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## Sams named football coach

BY KRISTY BASOLO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Northern Michigan University athletic director Dan Spielmann announced the hiring of a new head coach for the Wildcat football team today.

After a Monday interview session, the search committee decided to recommend Doug Sams, the head football coach for Fairmont State College in West Virginia.

"We are very pleased that Doug Sams has agreed to become NMU's head football coach," Spielmann said. "Doug brings a wealth of experience at both the professional and collegiate level and has been successful wherever he has coached."

Sams spent Monday with NMU coaches, players, staff and community members. The visit was his fourth to the

area. He has traveled to NMU twice to play football and once to scout. Sams is a native of Oregon.

Sams said Northern Michigan University was the only school he has applied to, and that many factors contributed to his decision to try for this position.

First, he cited the uniqueness of the area and the Superior Dome.

"The facilities here are amazing," Sams said. "You really have Division I football facilities here."

Sams said above that, the opportunity to "bring the program to the next level"



Sams

was a factor.

"Where I coach now, it's not a level playing field," Sams said. "The teams we go up against often have more scholarships available to them, as well as more coaches. Here, things are more even with the competition."

Prior to the hiring Ken Godfrey, associate vice president for athletics and recreation, said the advisory committee, made up of one community member and five NMU representatives, including himself, Spielmann and associate athletic director Brian Verigin, had some specifics in mind when looking for a coach.

"We want a quality person that puts academics first, recruits good student athletes and is a good representation of the program and the university," Godfrey

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## BEC music toned down

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere of the Berry Events Center is once again under scrutiny.

Complaints have arisen pertaining to the noise level at the BEC during Wildcat hockey games.

Last week, Associate Vice President for Athletics and Recreation Ken Godfrey called a meeting in order to discuss the various complaints. The complaints included the music selection and that the music at the games was too loud, while others said that the music was not loud enough.

Godfrey said that he was aware of only one complaint from last weekend's games. The complaint was that the bass was too

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## ASNMU plans to review laptop program

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ASNMU discussed creating a new committee to address the TLC program at NMU, and the concerns of students, at their meeting on Tuesday.

"ASNMU, for as long as [the TLC] program has been around, has gotten student feedback about it, both negative and positive," College of Professional Studies Representative Stephanie Scheiner said. "[Creating the committee] is basically a response to students feeling that their concerns are not being addressed."

The main concern of the new committee will be to listen to the concerns of the student body and find ways to address the issues. The committee will not only

address the issues dealing with the laptop computers, but also look at concerns about communication lines such as the Internet.

"(We will also) inform and educate the students on how the TLC program really works, and we're going to try and make a difference," Off-Campus Representative Jennifer Kapla said. "We may not be able to fix all of the major problems, but we can start small and work our way big."

Scheiner said she hopes that the student body will become involved in the committee, by joining the committee, expressing opinions to ASNMU or by responding to a survey that the committee will eventually send out.

"I believe that if the students want something bad enough, any-



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

ASNMU members Lianna Moore, Stephanie Scheiner and EeeLN Buckarma plan a TLC committee.

thing can happen," Scheiner said. "It really depends on what kind of responses we get back. If we have enough of the student voice, we can make changes. We'll listen to every comment made."

One particular concern men-

tioned at the ASNMU meeting regarded the use of the IBM Thinkpads versus Macintosh iBooks for art and graphic students. The Macintosh laptops are reportedly better than the current NMU-issued IBM Thinkpads for

working with graphics.

"I have a lot of friends that are art majors, so a lot of them come to me with that [concern]," Kapla said.

Kapla suggested the possibili-

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loud.

"We're trying to strike a balance between the music level that will get the energy pumped up in the arena and people's need to hold conversations and enjoy the game without feeling as though the sound pressure is so loud that it's an annoyance," Director of Production and Audio/Visual Systems Eric Smith said.

At the meeting, adjustments were made to the BEC sound system. The volume levels were adjusted to gain balance throughout the arena. The volume level of the speakers above the ice was increased while the volume level of the speakers above the seats was decreased, creating an atmosphere where fans "feel the music rather than hear it as much," Smith said.

The BEC, a multi-million dollar complex, opened in 1999 and was designed for concerts, events and athletic contests. But complaints about

the acoustics in the BEC have come about since the day it opened.

"Everybody has their own perceptions about what's loud and what isn't," Smith said. "We have a group here who's been working with a lot of the fans and some of the coaches, and we're working on what the optimal level is."

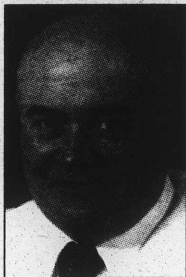
As for music selection, Godfrey said that there is not one specific person in charge.

"We try to do a lot of different things," Godfrey said.

NMU hockey assistant coach Dave Shyiak attended the meeting.

"Basically we just wanted to get some type of medium to create some type of atmosphere," Shyiak said.

Shyiak also said that there are other issues involved as well.



**Godfrey**

"You have to factor in a number of things, not only the music," Shyiak said. "There has to be people at the game and the people at the game have to be involved to create any type of excitement or atmosphere."

Shyiak said the atmosphere at last weekend's games was good.

Steve Van Der Kamp, the BEC building manager, said he didn't receive any complaints about Friday's game.

"I attended Friday night's game and everybody seemed happy," Van Der Kamp said.

The original BEC sound system had unsatisfactory components so the system was updated in October of 2001 just before the hockey season started. The additions included new speakers and other acoustic enhancing components.

"We want to make everybody happy," Godfrey said. "But I'm not sure that it's possible because of the wide range of fans in attendance at the games."

**TLC**

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ty of a program exemption for art and graphic students.

"We'll represent everyone's voice, including the art students', and every member of the student body," Scheiner said. "We will try to get every section. We will try and address their concerns as well, as best we can."

The committee has not formed yet.

"I'm looking to be a part of the committee," Kapla said. "I'm really excited about it. (I'll) help make a difference, and just make [the TLC program] more understandable for people."

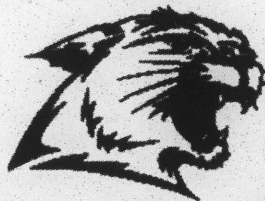
Scheiner said that anyone from the student body who is interested in the committee can join.

"We'd be glad to have you on this committee," Scheiner said. "We'd like to hear your opinion."

Scheiner said that the ultimate goal of the TLC committee will be to create a set of data that can be turned in to the administration.

"The goal of ASNMU is not to rid the university of the laptop computer program, but look at ways that we can make it better for students," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said.

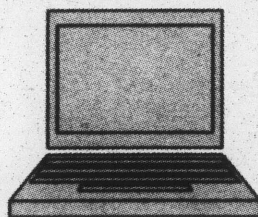
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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Man kicks out window of police car

A Marquette County Sheriff's Department car sustained damage when a window was kicked out of it Tuesday afternoon. Officers saw a vehicle on M-28 swerve off of the road and into a snowbank. It was determined the driver was uninjured, but was intoxicated. When they tried to arrest the person, the driver resisted. After being placed in the back seat of the sheriff's car, the suspect kicked out a passenger door window. The suspect is lodged at the Marquette County Jail on charges of malicious destruction of police property, resisting and obstructing and operating under the influence of alcohol.

## National

## Non-Taliban detainees released

WASHINGTON — Military sources on Wednesday said all 27 detainees captured Jan. 24 in a special operations raid north of Kandahar, Afghanistan, are being released by U.S. forces in Afghanistan. After questioning the detainees, authorities concluded none of them were members of the Taliban or al Qaeda. Fifteen people were killed in last month's raid. Immediately afterward, local Afghans claimed the U.S. soldiers had made a mistake and the suspected terrorist compound they attacked did not contain enemy forces. Gen. Tommy Franks, head of U.S. Central Command, launched an investigation on whether U.S. forces killed or captured Afghans in the operation who were friends of the interim administration of Hamid Karzai.

## International

## Iraq readmits U.N. arms inspector

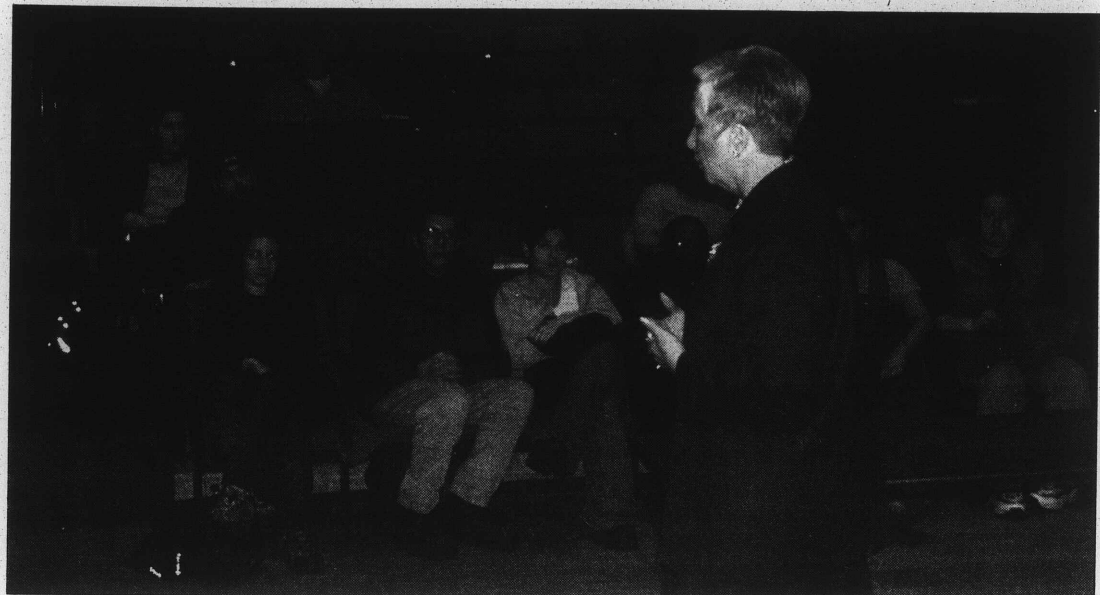
LONDON — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, rattled by threats from Washington, may try to keep U.S. bombers at bay by readmitting U.N. arms inspectors, analysts said. The United Nations announced Monday that Iraq wanted a dialogue without preconditions with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Analysts said the Iraqi request, passed on by Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, suggested evasive diplomatic footwork after President Bush's verbal assault on Baghdad last week. Bush branded Iraq, Iran and North Korea an "axis of evil" and said the U.S. would not stand by as they developed weapons of mass destruction. U.N. weapons inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 just before a U.S.-British bombing blitz.

## Weird News

## Olympic observers receive condoms

SALT LAKE CITY — About 250,000 condoms will be handed out to visitors of the Winter Olympics in "safe sex packs" that also include lip balm and hand warmers. The packs will include two condoms, a coil, lip balm, hand warmers, information on safe sex and emergency phone numbers, including those of local taxi companies. "The only people who want condoms are the people who are having sex," Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson said. "And I think we should encourage safer sex." The Mormon religion, followed by around half the Salt Lake City population, frowns on sex outside marriage. A local anti-abortion group, Generation Life, has already protested about free condoms being available in the athletes' village.

— Compiled from news sources



Brad Decker/NW  
NMU President Judi Bailey talks to students in Jamrich Hall during the "Let's Talk Student Forum."

## Bailey discusses issues

## Tuition, diversity concerns addressed

BY KRISTI ARLT  
STAFF WRITER

The fourth of six student forums set up by ASNMU with NMU President Judi Bailey took place yesterday at noon in Jamrich hall to discuss tuition fees for 2002-2003 and diversity issues.

ASNMU sponsors the chats and picks out the main topics of discussion and publicizes the event, ASNMU off campus representative Shannon Sullivan, a senior political science-pre law major, said.

During the discussion about tuition, Bailey said it would need to be increased due to rising rates across the board and growing student enrollment.

"This helps to insure students get the classes and the resources needed for a good education," Bailey said. "Right now [NMU has] the fourth lowest tuition rate in the state and we want to stay the fourth lowest in the state."

The amount of the tuition increase will not be known until

April, Bailey said, when the NMU board of trustees will disclose its plans for the 2002-03 school year.

Bailey said changes in the budget affected by the amount of state appropriations given to Northern, the increase in tuition and the boost in student enrollment will not reduce money given for scholarships, but will most likely increase it.

Bailey also discussed Northern's commitment to increase diversity in order to enhance the learning environment for both minority and majority students.

The university is working on recruiting more minority faculty, staff and students, she said.

Bailey said that the Diversity Student Services program plays a large part in opening people's minds, spreading different views

and helping people to respect and understand one another.

Articles in *The North Wind* have allowed the role of diversity student services to be discussed more in the last two weeks than ever before, Bailey said.

"[This] is a start," freshman social work major Randi Sherman said. "We need to keep communicating and have more forums to educate people about Diversity Student Services."

"We want to see something done (regarding diversity awareness on campus)."

Sullivan said the forum helped her learn about more issues on campus.

"There's more to discuss with [Diversity Student Services]," she said. "We need to sit down with some people."

For the next student forum on March 13, Bailey has offered to give out a couple of Sugar Ray tickets to entice more people to attend.

**"We need to keep communicating and have more forums to educate people about Diversity Student Services."**

— Randi Sherman  
freshman, social work

## FORECAST

• **Friday:** Increasing clouds. Chance of light snow. Low 15. High around 30.

• **Saturday:** Snow likely. Low 15 to 20. High around 25.

• **Sunday:** Chance of snow showers. Low around 10. High around 25.

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# Driving on sidewalks becomes problem

BY KRISTI ARLT  
STAFF WRITER

An increase in student vehicle traffic on campus sidewalks has raised concerns on the safety of students.

Northern Michigan University Public Safety is stepping up their patrols on campus to strictly enforce Northern's policy that prohibits any vehicle traffic on sidewalks except for university owned vehicles, Police Specialist Guy Laplant said.

Tickets up to \$100 are being issued to students that violate this policy, Laplant said.

Despite postings inside residence halls, signs by the sidewalks and large rocks placed to impede vehicle traffic, Laplant estimated that over 90 percent of students are unaware that driving on the sidewalks is not allowed.

Students are allowed to drop off their personal belongings at the beginning and end of the semesters when moving in, but beyond that only certain circumstances such as a person with physical injuries or someone dropping off a large, heavy item apply.

Some students caught driving on sidewalks told Laplant they drove on the sidewalks because they were wide enough to do so.

"Do you drive on the sidewalks in your own town?" Laplant asked.

West Hall President Joe Crowel, a junior writing major, understands why some students would need to use the sidewalks for driving, but thinks it's done excessively.

"Driving on the sidewalks should be limited, [while] making exceptions for appropriate

uses," Crowel said.

Speeds of vehicles disobeying this policy are also a large concern, Laplant said.

Occasionally cars driving on the sidewalks have been clocked at more than twice the speed limit for campus roads, he said.

"There's a problem out there," Laplant said. "Actions need to be taken. The potential for pedestrians getting hurt is high."

Lot 16 by Van Antwerp and Hunt halls is a good example where speed and abundant traffic pose a problem, Laplant said.

Students looking for a parking spot use the sidewalk to whip around the aisles creating a dangerous situation, he said.

"It's a heavily abused area and someone could get hurt," he said. "Thank God nothing has happened."

Van Antwerp resident Angela



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Driving on the sidewalks of campus is a common occurrence near the dorms, and has become a safety hazard for students.


Jewell, a sophomore English and writing major, hasn't noticed an increase in traffic on the sidewalks but Public Safety warned a friend of hers for driving on the sidewalk.

"All the other trucks for the university [drive on the side-


walks]," Jewell said, "so why can't we?"

Laplant said the university trucks use the sidewalks for dining services and other necessary campus functions, and the behavior of students driving them is kept in check.

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# Counseling Center adds online consulting

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University's Counseling Center is now providing an online mental health information service on its Web site.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to read informative columns addressing mental health issues, and also e-mail questions or concerns confidentially to Mary Pelton-Cooper, psychiatrist and associate professor.

Pelton-Cooper will answer the questions in a column written under the pseudonym of "Dr. C.C. Willy," a cyberpsych consultant and uncle of Wildcat Willy.

Pelton-Cooper came up with the idea of C.C. Willy to make things less formal.

She said the idea is to reach

people who may not come in for counseling but have concerns, and to get out information about mental health.

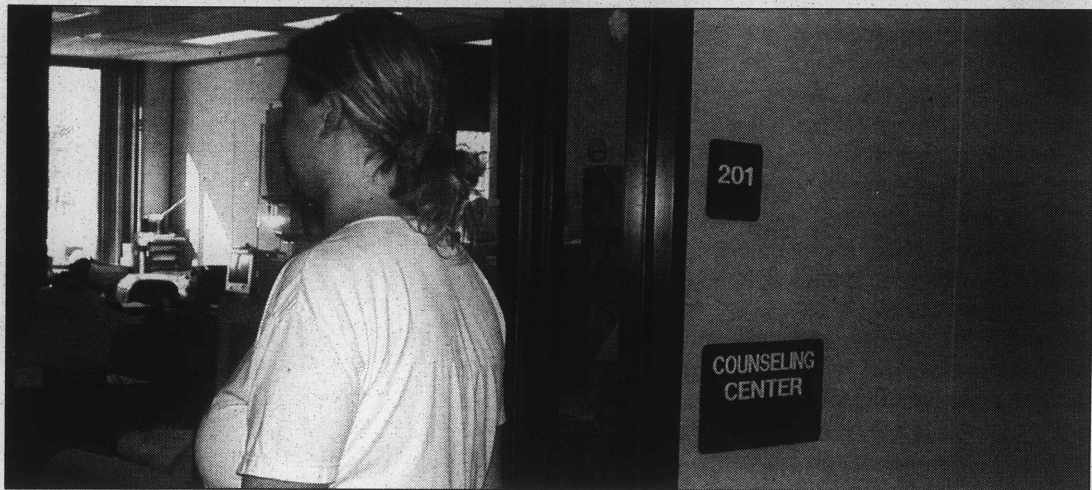
"Hopefully this service will help students take better care of themselves and address topics they worry about," Pelton-Cooper said.

Though C.C. Willy may not address each question specifically, he will look for common themes, and questions and comments are confidential.

C.C. Willy's current column is about helping people with friends contemplating suicide and winter blues.

Next month's column will address eating disorders in observance of Eating Awareness Month.

Counseling Center Head Tom Stinger said the C.C. Willy column offers people a chance to



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

The Counseling Center added "Dr. C.C. Willy," a cyberpsych consultant to staff. C.C. Willy can answer students' questions online. Senior special ed major Ann Dessart, above, is an office aid.

read about issues university students have, and that the topics are general principles for people to be mindful of.

"People tend to isolate them-

selves and feel they are the only ones with problems," Stinger said. "Part of the overall message I hope people get from this is that others do have problems, and

there are ways to address them."

To read or e-mail C.C. Willy, visit the Counseling Center Web page at [www.nmu.edu/www-sam/cnsel\\_ctr/intro.htm](http://www.nmu.edu/www-sam/cnsel_ctr/intro.htm).



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EDITORIAL

# Instructors need to connect campus

Northern Michigan University is supposed to be "ThinkPad U," but apparently this message hasn't reached all administrators and instructors. Campus officials still have steps to take in connecting the campus community.

Almost every student has had the experience of e-mailing an instructor asking for assignments ahead of time, setting up meeting times or explaining of an emergency situation that caused the student to miss a class. Students do care about their classes, and they worry when they don't get a response from a professor because he or she doesn't check for e-mail.

While most instructors check their e-mail frequently, some admit to never using their NMU-issued IBM Thinkpad, and others warn students that they only check e-mail periodically.

In addition to wiring all of the buildings on campus, a project which still remains unfinished, NMU administrators and department heads should be stressing the importance of e-mail as a tool for instructors.

These are crucial steps that must be taken for the TLC plan to become more than just a marketing gimmick that provides students with expensive word-processing Internet browsers.

Once instructors become comfortable using the Internet and e-mailing students and coworkers, they are more likely to use WebCT as a way of expanding the classroom.

While administrators, department heads, and even professors can initiate talk and incite a campus-wide connection, it's difficult to make people check their e-mail every working day.

Instructors need to realize that in less than 15 minutes, several e-mails can be read and sent, so there is no good excuse for not communicating with a tool that has been provided for each instructor.

NMU officials, and even some students, take pride in saying that NMU is technologically advanced, but putting Thinkpads in the laps of instructors won't insure that NMU is connected.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Former coach sides with athletes

This letter is in response to allegations that student athletes betrayed Coach Holm and were responsible for his resignation. I believe it was Coach Holm's responsibility to make coaching style changes necessary to improve team morale long before the petition was presented.

Over the years, at team and staff meetings, I heard Coach Holm make statements about how he needed to be more positive. This topic was discussed and I offered suggestions on how to give corrective instruction in a positive manner. Unfortunately Coach Holm tended to criticize the person rather than correct the mistake.

The players recognized that Coach Holm had many other fine qualities, and were very patient and sincerely hoped he would change his style of coaching. The athletes lost their trust because he did not keep his word to be more positive. At this point the students had every right to present the petition. I feel Eric had to resign because he lost the trust of his players.

Attempts by other coaches and the Mining Journal to blame players, assistant coaches and administration are wrong. It was Coach Holm's responsibility to become more constructive in

coaching his players as I heard him say he would. I am grateful to Coach Holm's contributions to our football program; these should not be overlooked or forgotten. We all feel bad that Coach resigned, but the bottom line is that Coach Holm was free to choose which kind of change happened to NMU football — a change in leadership style or a change in leadership.

We should be commending the assistant coaches and the administration for supporting students. We can now strive to provide our NMU student athletes an opportunity to enjoy preparing to perform at a high level in all venues of their lives.

**Herb Grenke**

Volunteer assistant coach  
 Head Football Coach 1983-90

### Senior says column takes a brave step

I am writing in response to Chris Mosier's column, "For What It's Worth," regarding diversity on campus. I think the column brings up an issue many of us are too scared to even approach in our politically correct world. Diversity issues do affect the whole student body, not just minority students. These are issues that need to be brought up and discussed openly instead of dismissing them, which is all too easy to do.

Once we can openly discuss these issues, without people jumping to hastily made opinions, only then can we tackle the ignorance at the root of the problem. I'd like to thank Chris for making the brave step in trying to bring this into the open.

**Melissa Matuscak**  
 senior, graphic communications

### Staff member disgruntled by article

I was dismayed, to say the least, that Chris Mosier would present such a negative view of the Diversity Student Services Office in her article. She purports to value diversity — but that view is remanded a scant two paragraphs later when she states "many non-minority students are afraid to step foot in the office because of the reputation the office has as caring for only minority students."

Has she ever been in the DSS office? Apparently not, because I have found it to be a very open and accepting haven for any and all students (and that would be just one of the reasons it is called the diversity office!). Ms. Mosier further offends by stating, "it seems as though whites are disregarded by ... DSS ... especially when it comes to

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# Meeting the needs of a diverse campus

Diversity is not a new idea or concern. Dr. Bailey has been addressing it regularly since her convocation last fall. The office where I work, Diversity Student Services, has been sponsoring programming and services for many years, as has the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee. ASNMU has formed a diversity subcommittee. I serve on the Human Diversity Subcommittee for Marquette Area Public Schools and help run the Diversity Student Alliance. Obviously, "diversity" is a word I often encounter. It is interesting that a word with such ubiquity is so easily misunderstood.

It is true that "diversity" means everyone, but the fact of

the matter is that most white students are in no way disregarded by this university. In just about every situation, a white student will be part of a majority, whether it is in the residence halls, in their classrooms, or just walking down the street. They will be taught and served mostly by white professors, administrators and staff. Their history and culture will be represented in the curriculum and they will be the primary target audience for entertainment options.

This cannot be said for students of any other race, for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students or for disabled students who attend NMU, which is part of the reason why offices like DSS and Disability Services

## GUEST COLUMN



by Candra K. Gill

exist. It is common to mistake the concept of cultural diversity with a numbers game. While it is true that NMU is a predominantly white institution, it would be wrong to assume that programming with a focus on cultures other than that of the majority of people on campus is somehow not servicing that majority.

There is a need for all students to be exposed to different cultures. Even if NMU were 100 percent monocultural, the student body would be poorly served if the focus were solely on the dominant culture.

Diversity Student Services has a well-publicized open door policy. Many students of all backgrounds have taken advantage of this policy by coming to visit the office. Some come because of assignments in their classes. Some come for help with a school issue. Many come to just hang out. If there are people who are afraid to come to DSS, there should not be an automatic assumption that the problem is with the office. Like the people who sometimes cross

the street when they see me coming, what often motivates people are misconceptions. Those who assume Diversity Student Services is "not for them" are in fact crossing the street because of what they perceive.

Diversity is not about making people comfortable. It is about helping people step out of their comfort zones in order to more fully experience the world around them. So if you haven't already done so, consider this my invitation for you to come visit DSS and learn more. We'll be happy to see you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Candra K. Gill is a graduate student in the English department.

## LETTERS

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the d-word."

While I would like to think that Ms. Mosier intended to be supportive of diversity at NMU in all its many forms, the effects of her wording choices have been just the opposite. DSS is a welcoming and supportive haven for students and staff; a place that encourages discussion and reflection on issues as well as positive ways to improve the awareness and acceptance of diversity on this

campus. Rather than embracing diversity, as her byline states, she denigrates it. At the very least, the students and staff of DSS deserve a heartfelt apology for such treatment.

Lynn Walden  
Coordinator  
Disability Services

### Student extends thanks to columnist

I am writing to express my gratitude for the recent articles

in *The North Wind*. Chris Mosier's "For What It's Worth" column was wonderful.

I think it is a topic that has been left unsaid for too long here at NMU. I am in my fifth year here and appreciate the questions and ideas that were brought up in her column and the editorial. I agree that diversity on our campus and diversity issues in general have been long overlooked. Thanks.

Sarah Hollingsworth  
senior, English writing

### Therapist addresses victims' perspective

As a therapist I have worked with many young people who have suffered from sexual assault. Too often I have seen them six months or a year after the fact, having struggled with their self-esteem down in the gutter, failed relationships and experiencing an overall compromised quality of life.

Commonly, these young people have told me that they just couldn't handle telling anyone

else, or that if they did they got a judgmental response, and never talked about it again. Most often, people try to forget it and move on. Unfortunately, this rarely works on an emotional level, and people are left with an unresolved sense of shame and lacking self-worth. This is the kind of experience that a person needs to be able to talk about so that a bad incident doesn't leave the survivor feeling like a bad person. It is all

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## SOUND OFF

— Compiled by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

### Why will you or won't you see Sugar Ray?



Chad Gilbert  
junior, business

"I think they suck."



Peter Costa  
freshman, ecology

"I won't, their flower pop-style is rather boring. I suggest for progressive bands that are on the run, such as Incubus, Puddle of Mudd or Caroline's Spine."



Mark Link  
freshman, accounting

"Their music sucks and they don't rock like good bands do."



Kristen Short  
freshman, pre-med

"I would because he's hot, maybe I could get front row!"



Kaley Selden  
freshman, undeclared

"I'll see them because I like some of their music and it should be fun."



LETTERS

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too easy for people to lose hope that they will ever feel good about themselves again when they keep their story a secret.

Sexual assault victims can recover a sense of self-worth and achieve a feeling that life is worth living again. Taking part in these journeys is my privilege as a therapist, and often a very concrete testament to the power of the human spirit. I have never seen it be an easy thing for someone who has been sexually assaulted to come to a counselor to talk about it, but most heal faster when they do.

Thomas Stanger  
Director  
NMU Counseling Center

Reader commends  
Mosier's fortitude

I am writing in response to the article written by Chris Mosier recently titled, "Diversity should be embraced."

I have attended NMU for

three years and this is the first time that anyone has had the courage to speak up about a topic that is long overdue in needing to be addressed. I have heard it mentioned that the university is not happy about her article and if this is the case, I am very ashamed to be associated with NMU.

Chris Mosier deserves to be commended for her article, not persecuted.

She personally has the morals and strength that it takes to bring up a topic that many others have over looked.

It's time that the university takes a look at its own organizations mistakes or short comings before they point fingers at other people who are doing their job to their fullest capacity.

So, thank you Chris Mosier for having the fortitude to stand up for what you believe in; there needs to be more people like you who are willing to take a chance and change things for the better.

Andrea Hanson  
senior, undeclared

Diversity Student  
Services supported

In your article "Diversity should be embraced," you printed a definition of diversity, but your columnist did not take the time to visit the DSS office to seek their comments.

Ms. Mosier turned a normal word into some sort of a taboo by referring to it as the "D" word. I was not aware that the word "diversity" held any negative connotations.

DSS provides numerous valuable services to all students. I myself as a white male have never been uninvited, nor unwelcome at any DSS sponsored event.

I would also like to point out as a white male, contrary to your statement, I am aware of what DSS does.

People of the majority, who do not have the knowledge of what DSS does or their goals do not possess this knowledge because they choose to be ignorant and uneducated.

Anyone who visits the DSS

office would find it a welcoming environment that is conducive to learning and achievement in everything they attempt.

In short, I find that your article in The North Wind was a gross misrepresentation of the facts and the environment that is present in the DSS office.

I would like to state that I am

not afraid of the DSS office or of the DSS staff and that if you took the time to visit the office, you would find that it is the most welcoming place on campus.

Jay Purtell  
junior, pre-school and family  
life services

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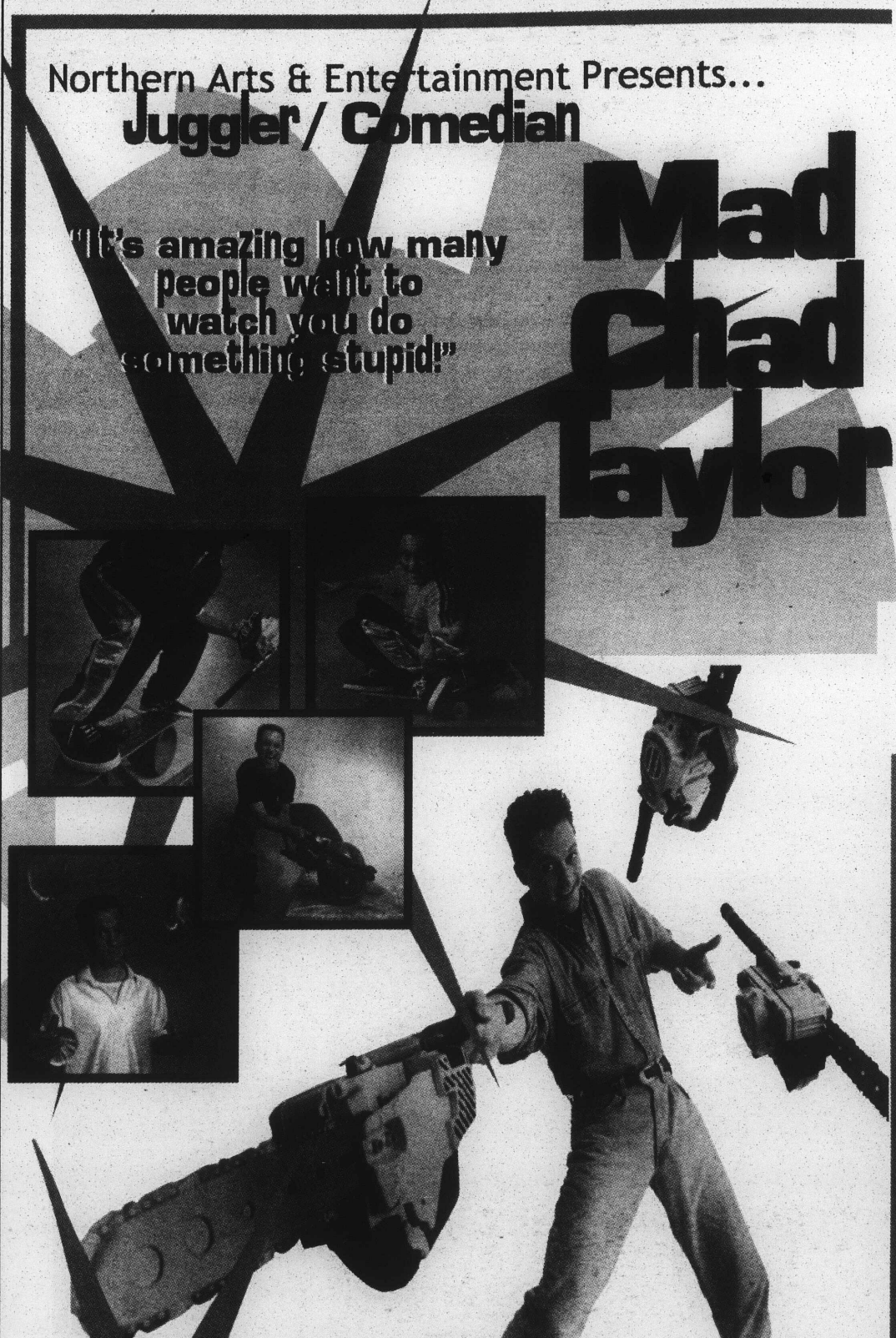
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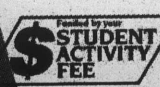
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## Football interrupts flag waving

The Super Bowl has always been a spectacular event, but this year, it was a spectacle.

Patriotic fever has swept the nation, and people are making money off something that should be sacred, not trendy. FOX turned the Super Bowl into an event proving America's infatuation with itself.

It is important to keep the heroism that followed the events of Sept. 11 and the lessons we learned in our hearts, but there is such a thing as being too patriotic. Sunday's tribute to America was a bit too much.

Super Bowl XXXVI was slated to be a battle between the heavily favored St. Louis Rams and the New England Patriots. With all of the patriotic songs and skits performed, it felt like a red, white and blue brainwashing. It was a combination of concerts, parade and a 4th of July celebration, minus the sparklers.

The Super Bowl is typically the most-watched U.S. television event of year. The show was broadcast 130 million viewers in America and 800 million viewers worldwide. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the presentation was a tribute to freedom and a celebration of the human spirit. I think it was an over the top effort to keep Americans buying flags.

Instead of the pre-game show analysis of the game, we were bombarded with "God Bless America" propaganda.

A cheesy reenactment of the signing of the Declaration of Independence made me feel like I was watching Comedy Central, not the NFL. Former presidents and other notable figures read the entire Declaration of Independence while patriotic images faded in and out on the screen.

The musical tribute followed. Former Beatle Paul McCartney belted out a song about freedom. Then R&B diva Mary J. Blige traded lines with pop singer Marc Anthony on "America the Beautiful," with the musical accompaniment of "America's Orchestra," the Boston Pops.

The one song that is played at every sporting event, the National Anthem, had extra special meaning at the Super Bowl. Mariah Carey, who just recovered from a breakdown in her personal life that left her hospitalized, sang to our recovering nation. It seemed appropriate.

Irish rockers U2 played a medley of songs for their half time tribute, which was ironic, due to the fact they are from Ireland.

Sometime during the flag waving, a football game broke out.

It was a shame the game was buried in the commercialism and interrupted for commercial breaks every two minutes; it was one of the best Super Bowls in recent years. A dramatic New England drive set up a game-ending, 48-yard field goal that gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory.

Afterward, red, white and blue confetti showered the Louisiana Superdome, celebrating the Patriots of our nation. It was almost predictable that the Patriots would pull through for the victory; the announcers kept pointing out the coincidence of their name and the patriotism of our country.

New England didn't announce their players individually, but ran out as a team, not taking the individual recognition. The underdogs triumphantly overcame adversity and injury to emerge the victors, just as our nation is overcoming the horrific events five months ago and banding together in patriotism.

While supporting our nation and remembering Sept. 11 is important, it felt as though we, as viewers, were being force-fed patriotism. Shoving it down our throats trivializes its true meaning.

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

## Professionals, amateurs seduce crowd

BY YONIKA WILLIS  
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

When queens start swinging hips, parading in sexy clothing and serenading the audience with song, it's important to leave a little something to the imagination.

On Friday, what isn't revealed makes what is that much more entertaining.

Students are in for a royal treat Friday at 8 p.m., when six drag queens shake their money-makers in the Great Lakes Room of the University Center. The event is sponsored by Outlook.

The fifth annual Drag Show doesn't only entertain with the professional drag queens, but is open for anyone who wants to participate as an amateur in the show as well.

"All students have to do to participate as an amateur is come prepared to perform," senior history major and president of Outlook Janelle Buttery said. "Before the show they have to drop off the music that they want to perform to and we'll give the disc jockey the music along with their name."

Buttery said they've been receiving a lot of calls about amateurs this year, so she thinks there will be a much larger turnout than the five or six contestants in years past.

"The audience really gets into it," Buttery said. "All year 'round, I've had people asking about the show."

Buttery said the audience grows at a fairly rapid rate each year.

At the first show there was an estimated 500 audience members; the most that have ever attended was around 800 people.

Last year's audience wasn't very big due to a snowstorm. Buttery hopes that the weather will hold out and the audience will increase from last year's numbers.

Outlook is prepared for the controversy that may arise at the events; a Public Safety officer will stop by from time to time to make sure that the show doesn't get out of control.

"In the past we've had people from various Christian groups around town or on campus protest," Buttery said. "But for the most part, it's been a pretty positive event."

According to Buttery, the show entails the queens performing in drag, along with a student amateur portion, and a 45 minute to an hour long segment, for people who want to come up and actually meet the queens and dance.

"Most of the queens do lip syncing, but some of them do actually sing," Buttery said.

Buttery is unsure of how this year's show will be due to the fact that there will be five new queens, so the show will be new.

"I went to the show last year, it was hilarious," sophomore chemistry major Fred Prater said. "Everyone started to get into the show. They were giving money to the queens as if they were strippers or something, and the amateurs were funny too."

Students planning on attending are looking forward to the entertainment.

"I expect to get a good laugh out of the show," freshman art education major Jessica Dalecke said. "I was told about last year's show and was told that it was funny."

## Cabin Fever sweeps campus, community

BY YONIKA WILLIS  
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

This year's Winter Fest, with the theme of "Cabin Fever" has been expanded to include the community and more events.

With many of the same events as previous years scheduled, such as snow statues, a comedian, airband competition and a discount ski day, the fest also offers new activities to provide variety.



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Junior biology major Sandy Herland watches sophomore elementary education major Katy Deneau retrieve the ball.

Winter Fest will begin Feb. 11 at 1 p.m., with a snow statue competition at Lower Harbor, and lasts through Feb. 17, with the city versus. school broomball competition.

"The purpose is to bring students together to celebrate the unique weather conditions of the Upper Peninsula," said Nichelle Middleton, a sophomore environmental design major and co-chairwoman for Club NMU.

Sophomore business management major and co-chairman for the Club NMU dance Bob Rustman believes that this year's Winter Fest will be a great deal better than any he's ever seen.

"I think the fest will be 110 percent better than last year's, because there are a lot more events than last years," Rustman said.

Middleton said the Special Events Committee has learned from previous incidents about what works and what students will come to.

A change incorporated into this year's festival involves the annual snow statue competition, which will be taking place in Lower Harbor, as opposed to outside of the U.C. where they usually were.

"Another difference in this event is participants will get a 4 foot by 4 foot by 8 foot block of snow to sculpt with instead of a mound of snow," Middleton said.

Another new feature for students, faculty and community members to partici-

pate in is the Winter Games night scheduled for Feb. 12 in the Payne/Halverson field. Some of the games that will be offered are ice bowling, sled pull, snow relay and an igloo building contest. Broomball is an added event as well.

The SEC has booked comedian and juggler Mad Chad Taylor to perform for students at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 in Jamrich 102.

Students will also be able to enjoy a game night tournament including euchre, monopoly, checkers, connect four and dominoes at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 in Quad II.

To top off this year's festival, the SEC has scheduled an informal dance, "Club NMU," to be held from 9 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 16 in Quad II.

"This year we have Club NMU, which gives everyone a chance to go out to a party on campus that's not formal," junior public relations major and committee head of the broomball tournament Bobby Armstrong said.

Instead of having a formal dance, Rustman said that they booked a well-known disc jockey from Club Aurora.

"We wanted to have a club atmosphere with robotic lights," Rustman said. "It's just going to be an awesome event."

Different from previous years, the SEC has collaborated with the community for this year's festival.

"I think it will be different because we're doing it with the city this year,"

Middleton said.

Middleton said that this is a positive and a negative aspect of the festival.

"Because less activities are taking place on campus, people have to find transportation to the activity sites," Middleton said. "But on the plus side, most of the activities that are on campus have been moved to down-campus sites, as opposed to last year's activities, which were mostly up campus."

Armstrong said he feels that, due to the fact that the community is involved, attendance will be high for the events.

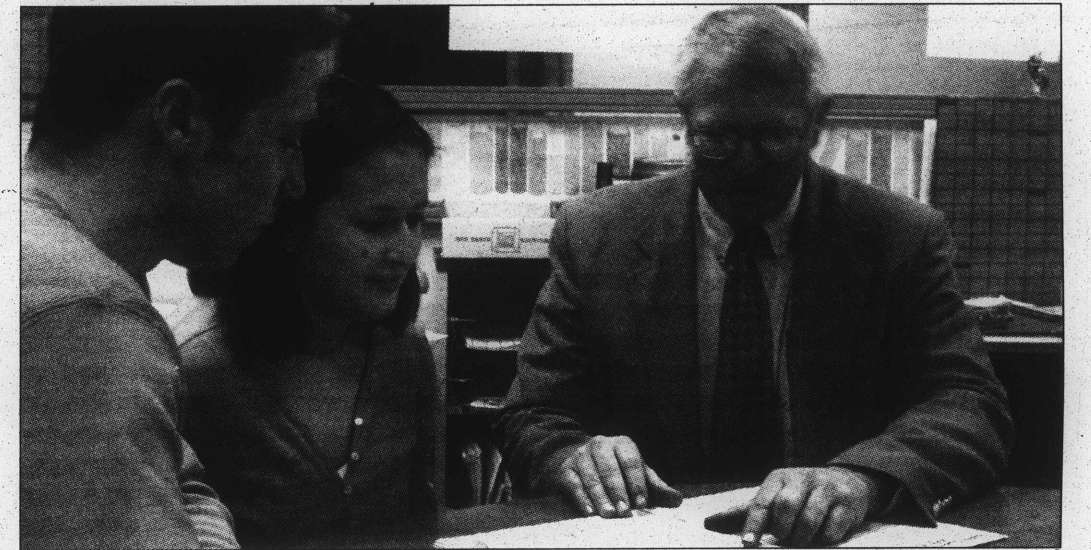
"I think that it's a good way for students to have fun, not just on campus, but off campus too," Armstrong said. "I think it will be interesting to see the link between the community and the students on campus."

In an effort to collaborate with the city, the championship game of broomball will be played against the city's broomball champion team.

The SEC planned for this year's Winter Fest for the past eight months. Rustman said the committee met once a week to discuss and pass ideas about events.

Armstrong said Winter Fest is a time for people to relax and have fun.

"Everyone wants that week long time where they can go out and have fun," Armstrong said. "It's early in the semester; it's time for people to go out and have that stress relief."



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Junior environmental science major Brian Thanasiu, junior physiology major Carissa Villa and Student Activities and Leadership Office Director Dave Bonsall review applications for SLFP.

## Skills applied in real world

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
MANAGING EDITOR

A lecture can only teach students ideas and theories; the rest of a person's education comes from their experiences of applying what they've learned in class outside of the classroom.

Participants in the Student Leader Fellowship Program get not only a classroom education on leadership skills, but also enhance their skills working with their peers and community members over a two year period.

SLFP is currently accepting applications for next year's class of student fellows. The deadline for turning in applications is tomorrow. Applications can be picked up in the Student Activities and Leadership Office.

Denise Hartssock, the Student Activities and Leadership Office program coordinator, said the program is designed to build leadership skills, get students involved and develop people as leaders by identifying their strengths and working on their weaknesses.

Hartssock, a senior secondary education biology major and SLFP graduate, is serving as a co-chairwoman on the SLFP selection committee.

"It really helped me to overcome my fear of public speaking and giving presentations," SLFP selection committee co-chairman Brian Thanasiu said. Thanasiu, a junior environmental science major, also works as the Student Activity and Leadership Office program assistant.

To apply to be a student fellow, students must fill out an application and have completed at least two semesters at a college or university and have a minimum 2.3 grade point average.

A selection committee, consisting of the co-

chairmen and other student fellows, reviews the applications and decides who is accepted.

SLFP requires a two-year commitment. In the first year, student fellows are matched with a mentor from the community. They also enroll in a class on leadership theory and practice, and must attend 15 Skill Builder workshops in their first year of participation.

In the second year of the program, student fellows are matched up with a community service internship. The internship requires that students take a leadership role in the community and put in four to six hours per week.

Hartssock said the internship is a chance to use the skills learned in the first year and put them to use in the community.

"SLFP builds great relationships with people and gives the student fellows great contacts with students, faculty and staff," Hartssock said.

After two years, SLFP members graduate from the program. Thanasiu said student fellows leave the program with a lot of references and connections and a great experience.

"You meet a ton of people from other organizations and network with them," Hartssock said.

Junior English major Kerry Wallaert, who is currently in her second year of the program, said SLFP has been a great experience. Wallaert is doing her community service internship with Negaunee Middle School seventh and eighth graders.

"It's a really good program," Wallaert said. "I've met a lot of people and have become more involved in the community and on campus. It's been a great experience."

Hartssock said SLFP is a great addition to a resume, but requires some effort.

"It's not just a blow off organization," Hartssock said. "But the time you put in is definitely worth it."



# THINGS TO DO

## Today, February 7

**Film:** "Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" (PG) at 7 and 10 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

**Play:** Lab/Studio II Student-Directed Plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

## Friday, February 8

**Play:** Lab/Studio II Student-Directed Plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

**Event:** A Drag Show will be held at 8 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.

**Comedian:** Billy Dean Washington will perform at 8 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

**Meeting:** Intersivity Christian Fellowship will have a meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Brule Room.

**Meeting:** The International Affairs Office will hold an informational meeting on study abroad programs from 1:15 to 3 p.m. in

Room 311 of the Learning Resource Center. at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

## Saturday, February 9

**Writing Proficiency Exam**

**Play:** Lab/Studio II Student-Directed Plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre.

**Film:** "Riding in Cars with Boys" (PG-13) at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

**Event:** Valentine Soiree will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in Lee Hall at NMU. Call 227-2627 for more information.

## Sunday, February 10

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

**Event:** Snow Statue Competition begins at 1 p.m.

**Film:** "Riding in Cars with Boys" (PG-13)

## Monday, February 11

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

**Women's Basketball:** NMU vs. UM-Dearborn at 5:30 p.m.

**Event:** Airband Competition at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms

**Men's Basketball:** NMU vs. Northland Baptist at 7:30 p.m.

**Event:** Northwoods Wilderness Discovery meeting at 7 p.m. in the Community Room, at the Peter White Library.

## Tuesday, February 12

**Event:** Winter Games from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson Field.

**Workshop:** All Campus Tutoring, located in Jamrich Room 225, will hold a workshop on "Time Management" from 5 to 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 13

**Event:** Broomball Finals, time to be announced, in Payne/Halverson Field.

**Performance:** Mad Chad at 7:30 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

**Meeting:** Native American Student Association will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson lobby.

## MAKE CONTACT

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 54, MTU 75; NMU 95, FSU 75**

## 'Cats suffer against Huskies on the road

BY BUCK WICKSTROM  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northern Michigan University women's basketball team (8-5 GLIAC, 13-7 overall) have already played a pair of games this week, and will be playing one more before it is over.

So far the women have split the decisions.

In the second game of the week, which was played Tuesday, the women did not

fare as well as they had hoped, dropping the road game, 75-54, to the Michigan Tech Huskies (7-6 GLIAC, 13-8 overall).

In the game, freshman guard Shannon Boyer led the way for the Wildcats as she put in a game-high 14



Simcik

points. Senior guard Marisa DellAngelo was second best, putting in 11 and dishing out five assists.

For the game, the women only shot 32 percent from the field.

In Sunday's home game against the No. 2 team in the GLIAC, Ferris State University (7-5 GLIAC, 11-8 overall), the women beat the Bulldogs, 95-75. The 95 was a season high for the women, and two players had career bests in the game.

Senior center Kelly Simcik led the way

with her career-high 28 points. She shot 100 percent from the field, a perfect nine of nine, including a three-pointer, and shot 90 percent from the charity stripe, missing only one of her 10 attempts. Simcik's previous high game was 17.

"We were really focused on what we had to do," Simcik said. "We had been working on passing, catching, and making our lay-ups. We knew they were going to

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**HOCKEY REVIEW NMU 6, FSU 4; NMU 1, FSU 4**

## Wildcats split with Bulldogs

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcats split a two-game series last weekend with the Ferris State Bulldogs in the Berry Events Center.

The Wildcats (11-7-2 CCHA, 18-8-2 overall) won the first game of the series, 6-4. NMU took the lead in the first period when senior center Chad Theuer scored his 12th goal of the season at 6:55. Freshman defenseman Jesse Baraniuk was credited with the assist.

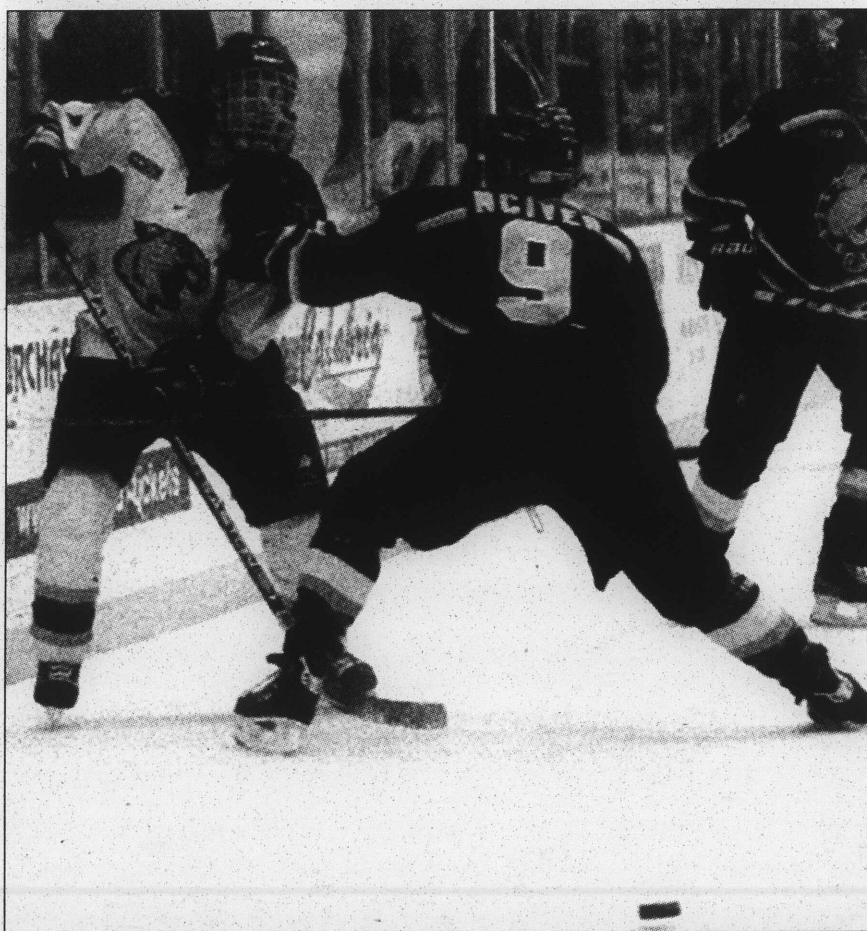
Less than a minute later, the Wildcats increased their lead when sophomore left wing Matt Hunter scored his fourth goal of the season. The third line of Hunter, sophomore right wing Brent Robertson and red-shirt freshman Kevin Gardner gave the Wildcats some added offensive production Friday night.

"Hunter and Gardner were both flying out there (last) weekend," Robertson said. "We got a lot of scoring chances and we should've capitalized on them a little more."

The Bulldogs came back and scored three straight goals to take the lead 3-2, but their lead did not last long.

After the Bulldogs scored their third goal at 3:08 of the second period, the Wildcats came back with two goals of their own in the second period to take a 4-3 lead going into the third period.

"It was a little bit of a ping-pong match," Theuer said "I think we played a good third period. We scored at the right time to get the win."



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior center Chad Theuer battles a Ferris State defenseman during Saturday's game. Despite 32 shots on goal, the Bulldog defense handed NMU a 4-1 loss.

The Bulldogs scored first in the third period, tying the game at four at 9:14 of the period.

But at 10:01 of the period the Wildcat third line struck again, as Robertson

scored what proved to be the game-winning goal. Hunter and Gardner were credited with assists.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW  
SVSU, NORTHLAND BAPTIST**

## Men take on Cardinals tonight

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
STAFF WRITER

After Tuesday night's loss to Michigan Tech, the Northern Michigan University Wildcats will be back on the road traveling to Saginaw Valley.

Tonight the 'Cats will travel to meet Saginaw Valley State at 7:30 p.m. in University Center, Mich.

Northern is 1-0 for the season against SVSU. NMU defeated Saginaw, 77-64, in the Berry Events Center on Jan 19.

Saginaw Valley is led by senior guard Larry Copeland, who tied the team high with eight assists in their last game against Lake Superior State.

SVSU is currently 6th in the GLIAC North standings with a record of 2-10 and an overall season of 5-15.

On Feb. 11, Northern will meet with Northland Baptist at the Berry Events Center at 7:30 p.m.

Northland Baptist is currently 1-4 in the Midwest region and has a record of 5-19 for the season overall.

This game will be the first time the Wildcats meet with the Pioneers this season.

With Tuesday night's loss, Northern remains third in the GLIAC North Division with a conference record of 5-7 and 11-8 overall mark.



# Northern's football program begins new era

## SAMS

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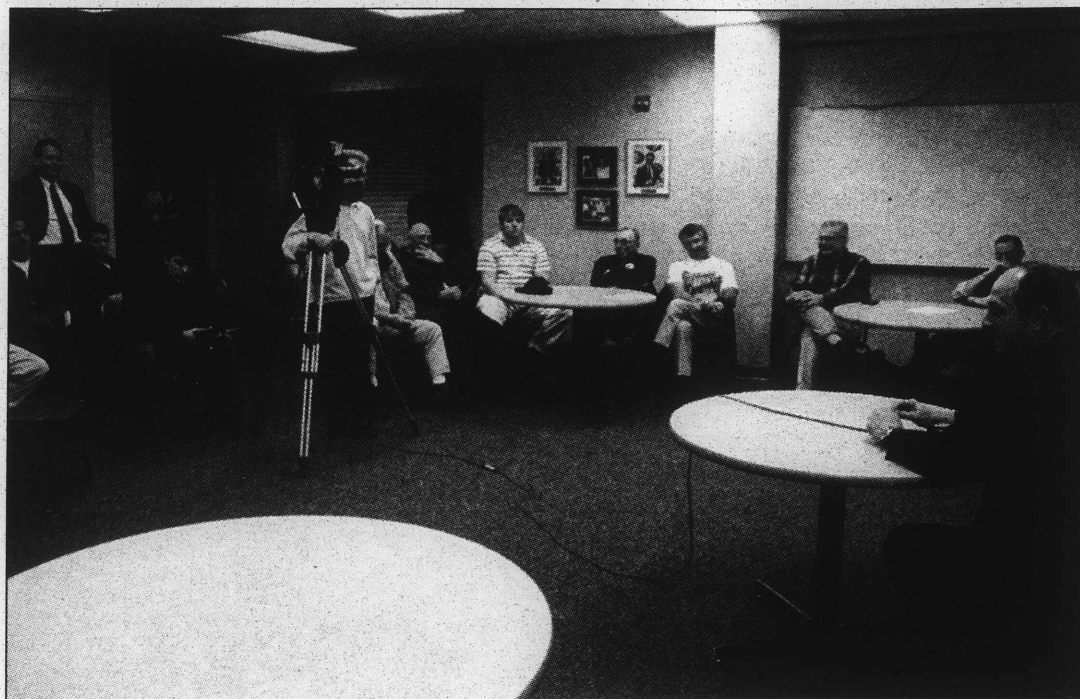
said. "We want a person that will be involved in the community, both the campus as well as the Marquette.

"We're looking for a real people person."

The search for a head coach started over the semester break after former head coach Eric Holm resigned on Dec. 8 due to what he called "philosophical differences of opinion." The situation was also related to a petition signed by about 40 returning football players, stating they would not play for Holm the following season. Holm had been the head coach at NMU since 1995 and compiled a 43-31 record over seven years.

Back in mid-January, the search committee selected five candidates for interviews from a pool of 59 applicants. The first candidate interviewed was John Miech, who has been the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for the last 14 years. Miech was in Marquette on Jan. 17.

NMU offered the position to Miech over the weekend of Jan. 26 to 27, but he decided to



**New head football coach Doug Sams spent Monday on Northern's campus, meeting with players, coaches, administrators and community members. During the day, he fielded questions about topics from football to charity work during a press conference in the Izzo-Mariucci Academic Center.**

Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

decline the offer.

"It came down to the situation with his wife," Godfrey said. "It was just the direction they chose to go."

Miech told the Mining Journal that the reason he turned down the offer was due to the lack of

job opportunities for his wife, Shiela, who is currently the head soccer coach at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

A few days later, the committee offered the position to Dan Enos, the current quarterback coach for Western Michigan

University, who also declined the offer. Enos had been the offensive coordinator/backfield coach at NMU in 1996.

"He felt the timing wasn't right," Godfrey said. "I don't know what the exact reason was."

NMU brought in the two additional candidates this week: Sams on Monday and Shannon Griffith on Tuesday. Griffith is an assistant coach at Division I Ball State University.

Despite the controversy surrounding the resignation of Holm, Godfrey said the committee did not have trouble finding applicants.

"We've had over 60 candidates that've applied," Godfrey said. "There's a lot of interest. We are very honest and straightforward with the candidates; we're honest about the Marquette area, the situation surrounding the team ... the ones I've talked to are pretty open to see what we have to offer."

Godfrey also addressed the criticism the committee received for taking so long to find a replacement.

"If anyone wants someone to blame, blame me," he said. "I am determined to find the right person for this position. We don't want to just do something quick. We want to make a decision that is best for the program in the long run.

"We're going to get the right person for this program."

## Sams offers experience, aggressive coaching style

BY KRISTY BASOLO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Doug Sams, the new head football coach, met with the media on Monday during his interview visit.

During that conference, he discussed his philosophies, for both on and off the field.

Sams has been the head coach at Fairmont State for 10 years, where he had a 53-47 record. His team won the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships in 1996 and 2000. Prior to that, he was the offensive coordinator for the Ottawa Rough Riders from 1989 to 1991. During that time, the team made the Canadian Football League playoffs twice.

His other head coaching experience came in 1988 at Urbana University in Ohio, where he had

a 5-5 record that season.

In 1987, Sams was the defensive line and special teams coach for the Edmonton Eskimos, a year in which they won the Grey Cup Championship. The year prior he was the offensive line coach for the Montreal Alouettes.

At Idaho State University, he was the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator from 1984 to 1985, and the quarterback, receiver and tight end coach in a year in which the team made it to the I-AA playoffs.

Sams received his master's of physical education degree from Idaho State in 1984.

At the University of Northern Iowa, Sams was the offensive line coach from 1980 to 1982, and the receivers' coach in 1979.

Sams started his coaching career in 1978 when he was hired as the defensive line coach at

Oregon State University, where he also received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1978.

His overall collegiate coaching record stands at 58-52.

At the interview session on Monday, Sams said, if hired, he had a task list already formulated.

"First and foremost, I would address the needs of the team," Sams said. "I would reassure the 64 guys here that things are going to be OK."

Secondly, Sams said he would solidify his staff. Assistant vice president of athletics and recreation Ken Godfrey said the new head coach would not be forced to inherit the current staff.

"Whoever we hire, it was the terms that they could choose their own assistants and staff," Godfrey said. "[The head coach] will be doing interviews for those positions."

Godfrey also said that does not automatically eliminate the current Wildcat coaching staff.

Third, Sams said he would address recruiting, which is crucial at this point in the year.

Godfrey said in the absence of a head coach, the assistant coaches have been taking care of recruiting and other related things, such as signing letters of intent, a process that started nationally on Wednesday.

Sams described his coaching style as aggressive. He talked about running a no-huddle offense, a 34 defense and a balanced game between passing and running; however, he said these sort of choices depend on the team. He also described himself as a players' coach.

"Good coaches are good teachers," Sams said.

In the tradition of the former

coach, Sams also said academics are a big part of his focus.

"I need to know what's going on with my players," he said. "If someone is having a bad practice, I'll pull them aside and find out what the problem is. I also want to know their class schedules, and what they've got going on in their classes.

"I'm a lousy mind reader; I need to know if there are issues we need to deal with so they can focus."

Sams has a 10-year-old daughter. His wife, Brenda, is currently a secretary at a hospital in the Fairmont area.

Sams said he is very involved in the community in Fairmont. He has been involved in the community theater, acting in several plays, as well as community service organizations and booster events.



MEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 44, MTU 72; NMU 80, FSU 63; NMU 76, GVSU 69

# Loss to Huskies breaks winning streak

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
STAFF WRITER

After going 3-0, the NMU men's basketball team's winning streak was squashed by the Michigan Tech Huskies on Tuesday night, 72-44.

Tuesday night, the 'Cats traveled to Houghton to meet with the No. 10 NCAA II-ranked Michigan Tech.

Tech took an early lead and kept their momentum going. NMU only managed to get within two, and then fell behind by double digits through the remaining minutes of the game.

Sophomore forward Billy Hill led with 12 points for the 'Cats, followed by sophomore center Milan Azanjac who added 10.

The Huskies are ranked first in the GLIAC with a record of 11-2 and are 19-2 overall.

After a big win over the No. 2 team in the GLIAC, Northwood on Jan. 27, NMU continued their fresh winning streak at the Berry Events Center against Grand Valley State. The Wildcats came out on top with 76-69 victory.

Sophomore forward Steve Watts led the team in scoring with a team high of 23 points. Senior forward Damian Matacz had a game-high 12 rebounds and also added 22 points to his team's final score.

Grand Valley now drops to 11-11 overall and 4-8 in the GLIAC.

Northern then stayed at home on Sunday and met with the Bulldogs of Ferris State. After a

slow start, the Wildcats pulled together and kept Ferris within double digits for a final score of 80-63.

"We got great help from our bench tonight," Hill said. "They came in and got things rolling for us again."

Hill and Matacz both had game-high totals of 22 points. Hill's first three point shot lit up the board for NMU, and he stayed consistent, going 6 for 8 from outside the three point line.

"Billy started off with a big shot for us," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "It got him and everyone going. I thought we played well early."

Matacz was named GLIAC North Division Player of the Week. He is seven points away

from 15th place on NMU's career scoring list with 1,240 points.

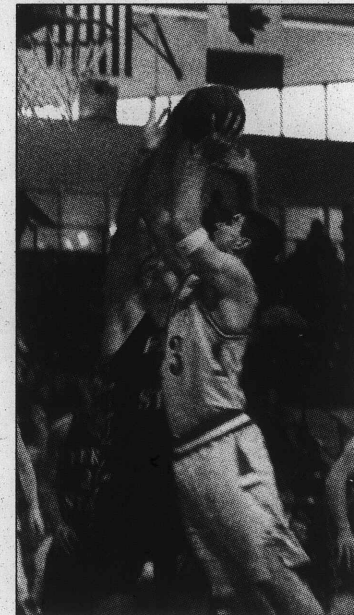
Northern's victory keeps Ferris winless in the GLIAC with a 0-12 record. They are 3-17 overall for the season.

Northern remains in third place with a GLIAC record of 5-8 and 11-9 overall.

**N. MICHIGAN (44)** Watts 2-7 0-0 5; LePage 1-5 0-1 2; Matacz 3-8 0-0 6; Hill 5-13 0-0 12; Greenwood 2-6 0-0 4; Azanjac 4-7 2-6 10; Dillon 2-5 0-0 5. TOTALS 19-56 2-7 44.

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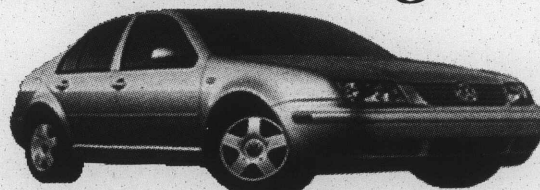
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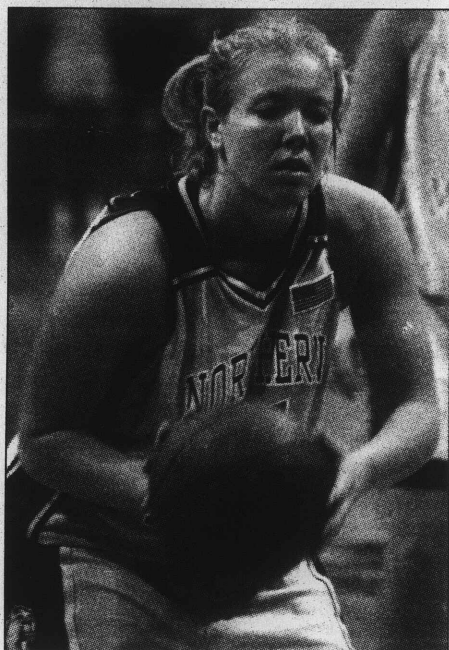
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW SAGINAW VALLEY, MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, NORTHWOOD

# 'Cats eye national tournament possibility



Brad Decker/NW  
Junior guard Leigh Ann Dalton

BY BUCK WICKSTROM  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a tough road loss to conference foe Michigan Tech, the women are now traveling down to Saginaw Valley State (2-10 GLIAC, 8-12 overall) to face the Cardinals in what will be the 'Cats' third conference game in five days.

"We need to take each opponent as they come," head coach Mike Geary said. "If we prepare ourselves as best we can mentally and physically, we're going to be a tough team to beat."

Senior guard Marisa DellAngelo still leads the team in offense with 393 total points and 100 assists. She has also made a team high 49 three-pointers and has made 90.9 percent of her shots from the free throw line.

Senior center Kelly Simcik, who is coming off of a career high 28 points on Sunday, is second on the team with 230

total points, just nine points ahead of junior forward Elena Keranen, who has 221. Keranen is the team's leading rebounder with 125, but has seen limited playing time in the past couple games due to an ankle injury.

Junior guard Leigh Ann Dalton has also been coming on strong, with a career-high 22 points on Sunday, and is fourth in points scored with 213. She is also only one behind DellAngelo in three-pointers made with 48.

"Every single game from here on out is huge," Dalton said. "We have to look at every game as putting us in a place at the end of the year to go to the national tournament."

For the Cardinals, senior guard Kathryn Williams is leading the team in most statistical categories as she has notched 318 points on the season, and has passed it off 48 times. She is also leading the team in steals with 38.

Her counterpart, junior guard Erin Johnson, is the team's second leading scorer with 199 points on the season.

After playing against Saginaw Valley State, the women must keep up the hectic schedule and get ready for their last two home appearances against Michigan-DeARBORN on Feb. 11.

After that, they return home for the final home game against GLIAC foe Northwood University the following Thursday.

For Northwood, a sophomore center is leading the way in scoring this season. Leah Douglas has tallied 263 points which is a 13.2 point per game average.

Senior guard Lauren Metaj is leading in most other statistical categories this year with 107 rebounds, 56 assists and 38 steals.

She is second in scoring with 246 total points. Senior guard Georgia Senkyr rounds out the top three with 151 points.

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## HOCKEY PREVIEW WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BRONCOS

# NMU looks to solidify home-ice for playoffs

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

With the season coming to an end and the race for home-ice in the CCHA play-off heating up, the 10th ranked (USA Today/American Hockey Magazine, U.S. College Hockey Online) Northern Michigan University Wildcats have a favorable schedule for the remainder of the year.

They have four teams left to play and all four of those teams are in the bottom half of the CCHA standings.

"Normally you'd look at our schedule and think that it's favorable," senior center Chad Theuer said. "But in this league, any team is capable of beating anybody any night so we don't even look at that."

"We have to play our game to get the wins."

This week the Wildcats (11-7-2 CCHA,

18-8-2 overall) face the Western Michigan Broncos (8-9-3 CCHA, 14-10-4 overall) on the road in Kalamazoo. The Broncos are 11-4-2 at home and have beaten both Michigan and Michigan State this season on the campus of WMU.

Last weekend against Bowling Green the Broncos scored 13 goals in a two-game sweep. WSU beat Bowling Green, 8-1 and 5-4.

"We're going to go down there and try to get two wins," Theuer said. "We know that they are a good team. We're going to have to work hard and play our best."

Senior forward Mike Bishi leads the Broncos in scoring with 31 points (9-22-31). Last weekend Bishi recorded five points against Bowling Green (1-4-5).

As a team, the Broncos are third in the CCHA in goals per game with an average of 3.15. The Wildcats are sixth with 3.05 goals per game.

Defensively the Wildcats have the advantage. NMU is fourth in the CCHA in goals against average (2.30) while the Broncos are ninth (3.35).

"Any team we play, we look at it like 'If we play our best game, we'll win,'" sophomore right wing Brent Robertson said. "Our game plan is always the same. We need to outwork the other team."

Last weekend the NMU third line of Robertson, sophomore left wing Matt Hunter and red-shirt freshman center Kevin Gardner got involved in the scoring, giving the Wildcats three potent scoring lines.

The top line of Theuer, junior right wing Bryce Cockburn and junior left wing Mike Stutzel continues to produce for the Wildcats.

Cockburn leads the team with 16 goals and Theuer leads the CCHA in overall scoring with 41 points (12-29-41). Junior

center Chris Gobert centers the Wildcats second line and is a major scoring threat. Gobert is third on the team in scoring with 28 points (10-18-28).

The Wildcat defense is sound as well. Junior defenseman Jimmy Jackson leads the team in the plus-minus department with a plus-20 rating.

Starting in goal for the Wildcats will be sophomore Craig Kowalski. He has a 2.21 goals against average and is 16-8-2 this season for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats are currently in fifth place in the CCHA, two points behind Alaska-Fairbanks, but they have four games at hand over UA-F.

With a schedule that contains four teams at the bottom of the CCHA standings, NMU will look to solidify home-ice-advantage for the CCHA playoffs in the next couple of weeks starting this weekend against the Broncos.

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NORDIC SKIING REVIEW

# Nordic skiers sweep weekend competition

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The cross country skiers were victorious this weekend as both the men's and women's teams finished first both days.

The races were held on World Cup trails in Cable, Wis.

The women defeated the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and Michigan Tech on Saturday in the 5K Classic.

For the Wildcats, sophomore Rachel Daw, freshman Tami Kochen, junior Caitlin Compton and freshman Shannon Dikkema took second through fifth places, respectively, on Saturday.

The men's rivalry with UA-F continued Saturday as they came in first with 84 points, beating UA-F by a narrow margin in the

10K race. Senior Matt Weier, junior David Duede, sophomore Jon Filardo and junior Hjalmar Westie took second through fifth places, respectively, on Saturday.

"[The courses] were a lot harder than we were used to," Daw said.

Daw finished second on Saturday and fourth on Sunday for the women. She said the course was hilly, but that she likes the hills.

"The teams had good weather for the races," head coach Sten Fjeldheim said.

The trails are called World Cup courses; Fjeldheim said that is exactly what they were.

"The very, very difficult trails helped the athletes separate themselves from the other teams," Fjeldheim said.

Both teams came away from Saturday with first place finishes, which they repeated on Sunday.

Compton took first place in the 15K race on Sunday for the women. Her teammates followed her with Dikkema in third, Daw in fourth and Kochen in fifth. The women came in first with 94 points over MTU and UAF in second and third.

Weier placed first for the men, followed by teammate Filardo in second. Duede was sixth and Westie was 11th.

Fjeldheim said the courses had steep hills, which came one after another. He described the snow cover as just barely enough, but the courses held up. Cable received two inches of snow Saturday night, which groomed the trails to improved conditions.

"The difference for the men this week was Filardo, Duede and Westie stepped up well," Fjeldheim said.

The Nordic skiers have two weeks off before they have the NCAA Regionals at Jack's Ridge in Minnesota. Both the men's and women's teams have won the regional the last six years.

Fjeldheim said his athletes can do it again this year.

It will also come down to the regional to determine who represents NMU at the Nationals next month. Fjeldheim said Compton, Kochen and Daw have to compete against each other for the remaining women's spot.

NMU freshman Melissa Oram and sophomore Aubrey Smith currently hold the first spots to compete in Europe. For the men,

Weier, Filardo and Duede have qualified for Nationals. Fjeldheim said Hjalmar could take a spot if he wins at regionals.

*Men's 10K Classic*

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| 1. N. MICHIGAN                    | 84 |
| 2. University of Alaska-Fairbanks | 81 |
| 3. Michigan Tech                  | 69 |
| 4. St. Olaf                       | 58 |
| 5. UW-Green Bay                   | 53 |

*Men's 20K Freestyle*

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. N. MICHIGAN                    | 84 |
| 2. University of Alaska-Fairbanks | 71 |
| 2. Michigan Tech                  | 71 |
| 4. UW-Green Bay                   | 61 |
| 5. St. Olaf                       | 58 |

*Women's 5K Classic*

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. N. MICHIGAN                    | 93 |
| 2. University of Alaska-Fairbanks | 83 |
| 3. Michigan Tech                  | 70 |
| 4. Gustavus Adolphus              | 60 |
| 5. St. Olaf                       | 58 |

*Women's 15K Freestyle*

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. N. MICHIGAN                    | 94 |
| 2. Michigan Tech                  | 80 |
| 3. University of Alaska-Fairbanks | 74 |
| 4. UW-Green Bay                   | 56 |
| 4. Gustavus Adolphus              | 56 |

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SWIMMING REVIEW NMU 96, EMU 133; NMU 89.5, MSU 132.5

# 'Cats struggle against Division I schools

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University swimming and diving team stepped up to compete in two Division I meets last weekend.

While they came away with two losses, head coach Chris Coraggio said the experience will make them better.

"The objective in racing Division I schools was to allow the team to challenge themselves with higher competition than just Division II schools," Coraggio said.

Friday night the team took on Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. Eastern won the event, 133-96. Northern, however, did not go away without accomplishment. Sophomore diver Kathie Cole finished second with an A-National qualifying score of 375.90 in 1-meter diving. She also finished first in 3-meter

diving Friday night.

Cole said she had wanted to qualify for nationals since the first meet. She represented NMU there last year, but only dove in the first round.

"I felt excited because I didn't get to do exactly what I wanted last year," Cole said.

She has set higher goals for herself at nationals this year.

"I have to work on not being so nervous," she said.

Junior Kristy Vermillion finished first in the 1,000 freestyle and sophomore Patti Wegner finished first in the 200 Individual Medley. Coraggio said they were both good times since they were not swimming rested.



Cole

On Saturday, NMU went to Lansing to face Michigan State. The final score of the meet was 132.5-89.5.

Coraggio said that the divers had some of their best performances of the season on Saturday. He also said that Vermillion was close to her rested time even though she was not rested.

This weekend the NMU team travels to Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich.

They will take on both Grand Valley and Hillsdale in a double-dual meet. Coraggio said both teams have strong individuals, but the competition level will not be as high as last weekend.

N. Michigan Michigan State 89.5 132.5

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 3<sup>rd</sup> NMU (Krisy Vermillion, Dena Quick, Shelly Ruspakka, Patti Wagner); 6<sup>th</sup> NMU (Larisa Graham, Sarah Verbrugge, Lindsay Vermillion, Katie Worley)

400 MEDLEY RELAY — 4<sup>th</sup> NMU (Jill Bren, Jamie Lewis,

Worley, Sam Pechek); 5<sup>th</sup> NMU (Lea Karavias, Emily Lapinski, Ruspakka, Verbrugge)

50 FREESTYLE — 2<sup>nd</sup> Quick, 24.39; 5<sup>th</sup> Bren, 26.05; Verbrugge, 26.55.

100 FREESTYLE — 3<sup>rd</sup> Quick, 55.45; 5<sup>th</sup> Ruspakka, 57.10; 6<sup>th</sup> Worley, 58.61.

200 FREESTYLE — 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Vermillion 1:56.60; 4<sup>th</sup> Wegner 2:00.46; 7<sup>th</sup> Laura Curran 2:22.39.

500 FREESTYLE — 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Vermillion, 5:16.42; 5<sup>th</sup> Laura Curran, 6:18.44.

1,000 FREESTYLE — 3<sup>rd</sup> L. Vermillion, 11:14.97.

200 BREASTSTROKE — 3<sup>rd</sup> Lewis, 2:34.34; 5<sup>th</sup> Lapinski, 2:45.53; 6<sup>th</sup> Bren, 2:46.73.

200 BACKSTROKE — 4<sup>th</sup> L. Vermillion, 2:23.27; 5<sup>th</sup> Karavias, 2:49.77.

200 BUTTERFLY — 4<sup>th</sup> Graham, 2:21.62.

300 IM — 4<sup>th</sup> Lewis, 5:05.67; 5<sup>th</sup> Lapinski 5:42.17.

1 Meter Dive — 4<sup>th</sup> Kathie Cole, 243.9; 5<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Bobay, 231.30.

3 Meter Dive — 4<sup>th</sup> Cole, 232.50; 5<sup>th</sup> Bobay, 200.25.

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HOCKEY

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"Every game is a big game," Robertson said. "This game was a battle, a real physical game, but we came out on top."

The next night the Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and the Wildcats managed just one goal despite 32 shots on net.

"They got a couple quick ones early on us," Robertson said. "We couldn't battle back. We didn't play our best hockey."

FSU would add another goal in the second period, making the score 3-0. In the third period, the 'Cats tried to mount a comeback.

"We battled back hard in the third period, but it wasn't enough," Robertson said. "We have to play like that for 60 minutes. If we would've played like we did in the third period for 60 minutes we win that game."

Senior defenseman Sean Connolly scored his fourth goal of the season in the third period, Robertson and Hunter assisted.

"In the first two periods we didn't play that well," Theuer said. "We didn't crash the net as

hard as we could. We just didn't have that upbeat tempo that we normally have. In the third period we came out and played one of our better periods of the year but their goalie came up big."

N. Michigan 0 0 1 1  
**Ferris State** 2 1 1 4  
**FIRST PERIOD** — 1. FSU Derek Nesbitt 7 (Jeff Legue), 4:53; 2. FSU Matt York 1 (Rob Collins, Jason Basile), 7:38.  
**SECOND PERIOD** — 3. FSU Chris Kunitz 24 (Collins, Troy Milam), sh, 4:29.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 1. NMU Sean Connolly 4 (Brent Robertson, Matt Hunter), ppg, 10:17; 4. FSU Kunitz 25 (Collins), 19:11.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU, 1-5; FSU, 0-4. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 7-14; FSU, 8-16. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU 17 (Craig Kowalski 6-8-3); FSU 31 (Mike Brown 13-6-12).

N. Michigan 2 2 2 6  
**Ferris State** 2 1 1 4  
**FIRST PERIOD** — 1. NMU Chad Theuer 12 (Jesse Baraniuk), 6:55; 2. NMU Hunter 4 (Peter Michelutti, Connolly), 7:52; 1. FSU Derrick McIver 9 (Legue, Kristian Schrode), 10:04; 2. FSU Phil Lewandowski 8 (Milam, McIver), ppg, 15:30.  
**SECOND PERIOD** — 3. FSU Collins 12, 3:08; 3. NMU Mike Stutzel 13 (Chad Theuer, Chris Gobert), ppg, 4:16; 4. NMU Gobert 10 (Michelutti), 13:41.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 4. FSU Kunitz 23 (Collins, Basile), 9:14; 5. NMU Robertson 3 (Hunter, Matt Gardner), 10:01; 6. NMU Bryce Cockburn 16 (Stutzel, Baraniuk), 19:48.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU 1-3; FSU 1-5. **PENALTIES** — NMU 10-20; FSU 9-26. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU 21 (Craig Kowalski 8-9-4); FSU 26 (Mike Brown 5-10-11).

WOMEN

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play behind us; we just focused."

Junior guard Leigh Ann Dalton also had a career day, netting 22 points for the women, compared to her previous high of 19.

She was also hot from the field, nailing six of her eight shots, including five of six from beyond the arc.

Dalton was also the team's leader on defense with four steals.

"It's the people passing me the ball," Dalton said. "This team is unselfish, and that is how I get the looks that I get."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
GLIAC NORTH DIVISION STANDINGS		
Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Lake Superior State	11-2	17-2
2. <b>N. MICHIGAN</b>	8-5	13-7
3. Ferris State	7-5	11-8
4. Michigan Tech	7-6	13-8
5. Grand Valley State	5-7	11-9
6. Saginaw Valley State	2-10	8-12
7. Northwood	2-11	6-14

Last Thursday, the women faced off against GLIAC foe Grand Valley State University at the Berry Events Center.

DellAngelo put up 27 points and was the leading scorer, but it was not enough as the Wildcats dropped a close ball game 74-72.

Kelly Simcik notched 15, and had eight rebounds in the loss. Dalton also chipped in 15.

**MICHIGAN TECH (75)** Novak 13-17 0-0 28; Harden 5-10 2-2 12; Kriegl 2-3 0-0 4; Pernsteiner 4-8 0-0 8; Pietila 5-9 0-0 12; Lehner 1-7 0-0 2; McClone 0-4 2-2 2; Madden 1-2 0-0 3; Miller 1-1 0-0 3; Sweeney 0-1 2-2 2.  
**TOTALS** 32-62 6-6 75.

**N. MICHIGAN (54)** DellAngelo 4-17 2-2 11; Boyer 5-8 0-0 14; Wawrzyniak 3-9 2-3 8; K. Simcik 3-7 2-2 8; Dalton 1-4 6-9 9; M. Simcik 1-3 0-0 3; Kapela 0-2 1-2 1.  
**TOTALS** 17-52 13-18 54.

**THREE-POINTERS** — Boyer 4, Dalton 1, DellAngelo 1, M. Simcik 1; M. Simcik 1.  
**REBOUNDS** — MTU 37 (Novak 7), N. Michigan 31 (Wawrzyniak 8); **ASSISTS** — MTU 21 (Pietila 9), N. Michigan 13 (DellAngelo 5);

**TOTAL FOULS** — MTU 19, N. Michigan 11; **TECHNICALS** — none.

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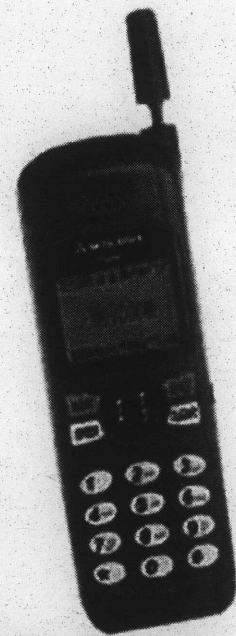
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