Most of the construc-

tion initiatives discussed at the forum, however, are still in the various stages of planning.

"We've actually done the final

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Assault charges filed against NMU student

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
MANAGING EDITOR

An altercation between two Northern Michigan University students may lead to jail time for an English graduate teaching assistant.

According to the complaint filed with the 96th District Court, on Nov. 16 English graduate teaching assistant Jeri Belmont

"did inflict a serious or aggravated injury upon said person."

That said person, according to the complaint, was junior Jason Lawson, a defensive back on the NMU football team.

The incident took place in front of the Shamrock Irish Pub, 113 S. Front St., in Marquette.

Belmont was charged with aggravated assault following authorization of a warrant on Nov. 17, and was arraigned on

Nov. 20 at the 96th District Court in Marquette. He pleaded not guilty.

Associate Dean of Students Matthew Wiese said no disciplinary action will be taken by NMU until the trial has taken place, or the case is closed.

"Legally we're allowed to take action on [Belmont]," Wiese said. "It would be up to the English department or Human Resources to take action against him if found guilty. It could be a warning, all the

way up to a firing, or any steps in between."

On April 24, 1998, Belmont was charged with two counts of assault and battery, and one count of aggravated assault. He was later found not guilty by jury.

Supervisor of English graduate teaching assistants Teresa Kynell said it is too early to determine if action will be taken

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FORUM

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design on Hedgcock," Roy said. "With that, we're ready to go. We just need the funding."

The renovation of Hedgcock Fieldhouse has been approved by the state legislature, which appropriated a token \$100 to the project.

NMU will eventually be responsible for more than \$11 million of the total cost.

The project cannot begin until the legislature agrees to pay the remainder of the project's \$46 million price tag.

The Hedgcock renovation will enable the university to initiate a string of changes. One in particular involves the use of three floors of the Cohodas Building for classrooms and faculty offices.

"One of the criticisms right now is that faculty offices are too

far away from the classrooms," Roy said.

Another significant shift will be the Art Department moving out of Lee Hall and the Thomas Fine Arts building and into space created by an addition to the Art and Design North building.

Housing facilities will also be affected by higher enrollment.

"Right now our capacity is based on eight-and-a-half residence halls," Holm said.

Many possibilities have been proposed for the creation of more on-campus housing. One is the conversion of upperclassman and United States Olympic Education Center housing into housing for the general student population, Holm said.

Others involve the renovation of Carey Hall for use as a residence hall, the building of more campus apartments and the reclaiming of Magers Hall for

housing, Holm said.

Faculty office space displaced from Magers Hall would shift to Cohodas.

Another significant housing concern deals with the Summit-Center Street Complex of campus apartments.

Built in the late 1950s, the apartments were designed to last about forty years, and are "nearing the end of their usefulness," Holm said.

It will cost more than \$6 million to renovate the buildings.

Bailey said in the event that if, due to the number of variables involved in the planned changes, and enrollment exceeded capacity, the university would not resort to turning away qualified applicants.

"We would look at a lot of things before we turn away students," she said. "If we found ourselves in some sort of short-

age, I think we could come up with an effective temporary solution."

For Spencer, and her friend Tom Powell, a sophomore financial management major, attend-

ing the Facilities Forum was a worthwhile experience.

"It's good that they want to keep their plans open to us," Powell said. "I just want to be informed."



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Tom Powell, left, discusses an artist's rendering of what the West Science Building should look like when renovations are complete.


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Local

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The Marquette City Police are investigating a robbery and attempted robbery that may have been committed by the same person. Phil's 550 Store, about a mile north of the Marquette city limit, was robbed at gunpoint on Monday evening. The suspect escaped with an undisclosed amount of money. A woman was making a deposit from a local business at Wells Fargo night deposit box on West Main Street on Nov. 20 when a man attempted to rob her. She drove away, possibly injuring the suspect at the same time. He is described as a white male, approximately 5'7", with a slim build. He was wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, with a mask or scarf covering his face. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Marquette Police at 228-0400.

National

Clinton to review Peltier's case

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House says President Clinton will review pending requests for executive clemency before he leaves office in January, including that of Leonard Peltier, the American Indian activist convicted of murdering two FBI agents in South Dakota. The president "will focus on as many clemency cases as he can after the election and that will be one of them," White House spokesman Daniel Cruise said Sunday. He added that it was unlikely the president would be able to review any clemency requests made late in the year.

International

Fishermen missing after cyclone

MADRAS, India — Indian authorities said Wednesday 43 fishermen were missing after a severe cyclone tore across India's southern Tamil Nadu state. No official casualties were reported after the tropical storm moved inland from the Bay of Bengal, near the port town of Cuddalore, 111.8 miles south of Madras. A government official in Cuddalore told Reuters the missing fishermen had been at sea since Sunday. Officials and witnesses in Cuddalore, which bore the brunt of the storm, said the afternoon's gale-force winds had given way to a downpour in the evening. A police officer in Cuddalore said power supply in the town and neighboring villages had been switched off in the morning as a precaution.

Weird News

Pig flies first class on US Airways

PHILADELPHIA — US Airways acted reasonably when it allowed a pig to fly first class from Philadelphia to Seattle, the Federal Aviation Administration found. Maria Tirota Andrews brought Charlotte, her 300-pound Vietnamese potbellied pig, telling the airline it was a "therapeutic companion pet." Andrews said her heart condition was so severe she needed the pig to relieve stress. Under federal rules, airlines must permit a service animal to accompany passengers to their seats. The airline, embarrassed, filed an incident report with the FAA based on passenger complaints that the pig became unruly when the plane landed. The animal tried to enter the cockpit and refused to leave the galley until a passenger tossed food at her, according to the report.

— Compiled from news sources

Bombs away



Brandon Craig/NW

Just past noon on Wednesday a Walmart employee received a call from a man who said a bomb would soon blow-up the store. Walmart closed for three hours, but no bomb was found.

New evidence emerges for Taylor investigation

Surveillance tape from business obtained, image to be enhanced

BY JESSICA AYCOCK
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Marquette City Police Department has a new lead on the Erin Taylor murder case.

Police have obtained a surveillance tape from a local business the night Taylor was murdered.

Taylor was reported missing days after she did not show up to meet with a friend on Aug. 11 in Munising.

Her decomposed body was later discovered a short distance off County Road 492 in

Negaunee Township on Aug. 20.

The cause of her death has not been released by the police.

After examining the crime scene, members of the behavioral sciences and violent crime units concluded that Taylor knew the person responsible for her death and the person was likely to reside in the area.

Two suspects, one male and one female, were identified on Oct. 25. Both suspects were acquaintances of Taylor and live in the area.

In early November the surveillance video was sent to the

FBI Forensics Lab in Washington D.C.

The Marquette City Police Department said it was sent to have images forensically enhanced. Police would not disclose the name of the business.

Detective Captain Phil Siegert said the department hopes to identify the suspects' car, along with a better description of the suspects from the enhanced images when they are returned from the FBI.

Siegert said the department is unsure of how long it will take for the results to be sent back from Washington, D.C.

"There are other things going on, but we can't release that information," Captain Andrew Henderson said.

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Scattered light snow showers. Mostly cloudy. High 25. Low 15.
- **Saturday:** Flurries in the morning. High 25 to 30. Low 15 to 20.
- **Sunday:** Possible snow showers. High 25 to 30. Low 15 to 20.

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Access a problem for disabled students

BY APRIL SPRAY
STAFF WRITER

Undeclared sophomore Phil Hoffman has missed one of his classes six times this year because a broken elevator in Jamrich Hall has made it impossible to get to class.

Hoffman is wheelchair-bound and dependant on the elevator to get between floors.

When the elevator failed to work a few weeks ago, Hoffman was stuck on the second floor of the building for two hours while repairs were made.

"One other time I got stuck on the second floor but the elevator fixed itself," Hoffman said. "Other times I've gone to class but the elevator was broken so I've missed class six times, twice on exam days."

Hoffman said he is lucky his professors have been sympathetic, allowing him to take exams in a different room.

He said one professor brought the entire class downstairs so

Hoffman would be able to participate.

NMU Director of Engineering and Planning for Facilities John Bekkala said the elevator was scheduled for repair this past summer.

He said it is necessary to turn the elevator off for a few days in order to make the repairs, it will not be done until the semester break.

"We couldn't get the parts in on time to get it fixed this summer," Bekkala said. "We're going to fix it this December and we should be operational and fully functional by January."

Coordinator for Disability Services Lynn Walden said the grounds offices, engineering and planning and others have been very responsive when she has made requests for improvements or for things like snow removal.

"Whenever things are brought to my attention, I forward them on and they are taken care of, sometimes within hours," Walden said. "I've found every-

one to be very helpful. Getting stuck somewhere because access is blocked or because an elevator doesn't work can be very frustrating but if people don't complain, nothing can be done about it."

Walden said that Michigan's barrier free access laws are far stricter than national regulations and that Northern has gone beyond those regulations to provide access for disabled students, including the recently installed automatic door openers on campus.

"You can't do anything about a part not being available," Walden said.

Hoffman's father, Mike, said the family feels that they have encountered sluggishness on the part of the university when it has come to things like fixing the elevator.

He said last year, snow on the sidewalks at the PEIF building was often dumped into the wheelchair access ramp and that although he complained, it was not removed.



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Undeclared freshman Jeff Strong maneuvers his wheelchair through a doorway in Jamrich Hall on the way to his next class.

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Fraternity donates food

BY JESSICA AYCOCK
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Northern Michigan University's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity said they want to show they are working hard to be viewed as something other than a "party house."

Over the last few months, Lambda Chi Alpha participated in the nationwide North American Food Drive.

Lambda Chi Alpha worked for two months to raise 14,561 pounds of food for the local Salvation Army.

This was the most food they had raised in the seven years since they began participating in the North American Food Drive.

"We got bags from Super One and Econo (Foods) with our letterhead on it and left them on doors, then we went back about a week later and picked up the donations," said Rich Dickerson, a junior CIS major and coordinator of the food drive for the NMU chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha.

"Each of the guys that helped out put at least 35-60 hours of community service," Dickerson said.

Greek council advisor Dave Bonsall said members stood outside Econo Foods and Super One asking for donations on the weekends.

Members also distributed empty cans to businesses around Marquette, which collected loose change from the members of the community.

"We raised over \$1000," Dickerson said.

Sororities on campus pitched in to help Lambda Chi Alpha attempt to reach a goal of 20,000 pounds.

Lambda Chi Alpha sponsored a contest between the sororities, offering to make dinner for the members of the sorority which collected the most food.

Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Alpha Zeta Delta competed against each other.

Alpha Zeta Delta raised the

most food, weighing in with 1,400 pounds.

Over 2.5 million pounds of food was raised by chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha nationwide.

"Their contribution was greatly appreciated," said Lt. Joe Irvine, Corps Officer in Marquette for Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army will distribute the food to families in need in the Marquette area. About 25 families per week request food.

"Some of the food was given out at Thanksgiving and most of it will be used in Christmas baskets," Irvine said. "It will hold us for a few months."

Lambda Chi Alpha isn't stopping there though. They are participating in a bell ringing at WalMart for the Salvation Army on Dec. 8.

"Lambda Chi Alpha members ride exercise bikes and compete against other fraternities and sororities," Irvine said. "They see who can rack up the most miles and raise the most money."

Tickling the ivory



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Senior broadcasting major, Anthony Whitlock, relaxes by playing the piano in the University Center between classes.

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EDITORIAL

all and all, it's just another brick

There is a number of things which members of Northern Michigan University's community need to consider, but like a pig in the corn bin, it is difficult to chew on every ear.

Briefly, we have cut down into bite-sized morsels some items of importance. They should be perfect for nibbling on, as your stash of left-over Thanksgiving turkey is likely long gone.

Chew on this:

- At the Nov. 29 University Facilities Forum, the administration outlined a plethora of plans which will over the next five years reshape the entirety of Northern's campus.

As is always the case with drastic, comprehensive change, many people will be affected. The plans have been brought to light and are still in their formative stages. Now is the time for those who will be affected to speak up and give input.

When the dust settles, there should be no reason to complain.

- NMU's Board of Control will meet on Dec. 15. Citizens have the right to address the board.

Those wishing to do so, however, need provide written notification to the board's secretary by Dec. 1. A description of subject matter should be included in this notification.

For more information, call Pam Grundstrom at 227-2244, or send e-mail to pgrundst@nmu.edu.

- The holiday season is upon us, it's true. This time of year, whether it is punctuated by Hannukah, Kwanza, Winter Solstice or Christmas, is a time of togetherness and warmth. Even Ramadan, a season of atonement, provides its celebrants with a sense of unity, among each other and more importantly with Allah.

Do not allow the rampant commercialism of a market-driven economy to distract you from the need to uplift the people around you. By bolstering others, you too, shall be strengthened.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election woes prompt apathy

Needing an avenue for ventilation, (I pose this question to, the editorial staff of the North Wind), being a conservative, university media outlet, what is your stance on the existing political pissing match for presidency?

Even being a free-market liberation, I cherished the right to vote, before this election. Now, I'm simply apathetic. Apathetic about voting, apathetic about the president, apathetic about hope for the system.

I pose this answer: Make them both president, dual heads of state if you will. Two heads are better, right? This solution would render the office virtually helpless, juvenile, and completely devoid of decision making abilities.

What do you think?

Jeremy S. Pickens
 senior, economics

Apathy prompts student reaction

A few weeks ago everywhere you could go in Marquette you would find people talking about Judi Bailey's raise and the petition. Time has passed and people

have moved on. Next year it will be something else that upsets the community for a few weeks, and again apathy will allow it to slide by.

Over one thousand students signed the petition asking for justification for Bailey's raise. What happened to them? Do they only care enough to sign a paper for someone else to do the work? Do they even exist in the first place? Nothing will ever change just because you signed your name to a petition; it needs to be backed up. Especially in the face of apathy, the administration wants to let it blow over.

ASNMU refuses to fulfill its role of representing student interests, and wants to keep their hands clean so they don't offend the administration. And students just don't want to rock the boat, even though they are the ones affected. In part, the issue is about \$42,000 per year. Another large part is, where are our priorities?

In our profit-driven world too many people look at a university as a corporation that must market to consumers in order to continually rake in higher profits. Students are not consumers, and the university is not a business. It's an educational facility to improve the quality of life through quality education. There's a difference between marketability and quality.

Here are a few things that should be [considered]. The average household income in Marquette County is \$33,000. The Library has not had a budget increase in six years, and then was cut by \$26,000. Over \$200,000 is going into a new weight room for the football team in the dome.

Over \$10,000 was spent to add each new parking space this year. The Art Department has received large budget cuts. Northern is offering a Severance Incentive Plan to move out tenured faculty quicker so they can hire cheaper part time labor.

You won't be able to find the alleged budget that is supposed to be there. You have to go through the Freedom of Information Act to get any information (but anything current is unavailable).

There are many things that don't add up, and no one seems to care. Students cared enough to sign their names to a list of grievances.

Is that all they're willing to do when they're faced with something that's not right? Don't wait for some else to stand up first, if you don't like what's happening at this university, do something about it!

The Board of Control meets on Dec. 15.

Jason Schneider
 senior, history

THOMAS PEDERSON



Checkpoints violate rights

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The Supreme Court upheld private citizens' rights Tuesday in an important ruling against the city of Indianapolis. In a 6-3 decision, the Court struck down the practice of random police roadblocks designed to hamper drug trafficking.

The Indianapolis City Police have, since 1998, set up six random drug checkpoints and stopped more than a thousand people. The stops last about five minutes and the police officers try to make sure that no more than six or seven vehicles are stopped at one time. James Edmund, who felt his rights were violated by these stops, sued the city with the help of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

A federal trial court found in favor of the program, the United States Seventh Circuit Court of

Appeals found the program unconstitutional. The city of Indianapolis then asked the Supreme Court to reverse the ruling. Tuesday, the city was wisely denied.

Checkpoints along the U.S. border with Mexico for the purpose of curbing illegal immigration are legal, as are checkpoints that ensure immediate safety (such as sobriety checkpoints and roadblocks in response to a bomb threat). However, the Circuit Court ruling likened the drug checkpoints to setting up "a metal detector outside each person's home ... in order to determine whether he was carrying a gun for which he lacked a permit."

The drug roadblock system was an extreme measure that violated citizens' Fourth Amendment rights. Probable cause was discarded under this program, as the police were able to stop cars for no reason other than the suspicion that anyone may be

transporting drugs. The police needed no search warrants or even suspicion of wrongdoing: The program treats everyone as a suspect.

If the police could legally do this at roadblocks, why would they not have probable cause to suspect any person walking down the street of criminal activity? Probable cause touches many issues. With the city of Indianapolis' interpretation of probable cause, the police would be able to suspect anyone with Internet access of using their e-mail program for illegal activity.

A ruling in favor of the drug roadblocks would have perverted the meaning of probable cause, discarding everyone's rights so that the police can catch a few more criminals.

EDITOR'S NOTE: U-Wire appears from a recent edition of the University of Michigan's newspaper The Daily.

Bush: Relax and trust the people

While it won't be official until Dec. 18 (maybe) George W. Bush appears to be the next president of the United States. With all of the tug-of-war going on in Florida, I was sure Bush would concede this election to Gore. He has implied it throughout the entire campaign.

For the last six months, every time a microphone found itself in front of Dubya, he delivered nice little sound bites that go something like this: "I trust the people; I don't trust to the government to make choices for the people."

I thought once the initial vote tallies were in and Gore led the popular vote by 200,000-250,000 votes, that Dubya would see that the people chose Gore, even though it looked like the Electoral College was going to favor himself; you know-that trusting the people and not the government thing.

I realize the system is set up this way, but Dubya seemed so sincere when he said he trusted the people.

As we all know, there was some concern over certain ballots and the state of Florida called for a mandatory recount that actually closed the gap even tighter in that state. The gap was so close that had it been in Texas there would have been a

STAFF COLUMN



by Geoff Hineman

mandatory hand count just as Dubya had signed into law in his home state.

When certain counties called for hand counts, the Bush camp panicked. I was pretty confident, however, that Bush would tell his crew to calm down and remind them that, "Hey y'all, if we say we trust the people, then we should support a hand count like we do in Texas." I was shocked that he didn't do so. He'd been called stupid, illiterate, an alcoholic, a drug abuser and a freeloader, but I never thought he'd be a liar or a hypocrite.

In Palm Beach County, Fla., there were 19,000 ballots thrown out because of double-punching. Now, I realize that the system says the ballot is spoiled and non-valid.

I also believe people shouldn't be

allowed to vote twice. But I figured that since Dubya trusted the people and not the government, he would rush to the defense of those voters — since they were "the people" and not "the government." Those ballots, though, made one thing clear: 19,000 didn't want Dubya for president.

In fact, I haven't heard of one ballot that was double-punched with Bush and anybody else? It seems those people were voting for anybody but Bush; I could see why he wouldn't rush to their defense, not when can trust the other voters in Florida.

Well, one thing is for sure, when Dubya is appointing Supreme Court justices and meddling, excuse me, fixing social security, taking money from programs that put police on the street and give children a head start in school so he can "increase the morale" of the military, he'll know that he is not trusting the people.

If he doesn't trust the government, he'll fit right in as the head of an untrustworthy organization.

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SOUND OFF

Do you feel NMU professors are comfortable with classroom technology?

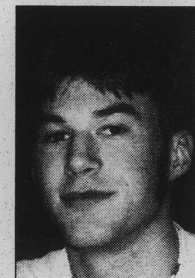


Brook Spigarelli
freshman, biology

"My professors seem to be very comfortable. Many use WebCT, and e-mail daily. All of them use their computers for grading."

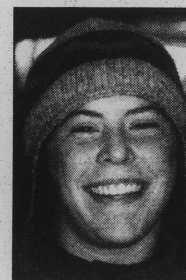
Glen Young
freshman, art and design

"Not really. I don't think they have enough training with the technology."



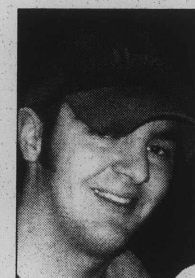
Rachael Riopel
freshman, biology

"No, the technology advances very fast, and they have not really kept up with it. It would help if they were more familiar with the classrooms."



Mike Cini
freshman, business

"I don't feel my teachers are comfortable with today's technology. One of my professors has trouble using a CD player."



Jennifer Riske
freshman, pre-med

"I feel professors are very comfortable with technology. In every one of my classes, my professors have used a computer-projector set up."



Next Week: Will this be a big snow winter?

The message is clear: count all ballots

When Vice President Al Gore spoke for four minutes to the nation on Monday, he made a good point.

"Ignoring votes means ignoring democracy itself," Gore said. "And if we ignore the votes of thousands in Florida in this election, how can you or any American have confidence that your vote will not be ignored in a future election?"

Though Gore is closely involved in this election, his point must be heeded. It must be heeded in counties that vote predominately Republican as well as counties that are predominately Democrat.

All votes must be counted.

We, as voters, are told our vote matters. There have been close elections in many states and in many local elections to prove that fact.

However, in Florida, with the election so close that a machine count could not determine a clear winner, there was opposition to the manual recounts.

If we are to believe our vote does count, even in an election with a clear winner, officials should see that every ballot is counted toward the final total.

This includes all military absentee ballots, even those who for some reason did not receive a postmark.

Most likely, votes were legally placed and must be counted, and Gore should fight that all military ballots be counted, as well.

In past years the winners were determined and announced days before these absentee ballots were given the chance to matter.

Should they matter? All votes, whether cast at a voting precinct or through the mail, matter.

A voter who steps behind the curtain expects that his or her vote will be counted.

However, a day after the election it was reported that thousands of ballots

were not counted. Over two percent, or 2 million votes, were disqualified nationwide.

The voters may have intended a vote for Bush or Gore, but their vote did not count. Their voice was not heard. They were disenfranchised.

It should not take a razor-thin vote difference between candidates to figure out that every vote should be counted.

The only solution was a manual count that encompassed the state of Florida, not just select counties, and it should have been held immediately after it became clear that votes were uncounted.

Until a device is in place that guarantees all legal voters who voice their opinion on election day have that opinion counted, election officials of all districts throughout the nation must strive to make sure all of those voices are heard.

If that means they have to work for days or weeks longer, so be it.

STAFF COLUMN



by Kurt Mensching

"This is America," Gore said. "When votes are cast, we count them. We don't arbitrarily set them aside because it's too difficult to count them."

Regardless of his political affiliation, this point should never be open for debate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kurt Mensching welcomes comments on his column. He can be reached at kmenschi@nmu.edu or opinionnw@email.com.

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by the English department.

"[Belmont] is under my supervision," Kynell said. "But I do not know the details of the incident."

Wiese said if Belmont is found guilty, although he could possibly be punished by the English department, he would not be punished by the Dean because the incident took place off campus.

"If you do something off campus you'll face the charges downtown (from the police)," he said.

Wiese said Lawson will not

have action taken against him by the university.

Lawson said he would like to put the incident behind him now, and did not want to comment further.

"If he's not charged there's no action we'll take under the student athlete code," Wiese said.

Belmont said he was instructed by his lawyer to not comment on the charges.

Belmont's attorney, Raul Revord, was not available for comment.

The pretrial hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 7 at the 96th District Court in Marquette.

FOR THE RECORD

The Nov. 16 edition of *The North Wind* contained the following inaccuracies:

- In the caption on the Page 11 photo, cross country runner Abigail Larson was reported to be a junior, she is a senior at NMU.
- NMU's volleyball team played Thursday, Nov. 16, not March 9, as was reported in the NCAA II Regional Tournament bracket on Page 11.
- In the basketball insert, Page 6B was not printed. The full versions of the stories which jumped to that page can be obtained either at www.thenorthwind.org, or by calling The North Wind office at 227-2545.

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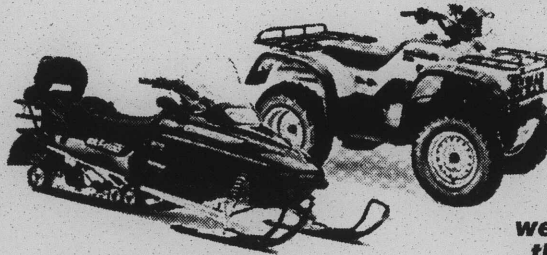
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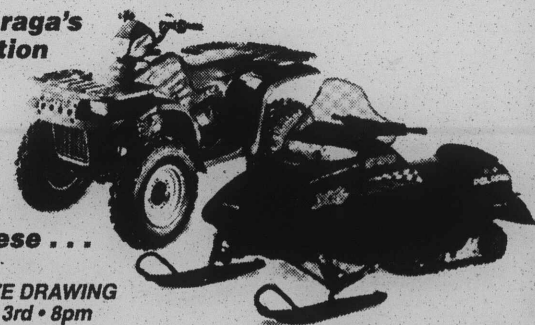
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CAMPUS NOTES

NMU participates in world AIDS day

Two panels of the national AIDS memorial quilt will be on display from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Dec. 1.

Prose and other excerpts will be read at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A video on the African AIDS memorial quilt exhibition and workshop in Mali will play during the NMU observance.

Scholarship for parents available

Applications for the Anna Marie Cream Childcare

Scholarship are now available at the ASNMU Office and the Dean of Students Office.

Applications are for \$100 scholarships to be used toward childcare expenses.

Applications are due at the ASNMU office by 5 p.m., Dec. 8.

Dates for police academy decided

Northern Michigan University has announced the dates for the next 16-week police academy.

Completion of the Police Academy, worth 12 credits, can be applied toward an associate's degree in law enforcement.

It will be held from Jan. 15 to May 4, 2001.

The application deadline is Dec. 7.

Call the NMU Police Academy at 346-4504 for more details.

Arizona ceramic artist to lecture

Tempe, Ariz., ceramic artist Kurt Weiser will give a lecture and slide presentation on campus.

The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 in Jamrich 104.

It is free to students and \$1 for non-students.

Safety Classes to be held at NMU

The Fall Protection class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 8. The cost of the Fall Protection class will be \$160.

The Scaffold User Course will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 15. The cost of the Scaffold User Course is \$75.

The Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response course will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 18 to Dec. 21. The cost for this class will be \$695.

For more information or to register, call the Continuing

Education Office at 227-2102.

Black Comedy Tour to perform

The Black Comedy Tour is coming to NMU.

The show will include comedians Lester Barrie, Rodney Johnson and B. Phlat.

It will also have a choreographed dance by the ladies of Essence and a joke contest.

The performance will be held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

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Boxer benefiting from education center

Dino Oliver training and learning at USOEC

BY BONNIE ERICKSON
STAFF WRITER

You may see him running down by the lakefront, eating at a local restaurant, appearing in the local newspaper, or even attending class at the University.

But do you really know who he is and what he's doing here?

Dino Oliver, 22, of St. Louis, Mo., has been a boxer for the United States Olympic Education Center for the past three years.

The USOEC offers him and the other 12 boxers living at NMU the opportunity to attend a university and also train for a possible career in boxing.

"I think I've benefited from the program because I get the chance to spar and work out with other people who are equally talented or more talented than me," Oliver said. "It's good for learning."

Oliver said that in order for a boxer to be invited into the program at NMU, he must first be noticed by one of the coaches.

In his case, head coach Al Mitchell saw

him and his twin brother, Mario, at a national tournament.

After the fights, Mitchell approached their coach from St. Louis, and inquired about their attending Northern on a USOEC scholarship, which includes tuition, room and board, meals, and also training with a coach who has sent at least six other boxers to the Olympics during the history of the USOEC program in Marquette.

Although Oliver said the emphasis is currently placed mostly on getting people to the Olympics, he also said that the focus is shifting.

"The program used to be more for the boxing, but now more stress is put on school," he said. "You need to have a 2.0 grade point average, or you're out [of the program]."

Right now, Oliver is maintaining greater than a 3.0 GPA as well as spending an average of 14 hours a week in the gym.

Oliver said although there are USOEC training centers elsewhere in the states, no other offers what the training center at Northern does.

Besides the typical training facilities that are offered at the other locations, Northern is the only center that offers the opportunity of a college education along with the chance to train.

He said the benefits of attending the facility in Marquette come in forms other than training and education.

Some fights are specifically designed for gaining practice and exposure, while others are used as a basis for ranking boxers within their specific weight classes. Annually, there is a boxing tournament in November that is considered one of these "show fights."

On Nov. 3 and 4, the American Boxing Classics took place in Waukesha, Wisc. Oliver and about 50 other boxers gathered for the tournament.

It was a simple show fight for many, but for others, Oliver included, it was a moment to prove skills to fans, family, and friends.

He said the USOEC sent seven boxers to fight in this tournament, three of whom finished as champions and finished as two runners up.

Oliver fought in the 132-pound weight



Oliver

class.

After his first two years at the tournament, he won one runner up medal. With a smile, though, Oliver said he knew this year would be different.

"I felt more confident going into the tournament, because the week before at a tournament in Canada, I won a fight against a hometown favorite," he said.

After four rounds, Oliver was declared the winner of his fight.

That night, he said, he stepped out of the ring with a medal, a trophy, a ring and a huge sense of accomplishment.

Mitchell has been the head coach of the program since its beginning more than ten years ago.

"Al's a good coach," Oliver said. "He knows what he's talking about. He eats, breathes, and lives boxing."

"Larry Nicholson, the assistant coach, makes things even better. Not only is he a good coach, but he also used to box with us, so it's like having a peer help you out as well as a coach."

"It's a good opportunity for people who want to get an education and get some good training," Oliver said. "While it may cost a person \$60,000 to attend school somewhere else, Northern gives me the chance to train with top athletes and get an education at a good school for free."

"To me, it's a lifestyle I can't afford to pass up."

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Actors portray father's traits

I'm currently engaged in a disagreement with my younger brother, Bill.

It's nothing serious really. He's a good kid, just a bit confused. The disagreement is over who would play our dad in a movie about our life. I maintain that the role would be aptly filled by Charles Bronson. Bill, on the other hand, thinks that Christopher Walken would better suit the nuances of our father's role.

Before I go into any more details about the disagreement, I must say the reasons for our choices are rather deceiving. My father doesn't have a death wish, or the ability to see your future by shaking your hand. He is, however, a complex and intense man.

Probably everyone has at some point imagined their lives as the subject of a feature film, and I am no different. My life has probably not been much different than yours. I barely remember the early years. Catholic school seemed entertaining. In high school I knew everything. College began and I went my own way. I'm leaving out the specifics, but you're getting the gist.

My father was always in the background: the stoic, collected one. He seemed to know more than he let on. At times I confused this quiet confidence in my brother and I, with "I-told-you-so" doubt. I was convinced he wanted us to fail as often as we could, for his enjoyment. This wasn't ever the case. As we eventually learned after seeing him suffer through our failures.

In many ways I think Bronson would fill the role of my father. He works hard, he protects his family. In truth, you would have to push him quite a ways to prompt an attack with a sock full of quarters. Yet if the confrontation were to arise, my money would be on my pops.

My brother feels Walken's distant demeanor, shocks of untamed hair and serious glances sum up the man we call the Big D.

I feel every young man, and woman, should ask themselves: who is the closest embodiment of my father, if he were to be a Hollywood type? Perhaps this is some type of coming-of-age question. After you realize he is "human," it becomes time to begin to define his role. Just to better understand the man.

I don't recall the exact day I realized my father had probably done everything I ever did, or wanted to do. I realized he wasn't passing judgement, rather relaying his experiences. Sort of like forward family reconnaissance.

On the courts my dad always had this Bob Cousy "chest pass or else" thing going for him. Blue collar work ethic, white collar guy. Bronson certainly had the blue collar work ethic down, he tried to imbue that in all of his films, like my father in his teachings, whether it was changing an oil filter, throwing a baseball or solving a geometry problem.

Walken's roles were too often focused on being far out, or over the edge. Bronson's were realistic, albeit brutal sometimes. (Especially his role in the original Dirty Dozen. No nonsense.)

I think Walken is a little too frightening to be my dad. so in the end Bronson takes the role. Sorry Bill.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY DANIEL POWELL

Seniors display their education

BY YONIKA WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

It took roughly 4 years, 129 credit hours and countless visits to the art studio before 22 art and design majors could display their talents in their senior art exhibit.

The art exhibit, titled Quasi, runs through Dec. 15 at the Lee Hall Gallery.

"In the beginning of AD 403 (Individual Art Review) we discussed the name of the show, which has two different definitions," senior art and design major Joe Petz said. "One of the definitions means a part of something or a part of art. The other means as if something."

The senior art exhibit is a class requirement for all graduating seniors, art gallery Director Wayne Francis said.

The show is based on class participation in AD 403.

Ceramics professor Sam Chung said every art major must have a display in the senior art exhibit showing what the student has accomplished in his or her area of study.

This can be anything ranging from painting to electronic imaging.

"Along with the display, the students must produce a final philosophical statement that is exhibited along with their work," Chung said.

Petz's display features a film projected on the wall.

"It represents an important event in my life — the day that my father passed away," Petz said. "It is a montage of the events that happened that day, all in a one minute film."

The exhibit is an inspiration to underclassmen art majors, freshman environmental design major Nichelle Middleton said.

"With me being an art major, I am looking forward to seeing the senior art exhibit because it will let me see what I will someday have to do at the end of my time here," Middleton said.

Chung said faculty art professors will select a best of show from the display. The winner will receive a \$500 reward from the Friends of the Art Museum, a group that raises money for the art museum.



Jason Barnes/NW



Photo by Jason Barnes/NW

Junior graphics communication major Melissa Matuscak (photo left) and sophomore sculpture major Lucas Colton (above) view the senior art exhibit at the Lee Hall Gallery. The exhibit, which features different types of art, runs through Dec. 15.



Brandon Craig/NW

The Michigan state tree stands in front of the State Capitol building in Lansing. NMU will light its Christmas tree today at 6:30 p.m. outside of the University Center. Entertainment will be provided.

Santa to visit Northern

Tree to be lit at 6:30 tonight on campus

BY ROSE MARVE PRUST
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

NMU will usher in the holiday season with activities and a tree lighting ceremony tonight on the University Center lawn.

Even Santa Claus will be present at the hay rides, Christmas films, caroling and refreshments.

"The tree-lighting ceremony was originally started as a way to get commuter students and their families more involved in university activities, as well as bringing traditional holiday activities to the university," said Principal Secretary of Auxiliary Services Carrie Snowaert.

NMU has sponsored the annual tree lighting since 1987.

ASNMU President Nathan Leach said students and their families can add an individual touch to the Christmas tree as well.

"I encourage students to bring ornaments out to hang on the trees," Leach said. "Last year a friend of mine and I brought ornaments and ours were the only ones on the tree."

Children colored a "Color the Holidays" picture to decide who will assist in the lighting of the tree.

Leach will be joining NMU President Judi Bailey and the three children who win the drawing in the official lighting of the tree.

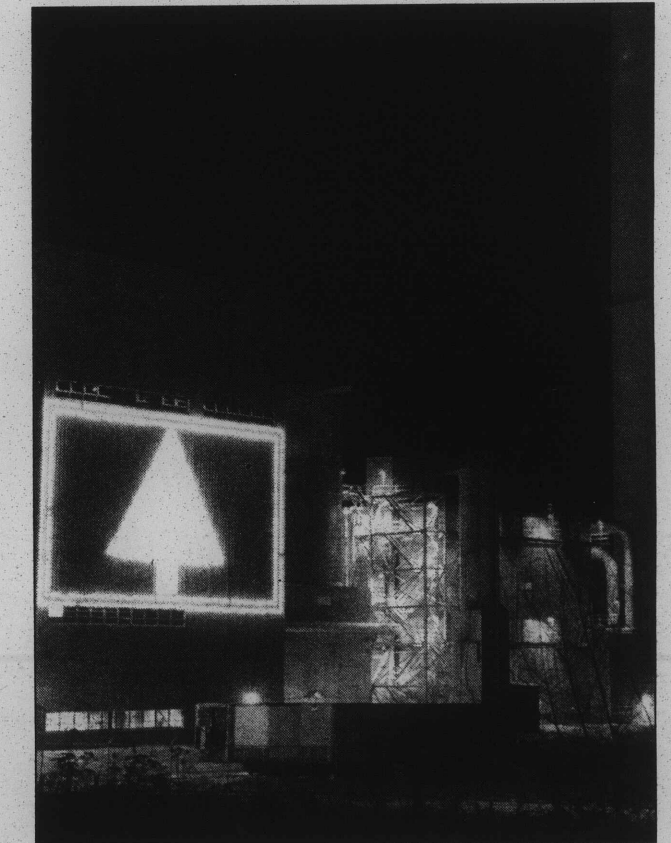
Hay rides will be held from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the tree-lighting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will then ride in on the hay wagon and have pictures taken with the children in the Peter White Lounge in the University Center. Refreshments will be served.

Many student organizations are participating in the ceremony.

Mortar Board will be caroling and the Golden Z club will be handing out books to children.

The Psychological Association will also collect canned food before the hockey game against the University of Michigan on Friday. Volunteers will be located at all Berry Events Center entrances.

"The ceremony is the perfect opportunity to kick off the holiday season," Leach said. "I encourage everyone to come out and bring a friend and ornament."



Jason Barnes/NW

The Marquette power plant on Lakeshore Boulevard, near the Upper Harbor, displays its holiday Christmas tree.

MUSIC REVIEW U2

U2 'can't leave behind' past rock sound

U2
"All That You Can't Leave Behind"



Grade: B+

BY JASON FUERST
MUSIC REVIEWER

Like every U2 album, the four lads from Dublin always stumble on something new.

It's quite easy to think the band has gone back to the U2 of 1978: just four guys playing music in your living room.

But "All That You Can't Leave Behind" has its drum loops, electronic sounds, groovy bass lines and guitar riffs that you'd only find in today's music.

It is a mixture of when they have been at their best – musically, spiritually and soulfully.

The drum loops, bass lines and electronic chimes in "Beautiful Day" make me believe U2 has not left its electronic ways of "Zooropa" and "Pop."

But when I listen to the lyrics and the sound in Bono's voice, and The Edge's distinct guitar chords, it returns to their first classic, "I Will Follow" from their debut album, "Boy."

What makes "Stuck in a Moment That You Can't Get Out

Of" stand out is the fact that they successfully pull off vintage American R&B while still sounding like U2.

"Walk On" is a song dedicated to suppressed Burmese political leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Bono contradicts the album's title by ending the song with the lyric "all that you can leave behind."

While drummer Larry Mullen Jr. and bassist Adam Clayton are rock solid as on past albums, the and The Edge's signature ringing guitar comes through, this is really Bono's album.

Listeners may remember his voice as tending to wail at times, but now, only due to age, his voice has lost that wail and has gained a beautiful melody.

This shows through on the

tracks "Peace on Earth" and "Grace," songs lyrically and innocently written, but the effect is powerful. And, of course, Bono throws on a track or two dedicated to his wife, Ali. "In a Little While," is a song to her, almost a dedication but also an apology for not being the husband he could have been. "In a little while/Surely you'll be mine/A little girl with Spanish eyes ... oh my, my how you've grown."

Only Bono can pen such lyricism to his wife, his high school sweetheart.

The one negative aspect of this album is when I listened to these beautiful songs, I soon become annoyed with the album.

U2 is known for dark, political or spiritually moral songs.

And although some songs on this album are, it is too happy sounding and too light on my ears, creating an almost mind-blistering experience, making me want to shut it off.

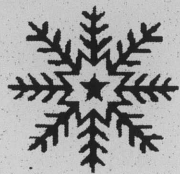
But the fact that each song is so tenderly developed and produced with masters Brian Eno and Daniel Lanois (who worked on "Unforgettable Fire," "Joshua Tree," "Achtung Baby" and "Zooropa"), it cancels out the annoyance experienced the album.

U2 albums are slow growers, so it is too soon to call "All That You Can't Leave Behind" a masterpiece, however, this is their best musical album since "Achtung Baby," and their best breakthrough album since "The Joshua Tree."

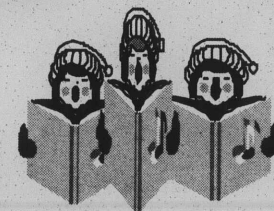
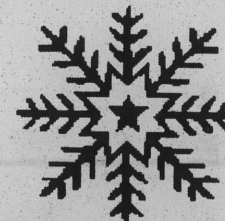
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MOVIE REVIEW A SIMPLE PLAN

Acting enlivens excellent rental

Director of "Evil Dead" trilogy finally grows up with latest movie

BY TYSON FERRIS
MOVIE REVIEWER

DIRECTOR: Sam Raimi
STARRING: Bill Paxton
Bridget Fonda

★★★

You're walking in the woods and you find a bag full of money. Would you keep it?

The basis for "A Simple Plan," this hypothetical question becomes a reality for Hank Mitchell (Bill Paxton), his brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton) and Lou, Jacob's town-drunk friend (Brent Briscoe). The trio decides to keep it under the understanding that if anyone comes looking for it, they destroy the money. A simple plan, right?

Wrong.

Inevitably the plan goes awry and director Sam Raimi's film becomes anything but simple.

This is an audience's movie. Scott B. Smith's screenplay (based on his novel), pulls you along with its complex characters going to where you would least expect. The screen is constantly filled with amazing visuals that are so basic it puts you on edge.

The beauty of "A Simple Plan" is in its characters, brought about by wonderfully real performances.

Bill Paxton is great as Hank, an everyday man, pushed to the limits of reason. Hank's dimwitted brother Jacob is filled out by Billy Bob Thornton in an Oscar-worthy performance. Most surprising, Bridget Fonda, as Hank's pregnant wife Sarah, proves to be the most twisted

and devious character of the film.

So when did Raimi become a serious filmmaker? Previously, Raimi had been known for his Evil Dead Trilogy ("The Evil Dead," "Evil Dead 2: Dead By Dawn," and "Army Of Darkness") and "Darkman" as well. These films have their place and are good at what they do, but none could be seen as works of art.

So why would he make such an uncharacteristic film? Some rumor mills said his college buddies, the Coen Brothers ("Raising Arizona," "Fargo"), had something to do with it. The rumors said that after seeing "Fargo" Raimi said, "Hey, I could do that."

Keep in mind that "A Simple Plan" is not "Fargo," but some similarities can be seen. Rumors or no, Sam Raimi has finally earned himself the respect his talent deserves.

"A Simple Plan" is the most superbly written film of the year. The story is an expert blend of ethics, malice and the American dream.

It is a character thriller that constantly asks us "How far will this go?" and then it takes it further.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tyson Ferris welcomes responses to his reviews at tferris@nmu.edu or featuresnw@email.com.



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Guess second Snow Day, Win \$50



Mother Nature surprised us this year, and NMU had its first snow day before the contest information was printed! Well, if you are hoping for more snow, and if you don't mind winning a \$50 gift certificate, then Northern's seventh annual "Snow Day at NMU Contest" may interest you.

The contest is sponsored and paid for by the snow day czar, Provost Joyal (Academic Affairs). Whoever predicts the second day that on-campus classes are canceled on the Marquette campus due to inclement weather - that could include extreme wind chill, etc. - wins \$50 gift certificate at the Marquette restaurant of his/her choice. The contest is open to all NMU employees and students.



In case of a tie (one year there were nine correct entries...) the winning entry will be drawn from all entries with the winning date. The contest begins December 11 and runs through March 30 (supposedly after which date there will not be any more "inclement weather"...). Saturday, Sunday or a holiday entries are not valid.

If on-campus classes are not canceled due to inclement weather by the end of the contest, all entries will be eligible for the prize through a drawing to be held April 2. Only one entry perperson, please.

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Today, November 30

Lighting Up the Holidays. 6:30 p.m., University Center lawn.

Film: "Duck Soup." 7 p.m. Jamrich 102.

Storytime: Harry Potter book 3 read aloud. Costume optional. Ages 8 and up. 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., Peter White Library. Call 228-9510 for more information.

Meeting: Spitzer Club. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Pioneer A, University Center.

Poetry: Poetry Reading/Chess and game night. 8 p.m., Common Grounds Coffee House. Call 228-2511 for more information.

Film: "Horsefeathers." 10 p.m., Jamrich 102.

Friday, December 1

Last day to register to address the Board of Control at its regular meeting (December 15). Call 227-2244 for more information.

Event: National AIDS Quilt display. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Black Box Theater, McClintock.

Event: World AIDS Day observation. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Black Box Theater, McClintock.

Event: International Craft and Alternative Gift Fair. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 East Ridge St., Marquette. Call Ellen Weingarten at 226-6793 or 226-8762 for more information.

Hockey: Michigan vs. NMU. 7 p.m., Berry Events Center.

Event: Open Mic. 8 p.m., Common Grounds Coffee House. Call 228-2511 for more information.

Event: Black Comedy Tour. 8 p.m., Great Lakes Rooms, University Center.

Saturday, December 2

Event: International Craft And Alternative Gift Fair. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. See Friday, December 1.

Hockey: Michigan vs. NMU. 7 p.m., Berry Events Center.

Music: Live piano with Tom Laverty. 9 p.m., Common Grounds Coffee House. Call 228-2511 for more information.

Sunday, December 3

Film: "Loser" (PG-13). 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Jamrich 102

Event: Holiday Open House. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Peter White Public Library and Marquette County Historical Museum. Call 226-3571 or 228-9510 for more information.

Monday, December 4

Storytime: 2- and 3-year-olds with adult. 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Peter White Library. Call 228-9510 for more information.

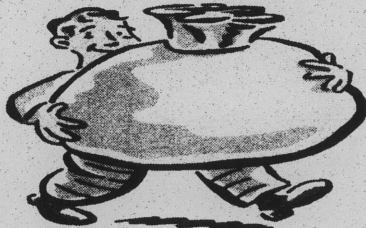
Meeting: Marquette Caregivers Support Group. 5:15 p.m., Room B, Marquette Senior Center. Call 228-0456 for more information.

Tuesday, December 5

Storytime: 4- and 5-year-olds. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Peter White Library. Call 228-9510 for more information.

Meeting: Spanish Lunch Hour. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wildcat Den, University Center.

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'Cats celebrate program's 500th win



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The Wildcats recorded the 500th win in the program's 25 year history on Nov. 17 against Lake Superior State at the Berry Events Center. Northern won, 4-3.

HOCKEY UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PREVIEW

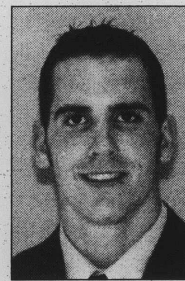
NMU to host No. 7 Wolverines at BEC

BY JENN JUREWICZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU hockey team will play its first of eight straight games at the Berry Events Center when it hosts No. 7 University of Michigan this weekend.

The face-off is set for 7:05 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

The Wolverines (10-3-2 overall, 6-3-0 CCHA), who possess the eighth-ranked offense in the country, are coming to Marquette after beating No. 12 Wisconsin and No. 2 Minnesota in the College Hockey Showcase.



Connolly

Michigan also has the second-ranked offense in the CCHA, averaging 4.11 goals per game.

NMU head coach Rick Comley said although the Wildcats (7-4-4, 5-4-3) have played another top team, No. 1 Michigan State, the Spartans and Wolverines have very different styles of play.

"Michigan State is a very defensive team, they don't attack near as much as

Michigan does," Comley said. "Michigan is going to try and beat you 10-0, where Michigan State would be content to win 2-1, so they're very different."

Junior defenseman Sean Connolly said NMU will have to play its best hockey against the Wolverines.

"It's always good to play the top teams just so you get a feel for how good your team is. Every team in this league is good, but it's usually pretty even matched," Connolly said. "We're going to have to cut down turnovers, try to hit as much as we can and feed off the energy in the building. It's probably going to be a full house and the fans will be behind us, so we're just going to have to play our hardest."

Offensively, Michigan is led by sophomore center Andy Hilbert, who has eight goals and 17 assists. The second leading scorer is sophomore center Mike Cammalleri, who has recorded eight goals and 13 assists.

One of the Wolverine's strengths, their special teams, is one of NMU's weaknesses. Michigan has the second-ranked power play (17-66) and penalty killing (44-50) units in the league.

"What continues to haunt us is special
Please see HOCKEY on Page 22

MEN'S MICHIGAN TECH PREVIEW

Wildcats travel to Tech

BY DAVE SADENWASSER
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University men's basketball team will travel to Houghton on Monday to take on Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. at MTU's Student Development Center.

The Huskies (2-1 overall, 0-0
Please see MEN on Page 22

WOMEN'S MICHIGAN TECH PREVIEW

Women start league play Monday

BY MIKE BROWN
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University women's basketball team will open conference play next week, when it travels to Houghton to play archrival Michigan Tech on Monday.

The Huskies are ranked 10th in the USA Today coaches poll. The Wildcats (3-0 overall, 0-0 GLIAC) are ranked 11th even though they were chosen to win the GLIAC North Division in the pre-season coaches poll.

The Huskies (3-0, 0-0) are led by seniors Allison Bailey and Jenny Sorensam.

Sorensam leads the team in scoring with 17 points per game and 4.7 rebounds per

game, while Bailey is averaging 13.3 points a game and 6.3 rebounds a game.

"We need to play really good team defense and control the tempo. If we can do those things our chances of winning will greatly improve," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

The Wildcats have played good so far this season on the defensive side of the ball, holding opponents under 42 percent field goal shooting in all three games.

"Our interior defense is really aggressive and has played good so far," senior center Jill

Gobert said.

"Offensively I need to work on getting open and defensively I need to stay active," Gobert said.

She has averaged 24 points a game and 12.3 rebounds per game. Gobert was also named GLIAC player of the week for her 30-point, 12-rebound performance against UMD.

Junior guard Mariša DellAngelo is second on the team in scoring, averaging 18.6 points per game.

"We had lost some scoring from last year, and this year some players have really come to play and pick up the slack," Geary said.

Tip-off time for the game is slated for 5:30 p.m.



Gobert

HOCKEY NMU 3, ND 3; NMU 3, ND 1

NMU beats, ties CCHA foe Notre Dame

BY JENN JUREWICZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU hockey team spent Thanksgiving in South Bend, Ill., where it picked up three points in a CCHA series against the University of Notre Dame.

On Saturday, NMU (7-4-4 overall, 5-4-3 CCHA) tied the Fighting Irish (3-7-3, 1-3-2) 3-3, and won on Friday, 3-1.

"I thought we played well, they're a tough team to play against because they're so big and physical," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "I actually thought we played better on Saturday. That was similar to [the] Lake Superior [series on

Nov. 17-18]. I thought we played better the second night, even though the results don't show that."

On Saturday, NMU started off the game with a two-goal lead in the first period. Sophomore right wing Bryce Cockburn recorded his ninth goal of the season, to become the Wildcats' leading goal scorer, at 6:50. Sophomore center Chris Gobert scored his sixth of the year, unassisted, at 16:53.

Notre Dame would slowly creep back into the game with a goal late in the first period, and two in the third.

The game was tied 2-2 in the third period when Notre Dame's

senior right wing and captain Ryan Dolder scored with one minute and 15 seconds left in the game to take the lead.

"On Saturday it was a few mistakes by us that led to their goals,"

Comley said. "I don't feel [Notre Dame] did anything to generate offense against us. We turned the puck over twice on the first two [Notre Dame] goals and the third one

was a deflection on a shot that was going to miss the net."

Junior defenseman Sean Connolly tied the game at 3-3 when he scored with five seconds left in regulation.

"[Notre Dame] had a couple breaks," Connolly said. "Two were bad breaks on our part and lucky goals for them and it kind of slowly let them get back in. I was in front of the net [for the tying goal] and Chris Gobert shot the puck from the point and it deflected into the net. It was nice to finally get a break like that."

Freshman Craig Kowalski started in goal and recorded 21 saves (8-5-8-0).

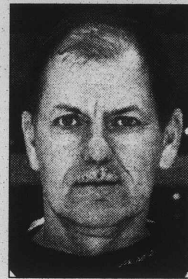
On Friday Notre Dame got on

the board first after scoring a power play goal about five minutes into the first period.

Senior defenseman Sean Owens scored his first goal of the season at 15:40 of the second period. Freshman Matt Hunter and sophomore right wing Bryce Cockburn scored the other goals for NMU in the third period.

Senior Dan Ragusett made 31 saves in goal (9-10-12).

"I thought it ended up being a good series," Connolly said. "We wanted to go there and get two wins if possible, but to come back and get the tie like we did late [Saturday] and get away with three points on the road made us pretty happy."



Comley

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NMU 82, UMD 67

Wildcats beat 16th ranked UMD at home

BY MIKE BROWN
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU women's basketball team is ranked 13th in the USA Today preseason coaches poll. Last Sunday the team defeated No. 16 Minnesota-Duluth 82-67.

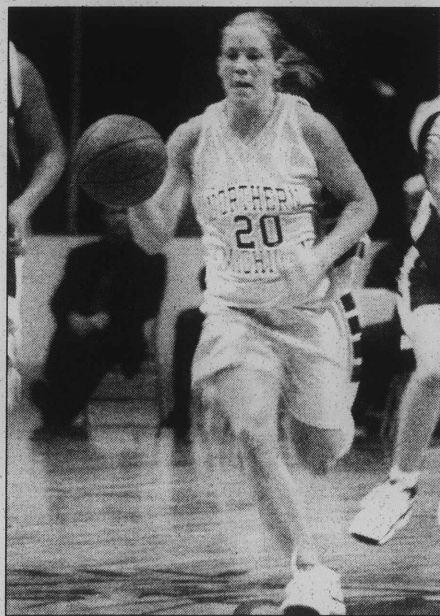
The win improved the Wildcats record to 3-0 and pushed their lead to 16-11 in the all time series against UMD. The Wildcats have won three straight against UMD, and six straight here at NMU.

"The interior defense has been playing good and our perimeter shooting has picked up a bit, those were keys to the victory against UMD," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

Senior center Jill Gobert and sophomore forward Maryellen Poutanen posted career highs in scoring. Gobert scored 30 to lead all scorers and Poutanen added 15 points. She also led the team in rebounding with 12. Gobert has posted a double-double in each of the Wildcats games this year.

"Overall we are playing pretty good," Gobert said. "We just need to work on the small things and get better at the fundamentals."

Junior guard Marisa DellAngelo scored 15 points in the victory.



Jason Barnes/NW

Junior point guard Marisa DellAngelo scored 15 points in Sunday's victory.

"We played well as a team, Gobert and DellAngelo really stepped up and played well," Geary said. "We always ask [senior point guard Brienne] Weber to play great and she did."

"There are a few things we still need to improve on, like staying focused, but I thought we played well all around."

MEN'S BASKETBALL UMD 66, NMU 63; NMU 65, MSU - M 44

Matacz leads 'Cats in Minnesota road split

BY SHARON STOLL
STAFF WRITER

The NMU men's basketball team lost their second game of the regular season 66-63 last Saturday against Minnesota-Duluth, in a game that came down to the wire.

The Wildcats led by five points with two minutes left before the final buzzer.

"Duluth is a more veteran team," NMU assistant coach Troy Mattson said. "They handled the last minutes of the game like they should have."

"Our inexperience showed on the defensive end, more so than on the offensive end. We got the ball inside, but defensively, it just didn't go."

Junior center Damian Matacz led with 17 points, while Freshman forward Bill Hill added 10 points.

Freshman forward Steve Watts led in rebounds with seven.

Mattson said he was happy with the young team's efforts. Three of NMU's starters are true freshmen.

"It was back and forth, within five-six points the whole game," Mattson said. "I think we shocked Duluth. Their coach even said 'Those aren't freshmen out there.'"

The Wildcats started their regular season on the road with a 65-44 victory over Minnesota State-Moorhead on Friday.

"It wasn't an easy game," Mattson said. "We just did a great job of defending them."

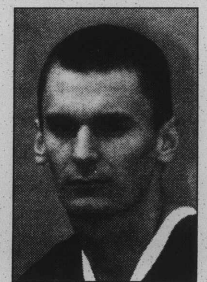
Northern out-rebounded Moorehead, 46-33.

"Our guards did a great job rebounding," Mattson said. "That was one key to [winning] the game."

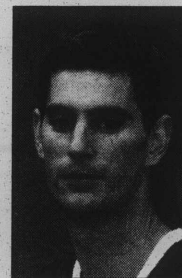
Matacz led the Wildcats offensive attack with 18 points and had seven rebounds.

Junior center Raef Lizak came off the bench, leading with nine rebounds and adding 10 points.

"Anytime you're getting the ball inside and scoring well it makes it a lot easier on the rest of the team," Mattson said of the centers.



Lizak



Matacz

FOOTBALL SEASON REVIEW

Wildcats end season 6-5

Holm posts six winning seasons in as many years

BY TOM MURPHY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Ending the season with a three-game losing streak, the Northern Michigan University Wildcat football team landed in fourth place in the final GLIAC standings and posted a 6-5 record overall.

The 'Cats got off to a solid start. They were 6-1 in the GLIAC when they faced the Ferris State Bulldogs on Oct. 28, the first of three straight losses.

"[The season] was good in every way except the standings," NMU head coach Eric Holm said. "Our kids played hard. They were a pleasure to coach. It was one of the most enjoyable years I've ever had in terms of the way the kids responded to coaching."

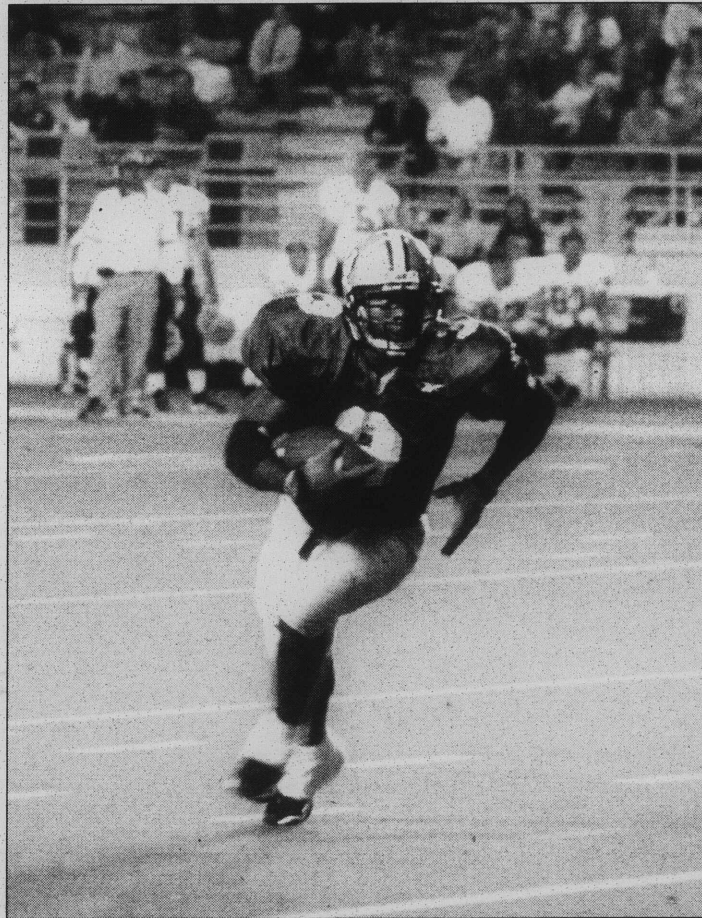
After just two games, all-conference senior tailback James Randle was lost for the season due to a hand injury. That paved the way for sophomore tailback Terrell Goldsmith to step in.

"[Randle] was there for me," Goldsmith said. "He let me know what to look for, what the defense was doing. He was a great help all season. I wish he would've been playing but I think God does things for a reason and I'm glad [Randle] was there to help me."

In Randle's absence, Goldsmith amassed 1,030 yards on 229 carries. He averaged 4.49 yards per carry and 93.6 yards per game. He was the first 1000-yard rusher for the Wildcats in six years.

Goldsmith was named All-GLIAC first team offense along with his teammate, senior offensive tackle Marc Dugas.

Dugas was named GLIAC offensive lineman of the year.



Jason Barnes/NW

Sophomore tailback Terrell Goldsmith was the first 1000-yard rusher for NMU in six years. He averaged 93.6 yards per game.

"The season was good," Dugas said. "I love my teammates, I'm glad I came here."

Junior quarterback Bryan White was the starting quarterback in all games but one. A concussion kept him out of the 'Cats' first GLIAC loss against Wayne State University.

White completed 179 passes out of 304 attempts for 1,908. He had a completion percentage of 58% and threw 11 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.



Dugas

Senior wide receiver Jamone Mims led the team in receiving with 50 catches for 645 yards and four touchdowns. He also led the team in all-purpose yards averaging 109.1 yards per game.

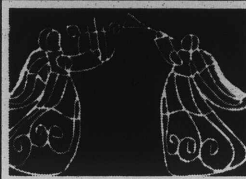
The NMU defense was led by All-GLIAC first team defense member junior defensive back Jason Lawson and sophomore linebacker Ben Laarman.

Lawson led the team in tackles with 102. He had three sacks, three interceptions and one fumble recovery which resulted in a 69-yard touchdown. Laarman had 80 tackles and a team high five sacks.

Junior place-kicker Andrew Coster was named All-GLIAC second team. Coster was 10/12 in field goals. He was a perfect 7/7 from 39 yards or less. He was 3/4 between 40-49 yards out. His farthest kick was from 44 yards out.

This was coach Holm's sixth straight winning season at NMU.

"The final score on some days doesn't go your way, that's life," Holm said. "You have to learn to deal with it. In terms of everything else, we had a real good season."



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CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW

Cross Country team finishes 8th at national championship

BY RACHEL KRULL
STAFF WRITER

The Northern Michigan University women's cross country team made history on Nov. 18.

It was its first-ever appearance at the Division II National Championship, in Pomona, Calif., and it finished eighth with 194 points.

"I feel we represented NMU well, being one of the country's top 24 teams," NMU head cross-country coach Sten Fjeldheim said.

The six-kilometer - 24 team, 177 runners - race put NMU's top finisher sophomore Caitlin Compton in 16th place with a time of 22.21.2.

Other Wildcat finishers were: juniors Aubrey Smith, 36th, and Abby Larson, 81st; and freshmen Jordan Seethaler, 47th; Michelle Paul, 50th; Jennifer Lahar, 84th; and Tracy Wills, 125th.

"The fact that the girls ran well under pressure, and no one had a bad race, was a major highlight of Nationals," Fjeldheim said.

"Another highlight was reaching the goal of a top-10 finish. The girls didn't know about this goal but in the back of my mind I knew we should be able to finish high. It was a very close race."

Compton said she enjoyed running in a different area and being in California.

"Being with the top teams in the nation, was very exciting," she said.

Compton earned All-American honors for the second consecutive year with her 16th place finish. Her finish was two places better than her 1999 appearance.

"I was very excited about being All-American and I think that next year we can have other girls from here be All Americans," Compton said. "It is a nice accomplishment and a good goal to achieve."

To prepare for the meet, the NMU runners followed the same format and

approach as they did for all other meets this year.

"We trained like usual, tapered off a little bit but still had the same intensity," Fjeldheim said. "It worked well."

This year NMU captured their only NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Title and the first GLIAC Championship since 1992.

The Wildcats won every meet they ran, except for the University of Minnesota Invitational, where they placed second out of 41 teams.

Each runner who competed on the championship team will return next season.

Included in that group will be two seniors, one junior and four sophomores.

"Everybody is coming back next year with experience and lots of motivation," Fjeldheim said. "Right now I'm busy recruiting, ready and excited for next year."

Fjeldheim said it was nice of Athletic Director Dan Spielmann and NMU President Judi Bailey to organize a pep rally, prior to the team's departure, to recognize the team.

"It was nice to be sent off on a positive note," he said.



Compton

DellAngelo receives honors

NMU junior Marisa DellAngelo was selected the GLIAC women's basketball Player of the Week last week.

DellAngelo, a guard, became the first Player of the Week

recipient of the 2000-01 season after earning Most Valuable Player honors as she led the



DellAngelo

Wildcats to the Chatam Orthopedic/Days Inn Oglethorpe Tipoff Classic tournament in Savannah, Georgia on Nov. 17-18.

DellAngelo scored 19 points, had four rebounds and eight assists in the 'Cats opening 83-74 win over Catawba College.

In the championship game of the tournament, versus Armstrong Atlantic, she tied her career-high in scoring with 22 points. The Wildcats won, 80-64.

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GLIAC) are led by sophomore Matt Cameron, who led the team in scoring in each of their first three games.

He averages 19 points per game.

Cameron also leads the team in rebounds, with a total of 24. The Huskies are led in assists by sophomore J.T. Luginski, who has nine. He also leads the team in blocks, with four, and steals, with six.

"The key part of their offense is for [the inside players] to shoot from 10 to 15 feet, which makes it a little more complicated for the centers to guard," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

The Wildcats (1-1, 0-0 GLIAC) bring a young team into the game. They are led by junior center Damian Matacz with 35 points, who is one of only two returning letter winners.

Ellis said the Wildcats have been playing confident ball this year, and have been improving with every game.

"It will be a hard-fought, half-court battle, and I wouldn't be surprised if the score is in the 60's" Ellis said.

HOCKEY

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teams," Comley said. "Five on five we're playing pretty well, I think we're progressing in that area. But we've not been able to get over the hump on power play and penalty killing and until we do, that's going to restrict on how much better we get.

The Wildcats are led in goal scoring by sophomore right wing Bryce Cockburn, who has nine goals. Junior center Chad Theuer is the overall leading scorer with three goals and 13 assists.

Another challenge for the Wildcats will be the injuries to key players.

"You need your best line-up to beat a team like this, so if we have people out it's going to hurt us," Comley said.

Sophomore left wing Mike Stutzel is doubtful as he is still sitting out with a shoulder injury he suffered at Michigan State on Nov. 10.

Sophomore right wing Terry Harrison sustained an injury during the Notre Dame series, and Comley said he still does not know if he will play this weekend.

Freshmen centers Ambrose Tappe, Kevin Gardner, and Dave Bonk and senior defenseman

THE MATCHUP



NMU	W-L-T	UM
7-4-4		10-3-2
OFFENSE		
3.4	Goals (Avg.)	3.9
86	Assists	99
137	Points	158
29.9	Shots (Avg.)	35.9
DEFENSE		
0	Shutouts	n/a
2.54	Goals Against (Avg.)	2.31
29.6	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	22.8
.888	Save Percentage	.903
SPECIAL TEAMS		
16.4	PP. Percentage	24.8
77.6	PK. Percentage	83.9
11	PP Goals	26
2	SH Goals	3
255	Penalty Minutes	349

Colin Young are the other injured Wildcats who will not play in the Michigan series.

In goal, freshman Craig Kowalski and senior Dan Ragusett both have chances to start, but Comley said he is still undecided on who will start on what night.

Michigan's junior Josh Blackburn has started in goal in all 15 games this season and possesses a 2.24 GAA and a .902 saves percentage.

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Dante — I'm glad I could fill your belly. — Travis

Curse — Now that you've witnessed my persecution first-hand, you have a better idea of the pain that haunts me. — T

El Spondo Boys — Don't forget to slap the elbow as you are dropping it. — Joe Jo

Honky — I'm truly working on getting you housing information for Iron Mountain. I'm sorry you don't have it yet. — Ghostface

Kristy — We know The Doghouse isn't cursed. Hopefully you feel better as you're reading this. — Family

Fasano — Was that really you on campus the other day? You need to visit us more at the office. — Some Staff

Who's got the loudest car?

Doc — I'm truly sorry I miss so many Thursday classes. Hopefully I can get everything running more efficiently next semester so I don't have to miss so often. Thank you for your patience. — Travis

Brandon — Thank you for the excellent lines-only shots you brought in this week. It's nice to have selection. — News

Rachel, Jess and Tom — It was nice to see you all stick around 'till morning. Thanks. — Your Peers

Recent Inspirations:

- Turkey ... still
- The Blue Moon Boys
- Bruice
- Pasta
- D'Angelo
- Marvin Gaye
- Johnny Cash
- 1983 Datsun 200SX
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