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ASNMU condemns members' actions

BY JESSICA HOLMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Four ASNMU representatives, including President Nathan Leach, were censured this week, due to an incident earlier this month involving alcohol at a charity fund-raiser in the Superior Dome.

ASNMU participated in the 2002 Wal-

Mart 24-Hour Relay for Easter Seals at the Superior Dome, an alcohol-free building, on Jan. 11 and 12. A person who was on the ASNMU team but was not a member of ASNMU brought the alcohol concealed in a book bag. ASNMU said the alcohol was



Martin

not consumed by those censured. Team ASNMU members who were not members of ASNMU consumed the alcohol.

The censured ASNMU members had prior knowledge of the misconduct, which was the possession and consumption of

alcohol, and that the misconduct was occurring and did not address the misconduct, according to a report of the findings of the assembly of ASNMU.

"A censure is a formal resolution that the assembly passes, publicly condoning the action of so-and-so by so-and-so," ASNMU Chairman Eric Martin said. "It's our way of saying that we do not agree with the actions of those people. We still believe that what they did was not severe enough to impeach and we still believe that they have a lot to contribute to the board, but we do not approve of them and we want to make public notification of that."

Leach said he did not drink the alcohol. "To my knowledge, no one from ASNMU drank," Leach said. "I did not see the alcohol; I saw cups."

The Executive Council of ASNMU investigated the incident. ASNMU Off-Campus Representatives Jennifer Kapla and Michael Clark, College of Professional Studies Representative Stephanie Scheiner and President Leach had prior knowledge of the alcohol, but



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

ASNMU President Nathan Leach listens as member Greg Ragan reads the ASNMU censure resolutions to the assembly in the University Center on Tuesday night.

failed to act, and were censured at the Jan. 22 meeting. Leach was also censured for withholding information on his entire involvement in the incident.

Kapla was with the person who brought the alcohol, but asserted that she did not carry it.

"I'd gotten a ride earlier, and the person had it with them, but I had not been carrying it at all," she said. "I should have spo-

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Empire Mine layoffs impact student aid

Enrollment, financial relief may rise due to mine closure

BY JESSICA HOLMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

NMU could see a change in enrollment, or students with financial problems due to the Empire Mine layoffs in December.

In November, LTV Steel, a corporation which is a 25-percent partner in the Empire Mine in Palmer, declared bankruptcy. This led to approximately 750

ayoffs

"We do not have any estimate how many students will be affected by the shutdown," Financial Aid Director Mark Delorey said.

The financial aid office at NMU is preparing to assist affected students for the 2002-2003 school year. Normally, financial aid is determined by the previous year's income. For students affected by the layoffs, aid can be based on the coming

year's projected income.

"For the 2002-03 academic year, we will assist by using the

students' (or parents') projected 2 0 0 2 in come e instead of the 2001 income (if there is a reduction)," Delorey said. "This



Delorey

will allow us to use a year that more accurately reflects the family's financial situation. Beyond that, we will be available to provide individual advice geared to each student's individual circumstances."

This adjustment is not limited to students affected by the lay-offs.

"We do this with any student whose financial situation changes negatively from one year to the next, not just those affected by this shutdown," Delorey said.

How the layoffs at the Empire Mine will affect enrollment is currently unknown.

"Traditionally, during down economic times, individuals return to school in greater numbers," said Mark Curtis, the dean of the college of technology and applied sciences. "Yet, many, if not most of the people caught up in this mine closure have families and financial obligations that may preclude them from returning to school."

Curtis said that at this point he could only speculate about how the mine closure will affect enrollment at NMU.

"I have been surprised at the small number of people that have contacted our office for information," Delorey said. "I suspect

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ken up and said something.'

Those censured apologized at the ASNMU meeting on Jan. 22.

"Basically the censure is just letting the public know that I'm admitting that I made a mistake," Kapla said. "I should have spoken up. I'm very sorry about it."

Leach, who initially did not disclose his entire involvement in the events that took place in the dome to ASNMU's executive council, now takes full responsi-

"This never would have happened if I would have said no," Leach said. "This should not have happened. I was too relaxed in my role as president on that weekend, and I should have said no, first of all. Second of all, when [the alcoholl was there, I should have said to get it out, and third, I should have been more up front in knowledge of the issue, plain and simple."

Those involved are optimistic about the future, however.

"This is a learning experience,"

Leach said. "This may stronger. We are moving forward; we're still representing students. The integrity of ASNMU is

there. The example of the integrity of still being in ASNMU is swiftness, and the punishments that were handed

"We go through a lot," Kapla said. "We've dealt with it, and we've just got to try to move on from here. People make mistakes, and even people in the highest positions in government make mistakes. And all we can do is learn from them and try to move to on from there. I'm behind every-

"This should not have happened. I was too relaxed in my role as president on that week-

> - Nathan Leach **ASNMU President**

one 110 percent."

further explained **ASNMU** why decided to censure those involved. "The represen-

also

Martin

tatives, when they voted for censure, thought that the student body would like more than just an apolo-

gy, and yet (they) also thought Nathan Leach and the people censured could also contribute best to the leadership in serving the whole student body," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please see Page 7 for ASNMU President Nathan Leach's letter to the editor regarding this story.

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that as benefits come to an end and bills are due, the number will increase."

Students who are in need of financial assistance because of the layoffs or other negative financial changes should contact the financial aid office in 308

Cohodas.

"The uncertainty of comparable future employment will be a major concern for families as they plan for the upcoming academic year," Delorey added. "We will do our best to help everyone remain enrolled and get through this uncertain peri-

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Local

Ski marathon starting line moves

ISHPEMING — The Noquemanon Ski Marathon is on for Saturday, but there will be some changes to the course. The traditional start in Ishpeming will have to be scrapped in favor of better snow conditions on the Dead River Basin. Organizers waited as long as possible before moving the trail. Now the hundreds of skiers can expect a little different race. The committee moved the course as it approaches Marquette to take advantage of better terrain. The new starting point will shorten the distance of the race from 53 to 40 kilometers. The half marathon will stay at 25 kilometers. Over 700 racers have already signed up.

National

Anchor Connie Chung joins CNN

NEW YORK - Former CBS, NBC and ABC anchor Connie Chung made the jump from broadcast to cable news Wednesday, inking a contract with CNN to host an hourlong, prime-time news and interview show from New York. Chung, 55, will fill the 8 p.m. spot opened by the departure of Greta Van Susteren, who left CNN for the Fox News Channel this month. Chung's program, still to be named, is expected to begin in the spring. "I'm delighted to be part of an organization of dedicated journalists whose sole mission is to report the news every minute of every hour every day," Chung said. Acquiring Chung is the latest in several high-profile hires at CNN. Chung has won three Emmy Awards.

International

New threats for volcano refugees

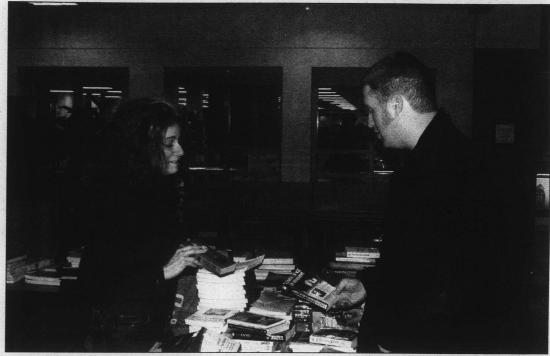
GOMA, Congo - Tremors almost every hour are continuing to shake northern Congo as the first food aid arrived in the region following last week's volcanic eruption. The arrival of food for up to 70,000 people has also coincided with a cholera outbreak among some of the tens of thousands of refugees fleeing the area. The eruption of Mount Nyiragongo has left an estimated 10,000 families homeless and hundreds of thousands out of work in Goma. Across the border in the Rwandan town of Ruhengeri, 30 miles northeast of Goma, the aid agency Oxfam said it was preparing an isolation space for possible cholera cases. The International Federation of Red Cross Societies has put the number of dead from the volcano's eruption at 46.

Weird News

Anti-depressants given to birds

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — When a young parrot named Phoenix started ripping out his feathers in a bird's classic symptom of stress, his veterinarian reached for the anti-depressants - not for herself, for the bird. Phoenix, a cockatiel, had developed the worrying habit of compulsively ripping out his breast and wing feathers. But a week on pediatric Prozac, which is packaged for babies and children, did the trick. He has stopped the self-mutilation and his feathers are starting to grow back, Cape Town veterinarian Rina Cotton said. "Phoenix was almost bald — like a plucked chicken — when he came to me, but he's a lot better now," she told Reuters. The bird is now showing side effects like aggressive behavior.

— Compiled from news sources



Senior economics and psychology double major Stephanie Scheiner helps undeclared junior Dave Worton during the ASNMU book sale last week. More than \$26,000 in books were sold for students.

ASNMU book sale helps with buying textbooks

Fundraiser puts cash in students' pockets

BY KRISTI ARLT STAFF WRITER

The fifth annual ASNMU book sale took place last week, proving buying textbooks from ASNMU instead of the bookstore will save students money.

Senior Stephanie Scheiner, an economics and psychology major, was one of the 23 ASNMU representatives that worked the sale last week in a booth outside the campus bookstore.

Students participating in the sale dropped their books off at a similar ASNMU booth outside the bookstore during exam week last semester, Scheiner said.

"We give the students a way to not have to go through the pain of other systems," Scheiner said.

Scheiner put in a lot of hours during break to get this program ready, said junior English major and ASNMU off-campus representative Greg Ragan.

ASNMU cutback on their percent of the profits

from each book this year from 10 percent to 9 percent, Ragan said, because ASNMU had to pay the state's 6-percent sales tax for the first time.

Profits from the sale are used to run other programs, Scheiner said, so the money does get back to

By the end of the sale ASNMU had sold over \$26,000 in books, Ragan said. This is ASNMU's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"We're here to serve the students," Scheiner said. "I think the students like the program and if they enjoy it and want it, we're here to do it."

The only drawback is that students do not receive their money right away, but most likely they will get more money back with this program than they would at the bookstore, Scheiner said.

Ragan has received more bucks for his books through this program before, but this was the first time Scheiner took advantage of the opportunity.

Students have been speaking up about textbook prices. Scheiner said.

Scheiner said she believes that teachers have really started to pay attention to growing book prices but also believes that even more could be

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- Sunday: Mostly cloudy and warm. Low 25 to 30. High 35 to 40

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Scotland offers cultural experiences

BY JESSICA HOLMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This summer, students will have the chance to travel to Scotland and receive three cred-

Assistant geography professor John Anderton will be the trip leader for GC 295, Special Topics Short-Term Study Abroad: Field Trip to Scotland, which runs from June 24 through July 2. The trip departs and returns via Detroit.

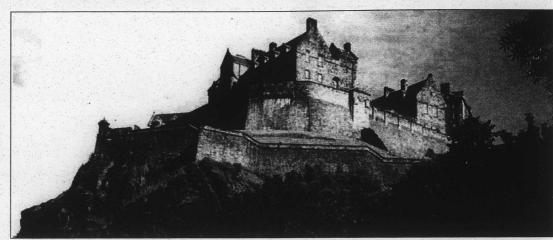
"The course focuses on the geography of Scotland, with special emphasis on Scots-Gaelic culture and history and the contemporary situation," Anderton said. "We will see and explore Scotland's two great cities, Glasgow and Edinburgh, as well as spend an extensive amount of time in the Scottish Highlands."

Students will visit famous castles such as Eilean Donan, as well as the Isle of Skye, the largest island off Scotland's west coast. They will also see the infamous Loch Ness, supposed home of the

This is the third year that Anderton will hold this course.

In the summer of 2000, he and his students visited Scotland; last summer they visited Ireland.

"My trip to Scotland was one of the most memorable experiences of my college career," senior history major Eric Martin said. "Everyone who is able should make the effort to experience traveling abroad. You learn so much about yourself and gain insight into your own culture by experiencing others' culture. I have never seen anything like Scotland, both its mountains and



Courtesy of John Anderton

Assistant geography professor John Anderton visited Edinburgh Castle while in Scotland in 2000.

its people."

The fee for students under 25 years of age is \$2,151. Fees cover registration, program and airport fees, as well as tuition for the three credits. The cost visits to special attractions, two him at janderto@nmu.edu.

includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, daily continental breakfast and dinner, a fulltime tour director, two sightseeing tours led by local guides, 10

walking tours and one sightseeing briefing. Those 25 and older have an additional \$245 fee.

For more information, contact Anderton at 227-1140 or e-mail

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- Layla Wright

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New diversity subcommittee formed

Five make up group focusing on campus minority students

BY JESSICA HOLMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ASNMU has created a new subcommittee that will address diversity issues on campus.

The subcommittee, which met last Friday and yesterday, consists of two ASNMU members and three other students.

The subcommittee was formed after Layla Wright, a senior international studies and broadcasting major and member of NMU's Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, approached ASNMU to create a diversity representative position on ASNMU.

"We had talked about a representative on the board, and then we brought that up at ASNMU, but ASNMU thought that wasn't the appropriate route to go because we didn't want to get into representing by religion, race (or) ethnic groups," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said.

ASNMU instead created the diversity subcommittee, Leach said. Leach and Helena Heu, a senior psychology and early childhood education major are representatives from ASNMU.

Three students, which include Wright, undeclared sophomore Mikkel Gill and freshman nursing major Pamela Abel, were selected by Diversity Student Services and approved by ASNMU.

"As a member of NMU's Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee. approached

ASNMU with the idea to create a Diversity Representative posion ASNMU. (with) its goal to represent min-



ority students on campus," Wright said. "I was selected to be on the subcommittee because I've been with the issue since the begin-

The subcommittee will look at regarding minority students on how minority students are repre- campus.

that problem."

sented at NMU "Thus far not much and how they can be included voice is given to us, nor in the student attention to our opingovernment. ions. We're trying to fix

Other issues that may be addressed include police profiling and treatment of minority student.

Wright said the subcommittee would also discuss the possibility of getting minority-specific media such as Black Entertainment Television included in campus cable.

Wright said one of the main goals will be to inform ASNMU of the opinions, needs, chal-

"Thus far not much voice is given to us, nor attention to our opinions," Wright said.

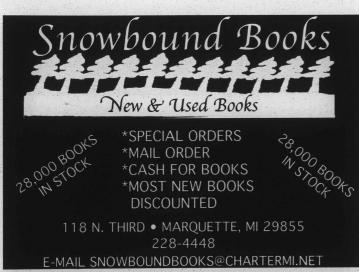
"We're trying to fix that problem. This is especially important if

our school truly plans on growing in size and diversity."

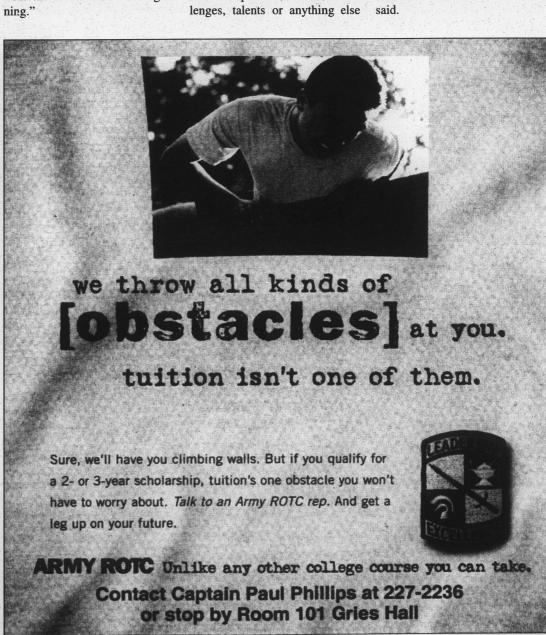
The new diversity subcommittee will likely become a standing committee.

Standing committees are permanent. Leach said.

"So it will be something that will be around for the rest of ASNMU's existence," Leach







EDITORIAL

Appropriate action taken by ASNMU

Four members of ASNMU, including President Nathan Leach, were censured at Tuesday's meeting for their involvement in alcohol being present in the Superior Dome during the Easter Seals 24-Hour Relay.

The dome is an alcohol-free building on campus. According to the student handbook section 2.2.4, "no students shall possess, consume or use alcohol on the campus of NMU while in or on any property belonging to or under the control of the university."

Mistakes are human nature, but when someone who is held to a higher standard makes a mistake, the situation can become tense.

Several ASNMU members took quick action in reprimanding the ASNMU members who chose to allow alcohol in the Dome. By doing this, these members displayed good judgement and noticeable common sense for their fellow ASNMU members to admire. By censuring the four students, ASNMU has chosen to lightly slap the hands of these members in a public meeting. While they did not lose their ASNMU positions, the sting of the slap may leave a lasting impression on students and the community.

They made a thoughtless decision as humans, but were representing larger groups while doing so. What they did reflects poorly upon ASNMU as an organization, other student volunteers from NMU who attended the relay and all NMU students.

These four people did not uphold the reputation of ASNMU, the university or the Marquette community. Because they are student leaders, they should be held at a higher standard than other students — these are the individuals that collectively that set the example for the student body.

However, ASNMU showed that the student body should not lose faith in ASNMU or any of its members by the way they handled the situation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizen applauds Mosier's opinion

In her opinion piece on Nov. 29, Chris Mosier takes a stand against the cloning of human embryos.

She goes so far as to say that this kind of scientific research equates to "killing another human."

I applaud Ms. Mosier for taking this stand on a college campus, where the academic "intellectuals" and most students scoff at the notion that an embryo might be human.

This position against human cloning brings to light other considerations as one can hardly discuss the morality of human cloning without evaluating our society's overall view of human life.

For the last 28 years it has been legal in this country to create a human embryo (a human life) and then destroy it by abortion, right up to the time of birth.

We have already been playing God for years with human lives for the sake of convenience, often as an attempt to escape the consequences of sexual promiscuity.

On what basis can we now oppose playing God in the area of human cloning, since the argument for it involves not mere convenience, but possible cures for diseases? I believe that mass human cloning will happen

in this country eventually. The "legal" precedent for it was established in 1973 with Roe vs. Wade, which essentially declared the unborn as non-persons.

I do believe that we should fight efforts to clone human beings. But these efforts are hopeless if we do not have a consistent view of human life.

We must see that abortion and human cloning are both affronts to God, as they are attempts to usurp the authority of the creator of life. We must work to stop them both.

Tim Twining
Marquette resident

Student disagrees with recent column

I am writing in response to Chris Mosier's article in last weeks North *Wind*, "In search of winter weather."

Too often, complex scientific environmental issues are approached with emotions and intuitions, instead of investigation and critical thinking.

While many people in our area and the rest of the Midwest are talking about global warming this winter, chances are they were not talking about it much last year when we nearly broke the record for snowfall.

It may have been unseasonably warm in other regions of

the U.S. or the world last year, in the same way the Southwest and the Southeast have been colder than average this winter.

Here are some examples of how complicated this issue is: current climate trends show that Europe would probably get colder due to a declining effect of the Gulf Stream.

Warmer temperatures cause more evaporation that may lead to more cloud covering reflecting more heat.

While we have been told to plant more trees to absorb more carbon dioxide, a recent article in Discover magazine points out that more evergreen trees in snowy regions might actually increase warming.

This does not mean that everything is fine and there's nothing to worry about. Are greenhouse gases having an effect on the atmosphere? I wouldn't doubt it.

Should we continue to regulate emissions even if there are gaps in the knowledge we have about climate change? Of course we should.

The point is that environmental issues too often are approached with feelings instead of fact

There is nothing wrong with intuition, but it does not help when we are looking for the causes of something and

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figuring out solutions to problems.

> **Robert Gorcik** senior, land-use planning

ASNMU President offers apologies

I must begin with an apology to my fellow students. I'm sorry. There is simply no excuse for my actions. There would be no need for this letter if my response on the morning of Jan. 13 would have been, "No, the Superior Dome is not the appropriate place for alcohol. Please do not bring alcohol to this event."

There would have been no disappointment if I had told the entire story in the begin-

You may be asking yourself, why didn't Nathan just tell the truth when questioned? In the past week, students, friends, administrators and my parents have asked me this very question.

It took me a few days of personal evaluation to understand why I put my values on hold in this situation. I committed a large mistake by allowing alcohol to enter the Superior Dome. After this mistake, I feared the individuals who respected and trusted me, would see a weakness in my leadership; therefore, I was not up front during the investigation process. Two days later, I finally realized the implications of what was even more damaging than my first mistake.

I contemplated resigning as President. However, my departure would only be running from the problem and from a true learning experience

I have caused several members on the ASNMU Assembly organizational and personal stress. We are dealing with this while we continue to successfully represent you.

Those of us who were involved are rightfully being reprimanded publicly for our actions.

The integrity of ASNMU is still intact and the assembly is stronger than before the semester began. We attend college not only to learn in the classroom, but outside as well. Our experiences help shape us and prepare us for the real world.

With my fellow ASNMU representatives, I am facing this situation head on, and learning in the process.

> **Nathan Leach ASNMU President**

Don't judge the surface

In this world people get too caught up in the idea of image. Not everyone likes to admit it, but most people are concerned with the way they present themselves and what other people are thinking about them.

Changing who you are, compromising your beliefs or sacrificing your own personal happiness simply to fit in or be accepted are times when concern over image is wrong.

What is even worse than worrying over image is how judgmental we all can be. Think of how many times you have sat in a room and observed people walking in only to mutter something to one of your friends that you heard about them, or perhaps make fun of the way they are dressed or criticize some aspect of who that person is. We are all guilty of it; most often we do it without even thinking about it. Most of us associate this type of behavior with immaturity, but it still happens all the time.

When someone that you don't even know, but is a mere acquaintance, starts to pass judgement on you, voicing those opinions to others, you have to wonder if those so-called opinions are based on anything solid. It should make you angry - you think that it is unfair, but in the end we are all left with the reali-

STAFF COLUMN



by Mary Ann Cancilla

ty that it is life. Life is unfair.

Many times people don't know what others are saying about them, but sometimes they do and even though at heart we know it shouldn't matter, it hurts all the same.

Your first reaction is to somehow change yourself so that people don't think or say the things they do, and nothing could be more wrong. Don't change who you are, learn to accept the fact that not everyone will like what you do or say or even who you are all the time. Once you reach the point that you learn to appreciate yourself more than what other people think of you, you become an individual and life becomes a lot more pleasant, because instead of living your life to please others, you are living for yourself.

Sometimes it is surprising how off our perceptions of someone else can be.

My freshman year of college

at MSU I was greeted the very first day by a roommate who appeared quite different than me. Lauren was into black clothing and spikes and Marilyn Manson. My first reaction was fear that Lauren and I would never get along because I thought we were too different.

Ironically, within that very first week of school I realized that Lauren and I actually had many things in common, and over the next few months she became one of my closest friends. We were very different in some ways but our tastes blended well, and it is truly amazing the things you can learn from someone different from

From Lauren I learned that you can't judge someone based on how they look. More than that I learned that, even though you think that someone is completely different from you, so different that you think that you are incompatible as friends, you just may be wrong. The saddest part of getting caught up in image is that in the end you lose, whether that means losing the possibility of knowing a great person, or perhaps sacrificing who you are.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Ann Cancilla welcomes reactions to her column at mcancilla@hotmail.com.

SOUND OFF

— Compiled by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

Who was more influential, Michael Jackson or Elvis? Why?



Brent Wegscheid senior, electronic imaging

"Elvis, he taught rockers how to overdose and he taught kids how to swivel their hips and bust a move.'



Melissa Matuscak senior, graphic communication

"Elvis, he is a revolutionary. He shot out TVs because he hated Robert Goulay and President Nixon gave him a police badge, he rocks.



Matthew Schneider sophomore, writing

"Definitly Elvis. Michael Jackson may have been the King of Pop, but Elvis is the King period. The 80's are gone but the 50's live



Amber Ambrosius junior, nursing

"Elvis definitely laid a foundation for the music industry to follow."



Dan Kane junior, biology

"Elvis, because his style has been built upon more than Jackson's.

ibrary receives donation

STAFF WRITER

Upper Peninsula Association for the Education of Young Children has donated resource materials to the Olson Library in honor of Lt. Col. Kip Taylor, an NMU alumnus, who died in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

UPAEYC Board Members Blanche Deren, Terri Miller and Judith Place purchased the materials from the Internet.

"The books, videos and teacher resource materials are on diversity and peace, and are meant for teachers or students studying early childhood development curriculum," Place said. "Several local Head Start programs are already using the materials."

The three packages are: Starting Small: Teaching Children Tolerance; Place at the Table: Struggles for Equality in America; and Shadow of Hate: A History of Intolerance in America.

Because Taylor was an NMU alumnus, UPAEYC wanted to provide NMU with more materials on peace and diversity directed toward our future generation of young children, Place said.

Faculty and students can find the resources in the Curriculum tion respecting educators of chil-Media Center, Collection Development Librarian Joanna Mitchell said.

"In order to locate them, you deserve," Mischock said. will need a call number," Mitchell said. "You could search the library catalog using words in the title to find its call number location.

"Each package has a video and book/guide."

NEWS

The materials will help explain the topics of peace and diversity to young children.

"The videos are for the class, and the guide gives teachers ideas on how to explore these topics with the children," Place said.

Jennifer Mischock, a senior early child development major, said the donations are kind.

"It's nice to see an organizadren, and helping them reach their goals of teaching children the knowledge they need and

UPAEYC also donated a book to the Peter White Public Library, and it can be found in the Children's Reference Division, Place said

Make it a pitcher



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior art education major Dana Toy attaches a slab spout to a pitcher on Wednesday night in Art and Design North.

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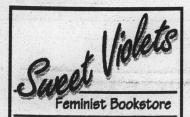
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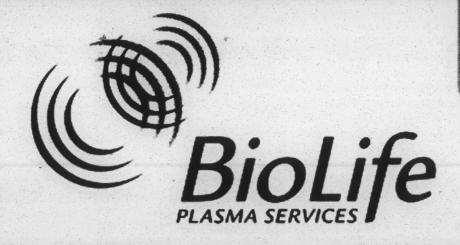
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Michigan Tech recently built a performing arts center and Northern should take notice. Our facilities for anything regarding the arts are severely lacking. When musicians, speakers and other performers come to the area, they have few options for stages.

Kaufman Auditorium, located about a mile from campus, is used for most of the Performing Arts Series performances, and occasional concerts, like when Joan Baez visited last year. While Kaufman Auditorium is a good location for community events, it is difficult for students to get there if they don't have a vehicle.

It is unfortunate that some Northern-initiated events can't even be held on our own campus, but understandable why they wouldn't be. When people do perform on campus, they are met with inadequate facilities.

The Forest Roberts Theatre works for play performances, and is the

closest thing we have to a real stage for performances of a larger FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH caliber, only without the seating area that would be necessary. It would not work for Sugar Ray.

When Everclear visited NMU last year, they performed in the Hedgcock Fieldhouse. A few thousand people packed into the bleachers and on the gym floor to watch the band. It was very reminiscent of a middle school dance.

The sound wasn't terrible, but the building was definitely intended for sporting events rather than concerts.

BY CHRIS MOSIER

Everclear's performance, however, was better than the Reel Big Fish and Goldfinger attempt in the Berry Events Center. The BEC was built for neither concerts nor sporting events. The BEC's ice is good for hockey, but the seating isn't even comfortable for that. The seating is poor in the facility, in both arrangement and comfort level. There's nothing comfortable about sitting in seats with no legroom in a cold building, or shivering while standing on covered ice.

When Magic Johnson and Maya Angelou visited, they both spoke in the BEC. The BEC does not provide the interactive atmosphere or feeling of closeness to the person speaking. In fact, it seemed as though the arena was quite empty in both cases.

The alternatives to the BEC are the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center and the lecture halls in Jamrich, both of which provide the feeling of closeness a bit too well. The Great Lakes Rooms have been filled to capacity when basketball star Cynthia Cooper, comedian Lewis Black and radio/television personality Dr. Drew visited. But the seating is all on one level, making it difficult for people in the back to see. And with the long orientation of the room, people are either directly on the sides of the stage or at the complete other end of

Lecture halls in Jamrich provide the varied levels of seating so that people in the back can see, but they are only useful for speakers drawing crowds smaller than those in the UC.

Each of these facilities has an element that makes it suitable, but many others that don't. We should combine the amount of seating in the BEC, the atmosphere of Jamrich or the Great Lakes Rooms and the stage of the Forest Roberts Theatre or the Kaufman Auditorium.

NMU can currently handle the smaller performances brought to the area, but when Sugar Ray arrives on March 13, they may be sorely disappointed. Northern could possibly attract better acts if we had a facility that could compete with other universities.

JOBSearch works at finding jobs

BY YONIKA WILLIS DIVERSIONS EDITOR

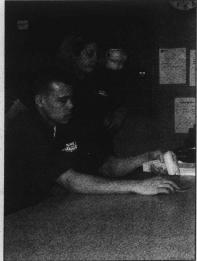
the semester upon us. students are scrambling to make a little extra cash. Many students turn to the JOBSearch office to locate convenient jobs.

According to principal secretary of JOBSearch Diane Mankamyer, the biggest rush for students looking for jobs is in the fall and at the end of the semester when students are looking to change jobs. At this time, Mankamyer said many freshmen that have put in their first semester feel they are ready to find a job after set-

Mankamyer said that the JOBSearch facilities began to get busy a week and a half before school actually started.

"I decided to get a job a few weeks after I got up here," sophomore hospitality management major Preston Campbell said. "I decided to get a job because I was broke. I had no more money after spending all my money on my books, so I had to get

Freshman chemistry major Kevin Shaw said that he started looking for



Dan Grimm/NW

Junior sociology major Adrian Whitten and senior preschool family life services major Sara Villemure work at the PEIF desk.

a job towards the middle of the semester break

"I racked up some bills over Christmas and needed to pay them off, so I decided that I needed a job," Shaw said. "I looked on the JOBSearch Web site to see what jobs were available. I knew that they posted jobs everyday and that they were

Mankamyer said one of the fastest ways that students can get in touch with a job is on the JOBSearch Web site. Applications are available on the

"I think JOBSearch is effective to a point because it lists all of the jobs and keeps them current," Shaw said.

JOBSearch provides help and encouragement for anyone who is looking to find a job, Mankamyer said. They direct students to specific departments that may have openings and encourage them to call businesses that have openings listed on their

JOBSearch has a staff that works specifically with school employment and follows up on applications.

"We pass out materials at the orientation job fairs to kind of introduce freshmen to the idea and about working on campus," Mankamyer said. "Many freshman are afraid to add a job to their schedules, but we encourage it, because you get more out of it, learn to manage time better, meet more people and it's been proven that students who have jobs will generally do better academically than those who don't."

JOBSearch also promotes jobs at job fairs. JOBSearch will be holding a job fair for those interested in summer employment on March 20.

"The odds of someone finding a job are very high," Mankamyer said. "Some of the jobs may not be your dream job, but they are jobs to get by. We never fill everything; there are always job openings of some kind'

JOBSearch offers a variety of jobs. Mankamyer says that some of the most popular jobs are desk jobs and computer jobs such as working at the Help Desk. Some students come in looking for jobs relative to to JOBSearch was useful, got a response about his job within one to two days of filling out his application.

JOBSearch is located at 1102 University Center.

Freshman secondary education majorJohn Allard spends the downtime during

his shift of monotoring the front desk of Spooner Hall doing his homework.

their major. A great number of stu-

dents come in and say they'll do any-

jobs out there that if you meet the cri-

teria and do the job right, there is an

incredible amount of experience waiting out there," Mankamyer said.

JOBSearch not only offers jobs to

students who want to work on cam-

pus, but off campus as well.

However, many students come in

looking for jobs on campus more

"All of the stores and stuff around

Marquette were pretty much paying

the same and I thought that since that

was the case, I might as well work on

campus, which is in walking dis-

tance." Campbell said. "I wouldn't

Campbell, who works in food ser-

vice at the Marketplace, specifically

chose his job because it was related

to his hospitality management major.

However, many students opt not to

"A lot of people come in and say

"However, that is one of the jobs

where if the students take it, they can

be offered many types of advance-

that they'll do anything but food ser-

work food service.

vice," Mankamyer said.

have to spend any gas money."

"There are such a wide variety of



Undeclared freshman Kaley Selden sells undeclared sophomore Ellen

Parker batteries at Willy's Snak Shak.

Author recalls recent trip

BY JESSICA AYCOCK NEWS EDITOR

Thile most people is enemy territory, Tom Bissell took a journey there to write about the current situations with aid and the refugee camps. After his recent trip to Afghanistan, Bissell spoke to NMU students and community members about his unique experience last Friday.

After the Sept. 11 disaster, some magazines were looking to have people on the ground in Afghanistan, Bissell said

"I convinced this magazine, Men's Journal, that if they sent me to get across the Friendship Bridge, Uzbekistan, I'd figure out a way to get into Afghanistan," he said.

Bissell had been to the North Pole and remote parts in Uzbekistan and said he was fairly certain that it'd be said. "We were going to beat the aid okay. He told Men's Journal that once he was in Uzbekistan, he would find his story. Once he arrived in Uzbekistan, he decided to write on the aid situation and how aid is getting to the refugee camps.

"It's a very complicated and tricky situation," he said. "And because the Uzbeks at least the ones in the government and guarding the border, are quite possibly the worst people on the planet, the aid situation there is really just not good."

Bissell was slightly familiar with aid in the area; he joined the Peace Corps after graduating from college and went to Uzbekistan to teach English. After only one year in the Peace Corps, he returned home with his experiences and began writing fiction about Central Asia.

"It was ultimately this fiction I was writing that got someone interested in sending me back again," he

This summer, Bissell spent a month in Uzbekistan writing about the devastating sights near the Aral Sea for Harper's Magazine.

"It is the world's worst ecological disaster," he said. "It's completely poison. The people living there are was so cold that his hands were dying off one by one and it's really frozen in his gloves and his feet felt

Bissell said he was looking forward to coming back to the United States and bringing the news about ing T-shirts," he said. "The men in Uzbekistan in his article and was trumped by the Sept. 11 events.

recently, he focused on writing about how aid is getting to refugee camps, which meant to get his story, he had to get to the refugee camps.

The bridge that connects Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, called the Friendship Bridge, was closed in month trying to get on a very selectory to get aid to the country. tive list.

Bissell met a Danish journalist named Michael Anderson, and although they had opposite views, they became fast friends.

"We decided we were going to somehow, we would sneak our way across, bribe our way across or get on what was known as 'the list' and legitimately get our way across," he to the refugee camps. We were feeling that we were going to get to the refugee camps and say 'well, heck, we can make it here, why can't the aid?' As it turned out, our situation didn't quite work out that way."

Bissell was assured by the bridge guards that he could return over the bridge in two days when he came Afghanistan," Bissell said. "If this back from the refugee camp.

After getting their passports signed off, they got into a cab and headed toward Mazare-Sharif, a country in Northern Afghanistan that was one of the last cities to fall to the Taliban in 1997.

When Bissell and Anderson arrived, various warlords were trying to take over the city and stake their claims. During their visit, they went to a girls school the first day it was reopened.

"It was amazing, these little girls came in and they were illiterate and seeing how happy they were really made me proud to be an American at that instant," Bissell said. The last day they were there,

Bissell and Anderson arrived at a refugee camp. Bissell said when they arrived at the refugee camp it

"There were people running around without shoes and only wearthese camps looked like skeletons and their beards were falling out Bissell returned to Uzbekistan they were so malnourished. And this was one of the better camps, we were told."

Bissell said they were welcomed at the camp and allowed to take pictures of the refugees. However, there were a few refugees that were upset at the fact that there was little aid 1997. To cross it, Bissell spent a coming in and they were desperate

"I realized right then that the story I was going to write was a very different piece that I had set out to write," he said. "It was going to be about a situation we'd gotten ourselves in which I didn't get one fact that I could check."

Bissell and Anderson went back to the Afghanistan border and tried to get back to Uzbekistan, but the Uzbek government wouldn't allow them to reenter the country. After a few panicked calls to the U.S. Embassy and Anderson calling the Danish ambassador to Russia, they finally got on the list to get back to Uzbekistan.

"I just had one thought when I walked across this bridge, and it was that I couldn't wait to go back to gets resolved, I'll definitely go



Author Tom Bissell talks about his experiences in Afghanistan.



Campbell, who thought that going

Today, January 24

Last day to obtain 90 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the University (full semester courses).

Meeting: Native American Student Association meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in Magers Room 242.

Film: "Breathless" (NR) at 7 and 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meeting at 3:35 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center. Call Alison at 227-4319 for more information.

Event: Greek Council is having an information night at 6 p.m. in the Ontario Room of the University Center..

Friday, January 25

Event: A Crystal Ball, a charity ball for the AIDS Foundation, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Explorer Rooms in the U.C.

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Event: Prime Time Production presents Jim & Ray & Euchre Tournament from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Gant/Spalding Lobby. Call Jose Garcia at 227-2570 for more information.

Event: Psychology Colloquium: Fiction as Therapy — The Therapeutic Impact of Fiction will be held in Gries Hall Room 167 from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

Swimming and Diving: NMU vs. Wayne State at 11 a.m. at the PEIF pool.

Performance: Wellspring Dance at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium.

Film: "Monsters, Inc." (G) at 9 p.m. in JXJ

Meeting: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meeting at 9 a.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

Sunday, January 27

Last day to obtain 50 percent tuition refund Campus Tutoring, JXJ 225 from 4 to 5 p.m. for complete withdrawal from the University (first block courses).

Film: "Monsters, Inc." (G) at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Monday, January 28

Event: Alpha Gamma Delta is having its winter recruitment from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gant/Spalding Lobby. Call Dawn Jaroniewski at 228-8032 for more information.

Event: Alpha Phi Omega Rush Week bowling. Meet at 8:45 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge.

Tuesday, January 29

Event: Alpha Gamma Delta is having its winter recruitment from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Workshop: "Study Skills: What You Need to Succeed!" with Barb Quick. At All

Wednesday, January 30

Event: Alpha Gamma Delta is having their winter recruitment from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Meeting: Students taking action for animal rights will meet at 7 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

Event: Alpha Phi Omega Rush Week sledding. Meet at 8:45 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge.

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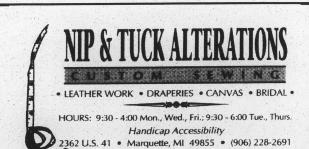
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HOCKEY REVIEW NMU 4, WSU 1; NMU 3, QU 0; NMU 3, UNK 1

Wildcats sweep visiting Warriors

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Wildcats swept Wayne State in a non-conference series last Thursday and Friday night in the Berry Event Center.

NMU (8-6-2 CCHA, 15-7-2 overall) won Friday night's game, 4-1, as freshman goaltender Tuomas Tarkki made just his second collegiate start in net.

"It was hard going into the game because I hadn't played in a long time," Tarkki said. "I had some easy shots early in the first period so I was able to get into the game really fast."

The Warriors (6-2-2 CHA, 10-11-3 overall) took the lead in the first period when WSU junior center Jason Durbin came up with a Wildcat turnover at the blue line and fed WSU junior right wing Jon Brink. They held a 1-0 lead going into the second.

NMU's top line of Theuer, Stutzel and junior right wing Bryce Cockburn scored three of the four goals on the night.

"I think the line revolves around (Theuer)," Stutzel said. "I think he's the smartest guy in the league

"He sets everything up for (Cockburn) and I."

At 10:08, the Wildcats took the lead for good as Cockburn scored his team-leading 14th goal of the year. Stutzel took the puck around the WSU net and found Cockburn waiting all alone in front of the goal and laid a pass right on Cockburn's stick.



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Freshman left wing Marc Norrington and the Wildcats swept the Wayne State Warriors last week.

Cockburn one-timed it.

Throughout the first two periods Tarkki came up with big saves for the Wildcats.

"I think [Tarkki] played well," Stutzel said. "He really kept us in it when we were struggling."

In the third period Cockburn and Stutzel hooked up again; this time Stutzel fed Cockburn for the goal.

"(Cockburn) made a fantastic pass," Stutzel said. "I just put my stick on it."

In Thursday night's game, the Warriors put up a good fight for the first two periods.

"They (WSU) aren't in one of the big leagues right now," NMU senior defenseman Sean Connolly said. "But they are a good team, and they work hard, so you can't take them lightly."

The Wildcats got on the board first when Cockburn found the back of the net at 3:17 of the first period, continuing his hot streak.

"My line-mates and I are clicking really well right now," Cockburn said. "All the points I'm getting, they are getting them too; we're all working together."

Despite the three-goal deficit, the Warriors did not quit.

"I thought Wayne State worked hard," NMU head coach Rick Comley said. "They're scrappy, they know they are over-matched at times but they keep coming at you."

The Warriors got on the board in the second period when junior forward Dusty Kingston attained the puck on a turnover at the blue line and skated in on sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski and snuck the puck between his pad and the right post.

In the third period the Wildcats came out and attacked the WSU net.

At 1:33 in the period freshman left wing Alan Sawason took a one-timer from Jackson and scored.

The Warriors again would come back, trying desperately to stay in the game, and score their third goal of the night at 2:05, but just 30 seconds later Theuer dashed all Warrior hopes with his 10 goal of the year.

"We were moving the puck around pretty good," Connolly said. "We got some good chances and we put the puck in the net." SWIMMING PREVIEW WAYNE STATE

Northern hosts last meet

The Northern Michigan University women's swimming and diving team makes its final home appearance of the season on Saturday, hosting GLIAC rival Wayne State University.

The meet begins at 11 a.m. in the PEIF Pool.

The Wildcats have not competed in a meet since Dec. 8 when they finished fourth at the

Notre Dame Invitational. " W e

expect to have a competitive meet," head coach Chris Coraggio said. "The Wayne State



Richter

coaching staff has done an excellent job and the Warriors have greatly improved the last couple of years. They will be prepared to compete against us, but we are excited to perform before the home fans for the final time."

It will be senior Recognition
Day with four swimmers and
divers competing at home for the
final time. Diver Kate Richter
and swimmers Laura Curran,
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Lapinski will be honored.

- NMU sports information

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 65, MTU 66; NMU 94, SVSU 58

'Cats drop close GLIAC contest to Huskies

BY BUCK WICKSTROM ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northern Michigan University women's basketball team (6-3 GLIAC, 11-5 overall) lost a tough game to Michigan Tech (4-5 GLIAC, 10-7 overall), 66-65, on Monday.

"You get the ball to where you need to

in clutch situations and we come up empty," head coach Mike Geary said. "We had to step up and make plays; we didn't."

In the first half, the women came out pounding the ball inside, eventually opening up a 41-34 half-time lead over the Huskies. The second half was completely different from the first as the 'Cats watched their lead dwindle, and eventual-

ly, disappear in the closing minutes.

"In the last six to seven minutes, they were the aggressor," Geary said. "We were very tense and uptight; we didn't make the bold type of plays that you need to make to win a game like that."

Senior center Kelly Simcik had 15 points, tying senior guard Marisa DellAngelo for leading scorer.

DellAngelo also led the team with two steals, two three pointers and five assists for the game. Junior forward Elena Keranen led the team in rebounds with 11.

Over the weekend the Wildcats hosted another GLIAC foe in Saginaw Valley State (2-6 GLIAC, 8-8 overall), but faced little challenge as they rolled over the Cardinals, 94-58.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW NORTHWOOD

'Cats meet 'Wolves

BY BUCK WICKSTROM ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a loss to GLIAC and Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech, the (6-3 GLIAC, 11-5 overall) Wildcats must now gear themselves up for last place Northwood University (1-8 GLIAC, 5-11 overall).

The game will be played at Northwood on Saturday; tip off is scheduled for 1 p.m.

"You can't look past anyone in this conference," head coach Mike Geary said. "Our most precarious position is up 15 — we've talked about it all year, and now have to work on it."

For the lady 'Cats this year, senior guard Marisa DellAngelo has been the offensive weapon as she has a team leading 275 point,s which equates to an 18.3 point-per-game average. She is also the team leader in assists with 76.

DellAngelo is also the best from the charity stripe, hitting 88.7 percent of her shots.

Junior forward Elena Keranen is the team's defensive machine as she leads the

team in rebounds with 104, and steals with 33. Keranen also has the second highest offensive output on the team, as she has 204 points on the season and is averaging 13.6 points per game.

Kelly Simcik, a senior center, is third in scoring with 160 on the season, and is second in rebounding with 91.

This year the Northwood Timberwolves are led by a sophomore, but have a very strong and experienced supporting cast of players.

Sophomore center Leah Douglas is leading the Timberwolves in points scored this year as she has notched 207 total (12.9 ppg) for the season. Feeding her the ball is senior guard Lauren Mataj, who leads the team in most of the other categories. She has tallied 191 points on the season, which gives here an 11.9 pergame average, has a team high 35 steals, 85 rebounds and is the team leader in three pointers made with 21.

On the other side is another senior guard in Georgia Senkyr, who has also proved her offensive potency this season with 133 total points. Senkyr is second in rebounding with 72.

MEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW/PREVIEW

NMU men lose to Tech; prepare for Northwood

After dropping Monday's game to No. 18-ranked Michigan Tech, the Northern Michigan University men's basketball team (2-7 GLIAC, 8-8 overall) will hit the road to take on another conference foe this weekend.

The Wildcats suffered a loss to the Michigan Tech Huskies (7-2 GLIAC, 15-2 overall), 65-78.

Sophomore forward Steve Watts had 22 points for the 'Cats. Sophomore forward Billy Hill and sophomore guard Adrian Whitten both added 14 points.

The Huskies currently are in first place in the GLIAC North Division.

The Wildcats defeated Saginaw Valley, 77-64, on Saturday, snapping their sixgame losing streak.

Hill led the team with 16 points and

senior center Damian Matacz chipped in 15 and added 10 rebounds against the Cardinals.

The men will travel to Midland on Saturday to face the Northwood Timberwolves at 3 p.m.

The Timberwolves are second in the GLIAC North Division (5-4 GLIAC, 10-6 overall).

Northwood is led by sophomore guard Dallas Logan and senior forward Chris Riley.

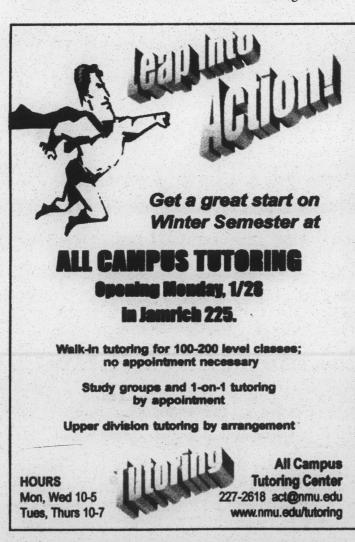
The Wildcats are led in scoring this season by Hill with 220 points. He also leads the team in three-pointers made with 30.

Matacz leads the team in blocked shots with 26, defensive rebounds with 87 and offensive rebounds with 34.

Whitten leads the team in assists with 36.

The current six-day break between games is the longest the Wildcats have seen since before Christmas.

- by Kristy Basolo





HOCKEY PREVIEW ALASKA-FAIRBANKS

'Cats prepare for trip north

BY TOM MURPHY SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcats are headed to Alaska this weekend to take on the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks

The Nanooks (10-8-2 CCHA, 14-8-2 overall) are currently in third place in the CCHA. The Wildcats (8-6-2 CCHA, 15-7-2 overall) are in fifth place, just four points behind them.

"This series is very important," senior center Chad Theuer said. "There are five or six teams that are close (in the CCHA standings), so it's real important that we get two wins (against Alaska-Fairbanks)."

The Nanooks are 7-1-2 in their last 10 games including a win at Michigan and a win and a tie this past weekend against Western Michigan. But the Wildcats are hot as well. The line of Theuer, NMU junior right wing Bryce

Cockburn and junior left wing Mike Stutzel have been on fire as of late

"(Cockburn and Stutzel) are both big wingers who can score," Theuer said. "My job is to just get them the puck, and we've really clicked that way."

Theuer leads the CCHA in scoring and assists (10-25-35). Cockburn has a team-high 14 goals and Stutzel was named CCHA offensive player of the week for his seven-point effort (3-4-7) last week against the Wayne State Warriors.

NMU sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski will be back in net this weekend for the Wildcats after sitting out for the team's last game to give way to freshman goalie Tuomas Tarrki. Kowalski is third in the CCHA with a 2.01 GAA in the conference.

The Nanooks have 11 players having 10 or more points this season. UAF sophomore center Ryan Cambell and sophomore

left wing Cam Kieth share the team lead with identical scoring records (7-15-22).

UAF sophomore goaltender Preston McKay and junior goaltender Lance Mayes have each played in 14 games for the Nanooks. McKay is 9-4-1 overall with a 2.66 GAA and Mayes is 5-4-1 with a 2.77 GAA.

The trip to Alaska is hard on

"It's an all day thing," freshman defenseman Neil Gidney said. "We've been drinking lots of water to help with jet lag and we want to get there and have a good pre-game. We'll worry about the ride back after the games, hopefully with two wins."

Defensively, the Wildcats are going to be matched up against some speedy Nanook forwards.

"We have to play a tight defense around the goal line, pin their forwards up against the boards and try not to rush to much," Gidney said.

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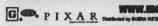
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Nordic skiers take top spots

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Last weekend, the nordic skiers hosted the NMU Invitational. Northern's women were victorious on Saturday in a 5K race and on Sunday in a 10K race. The men took second in a 10K race on Saturday and first in a 15K on Sunday.

The race was at the Saux Head Trails just north of Marquette off of CR550. Eleven teams competed in the event, which was the first of four NCAA national qualifier weekends. Head skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim said the course conditions were excellent. They started out ideal and did not deteriorate, even after two days of racing.

The men had a tight battle both days with skiers from UAF. On Saturday, UAF came out in front overall, but Northern was behind by a slim margin.

On Sunday, the men came back and beat UAF by another slim margin.

"John (Filardo) had a breakthrough race for him — (he is) always solid but in the background," Fjeldheim said. He said the men's team needed to get a race under their belt Saturday after the U.S. nationals. They came back Sunday more focused and had a better race and came out ahead.

"It was a bag of mixed emotions," Fjeldheim said.

Oram and Smith had a good chance to make the Olympic team. They missed by a narrow margin. The athletes shook off the poor race and moved on to their next events. Fjeldheim said that most of the women who did well this year would be ready for the Olympics in 2006.

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Alpine team finishes 10th overall

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The women's Alpine Ski team finished 10th overall in two days of racing in the St. Lawrence Carnival in Lake Placid, NY last weekend.

Junior Danielle Lawrence (39th), sophomore Jarah Young (44th) and junior Lindsey Agnew (46th) earned points on Saturday. Leading the team in the slalom was senior Michelle Murray (48th), junior Beth Somalski (49th) and freshman Meri Koski (53rd).

"Lawrence stood up for the team, being consistent in both Slalom and Giant Slalom," Alpine coach Kristian Saile said.

He said Young also skied well in the Slalom.

On Sunday, the race was canceled after one run because of poor visibility due to heavy snow. Saile said there was a greater chance for injuries. Instead of adding two Giant Slalom times to get an overall time, only the first run counted.

Leading the women were Lawrence in 32nd, Koski (37th) and Murray (42nd). Somalski finished 44th. Saile said the conditions were different from what the team trains on in Marquette.

"That's why we went to this race," Saile said.

He said the slalom courses are becoming faster with more rounded courses. Saile hopes to recreate those conditions in training as much as possible.

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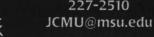
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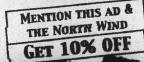
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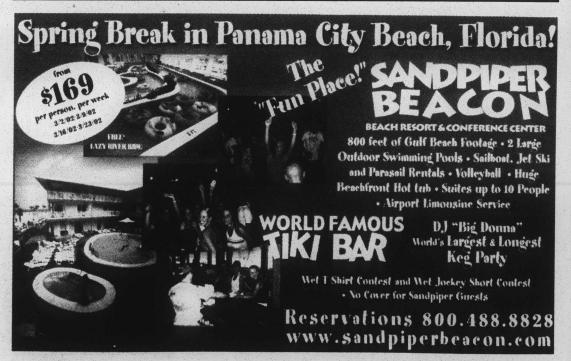
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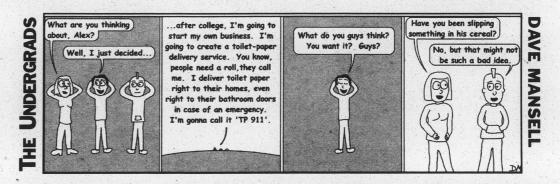
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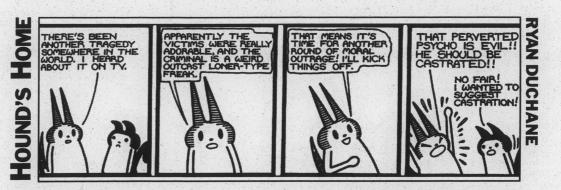
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