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Horsing around for the holidays



Jason Barnes/NW

The campus community was treated to sleigh rides outside the University Center, Nov. 30, at Light Up The Holidays.

Library expands Net tools

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
MANAGING EDITOR

In hopes of making journals and other texts easier to access on the Internet, the Olson Library has installed new electronic resources.

At the end of the Winter 2000 semester, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal approved funding for JSTOR, an electronic application that offers 120 scholarly journals in 16 subject areas. To obtain access, the university had to pay a one-time archive capital fee of \$25,000, and agree to paying an annual access fee of \$4,000, according to the approved proposal.

Other additions to the electronic resources include IDEAL, which offers 175 electronic journals from Academic Press in full text, and e-Books Michigan, a net library containing more than 9,000 electronic books that can be read on a computer screen.

FirstSearch, a collection of more than 60 databases, has also been expanded recently, and will now offer more articles in full text.

Reference and Research Support Services Librarian Kevin McDonough said, with the exception of JSTOR, the funding for the new resources was provided by the Michigan Library Consortium, a group of libraries that help to provide funding to member libraries throughout the state.

"The individual databases available through FirstSearch would cost over \$200,000, but the state of Michigan provides some funding, too," McDonough said.

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Cause of death unclear

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
MANAGING EDITOR

The cause of David Sonderschafer's death has been determined, but the circumstances surrounding the accident are still unclear.

Sonderschafer, 47, of Skandia, was an NMU Technology and Applied Sciences professor. He died when his truck failed to stop at the M-94/U.S. Highway 41 South intersection and

struck another vehicle at around 8 p.m. on Oct. 28. The driver of the other vehicle, Brandon D. Bray, 20, also of Skandia, was not seriously injured in the accident.

The Marquette County Medical Examiner's office said Sonderschafer died of idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis. The condition is defined as an enlargement of the heart, which is out of proportion to any workload on the heart, with the enlargement interfer-

ing with the functioning of the heart.

According to the toxicology report, his blood alcohol level was .234 percent, which is .154 percent above the legal driving limit of .08.

Assistant Medical Examiner John Weiss said it is not possible to determine whether the cause of Sonderschafer's death was related to alcohol, or if the car accident was a

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Dean of Academic Information Services Darlene Pierce said the students on campus should benefit greatly from these resources.

"One benefit is that we now have access to things we don't own on campus," Pierce said. "If students aren't sure what references to use, they need to ask a reference librarian. We have people here who will help."

Undeclared freshman Jon Brooks said he thinks the new electronic resources will give him an opportunity to use his IBM Thinkpad for reasons it was originally intended.

"It will be more convenient," Brooks said. "It'll finally give us a use for these things (laptops). I barely use it in any of my classes."

McDonough said these resources are going to provide quality references in an efficient way.

"Students won't have to physically come into the library," McDonough said. "They can do that now through the Internet, but the Internet has so much junk out there. These journals aren't available on the Web for free."

He said the investment was made for students, but faculty will benefit as well.

"We're subscribing to these things and putting them in a network environment so all students can get to them for free."

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direct result of his heart condition.

"What I can say for sure is he had a heart condition, he was intoxicated, but which combination did what is hard to tell," Weiss said. "One thing we can tell for sure is that he did not die due to injuries sustained in the accident."

NMU Health Promotion Specialist Lenny Shible said, even though alcohol may not have been the cause of the accident, people need to consider the decisions they make before operating a vehicle after drinking.

"From a legal perspective, he shouldn't have been driving," Shible said. "We need to make low-risk choices."

Technology and Applied Sciences department Head Walter Anderson said students have done well in coping with the loss of Sonderschafer.

"They've excelled with the adjustments we've made," Anderson said.

Technology and Applied Sciences professor Yvonne Lee said students, friends and family members have struggled, but are dealing with the loss of such an admirable man.

"David was the most unselfish person I've ever met," Lee said. "He'd want people to learn from his life and his death."

FOR THE RECORD

The Nov. 30 issue of *The North Wind* contained the following inaccuracies. We apologize for any confusion these may have caused.

- The power plant featured on Page 16 is not located on Lakeshore Boulevard, nor is it near Upper Harbor, as the caption states. It is located in south Marquette.

- The photo of Terrell Goldsmith on Page 19 was taken by Brandon Craig, not Jason Barnes, as the credit said.

- The photo of Marisa DellAngelo on Page 18 was not taken by Jason Barnes, it was taken by Brandon Craig.

- There will not be another issue of *The North Wind* until Jan. 11, 2001. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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Local

Suspect arrested in bomb threat

A Marquette Township man has been arrested in the false Wal-Mart bomb threat made earlier this week. Lucas James Bourdage, 19, is being charged with one count of calling in a false bomb threat, a four-year felony. Bourdage called Wal-Mart early last Wednesday afternoon and claimed a bomb would go off in one hour. The store was evacuated and was searched by investigators and a bomb-sniffing dog from Escanaba Public Safety. Bourdage was identified as a suspect shortly after the call was placed. Bourdage was released on a \$1,500 bond. His arraignment was Monday morning.

State

Miller desires voting law changes

LANSING — Secretary of State Candice S. Miller will ask state lawmakers to enact changes in how and when Michigan conducts state elections. Miller supports a state election holiday, a uniform voting system for all 5,376 precincts across the state and to consolidate elections to four dates per year. Michigan uses optical scanning voting equipment, punch card systems, paper ballots, touch-screen computers and other various types of voting machines in the presidential election. Miller believes a state election holiday would increase voter turnout. Miller agrees the proposal will be expensive, but believes the integrity of the process can come through with changes made in the manner in which elections are conducted.

International

Ebola Doctor becomes its victim

KAMPALA, Uganda — Uganda was plunged into mourning Tuesday as the doctor who had led the country's two-month battle against the deadly Ebola epidemic was buried hours after he died from the virus. Dr. Matthew Lukwiya, the medical superintendent at St. Mary's Hospital in Lacor, died Tuesday morning. "Last night, at 1:20 a.m. we lost one of our gallant sons of the country, who has been spearheading the fight against Ebola," Alex Opio, assistant commissioner for disease control, told reporters. Lukwiya had first showed symptoms of the virus Thursday, and it killed him in less than six days. The outbreak, which began in September, has claimed 156 lives so far, including 14 health workers in the Lacor and Gulu hospitals that have taken in most of the Ebola cases.

Weird News

Turkish couple has 25 kids, 4 boys

ANKARA, Turkey — A Turkish couple was so determined to have more sons that they ended up with 25 children — only four of whom were boys, Turkish media reported on Tuesday. The Turkish Daily News said Nihat Kurt, a 50-year-old unemployed construction worker in Duzkoy, in the Black Sea province of Trabzon, had married his wife at the age of 15. "We had our daughters but still wanted to have a son, so we continued having children," Kurt said. "Finally our 11th child was a boy. We have 25 children, the eldest is 33 and the youngest is four." Four of the 21 daughters are married, and Kurt and his wife have 10 grandchildren.

— Compiled from news sources

Books for bling bling



Brandon Craig/NW

Undeclared freshman Dave Irwin sells back his books at the bookstore buy-back window in the University Center. ASNMU will hold their own book consignment from Dec. 11 to Dec. 15.

ASNMU to swap books

BY LUCAS SPONSLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After finals, selling no longer needed text books often provides closure to a hectic semester.

"As soon as finals are over, I'm gone," sophomore English major Tim Wade said. "It's the last thing I do before I head home for the break."

Unique to the end of the fall and the beginning of the winter semesters is ASNMU's More Bucks for your Books program.

"It's an awesome way for students to help out another while being selfish," said ASNMU Rep. Karen Seablom, Up Campus. Seablom is heading up the sale.

"Students get more money than they would from the book store," she said. "But when they come to buy books they'll save money."

ASNMU sells the books on consignment, taking 10 percent of the price as commission.

Seablom said ASNMU's share goes to cover the actual expenses of the sale. After that, surplus funds are diverted into other programming.

Because it is a consignment sale, money from the sale of the books is not available until after they are sold, at the beginning of the winter semester.

After the sale, students can either keep their unsold books or donate them to ASNMU.

The NMU Bookstore will provide ASNMU with a list of which books will be used next semester. Such books are more likely to be sold.

"If a book doesn't sell through the Bucks for Books, I would wonder what's wrong with that book," NMU Bookstore Manager Mike Kuzak said. "If there's a market for it, it'll probably sell."

Kuzak said he appreciates More Bucks for your Books because it offers students options.

"A student who has choices is happier," Kuzak said. "When

faced with a monopoly sometimes [students] are distrusting."

When selling texts back to the bookstore the computer scans two databases to find the buy-back value. The first database has a list of books that will be used at NMU the next semester. The NMU Bookstore purchases these books for 50 percent of the price of the new copy of that text.

If the book won't be used during the next semester at NMU the second database finds a taking price provided by a national wholesaler. Each semester, the NMU Bookstore offers more than 1200 titles.

"I'd estimate that maybe a third of the books are the titles we sell will be used the next semester," Kuzak said.

This is due to a number of factors. Editions change, some courses aren't offered every semester and different faculty teach courses, he said.

"Faculty choose their own texts," he said.

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Colder with scattered snow showers. Low 10 to 15. High 20 to 25.
- **Saturday:** Colder. Scattered lake effect snow. Low 8 to 10. High 20.
- **Sunday:** Chance of light snow. Low 8 to 15. High 20 to 20.

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Snow is glistening



Matt Armstrong/NW

Senior communication disorder major Lara Dopson gives snowboarding lessons to 7th grade student Brandon Stonehouse this past weekend at Marquette Mountain.

Olympic dream returns

Injured speed skater receives new hope for attending Winter Games

BY JESSICA AYCOCK
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Olympic Education Center athlete Michael Kooreman will receive a great gift this holiday season: surgery to repair the bulging disc threatening his Olympic speed skating dream.

"[He] was in Asia for World Cups and lifted a bag in the airport and slipped a disc in his back," said junior computer science major Tony Goskowicz, one of Kooreman's coaches.

Since then, Kooreman, a sophomore electronic production and new technology major, has been doing as much training as his injury allows, and going to school full time.

Lawrence Mosca, vice president of administration for Pioneer Laboratories found out

about Kooreman through another local news source.

Mosca contacted Kooreman's family in Grand Rapids to find out how the laboratory could help.

USOEC Media Relations Director Mike Walker said local doctor Matthew Songer will be donating his time to perform the surgery.

Walker said the surgery will be scheduled as soon as possible and will hopefully take place shortly after final exams.

Kooreman will spend three to six months after the surgery recuperating.

Kooreman began speed skating at the age of nine.

"My dad used to take my brother and I to the rink all the time," Kooreman said. "We found out that there was a speed skating club that practiced near-

by. I started going and just kept with it."

Goskowicz said he believes Kooreman's chances of competing in the 2002 Winter Games is much better now that he will be having surgery.

Kooreman said he believes his chances are really good.

"I'm more inspired now," he said. "It's great, especially since it's in Salt Lake City."

"Nothing would be better than to win an Olympic medal in my own country."

USOEC Director Jeff Kleinschmidt said he thinks Kooreman will be back in training three months after the surgery.

"[Kooreman] has great potential to make the team," Kleinschmidt said. "We greatly appreciate the help; it gives [him] enough time to get back in shape and train for the Olympics."

Kooreman is a two-time U.S. Olympic Festival bronze medalist.

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Humane shelter in need

BY ELIZABETH HAUPT
STAFF WRITER

Many of the stray cats and dogs in Marquette end up at the Marquette County Humane Society, a tax-deductible organization founded in 1975 to care for unwanted or stray animals in the county.

This organization is run primarily on donations from the community.

"In order to make more people aware of our situation, we need more money," said MCHS Director Caron Christopherson.

MCHS offers lost and found services, animal training classes, educational presentations and adoption services as well as providing shelter for homeless pets.

All of these services cannot exist without support from the community.

Every year, \$200,000 must be raised in order to maintain and run the facility.

Fundraising is their primary source of income, Christopherson said.

The MCHS needs a license from the state of Michigan to solicit funds and it must abide by the fundraising laws.

Throughout the year there

have been several fundraisers, including the recent Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 3 at St. Peter's Hall.

"Some other important fundraisers throughout the year include the annual Phone-a-Thon, a letter writing campaign and Be Kind to Animals week, all of which raise most of the money to run the MCHS," Christopherson said.

Forty percent of the money raised goes toward paying the staff.

The rest is divided into several other expenses such as educational programs, cruelty investigations, building maintenance, utilities and veterinarian care.

The largest expense is the spay and neuter program, Christopherson said.

The spay and neuter program is designed to alleviate the overpopulation of animals.

If a potential animal owner decides to adopt a cat or dog, the animal must be spayed or neutered. The price of the operation is included in the adoption fee.

"This program is very successful and benefits all of those who participate," Christopherson said.

People who do not have money to donate to the MCHS may donate items such as old blankets, film, rubber gloves, cat litter, Purina dog and cat food and antibacterial hand soap.

For a complete list of items needed, visit their web page at www.upaws.org.

Volunteers are a vital part of operating the MCHS.

Volunteers must first fill out an application and attend an orientation session, which is held the first Wednesday of each month, before officially becoming a volunteer.

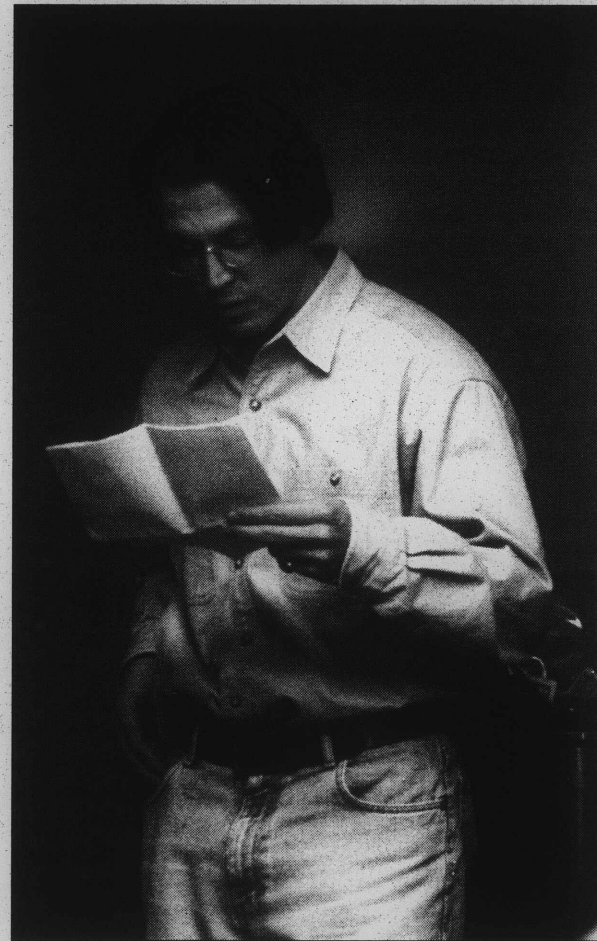
Opportunities for volunteers include walking dogs or socializing cats, kennel or cat room cleaning, office work, and fundraiser positions are available.

"We are always willing to accept volunteers," Christopherson said.

The next time you see a stray cat or dog running loose in your neighborhood, don't just ignore it, call the MCHS at 475-6661.

Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. and the facility is located off U.S. Highway 41 at 84 Snowfield Road in Negaunee Township.

Reading experience



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Graduate student Michael Barnes reads a story to a crowd at Boat Drinks lounge in Marquette on Dec. 1.

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Kristi McClure was named the Student Employee of the Month for September, 2000. Kristi is employed as a student secretary and interdepartmental courier for the Housing & Residence Life Department.



Andrea Scopel was named the Student Employee of the Month for October, 2000. Andrea is employed by the Dining Services Central Office as a console operator.



Eileen Shonk is employed in the University Center Dining Services as a salad attendant. Eileen was named the Student Employee of the Month for November, 2000.

Other students nominated were: Anna Lyn Adams (Wildcat Den), Kishany Gonzalez (Quad 1 Dining Services), Tracy Minor (Hunt/VanAntwerp Desk), and Ethan Nayback (Cat Trax).

Congratulation to all of these OUTSTANDING student employees!

EDITORIAL

A wish-filled list sent to ol' St. Nick

Dear Santa,

As the holiday season nears, we have a few favors to ask of you. We know you'll be around to deliver gifts to all the little girls and boys, but there are a few "grown-ups" who also need some cheer this year.

- Please bring NMU more money. Our poor library isn't funded properly, and now that the president has received a raise, there just isn't enough cash to go around.

- Can we have the real Page 6B? We're sorry we messed up the basketball insert. If you can find it in your heart to forgive us, we will make sure all stories have an ending next semester.

- Please deliver a new DMX album for motivation.

- Could you deliver a large jet to send some folks down to help those southerners count? Then we won't need to include a new U.S. president on our list.

- Will you build 84 new residence halls on campus? We're going to bring in about 3,000 new friends, but they've no place to sleep, Santa.

- Would it be possible for you to distribute new knife sets to everyone at NMU? We all need to work on our skills so we can perform at the level of the Iron Chef.

- If you could drop off a hockey arena that doesn't punish those who are more than 4 feet 2 inches tall, our legs would thank you.

- Professional baseball needs a salary cap. We really can't watch the Yankees buy many more championships.

- Please bring us a few additional Macintosh computers for our deprived campus. Perhaps President Bailey would like you to put one in her office.

Hopefully you will enjoy the milk and cookies. Don't get stuck in the chimney on your way out.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student reacts to Staff Column

Far be it from me to dispute the opinions of my friend Geoff Hineman but, shouldn't those 19,000 ballots have been thrown out? Regardless for whom they were cast, ballots can only be counted if they are legal. As another commentary in the same issue of The North Wind suggests, yes, all legal votes should be counted in a fair and accurate manner. But voting is a right and with all rights come responsibility.

When I went to the polls, I took the time to read the instructions so that my ballot would be cast correctly. My holes were clearly punched so as to be accurately read by the counting machine. It is the responsibility of a voter to know not only for also who he or she wishes to vote for but how. Anything less is a waste.

To also suggest that "Dubya" concede to the will of the people, the same could be said of Gore. Our forefathers saw to it that each state be given a fair representation with regard to electing the nation's leader.

The Electoral College exists to make sure the nation speaks

together, not just as a few population strong holds. Barring any judicial intervention, Bush will become the next president of the nation. If Gore were to win, he would basically be the president of New York and Los Angeles. I'm exaggerating, of course, but you see my point.

What this election has boiled down to is Gore has lost. Not only the election, but his self respect and any respect the country could have for him. It sends the message that whoever doesn't get what they want can sue and carry on until they do.

Sure, he could get the needed votes if they kept doing hand counts. Doesn't that scream something at you? Where are these votes coming from?

It is obvious to me and many others that some thing is amiss. They have caught counters doing illegal actions when recounting votes already. This just isn't right. Repeated hand recounts are not right.

If Gore truly wanted what was in the best interests of the country, he would have conceded already.

Oh, wait. He did. Then he took it back. Just one more example of how Gore thinks he knows what is best for us. I don't trust anyone who makes that assumption. He doesn't

know me or cares to.

What it seems that the Gore camp wants is to re-write the Constitution, rid the nation of the foul Electoral system. All of my Democrat friends have been saying this to me. Fine. Lets have a Constitutional convention then, re-write the thing. While we're at it, lets get rid of anything else we don't like about it. Sounds foolish, doesn't it? Get rid of the ideas and principles the Nation was founded upon? Never! Right, that's what I thought you'd say. To do so would invite ideas of communism. No freedoms, just one opinion of how the nation would be.

We as Americans would never stand for such oppression. But didn't Gore take some money from China?

Hmmm. Well, we won't go there.

Anyway, let us move forward. Bush may not be the best choice as a leader. He may not do everything that is right for all of us. But he is the leader that we, as a nation, chose to lead. It is time for that to happen.

The time to argue over who won has past. This is the only real super power nation in the world and yet the rest of the world laughs at us.

Derreck Sigler

THOMAS PEDERSON



Etiquette soothes nerves

This is my last column for the year 2000 and I thought I might take some time, as a responsible citizen, to help make our holiday season a little less stressful. With that established, I will commence with some holiday etiquette tips.

First tip: when parking, please make at least a remote attempt to find the lines. It makes parking much easier for everyone else.

For those of you in SUVs who feel the need to take up two spaces so nobody bumps your vehicle, you're really asking for somebody to do just that; I'm not implying anything, I'm just saying.

Next tip: when in the parking lot after holiday shopping, please put your cart in the corral or back in the store. Nothing is more irritating than finding a good parking spot, only to realize it's being taken up by a SHOPPING CART! Be a sport and return the cart, eh.

Reports say that road rage goes up tremendously during the holidays. One easy way to help keep other drivers calm is by using your turn signal. I know, this is the gift that keeps on giving all year long, but I checked with every dealership in town and they've told me that every car they sell comes with func-

STAFF COLUMN



By Geoff Hineman

tioning turn signals; use them, please.

While we're talking about turning, here's another little piece of etiquette.

Those of you who drive monster trucks (you know who you are) it is very difficult to see past your trucks when the rest of us are at the same stop with you.

Please remember that when a smaller vehicle is trying to make a left turn, the driver will often need to look to the right before doing so, and your trucks aren't very transparent.

Okay, so now you're in the store. Since the stores are packed this time of year, congestion is a normal part of the holiday season. When walking through the mall or a store, please try not to simply stop in place. Odds

are there are lots of people behind you who still need to go somewhere; in effect, you will have created a traffic jam.

At the opposite extreme, please look before you push your cart out into the middle of a crowded aisle. Nothing will ruin a holiday like being run over by a shopping cart.

As always, "Excuse me," works wonders.

Another tip: Lists work wonders; that way you're not meandering around the store hoping to stumble upon something you might like. There are other people in the store who know what they want and are making every effort to get it and lessen the congestion in the store.

This last one should be easy, but somehow people always manage to miss it; no carts in the mall.

These things might seem picky, I know, but hopefully we can work together to keep the focus of the holiday season on the holidays as opposed to those annoying things that are simply magnified by the holiday season.

Happy holidays.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Geoff Hineman welcomes reactions to his column. He can be reached at ghineman@nmu.edu.

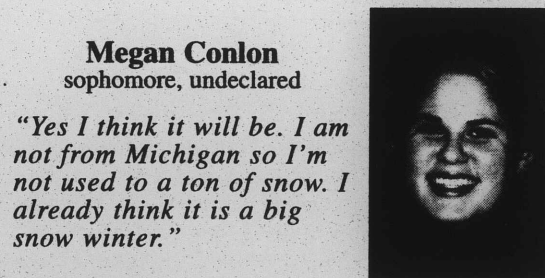
SOUND OFF

Is this going to be a big snow year for Marquette?



Ed O'Gara
sophomore, graphic arts

"Yes, I definitely think its going to be a big snow winter. El Niño is definitely done with."



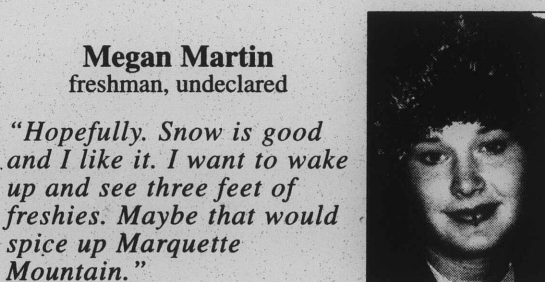
Megan Conlon
sophomore, undeclared

"Yes I think it will be. I am not from Michigan so I'm not used to a ton of snow. I already think it is a big snow winter."



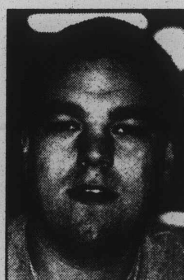
Brad Reddiger
freshman, undeclared

"Hopefully it will be. The more snow we get the more chance of a snow day."



Megan Martin
freshman, undeclared

"Hopefully. Snow is good and I like it. I want to wake up and see three feet of freshies. Maybe that would spice up Marquette Mountain."



Richard Smith
senior, electronics engineering

"Yes, it already shows and we had two mild winters in a row. We are due for a big snow winter."

This is the last issue of The North Wind until next semester.

Procrastination invites burnout

TERRENCE NOWLIN
THE BREEZE (JAMES MADISON U.)

It's always that time of year, when snow begins to fall and everyone dresses like rolls of Charmin in their warm fleeces, that I suddenly evolve into an alternate version of myself, much like the Incredible Hulk.

However, my pigment remains more pinkish than green, and as usual, I am considerably less than bulky. I simply become bitter, careless and apathetic. Contrary to the belief of a few of my friends, this is not my usual state of being.

Only one thing can explain what removes my usual pleasant countenance: what I am experiencing is the result of having too many long days of catch-up work.

As college students, we are accustomed to this roommate-intimi-

dating condition of back-biting and lethargy that I routinely experience, called burnout.

It is not even finals week and I see stressed-out souls scattered around campus.

How can you spot a burnout victim? They seem to always be wearing what they wore the day before, unless they have a presentation, in which case they add a tie. They walk directly to class from getting evidenced by bed wrinkles, dried spittle on their collar and the obvious lack of that wonderful shower-fresh scent.

These are the same folks who sleep on campus couches at three in the afternoon and come dragging into tests 10 minutes late, spared only by caffeine pills, irritated roommates and lattes.

I'm sure you think that these burnout victims are dirty, lazy sub-

stance abusers. Actually they too, share the same countenance as I on a regular, pre-stress basis. The almighty cause of student burnout is procrastination.

At the present moment, my suitemate is the current king of all procrastinators, but I am a close runner-up (I will seize his crown, when I feel I have the energy to steal it).

When I have any sort of schoolwork to do, an internal defense mechanism that I possess forces me to sleep for ridiculous periods of time, even through my 120-decibel, war-simulating computer games.

To sedate me requires nothing more than a worksheet or novel in my hands.

All procrastinators have such an internal drive to perform another activity when important tasks are at hand.

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I choose sleeping, others choose the internet for hours at a time, or play Frisbee.

Regardless it is at the end of the semester that it catches up with the procrastinators, when the sharp teeth of the syllabus is at the exposed rear or the GPA, and procrastinators come up with the newfound excuse of burnout leftover from the previous semester as a recycled reason to not finish their work.

This is befuddling at the very least, but I participate in acts of procrastination and, ultimately, burnout myself.

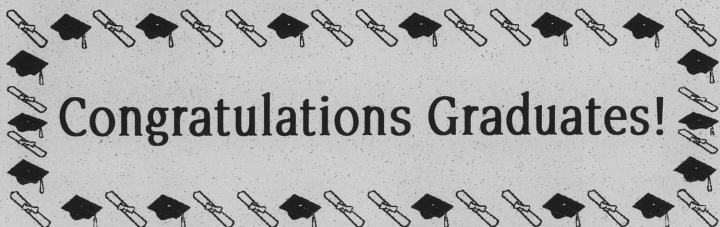
Procrastination must be stopped. To cure the university community of this condition, our university president could begin a task force to eliminate elements of procrastination, such as

AOL Instant Messenger, girlfriends, Frisbees, my bed and other useless time-consumers.

Professors could begin assigning procrastination as homework so the students would avoid doing it and would eventually have to resort to studying to fill the void left from the removal of their "fun" pastimes.

Burnout will still eat away at even the best of students until the institution that is higher education fails to exist. Maybe there isn't a great way to combat burnout, but at least students know they aren't alone. And remember folks, now is the time to start planning for procrastination next semester.

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Olson survived a near-fatal car accident last September after having a diabetic seizure while driving.

The dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, a beverage and dessert.

Cost will be \$3 for students, \$5 for non-students.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or at 351 Magers Hall,

130 Gries Hall, 1102 University Center and 229 Gries Hall.

All proceeds will go directly to the Penny Olson Fund. Donations can also be made at the Marquette Community Federal Credit Union.

Police announce free parking

The Marquette City Police Department announced "Holiday Free Parking."

Parking meters in downtown Marquette do not need to be paid between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

The "Holiday Free Parking" will last from Dec. 2 to Dec. 28.

The winter parking ban will continue to be enforced on city streets at night.


Police Academy graduation set

The Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy will hold a graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.


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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period; **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding; and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy
in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason
- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients).

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age

whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

- Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:
- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
 - sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
 - severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
 - unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
 - severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
 - persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain

You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: Irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolus, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods

During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions

Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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Quirky treasures will be missed

I don't remember the exact day when the Champion athletic sock was tacked to the wall of the living room at my home, affectionately known as Fort Panic.

One day the sock was just there. I asked my roommates about said sock, and they just laughed. Come to find out the sock was re-appropriated from Olympic hopeful, and NMU swimmer, Cary Gregor.

It isn't the fact a sock is really that out of place on a wall of our place. It seems to fit well with the bowling pin, Batman and Robin poster, antlers and yellow caution tape.

There's also a milk ad featuring Jonathan Taylor Thomas, some Kung Fu videos and a breath taking still of a Sun-sations speed boat caught at full tilt on the open water.

It's the location of the Gregor sock that perhaps is it's best feature. It is tacked right next to a box from a Swanson "Fun Feast" pre-packaged, microwave meal. The box happens to depict a rather jolly Fred Flintstone dancing a jig, amply conveying the excitement the "Fun Feast" will no doubt bring to whomever is lucky enough to partake in its nutritious, and delicious goodness.

But allow me to get back to the Gregor sock.

Come to find out my roommate Ken "borrowed" the sock, claiming he was going to try and sell it on eBay.com.

This may seem far-fetched, even a bit sick, but not if you know Ken. His humor is on a different level than most. I won't say a higher or lower level, it is just on a "different" level.

I believe the sock is metaphorically a testament to Ken's undying support of the NMU swim and dive team. For several years he has attended the "Wet Wildcats" home meets, made signs and yelled his spirited support.

Why the swim and dive team, and not the football, volleyball or hockey teams? The world may never know. But in much the same way we accept the sky is blue, I have accepted Ken's support of the team.

For Ken, next Saturday brings closure to his undergraduate career. As he takes that sacred piece of parchment from NMU President Judi Bailey, he enters a brave new world.

Having a degree will be the start of a new chapter for all of the class of 2000. I'm sure it is for them, as is it for Ken, a cumulation of years of hard work and sacrifice, late nights and early mornings, good times and bad, love and loss, and other moments of wonder I can't even begin to list.

Whether or not Ken will take the sock, or the "Fun Feast" box, or any of the other little pieces of insight he brought to our house, remains to be seen.

When the rest of us return from semester break, he'll be gone. The living room, which has served as his bedroom and base of operations, will be back to just a living room, without the living. And he will be missed.

I take solace in knowing that whoever hires him after he graduates is going to get an amazingly talented and creative employee. Take that for what it's worth.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY DANIEL POWELL

The old miser returns

BY MIRIAM MÖELLER
STAFF WRITER

In the dark of the Forest Roberts Theatre, sounds of Christmas carols emerge from the depths of the orchestra pit, while singing children and adults appear on stage dressed in 19th century clothing.

This year's performance of "Ebenezer Scrooge" creates a smile on people's faces and puts them in the right mood for the Christmas season.

Assistant Professor Cecelia J. Pang's adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel, with music by Theater Director James P. Panowski and musical direction by Jeffery A. Bruning, can be seen today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The scenic design is by Communication and Performance Studies Professor Victor G. Holliday, with lighting design by NMU senior Michael Sheldon, and makeup design by sophomore Carol Starrine.

"The biggest example of a change musically is the Fezziwig scene with a Christmas Polka," Panowski said.

Last year the scene was a drinking scene from an old German operetta.

"It was OK but it kind of died up there," he said.

Grumpy old Ebenezer Scrooge seems to be the only man in 1843 London who does not care about Christmas celebrations. Dogged, he sits in his cold office counting

money, chasing away everybody who wants something from him, including his cousin who tries to invite him for dinner, as well as businessmen asking for donations.

At night Scrooge is guided by spirits and ghosts who help him change his attitude towards the world and to love life again.

Graduate Artistic Intern Benjamin S. McKibben had just finished with his performance in "Holdin' Our Own," when he started rehearsing the character of Scrooge, joining the cast two weeks late. McKibben said the character of Tom Bentsen, the role he played in "Holdin' Our Own," was an extremely challenging role, different from that of Ebenezer Scrooge.

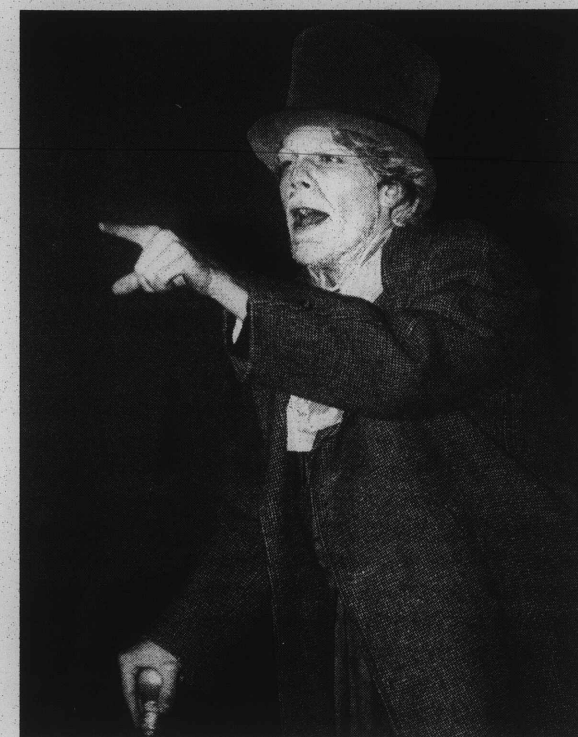
"The character (Tom Bentsen) was very much akin to myself, the emotional roller coaster that the person goes through," he said. "It was a real person. How do you do justice of a real person? Scrooge is a figment of Charles Dickens' imagination. We have a description of what he was like.

"It's quite a contrast."

The theater's hair and make-up crew did an excellent job in turning McKibben from a 23-year-old into a gray haired Scrooge ready for retirement. With constant grunts and sighs and a bowed walk McKibben makes his age very realistic, to the enjoyment of the audience. In his 19th century nightgown and pointed cap he watches, his mouth open as he sees the scenes of his childhood the Ghost of Christmas Past brings to him.

The cast is comprised of children as young as five years old through adults in their late 30s, including high school students, NMU students and first timers as well as experienced actors.

"The most difficult thing in a show like this is that



Jason Barnes/NW

Graduate Artistic Intern Benjamin S. McKibben plays Ebenezer Scrooge, a character three times his age.

you have this broad spectrum of talents," Panowski said.

NMU student Brandon Roberts, for instance, performed on stage for the first time as young Ebenezer.

"What you are trying to do is pulling everybody together," Panowski said.

That is a problem that makes Scrooge one of the toughest shows to produce, Panowski said.

"When I go home I am ready for a martini," he said. Panowski was the first director to produce "Scrooge," years ago, kicking off the annual tradition.

The main reason for performing the play annually is to help raise money for the theatre's First Nighter's Club. It is also a way to involve the community and to open up the world of theatre to younger kids, Panowski said.

"These kids will be theater goers," Panowski said. "Ultimately they enjoy going to the theater, they understand what goes into making a show. That's a reward to me."

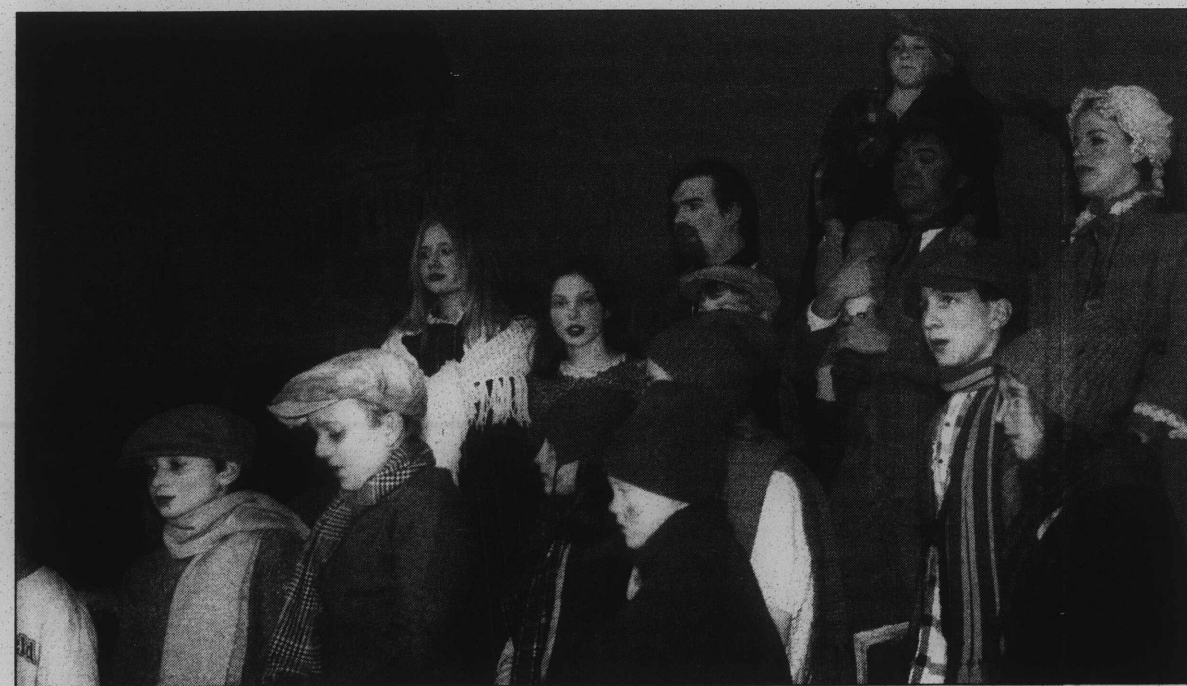
Most of the youngsters not only enjoy going to the theater but like to perform in the play too. Fifteen-year-old AnnMarie Farrell plays Mrs. Fezziwig, a role with dancing and singing parts to it.

"At first I had to get used to it and then to the breathing technique," Farrell said. "I had to take breaths more frequently."

Farrell said she has had a lot of fun acting and strives towards a career in performing arts.

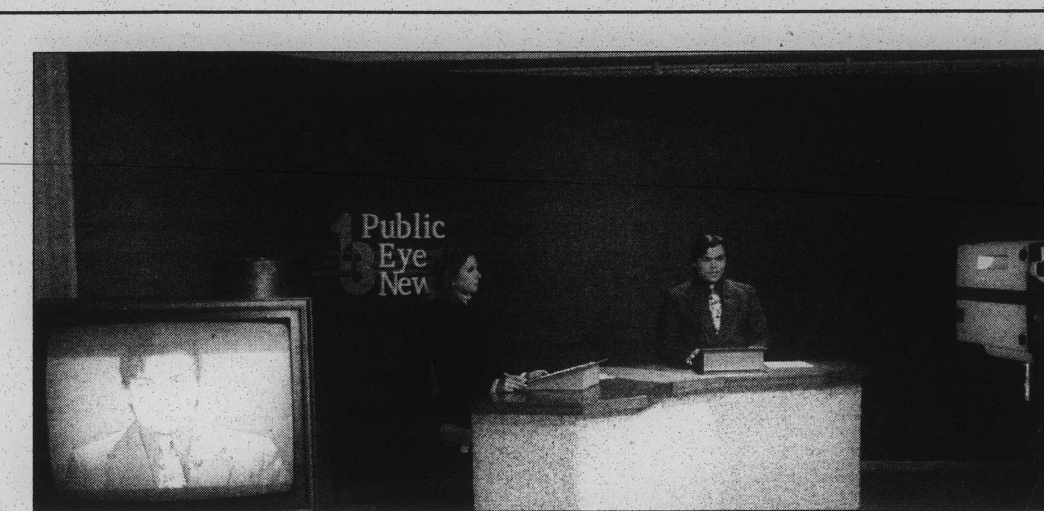
With beautiful songs such as "Toy Land" from Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland," vivid dance choreography and a talented choir this show is well rounded.

It certainly makes up for little weaknesses like transition problems here and there.



Jason Barnes/NW

Local children, many of them acting for their first time, lend a hand in the production of "Ebenezer Scrooge."



Brandon Craig/NW

Senior electronic journalism major Terá Pagel (left) and senior writing major Eric Ingles co-anchor the Friday edition of Public Eye News. Broadcasts are live Monday through Friday.

Students broadcast news

BY RACHEL PHIPPS
STAFF WRITER

You could be the next Sunny Jenkins or Greg Trick. But before you work at TV6, you can get practical experience by learning at NMU's Public Eye News.

Public Eye News is the student-run television news program, which is broadcast from NMU's campus at 3:45 p.m. on weekdays.

"It's easy to get involved," said undeclared sophomore Brandon Wislocki.

Wislocki is in his second year at Public Eye News.

He began his career as weather anchor. Since last fall, he has been a news anchor, sports anchor and has worked in the control room as graphics director and audio director. He is training to be a technical director.

Wislocki said anyone can join by dropping by Room 25 in the Learning Resource Center. The staff will train people in whatever news aspect the applicant wishes.

Normal training is the first week of classes, each semester.

During the training two peo-

ple cover each position, one person who has done it before and the person in training.

The trainee will job shadow the more experienced member of Public Eye News. On the next run through, the trainee will do everything.

Wislocki said there are many different positions to choose from at Public Eye News. In the studio there are two news anchors, a weather anchor, a sports anchor, two cameramen and a floor director.

In the control room there is one audio director, one graphics director, one technical director and one producer-director.

The anchors are given topics to cover, and then they write their stories for the day. The weather anchor checks with the National Weather Service in Marquette to receive an updated forecast.

The floor director oversees

everything that actually happens in the studio.

In the control room the audio director is in charge of the microphone on every anchor in the studio, runs the sound on any video used during the show, and runs the theme music.

The graphics director designs the weather maps, sport scoreboards, the closing credits at the end of the newscast and any text or logos that appear on the screen.

The technical director puts all of the graphics in order, switches between the two cameras, and puts the logos and text on the screen.

The producer-director makes the decision as to what stories to use, what camera shots to use and when the logos, text and music appear.

Wislocki said a typical day at Public Eye News begins at 1 p.m. for most of the anchors.

They receive their topics and begin to write up their stories. The rest of the crew arrives by 3 p.m.

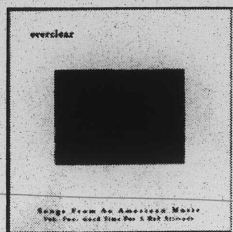
The cast and crew practices at 3:25 p.m., and plans for any adjustments that need to be made before the broadcast.

MUSIC REVIEW EVERCLEAR

Everclear stars with their 'American' duo

Everclear

"Songs from an American Movie, Volume 2"



Grade: **B+**

BY MATT PIPP
MUSIC REVIEWER

I once heard the never-ending Dick Clark say, "Music is the soundtrack of our lives."

Oddly enough, the soundtrack of my college career ends the same way in which it began,

with music from Everclear.

I remember my senior year in high school when "Santa Monica" came on the radio. A friend told me in a few months I would be hanging out with new friends listening to the same song in Marquette.

Sure enough, I was hanging out with my new family in Coral Reef, doing what my friend had predicted. Now here I am four and a half years later, hanging out, again enjoying the sounds of Everclear.

Everclear's new release is titled "Songs From An American Movie, Volume Two: Good Time for a Bad Attitude."

This album is a sequel to the Volume One they released less than five months ago. From the name of the album you can tell Everclear is back to their old

roots and ready to kick some ass. Lead singer Art Alexakis again becomes very emotional in his writing and singing as he covers the ideas of his family and himself.

The second track, "Slide," makes reference to a main part of our childhood, but in a more mature content. The lyrics, "Sometimes I feel like I'm out of control/I feel like I am falling Like my life is on a slide."

We all know how crazy the sloping piece of metal treated us as youngsters. And though as adults our lives imitate Desmond Howard at times, they just can't be contained. You just have to hit bottom and climb those stairs again.

The track "Rock Star" is about what we all want to be. As we play our electric air guitar or

tap our foot playing our make believe drums, we realize what we would love to do.

This song is just confirming our dream. It could have easily been called "Rick Springfield" or even "Steven Adler," because they are the rock stars we wish we were.

Track 10 is a song titled "All F***** Up," and it plays just like it's titled.

It starts off with a loud guitar riff, then Alexakis goes old school and counts it down for us. This leads the guitars and drums to speed into pure madness. It's a sound more like what you would expect to hear from Motley Crue rather than Everclear, but it rocks.

There is even an instrumental track titled Halloween Americana. It's three minutes of

the band having fun and playing the instruments they love, no words necessary.

The album ends very smoothly with the track, "Song From American Movie, Part 2." It's a song about what we think and do not say. Thank you, Brother Maguire.

It's yet another real life tale by Alexakis. The words flow just like a mullet. They wrap you up like a crushing Mike Singletary tackle.

As everyone should know, Everclear will be playing at the Hedgcock Fieldhouse in February.

For what it's worth, I would recommend you get your tickets now and also pick up this new album, because both of them will get your body drunk on Everclear.

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MOVIE REVIEW BOUNCE

'Bounce' not as good as it gets

BY EDDIE GIBBS
MOVIE REVIEWER

★★★

In the massive, massive world of mediocre romantic films, "Bounce" is another proverbial brick in the wall.

It's about what you would expect from a romantic movie, which may or may not be a good thing, depending on your taste.

The movie lays all its cards on the table within the first half hour.

Ben Affleck plays Buddy Amaral, an advertising agent who gives his plane ticket to a weary traveler (played by Tony Goldwyn) hoping to get home early for the holidays.

When the plane crashes and he dies, Affleck's character is torn apart by guilt and sinks into the depths of alcoholism.

To regain his emotional spirit, Affleck visits the departed passenger's widow (Gwyneth Paltrow). Soon the morbid truth of Affleck's visit is lost amidst the romance that ensues when he meets her.

The remaining hour-or-so of "Bounce" (so named because both characters are trying to "bounce" back from tragedy) is spent developing the relationship between Affleck and Paltrow.

Affleck does an excellent job portraying the changing process of his character, from an arrogant player at the beginning of the movie (the whole reason he gave up his tickets in the first place was to score with a woman he met in the lounge) to a mature male in touch with his emotions by the movie's not-so-climatic climax. The transition is

gradual enough to be plausible, but not so slow as to be boring.

Paltrow also does a commendable job portraying a widowed mother of two kids, carrying the emotional burden with a believable sense of uncertainty.

You can see the two characters leaning on each other for emotional strength. Throw in competent dialog and a strong supporting cast, and "Bounce" is almost an excellent film.

Almost. The movie is obviously centered on the direct relationship between Paltrow and Affleck, and as a result, a lot of details around the edges of this film are neglected.

A lot of good subplots are ignored. There's an

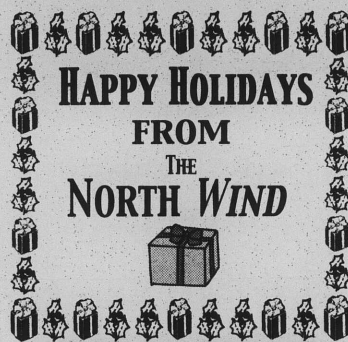
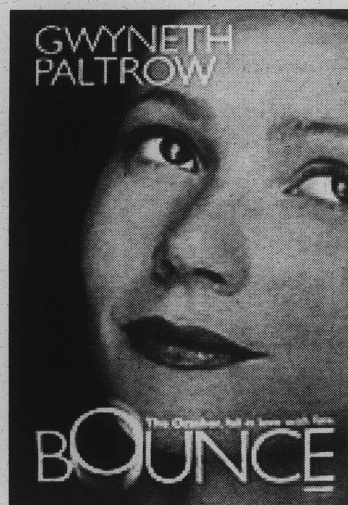
interesting friendly feud that goes on between Affleck and his gay secretary throughout the movie, but you only get to see certain parts of it, and by the end of the movie, it is resolved and you feel like the entire thing happened off screen.

In another neglected detail, Affleck mentions that he does not believe in God. This interesting piece of the character's personality is resolved in less than 10 minutes on screen.

In the end, this movie looks like it set out only to describe the meeting of two characters, and did a half-assed job with everything else.

The result is a textbook example of a romantic movie. It was not a great example, just a sufficient one.

You can do a lot better than "Bounce." But you can do a lot worse, too.



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

Play: "Ebenezer Scrooge." 7:30 p.m., Forest Roberts Theatre.

Friday, December 8

Women's Basketball: Saginaw Valley vs. NMU. 1 p.m., Berry Events Center.

Men's Basketball: Saginaw Valley vs. NMU. 3 p.m., Berry Events Center.

Play: "Ebenezer Scrooge" at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Saturday, December 9

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Play: "Ebenezer Scrooge." 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Forest Roberts Theatre.

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

Center.

Music: Amy and Damia. 2 girls and 2 guitars. 8 p.m., Common Grounds Coffee Shop.

Sunday, December 10

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.

Play: "Ebenezer Scrooge." 1 p.m., Forest Roberts Theatre.

Monday, December 11

FINAL EXAM WEEK BEGINS

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

Event: Christmas Show 2000. 7:30 p.m., Shiras Planetarium. Call 225-4204 for more information.

Tuesday, December 12

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

Meeting: Native American Student Association. 4:30 p.m., Gateway Academic Program Office, University Center. Call 227-1554 for more information.

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

Wednesday, December 13

Meeting: French Table. 7 p.m., Sweet Water Café. Call 227-2648 for more information.

Meeting: Swing Club. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Brule Room, University Center.

Meeting: Laughing Whitfish. Planning for the Marquette count. 7 p.m., Conference Room 238, Geraldine DeFant Building, 200 West Spring Street, Marquette.

Friday, December 15

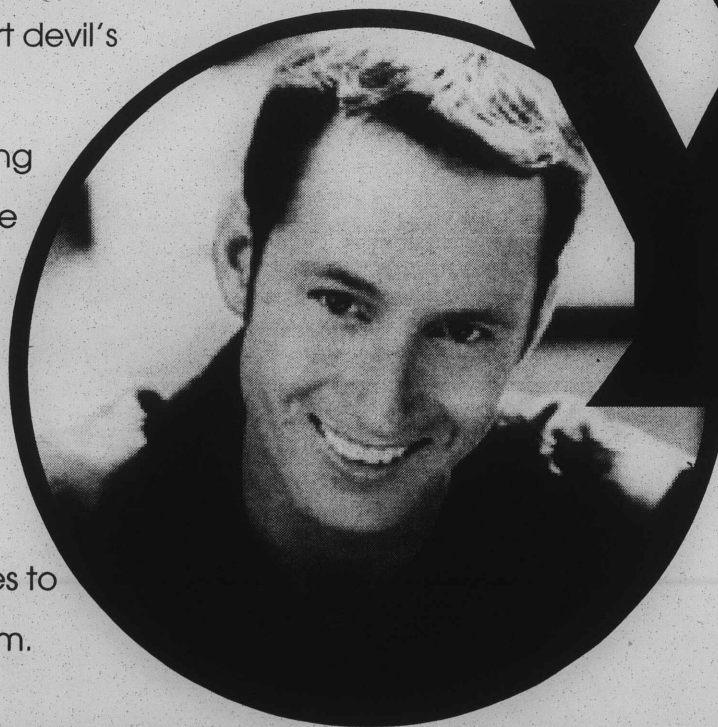
Men's Basketball: Bemidji State vs. NMU. 7:30 p.m., Berry Events Center.

Saturday, December 16

Event: Commencement. 10:30 a.m., Superior Dome.

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HOCKEY MICHIGAN TECH PREVIEW

'Cats to face non-league Huskies

BY TOM MURPHY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU Wildcat Hockey team will play a home and home series against U.P. rival Michigan Tech Huskies.

Friday's game will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton, with Saturday's game at 7:05 p.m. in the Berry Event Center.

"It's a big [series], the fans love it," sophomore right wing Bryce Cockburn said. "It should be an exciting weekend."

The Huskies, who are 3-11-0 in the WCHA, are a very physical team.

"Tech is probably the team I hate playing against the most because they're so clutch and

grab," Cockburn said. "Their [ice] is so slow that there is a lot of contact.

It's going to be a rough game there. Our ice is more wide open so there won't be as much contact [Saturday]."

MTU is in next-to-last place in the WCHA and is currently on a three-game losing streak. Tech's leading goal scorer is junior forward Paul Cabana with eight goals.

Matt Ulwelling leads the team in scoring with 11 points

(1-10). Sophomore Ryan Rogers (3-10-1) is Tech's No. 1 goaltender. He has played in 14 games has a save percentage of .888 and a goals against average of 3.84.

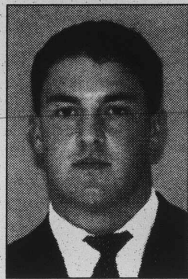
For the Wildcats, Cockburn leads the team in goals with 11. Sophomore center Chris Gobert leads the team in points with 17 (7-10).

NMU head coach Rick Comely said both of NMU's goaltenders, senior Dan Ragusett and freshman Craig Kowalski will see action this weekend.

The series will end the first half of play for the Wildcats in the 2000-01 season.

"It's important to beat Tech,"

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Cockburn

Kowalski named to U.S. National Junior Team

NMU freshman Craig Kowalski, a goaltender on the hockey team, has been named to the 22-member 2001 U.S. National Junior Team.

The team will compete in the 2001 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Junior Championship, featuring the world's top players under 20 years old, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5 in Moscow and surrounding cities of Russia.

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MEN'S SAGINAW VALLEY

STATE PREVIEW

NMU looks to outhustle Cardinals

BY DAVE SADENWASSER
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University men's basketball team will continue its GLIAC season, as it hosts the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State University at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

The Wildcats (2-1, 1-0 GLIAC North Division) beat arch rival Michigan Tech, 59-56, in their last outing, while Saginaw Valley State lost to Mercyhurst 93-81. SVSU will play Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne before coming to the Upper Peninsula to take on NMU.

The Cardinals (4-2, 0-0) are led by junior guard/forward Terrence Wright, who is averaging 20.7 points per game, and by junior guard Clayton Powdrill, who is averaging 16.7 points per game. Powdrill also leads the team in assists, with an average of 3.5 per game.

"They're very quick and athletic, especially off the dribble," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said of the Cardinals. "They try to penetrate off the dribble whenever they can."

Defensively, SVSU is led by Wright and senior guard Sean Stewart. Wright leads the team in rebounds, averaging 6.0 per game, and in steals, averaging 1.7 per game.

Stewart is the team leader in blocks, with an average of .5 per game.

"Their big guys don't run the floor very well. Damien [Matacz] and Raef [Lizak] do a great job of that," freshman guard Scott Mueller said. "We could hold the edge in outhustling them."

The Wildcats have been led by this season by junior center

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WOMEN'S SAGINAW VALLEY STATE PREVIEW

Wildcats on a four-game win-streak

BY MIKE BROWN
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU women's basketball team have won four games in a row and are looking to extend its streak.

"We have played really good in the last few games, but we can't get over confident or lose our focus," NMU head coach Mike Geary said. "We have set goals as a team and we want to achieve them."

The Wildcats (1-0 GLIAC 4-0 overall) will renew their rivalry with the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on Friday at the Berry Events Center.

"As a team we need to work on rebounding the ball better and keep playing well on the defensive side of the ball," sophomore forward Elena Keranen said.

The Cardinals (0-2, 1-6) have lost five straight games and 16 of their last 17 matches dating back to last season. For the Cardinals, sophomore guard Kathryn Williams leads the team in scor-

ing with a 13.6 average, and junior guard Jenny White leads the team in rebounds with an average of eight per game and also leads the team in assists with a 3.3 average.

"SVSU has a strong tradition and a new coach, so we don't know much about them," Geary said.

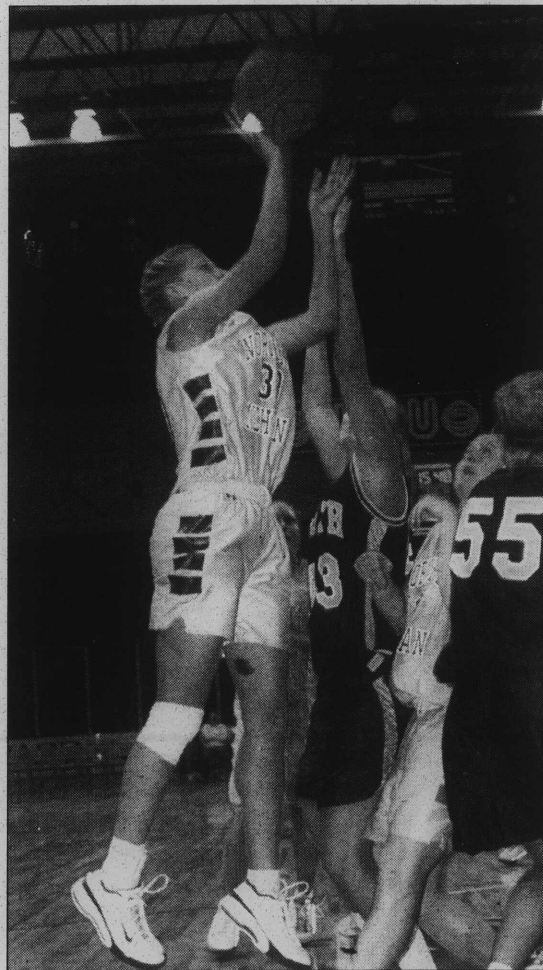
Senior center Jill Gobert and junior guard Marisa DellAngelo lead the Wildcats offensively.

Both have scored double digits in all four games this year and both have been named GLIAC player of the week this year.

"DellAngelo and Gobert are really stepping up for us and both have played good on both sides of the ball," Keranen said.

The Wildcats for the fourth time in as many games held their opponent under 40 percent from the field and will look to continue that against the Cardinals.

"Our defense and our free throw shooting have been great so far this year," Geary said.



Jason Barnes/NW

Senior center Jill Gobert is one of NMU's leading scorers this year, averaging 28.3 points per-game.

WOMEN'S NMU 78, MTU 66 NMU avenges previous losses to Tech

BY MIKE BROWN
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

When the No. 10 team in the country and the No. 11 team in the country meet, two things are certain, a good game will take place and someone will lose and go down in the rankings.

That was the case on Monday as the No. 10 Huskies of Michigan Tech (0-1 GLIAC 3-1 overall) hosted the No. 11 Wildcats of Northern Michigan University.



Keranen

The Wildcats (1-0 GLIAC, 4-0 overall) had not won at Tech since the 1996-97 season but put history aside and defeated the Huskies, 78-66, and will look to move up in the rankings.

"This was a big win for us, we have been preparing for this game for a while now and to pull out the victory is huge for us as a team," NMU head coach Mike Geary said.

Offensively, junior guard Marisa DellAngelo and senior center Jill Gobert led the Wildcats in scoring with 27 and 17 points, respectively.

"Defensively we are playing good as a team," sophomore forward Elena Keranen said. "Offensively we need to just work on communication, but we are playing as a team right now and that is our best attribute."

The 17 point, five rebound night for Gobert ended her consecutive double-double streak at three. Gobert still leads the team in points per game at 28.3 and rebounds per game at 10.5

"Our guards played good and handled the Tech pressure really well, DellAngelo hit some clutch shots and Weber did a good job handling the ball," Geary said.

HOCKEY NMU 2, UM 2; UM 6, NMU 2

Wolverines challenge Wildcats

BY TOM MURPHY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU Wildcat hockey team managed to gain a point in the CCHA standings as they tied and lost to the No. 4-ranked Michigan Wolverines at the Berry Events Center.

NMU tied the Wolverines, 2-2, on Saturday, but lost, 6-2, on Friday.

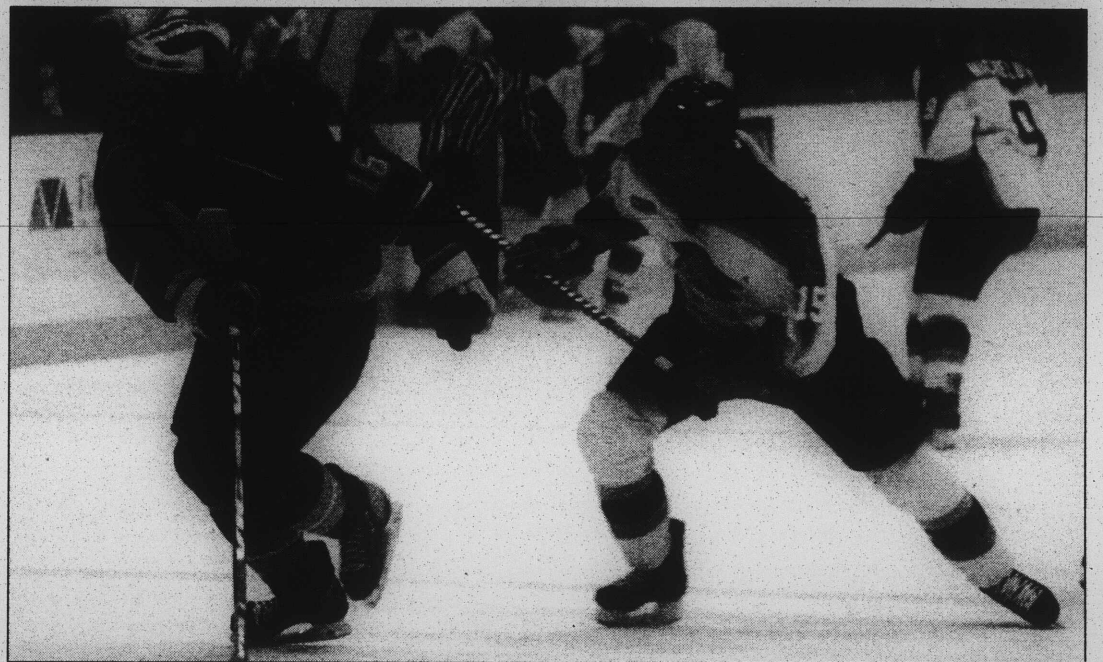
Saturday night's game was a physical, up and down contest.

"I thought we had a better overall game [compared to Friday]," Wildcat senior defenseman Mike Sandbeck said. "We came out with a lot better work ethic. We knew what we had to do, we wanted to come out and work a lot harder."

Although the 'Cats were on the power play twice in the first period, they were unable to capitalize, and the first period ended in a scoreless tie.

Sophomore left wing Mike Stutze, sophomore center Chris Gobert recorded the goals for NMU in the second and third periods, respectively.

"I think the kids worked very hard," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "They bounced back after a very disappointing performance [Friday]. You



Brandon Craig/NW

Freshman right wing Brent Robertson (15) and the Wildcats tied and lost to Michigan this weekend at the home. NMU remains the only team in the league that has not been swept by the Wolverines.

never like to get a tie at home but when you lose as badly as we did [Friday], it showed an awful lot of character coming back the way we did."

In overtime UM tallied seven shots on goal, while NMU had none.

Friday night's game had a much different result, as the Wolverines defeated the Wildcats 6-2.

The Wolverines scored early and often. The first goal coming just 15 seconds into the contest as junior defenseman Jeff Jillson snuck one past freshman goaltender Craig Kowalski.

"[The first goal] killed us. It mentally killed us," Comley said. "But then we fought through it, then they got the second one. Even at that I didn't think we were out of it but then

they got the third and fourth goals real quick. It was very disappointing."

UM built a 4-0 lead before Sophomore Forward Bryce Cockburn was able to get NMU on the board.

Cockburn would add a second goal but that would be all as Michigan would go on to score two more goals to bring the final score to 6-2.

MEN'S NMU 59, MTU 56

Northern downs Huskies on road

BY DAVE SADENWASSER
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The rivalry between Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech men's basketball teams was renewed for the 89th year, as NMU won, 59-56, on Monday in Houghton.

The Wildcats improved to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the GLIAC North Division. The Huskies, early favorites to win the North Division, fell to 3-2, 0-1 in division play.

Northern was able to neutralize Michigan Tech's inside attack by shooting 66 percent from behind the three point line,

including a three for three performance by freshman forward Bill Hill, and a five for nine performance by freshman guard Scott Mueller.

"We have real good shooters in our program and part of our recruiting is to get kids who can shoot," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said.

Mueller agreed that the Wildcats have three-point shooting ability.

"I've seen how we can shoot in practice. If we get open looks we can knock them down," Mueller said.

The Wildcats were led on the night by Mueller's 15 points and

junior center Damian Matacz's six rebounds. Redshirt freshman Steve Watts had a team-high five assists.

"I liked the way we distributed the ball [throughout the game]," Mueller said.

The Wildcats' defense, led by Hill and sophomore guard Tim Dillon, each with two assists, kept Tech out of its rhythm and flustered the Huskies' frontcourt players.

"We played a zone defense the entire night and it really bothered them," Ellis said. "They just couldn't get any rhythm."

The Huskies were led by Cameron and sophomore for-

ward Keith Fogle, who also had 14 points.

MTU went on a 5-0 run to close out the second half to take a 30-24 lead at halftime.

The Huskies carried that momentum into the second half, at one point leading by nine, at 33-24. NMU then went on a 14-3 run to bring the score to 40-36.

"We did not get in the bonus in the first half and that was a factor in us getting behind," Ellis said. "You have to get to the free throw line."

The Wildcats were able to gain the final margin of victory with a pair of free throws by Dillon.

KOWALSKI

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The U.S. National Junior Team roster features 14 National Hockey League draftees and seven returning players from the

2000 squad.

"It's a great honor," Kowalski said. "I'm real excited right now, to tell you the truth, and I'm looking forward to going."

Kowalski, one of two goal-

tenders on the squad, has seen action in 11 of the Wildcats' 17 games this season, recording a 5-4-2 mark to go along with a 2.77 goals against average and a .908 saves percentage.

"He had a tremendous career in juniors the last two years, and two years ago he won the goal tender of the year award in USA minor hockey," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "He had a good camp this summer, so we kind of thought we might make [the team]. He'll represent our program well."

An eighth-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes in the 2000 NHL Draft, Kowalski opened the season with a five-game unbeaten streak (4-0-1). He has also received CCHA Rookie of the Week honors twice this season.

Kowalski, NMU's first selection since 1992, is the sixth player in school history to be named to the team, and only the second goaltender from the school to be selected.

— by Tom Murhpy and NMU sports release

HOCKEY

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Kowalski said. "We're supposed to beat them. We've been ranked a couple of times this year and it would be nice to end the first half of the year ranked in the top 15."

The Wildcats will look to improve their special teams play this weekend. NMU currently has a 15.6 power-play goal percentage, scoring 12 times on 77 power play attempts. Their penalty killing percentage is at 88.3.

"We're going to have to find a way to cut down [opponent's shots], create more opportunities for ourselves and get better on special teams," Comely said.

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SWIM AND DIVE UND INVITATIONAL REVIEW Wildcats swim to fifth place finish

The NMU swim and dive team spent three days in South Bend, Ind. for the University of Notre Dame Invitational, and finished sixth out of 10 teams with 591 points.

The Wildcats had 102 swims during the meet, and turned in 87 lifetime or season best times.

"I was very, very pleased with our performance," NMU head coach Chris Coraggio said. "Our swimmers did extremely well for so early in the season and we have established a great base to work with for next semester."

On Friday, senior Cary Greeger won the 100 backstroke and set a new school record with a time of one minute and 3.62 seconds.

The Wildcats 200 medley relay team also swam a National Qualifying Time of 1:49.68 on Friday.

"We continued to show improvement during the second day of the meet," Coraggio said.

—NMU sports release

Fjeldheim, Mattson win awards

RACHEL KRULL
STAFF WRITER

Two NMU dual-sport coaches, Sten Fjeldheim and Troy Mattson, have received honors for ongoing achievements in their fall sports this year.

Fjeldheim is in his 13th year of coaching women's cross country and also coaches the women's nordic ski team.

He was named for the first time as the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Developmental Coach of the Year, USSA Fjeldheim Developmental Coach of the Year and was inducted into the UP Sports Hall of Fame. He also received GLIAC Cross Country Coach of the Year, an award he won previously in 1992.

This year the women's cross country team made history with their first-ever appearance at the Division II National Championships, where they finished eighth.

"The women ran so good this season, so actually they gave me the honor (Coach of the Year)," Fjeldheim said.

"We were ranked third at the start of the season and ended up first, so I'm happy and proud of this."

After serving as an assistant national team coach/junior development coordinator for

the United States Ski Team for three years (1994-97) Fjeldheim returned to NMU Athletics in August of 1997.

Before working with the U.S. Ski Team, Fjeldheim served as NMU's nordic skiing coach from 1986-94.

Fjeldheim said he didn't realize that the USSA Developmental Coach of the Year award was for all alpine sports and said he's very proud of it.

"Coach definitely deserved his awards," sophomore cross-country runner Caitlin Compton said. "He has the right approach to the sport and we are just going to keep getting better and better."

Fjeldheim said being inducted into the UP Sports Hall of Fame this year shifts some focus and opens the door for more sports and more opportunities for women.

"It was a great year," Fjeldheim said. "I'm excited about it and hope to have a good ski season."

Mattson, in his seventh year coaching women's tennis, was named GLIAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year for the first time.

"Credit goes to the university for financing the program correctly," Mattson said. "Credit also goes to the girls who strength-

ened the line up. We have good players and we did what we needed to do in practice."

This year's women's tennis team ranked 27th among NCAA Division II schools in the final fall rankings. For the first time in school history the Wildcats have been featured in the balloting. In addition to its national rating, NMU was picked seventh in the Midwest Region for its first-ever appearance in that poll.

The Wildcats finished the fall season with an 11-4 record, and as runner-up at the GLIAC Championships.

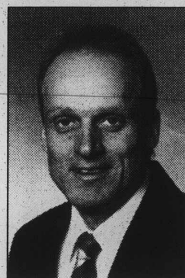
Mattson is in his 13th season as an associate head coach of the NMU men's basketball team.

Prior to joining the Wildcats, he served as the assistant men and women's basketball coach at Lake Superior State University during the 1987-88 seasons.

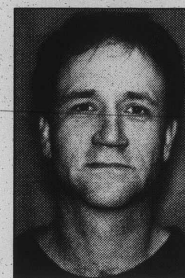
Mattson is a 1986 graduate of NMU, and earned four letters in basketball during the 1982 to 1985 seasons.

He was the 10th player in school history to score 1,000 career points. In 112 games, he scored 1,018 points and ranks 23rd on the NMU career scoring list. He is third in career assists with 486. He helped lead NMU to the NCAA playoffs during his junior and senior seasons and served as co-captain his senior year.

"Next year should be a strong season," Mattson said. "The team is young and everyone will be back. It will be a good, possibly even better season next year."



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ALPINE & NORDIC SKIING SEASON PREVIEW

Skiers ready to compete

BY DANIEL POWELL
OPINION EDITOR

The close of the fall semester traditionally brings the start of the NMU ski seasons, and with a decent snowfall already this year, all three teams have already been busy preparing for the coming season.

The men and women's Nordic ski teams opened their season last weekend overpowering the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay at the NMU Open. The two-day meet, held at Sauk Head and Blueberry Ridge ski areas, served as a warm up for this weekend's seven-team invitational at the ABR Nordic ski trails in Ironwood.

Last Saturday sophomore Caitlin Compton won the women's freestyle event, while junior Melissa Oram placed second and senior Abby Larson finished third for the 'Cats. On Sunday, Larson won the classic race, while Oram and Compton finished second and third, respectively.

The men's team was lead by juniors Matt Weier and Cory Wubbles, who won the men's freestyle and classic races, respectively.

For coach Sten Fjeldheim, who coached the cross country team to the national championship meet, the year continues to get better.

On the men's team, Fjeldheim will be looking to junior all-American Chris Cook, as well as Weier, and sophomore Jon Filardo to fill the void left by all-American Jesse Downs, who graduated in May.

On the women's side, Fjeldheim has been able to add several fast freshman to a solid team that already boasts three returning all Americans in Oram, Larson and junior Aubrey Smith.

"Our freshman look really great," Fjeldheim said. "Jordan Seethlaer, Rachel Daw and Aniya Deitz are not far off the pace, they've just got to learn to adjust to training load, and racing in college. Once they do, they'll be fine."

Fjeldheim said the team's goal for the season is to perform as well as it did last year and finish in the top five at NCAAs.

The teams' largest obstacles this season may come not from other teams in the region, but from losing skiers to international races during the season.

NMU has put four skiers on the US Junior National team each of the last two seasons, and this year has found four skiers (Oram, Smith, Cook and Larson) headed to the Europa Cup in February, an event Fjeldheim calls a stepping stone to the World Cup.

Smith, Cook and Oram are currently competing on the east coast.

This winter finds Women's Alpine ski coach Jill Rogers rebuilding a team that lost two of its top skiers to graduation.

Going this weekend into the team's only home event of the season, Rogers is looking for some skiers to step up.

"Junior Michelle Murray is going to be one of the leaders of the team," Rogers said. "We're also looking to get some good results from some rookies, freshmen Megan Martin of Truckee, Calif., and Jarah Young from Traverse City."

Rogers also expects sophomore Lindsey Agnew, and freshman Lindsey Mockenhaupt, who also plays soccer, to contribute as well.

"It's definitely a rebuilding year, and we will be looking to stay fresh and energized," Rogers said.

MEN

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Damian Matacz, who is averaging 15.7 points per game, and freshman forward Billy Hill, who is averaging 10.7. Hill also leads the team in assists, with an average of 3.7 per game.

NMU is also led on defense by Hill and Matacz. Hill holds the team lead in steals, averaging 1.7 per game.

Matacz is the team leader in rebounds, with an average of 6.0 per game.

Junior center Raef Lizak leads the team in blocks with an average of 1.0 per game.

Against the Cardinals, a large

part of the defensive load will fall on the Wildcat perimeter players.

"[Saginaw Valley State] has some perimeter players who are as good as any team has in this league. We have to make sure we contain them." Ellis said.

SVSU has averaged 89 points per game so far this season, and Ellis said this game will be no different, with the Cardinals playing an up-paced tempo and trying to push the ball.

"We need to slow the pace down," Mueller said.

So far this year, coach Ellis said he is happy with the progress of his young Wildcat

team.

"They have a tremendous understanding of the game," Ellis said. "Their court knowledge is exceptional for players without much college experience."

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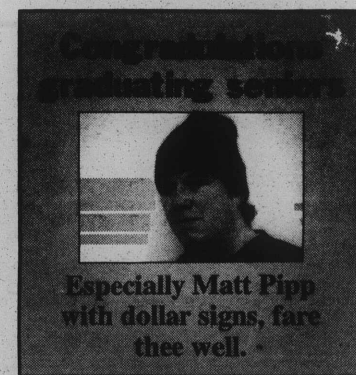
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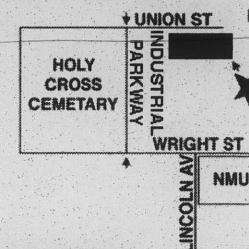


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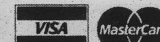
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