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Connecting continues

Classrooms await compatibility, wireless connections problematic

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University is continuing with plans to wire classrooms for Internet access.

President of Finance and Planning Gavin Leach said 25 of 66 classrooms are wired for student use, and 53 have docking stations at the front of the room used mainly for faculty or students giving presentations.

Leach said NMU does not intend to wire every room, but to focus on selected rooms and lecture halls.

West Science and Jamrich have the largest seat counts of the education buildings on campus.

West Science has nine classrooms wired for student use, and all but one classroom has docking stations. Two of three lecture halls are fully wired for student

use and have a docking station.

Jamrich has four classrooms fully wired, and four classrooms with docking stations. Room 206 is the only room fully wired for students with a docking station, and none of the lecture halls are wired at all.

It may be a couple of years before Jamrich has power plugs in every room, Leach said. Jamrich was supposed to be overhauled according to a capital project. It would have been fully wired. NMU had to take Jamrich off the project because the state wouldn't allow Northern to renovate multiple buildings, Leach said.

Leach said Jamrich is not keeping up with West Science in terms of power plugs and Ethernet.

Leach said NMU will be reviewing the demand for build-

ings to be wired this spring, and if Northern finds high demand, it will be met.

"Classrooms can be adjusted as well," Leach said. "If teachers need network classrooms, classes can be scheduled in another building."

NMU does have classrooms available to reserve if instructors need temporary networking. Before construction began on the LRC, four classrooms were available, said John Limback, director of academic computing.

Limback said that as far as he knows, any teachers that have requested their rooms to be wired have been scheduled for networking.

Limback said that while not all classrooms are wired, NMU is trying to provide students and faculty with more software that works without networking. This software includes Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word and Adobe Pagemaker.

"I think a lot of people feel

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Mad juggler



Dan Grimm/NW

Comedian Mad Chad juggles running chainsaws in Jamrich Hall 102 last night as part of the NMU Winter Fest activities.

Sexual assault reports raise awareness

BY KRISTI ARLT
STAFF WRITER

Two separate cases of criminal sexual conduct were reported to NMU Public Safety at the end of January in Meyland and Gant halls.

Investigator Victor LaDuke led the investigation of the cases, which NMU Public Safety sent to the Marquette county prosecutor's office and to the dean of students. The suspects in both cases were identified, LaDuke said, but no warrants have been issued and there will not be any arrests.

LaDuke said the prosecuting attorney was not pressing charges because there was insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

"There's no specific dorm [that has been targeted with criminal sexual conduct] more than any other, that I'm aware of," LaDuke said.

As part of its crime prevention pro-

gram, NMU Public Safety offers the rape aggression defense system.

"[The RAD system] empowers women through self defense by education, dependency on self, decision making responsibilities and self realization of physical power," Sgt. Don Peterman said.

Peterman began teaching RAD classes last year and has two RAD classes this semester, on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings.

The class began for free in the residence halls, Peterman said, but now it's offered for credit and students can register to take the course. The course number is

HP 295: Special Topics.

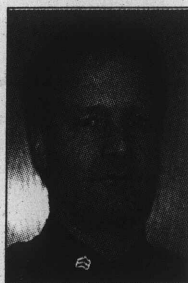
The RAD course involves discussing issues, bookwork, instruction on self-defense, a look at resistance statistics, a close study of self-defense research and education about criminal sexual conduct laws, Peterman said.

Many women are also unaware of the laws concerning criminal sexual conduct, Peterman said.

"Statistics indicate only one in 10 cases of sexual assault are reported to the police," Peterman said.

The RAD classes get women to speak

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Peterman

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they can only use computers with Internet connection," Limback said. "Much of the software available does not need networking, and I think we have many students who do not understand this."

Wiring buildings for Internet connections is expensive and may not be necessary some day. Wireless technology is in the near future, Leach said.

This year's laptops for Fall 2002 will have wireless cards in them, so for one year some students will have wireless, and some will have to continue going to wired areas, Limback said.

By Fall 2003, everyone with an NMU laptop will have wireless capabilities, Limback said.

Most of the Learning Research Center and Thomas Fine Arts lounge already have wireless, along with on-campus apartments, the Superior Dome and the Berry Events Center areas, Leach said.

"We've tried to make areas where students congregate wireless, such as the Peter White Lounge and the area in the LRC by the cafeteria," Leach said. "After talking with other schools that wired every room, they essentially said it was a waste of money, and that Northern

should concentrate on areas where students are the most."

Leach said that on-campus apartments have had some problems, mostly due to equipment. Jamie Kuehnl, a senior English major living at 1701 Lincoln, said wireless has short comings.

"One time it was down for three days without any prior notification," Kuehnl said. "We have to pay \$50 a semester. We also had to sign a waiver stating that if anything happened to our wireless cards, we would have to pay \$150."

Leach said Northern should be getting new equipment any day to correct these problems.

Plans are to make Jamrich more wireless this summer in open areas like hallways where students often gather, Limback said.

NMU is focusing on the hallways rather than the classrooms because wireless technology is already changing, Leach said.

However, students and faculty still need power outlets to run their computers.

"The laptops are fine for classes under two hours," Limback said.

NMU still plans on wiring more classrooms and adding power plugs. NMU is looking at wiring about six rooms this summer mostly in West Science, Leach said.

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up and be verbal, he said, because many women do not know how or have been raised not to speak out.

Peterman said statistics show one out of four female college students will be sexually assaulted during their college career.

"What is even more disturbing is that on the college scene it's almost always someone the victim knew and trusted," Peterman said. "The simple phrase, 'I will survive,' is one of the most important things students learn."

By making women aware of the risks, teaching them how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and training them self-defense moves, they can reduce the potential of becoming a victim, Peterman said.

"They turn fear into anger," he said.

At the end of this class women recognize their own physical power, learn more about themselves and find out they're stronger than

they thought, he said.

"These are the toughest girls on campus," Peterman said.

Junior behavioral psychology major Jessie Hishon said she thinks the RAD class is a lot of fun.

"You know if you have to you can stand up for yourself," Hishon said. "With [RAD] you're given the confidence to know you can get away (from a dangerous situation)."

Some of Peterman's students have told him it was the best class they had taken at NMU.

"I love this class," Peterman said. "I live for it."

Junior media productions and new technologies major Eryn Kovach said she feels as though she can handle herself if something happened.

"[Peterman] is awesome," Kovach said. "I don't feel helpless anymore. I'm strong enough to beat up a guy. [RAD] should be a required HP course for freshmen females," she said.

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BRIEFS

Local

Man assaults woman, kills pet dog

The Marquette police arrested a 43-year-old Marquette man during the early morning hours on Tuesday for domestic assault, killing an animal and arson of a residence. The 49-year-old female victim had fled her home and ran to a neighbor to call police after being assaulted. The suspect was still in her home and he killed her pet dog. The suspect set a wicker chair on the stove, causing a fire. The fire was extinguished by the officers. The officers removed the suspect from the residence. The male suspect was lodged in the Marquette County Jail pending authorization of warrants.

National

Walker Lindh pleads not guilty

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — John Walker Lindh pleaded not guilty Wednesday to 10 charges filed against him in federal court, including conspiracy to kill Americans overseas while fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan. The judge asked defense and prosecuting attorneys to return to court in Alexandria, Virginia, on Friday to set a trial date. Walker Lindh is accused of joining al Qaeda fighters in the Afghan war. The grand jury indictment against him also includes charges of providing support to al Qaeda and other terrorist groups; and using firearms and destructive devices, including hand grenades, in crimes of violence, in addition to conspiracy to kill Americans overseas. Walker Lindh replied "not guilty, sir," to the charges.

International

Giuliani made honorary knight

LONDON — Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his work following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Giuliani received the award at Buckingham Palace in London in recognition of his work with the families of the estimated 2,800 people who died in New York. Giuliani was not afforded all the pomp and circumstance that any full-blown British knight would expect. The queen handed him two medals during the ceremony, but he missed out on the formal practice of kneeling in front of the monarch before being knighted with the tap of a sword on each shoulder and commanded to "arise." Giuliani will also not be able to call himself "Sir Rudolph."

Weird News

Mobster smuggles sperm from jail

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania — The sperm of a New York mobster is the subject of a court battle between the government and his wife, who helped bribe a guard to smuggle the fluid out of the prison where her husband is doing time. The government impounded the frozen sperm has refused to release it. "It's fruits of the crime," federal prosecutor Wayne Samuelson said. "It's contraband." Maria Parlavecchio, the wife of the mobster, contends that the sperm is not an illegal substance and that it is not against the law to possess it, despite the illegal methods used to remove it from the minimum-security prison in Pennsylvania. She is demanding the government release it. If the government gets its way, the sperm will probably be destroyed.

— Compiled from news sources

Condoms and kisses

Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Sophomore child psychology major Andrea Abbey, left, orders condoms and kisses from sophomores Matt Hessinger, political science major, David Sadenwasser, geography major and Brad Robinson, electronic journalism major, for delivery on campus on Valentine's Day.

ASNMU positions open

BY JESSICA HOLMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With only four or five current ASNMU representatives running for re-election, ASNMU's election on April 9 will nearly recreate the entire student government at NMU.

"All positions are up for grabs, so to speak," Off-Campus Representative Shannon Sullivan said. "There are quite a few of us on the board this year who are seniors, so we are encouraging anyone who is interested to run."

Every year, those representatives interested in remaining on the board must be re-elected.

"To my knowledge, the number of current representatives running for re-election is small," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said. "The majority of the current representatives will graduate in May or have other plans for the new academic year."

There are 22 positions that will need to be filled, including the positions of president and vice president. Only the treasurer

and chair are not elected.

"The treasurer is appointed by the president and the chair of the assembly is appointed by the assembly," Leach said.

Leach said that at this time, no one from the ASNMU executive board is seeking re-election.

As of Feb. 12, there were no outside applications from the student body.

Applications are available in the ASNMU office in the University Center and are due by 5 p.m. on March 22.

"New representatives bring fresh ideas, new issues to the table and different styles of leadership," Leach said. "Next year's ASNMU assembly is predicted to be filled with new faces."

Anyone from the student body can apply. There are three requirements to run for office. The student must be registered for at least six credit hours during the fall semester, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and be free of any form of university-imposed disciplinary probation.

The president and vice president positions are available to anyone, as are the 20 representative positions. These positions include College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Technology and Applied Sciences, College of Professional Studies, General University Programs undeclared, Off Campus, Down Campus, Up Campus, and On Campus Apartments.

ASNMU hopes to break voting records this year. Last year's turnout totaled 2,284 students. This year, ASNMU hopes a new record of 3,000 students will vote.

Students will have access to online voting from 12 a.m. April 9, until 12 a.m. April 10.

In addition to being able to vote online, six polling stations will be open throughout campus from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., located in Jamrich Hall, the Learning Resource Center, the Wildcat Den, the Jacobetti Center, the Payne/Halverson Lobby and the ASNMU office.

FORECAST

- **Friday:** A chance of snow showers in the morning, otherwise mostly cloudy. High 25 to 30.
- **Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. High 25 to 30. Chance of snow 50 percent.
- **Sunday:** Partly cloudy. Low around 15. High around 30.

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Northern represented at Salt Lake City

One coach and 17 athletes who are either current or former USOEC residents are representing the United States in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cross country skiing

Tessa Benoit is a former USOEC athlete. Benoit finished 54th in the women's 10 km classical on Tuesday.

Former USOEC athlete Lars Flora placed 56th in the men's 30 km free mass start on Feb. 9 and 54th in the 15 km classical on Tuesday. He will also compete in the men's 10 km free pursuit, the 4 by 10 km relay, the 50 km classical and the men's sprint.

Aelin Peterson, former USOEC athlete, skied on NMU's team and graduated in 1996. She

competed in the women's 15 km free mass start, but did not place. She will compete in the women's 4 by 5 relay and the 5 km free pursuit.

Lindsay Weir, a member of the U.S. team, will enroll as a freshman at NMU next year.

Short track speed skating

Current resident Allison Bayer, a marketing major, made the U.S. team in December when she finished fifth during the trials in Kearns, Utah. Preliminaries for the women's 3,000-meter relay will be Feb. 16 and finals will be Feb. 20.

Current resident Ron Biondo finished third in the U.S. trials. He skated in the men's 5,000-meter relay preliminaries yesterday and the team placed fifth and

qualified for the finals, which will be held on Feb. 23.

Shani David is a former USOEC athlete. David finished sixth overall at the U.S. Olympic Trials. David was a member of the men's 5,000-meter relay preliminaries which placed fifth.

Julie Goskowicz is a former USOEC athlete who will be competing in the women's 3,000-meter relay. Goskowicz is a 1998 Olympian.

Former USOEC athlete Amy Griglak will compete in the women's 3,000-meter relay.

Caroline Hallisey, a former USOEC athlete, will compete in the women's 500-meter, 1,000-meter and 3,000-meter relay. Hallisey competed in the 1998 Olympics.

Former USOEC athlete J.P. Kepka will compete in the men's 5,000-meter relay. Kepka finished

fourth at the U.S. Olympic trials.

Amy Peterson carried the flag for the U.S. Olympic team during the opening ceremonies. She was a resident at the USOEC in the fall of 1990 and 1992. Peterson competed in the women's 500-meter, placing fifth but did not qualify for the finals. She will also compete in the 1,500-meter and the 3,000-meter relay.

U.S. short track speed skating team coach Susan Ellis is also a former USOEC athlete.

Long track speed skating

Former USOEC athlete Kip Carpenter will compete in the men's 500- and 1,000-meter events. Carpenter took home the bronze medal in the 500-meter event Tuesday. The 1,000-meter

event will take place on Feb. 16.

Marc Pelchat, a former USOEC athlete, finished 28th in the men's 500-meter event. Pelchat was a 1998 Olympian.

Former USOEC athlete J.P. Shilling will compete in the men's 1,500-meter event on Feb. 20.

Biathlon

Dan Campbell is a former USOEC athlete. He finished 76th in the men's 20 km individual and will compete in the 4 by 7.5 km relay on Feb. 20.


Former USOEC athlete Kara Salmela finished 59th in the women's 15 km individual event on Monday. She left NMU in 1993.

Current USOEC resident Jill Krause is an Olympic alternate.

— by Jessica Aycock

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USOEC athletes compete in Olympics

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The spirit of Olympic competition is strong on the campus of Northern Michigan University as the United States Olympic Education Center has two resident athletes competing on the U.S. Olympic short track speed skating team in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ron Biondo and Allison Baver both trained at the USOEC and will compete in relay events in the Olympics.

Biondo competed last night in the 5,000-meter relay semifinals where the U.S. team placed fifth with a time of 7:09.788. The men's finals will be held on Feb. 23.

Baver will compete in the 3,000-meter relay semifinals on Feb. 16. The finals will be on Feb. 20.

This is Biondo's first Olympic Games where he will be competing on the 5,000-meter relay team that is expected to contend for a medal.

Biondo spoke of team unity at a press conference in Salt Lake City just a few days before the Olympics began.

"The team is working together really

well," Biondo said. "We're all supporting each other for the best results possible."

Biondo, a 20-year-old from Broadview Heights, Ohio, started skating at the age of four.

When he was 14 years old, he moved to the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. and has been training for the Olympics ever since.

This was his second year of training at the USOEC.

Biondo finished third overall at the U.S. Olympic Trials at the Utah Olympic Oval.

Baver, a 21-year-old from Sinking Springs, Pa., is competing on the U.S. 3,000-meter relay team.

Baver came to Marquette and the USOEC in August of 2000 with two goals

in mind: making the 2002 Olympic speed skating team and earning a degree in marketing and management.

She started out as an inline skater and at the age of 14 placed third in the 1995 Inline National Championships in the 500-meter event.

Baver said her life was changed three years later when her World Cup Inline coach Shawn Walb took her to watch the Olympic speed skating trials.

It was there that she decided to trade in her inline skates for ice skates.

She said another influence in Baver's life is her fiance, Nelson Cuesta. Cuesta moved to Marquette with Baver and has helped her considerably along the way, including buying Baver a very expensive pair of skates.

The \$1,000 custom boots replaced her old skates, which consisted of inline boots with ice blades inexpertly affixed in place of wheels.

He also influenced her decision to train with the men's team.

"The guys were a little hesitant at first but then they became very supportive," Baver said. "I think they played a role in me making the Olympic team."



**short track
speed skating
Allison Baver**

Baver will compete in the women's 3,000-meter relay semifinals on Sat. Feb. 16.

The women's 3,000-meter relay finals will be held on Wed. Feb. 20.

She finished fifth overall at the U.S. Olympic Trials at the Utah Olympic Oval to qualify for the 2002 Games.

The schedule of the Biondo, Baver and the rest of the speed skaters that train at the USOEC is a rigorous one. The skaters wake up at 5:30 every morning. They skate from 6 a.m. until about 9:30 a.m.

In the afternoon they work out from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and participate in a light aerobic workout late in the evening.

The USOEC is one of four Olympic training centers in the United States, but the only one that combines academics with elite level training. Athletes attend either Marquette Senior High School or Northern Michigan University while training.

Watch the Olympics on channel 6 or log on to www.olympics.com for results.



**short track
speed skating
Ron Biondo**

Biondo competed in the men's 5,000-meter relay semifinals yesterday, placing fifth and qualified for the finals on Sat. Feb. 23.

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EDITORIAL

Writing exam opposes classroom methods

Northern Michigan University requires that each student successfully completes the Writing Proficiency Exam in order to graduate. Students are required to write about one of several possible subjects, in less than a two-hour period. This exam should be reconsidered by NMU administrators.

Undergraduates can take this exam after completing EN 211. If a student fails to pass the exam they can retake it for a fee.

Although it may be necessary for students to know how to write under pressure and in a short amount of time, not all students can write a satisfactory essay in two hours without any preparation. It's more logical to give students time to think about the topic and develop their thoughts, as they are taught in class.

Several NMU English and education professors consider it positively improper to ask students to write an essay on a topic they haven't seen before. They argue that this method goes against the primary emphasis in all writing courses, and against current research regarding the best ways to help students develop as writers and demonstrate their true writing ability.

When the exam was first instituted, less than half the English department supported it. But in two surveys of faculty conducted since its institution, more than 90 percent of faculty in other departments support it.

Despite whether or not other colleges have similar exams, most educators who teach writing know that it is a process of revising and editing, possibly by peers or teachers.

We understand that people need to be able to write on demand, and in a short period of time. However, requiring that students know how to write under pressure in order to graduate is extreme and somewhat unfair; it goes against what we learn in EN 111 and EN 211. We are taught to develop thoughts, write the paper, review and revise.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NMU psychologist makes corrections

Please clarify these four items in the Dr. C.C. Willy story from Feb. 7, 2002. It was flattering to read that C.C. Willy was my creation, but actually the ideas came from all of the NMU Counseling Center staff.

Also, C.C. Willy has more than one ghostwriter and any of the counselors may be ghostwriters for C.C. Willy. Two different counselors wrote the two columns currently on his pages.

Mary Pelton-Cooper was identified as a psychiatrist but actually she is a psychologist. And the director's name was misspelled; his name is Tom Stanger, Ph.D. C.C. Willy can be found at www.nmu.edu/counselingcenter. Thank you for letting your readers know about C.C. Willy, Cyberpsych Consultant.

Mary Pelton-Cooper
NMU Counseling Center

Student elaborates on diversity issue

After about the sixth grade most of us realize our education and professional development is our own responsibility.

Apparently there are some on campus that still think otherwise, as demonstrated in the article published in The North Wind Jan. 31, "Diversity should be

embraced".

Here Ms. Mosier missed an important opportunity to point out that educating oneself to function effectively in the diverse world around us is a personal responsibility.

As both a graduate student at NMU and a local employer, I can say from personal experience that Ms. Mosier's statement that Diversity Student Services (DSS) only cares for minority students is flat out false. Bill Hill, director of DSS, has visited our office and spoken on a variety of diversity issues to our staff, which is all white and largely male.

Bill's thought provoking and sometimes slightly uncomfortable comments have helped us foster the all inclusive work environment we seek in which diversity of opinion and representation is valued as the strength that it is.

It's important for NMU students to realize once they enter the professional workforce people vastly different than those on campus will surround them. To function effectively in such an environment does not happen by chance. By taking an active role in educating oneself by attending functions offered by DSS one can prepare for that eventuality. To sit back and criticize DSS for not reaching out to white students is not only unfair, but it also shows a complete lack of responsibility to educate one-

self in diversity issues.

Ed Fenelon
NMU graduate student

New York resident commends Mosier

I found a mention of a "controversial" editorial that appeared in The North Wind on an Internet message board. The topic was diversity, and in particular, the Diversity Student Services office.

I was quite intrigued and surfed over to your Web site to read it for myself. All I have to say is "Brava."

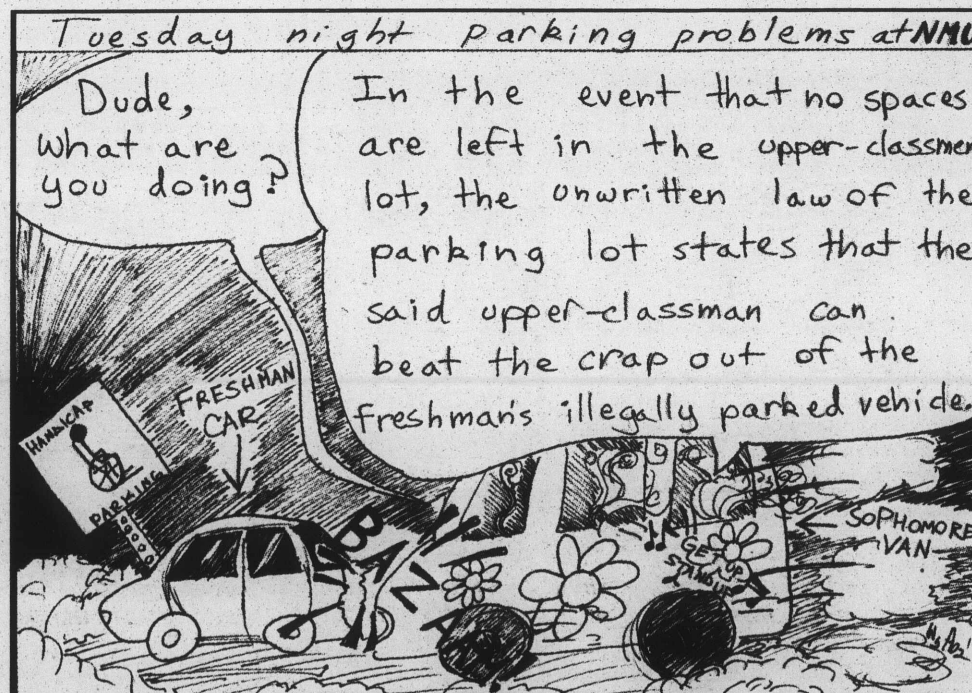
I have attended four separate universities and/or colleges and am quite familiar with the attitudes that the author describes because they are most assuredly not exclusive to Northern Michigan University.

It is the quasi-political correctness of a predominantly white area that allows for such misgivings to occur.

Ninety-one percent of the school is white and this surprises me not one bit. Minorities aren't embraced the way they should be, and a defensive wall is put in place in accordance with the "White Man's Burden," usually taking the form of diversity on campus programs or DSS offices or minority student centers.

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Since most of these offices are established exclusively in response to the race issue, none of the other types of minorities receive any benefit from the programs.

Instead of attempting to remove the stigmas of race, religion, gender, sexual preference, what have you, these programs only serve to exacerbate them.

Sure, they may do some good for those particular minority students, but they can and should also be utilized to do a greater good for the community as a whole.

They should be used to help everyone understand the reality that people are human beings first and statistics second.

Please, support what is right and do not allow the message of the column to be misrepresented. It is about bridging gaps, and not allowing university funded programs to reinforce bad ideas.

I urge you to do whatever you can to support Chris Mosier.

Thomas Malthus
junior, New York State University, Stony Brook

Democracy is our responsibility

STAFF COLUMN



by Mary Ann Cancilla

I have often heard us, college students, described as an "elite group of people" that will receive a higher education. Whether or not I, or any of you agree with this statement is beside the point. We as college students will soon leave this institution behind us and move on into life in the real world. Some of us may already have had the luxury of moving into that realm, through balancing part time jobs and school or by beginning to raise families.

As we leave this institution and begin to find real jobs and raise families, we will make up the future of this country. This is a thought that terrifies me because I have encountered so many students who have no idea what is going on in the world around them and no desire to learn.

Our government, and likewise our society, is based on the majority opinion of the citizens of this country. What we think is essential to our survival as a democratic nation. I was astounded as I sat in class once listening to my fellow classmates gripe about the failings of our country, but then, in turn, they had no idea what was going on in the news.

After Sept. 11, the people in our country seemed to grow more acutely aware of politics in

our nation and throughout the world. However, after the first initial shock and disbelief, it seemed as though people grew tired of following the news and keeping up with what is going on.

The situation in Afghanistan and the Middle East is far from over, and it certainly affects our country a great deal. Just this past Monday our nation was issued a new warning against terrorism that was more serious than any other we have received in the months since Sept. 11. Unlike other warnings, the FBI had received information of actual days the terrorism might take place and was aware of the actual suspects who might be involved.

When I casually brought the subject up to a group of friends they all looked at me as though I was from another planet. They asked, "What are you talking about?" and then I began to

explain.

Today we might think that it is not quite as important that we all don't follow the current events or get involved with what is going on in the world around us. We think that it is not as important because we have not left college yet, and in the outside world there are several thousand people making decisions for us. People need to vote, and not just casually for faces or names they remember, but for candidates who they feel represent the ideas and forums that they themselves deem important and support. There are also people who get involved in supporting their ideas and beliefs by joining or supporting organizations that they feel are important to our society, such as environmental groups. These are the people who are making changes in our society, rather than just complaining about the problems that they see.

Last year I caught a glimpse of a new policy that President Bush had put into effect dubbed the gag rule. Under this new law, the United States had cut off all funding to overseas organizations or medical clinics that performed or provided information on abortion. I followed the news on the topic for days, because the new law was a step in the direction of stifling abortion

within our own country. This law affected our society a great deal. However, whenever I brought up the topic, almost nobody knew what I was talking about.

If we refuse to pay attention or get involved, the government and society will cease to function properly. We are here to keep this system in check. If we turn our heads the other way then who will protest the governmental policies that do not benefit the population at large?

Thinking that we have time to waste before we become involved in the world around us is wrong. Nearly everyday lawmakers are making decisions and some of them already affect us, like any law or act based on higher education. In addition, let's not forget that a large majority of those soldiers fighting in Afghanistan are also our age.

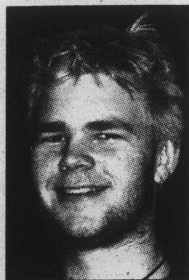
We are not all guilty of this lack of participation and knowledge of what is going on, but many of us are. We all need to learn how to take part in our government, and in society. Our individual futures depend upon it, and so does the future of our nation.

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

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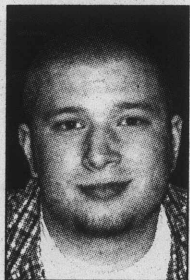
— Compiled by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

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"If it didn't exist they would give you the same test in either EN 111 or EN 211."

Foreign languages available on Internet

NMU adds satellite educational tools from 55 different countries

BY KRISTI ARLT
STAFF WRITER

Foreign language opportunities at NMU have expanded with the recent addition of Satellite Communications for Learning (SCOLA), an educational association that broadcasts television programs worldwide from 55 different countries in their native languages.

SCOLA headquarters is located in McClelland, Iowa, where three satellites transmit to over 500 colleges, 6,000 elementary and secondary schools, 50 cable television systems and language training facilities for the U.S. government.

NMU receives SCOLA through Internet 2, making Northern the only university in the nation to do so, said Eric Smith, director of productions and audio visual services.

Smith said Internet 2 is a satellite connection which NMU purchased to receive the SCOLA resources. SCOLA is a streaming video site using Windows media player, which makes it a convenient video tool for students, Smith said.

So far, SCOLA offers news, entertainment, an all-Chinese information channel and audio from Vatican Radio, Radio France Internationale and World Radio Network, Smith said.

A high-speed connection is

needed to run SCOLA; a dial-up connection will not work.

If students try to access SCOLA off campus they will be prompted for a password, Smith said. They must use their NMU user identification. SCOLA has been available for three weeks and there have not been any issues or technical problems so far, Smith said.

"We'll have to see how it goes as more people use it," he said.

SCOLA is not a new idea. Modern Languages and Literature Department Head Timothy Compton said, for at least the last 12 to 13 years, bringing SCOLA to campus has always been an idea in the department.

Assistant modern languages and literatures professor Susan Martin made the idea a reality when she happened to mention SCOLA to Audio Visual Tech-

nical Coordinator Max Graves.

"[He] did a lot of the footwork and got the ball rolling," Compton said.

Graves said that he helped Martin look into all the possibili-

ties of bringing multicultural programming to NMU.

"Susan stayed with it and didn't give up on it," Graves said.

The two researched other satellite programs in depth Graves said, before deciding on SCOLA and the Internet 2 option.

"[SCOLA] provided an opportunity to use Internet 2 in a unique way," he said.

Using Internet 2 was also a lot cheaper as there are not monthly fees like some satellite programs,

Graves said. Instead NMU pays a yearly contract with SCOLA.

Since SCOLA has only been up and running for three weeks, professors have to try to find a way to fit it into already planned

out courses, Compton said.

"It's a tool that could be [really useful] for helping students learn [many cultures]," he said.

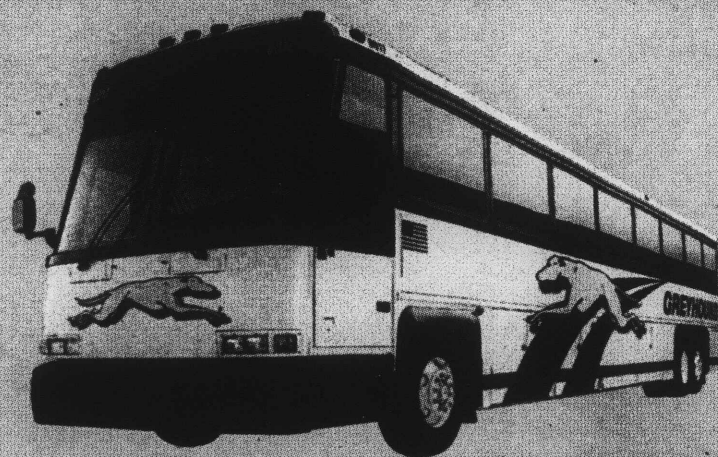
"We'll have to see how it goes as more people use it."

— Eric Smith
Director of Productions
and Audio Visual Services

Class times do not always line up with broadcasts that fit that particular language class.

Trying to make an agreement with SCOLA on recording shows is something that still needs to be worked out, Compton said.

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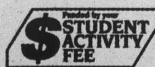
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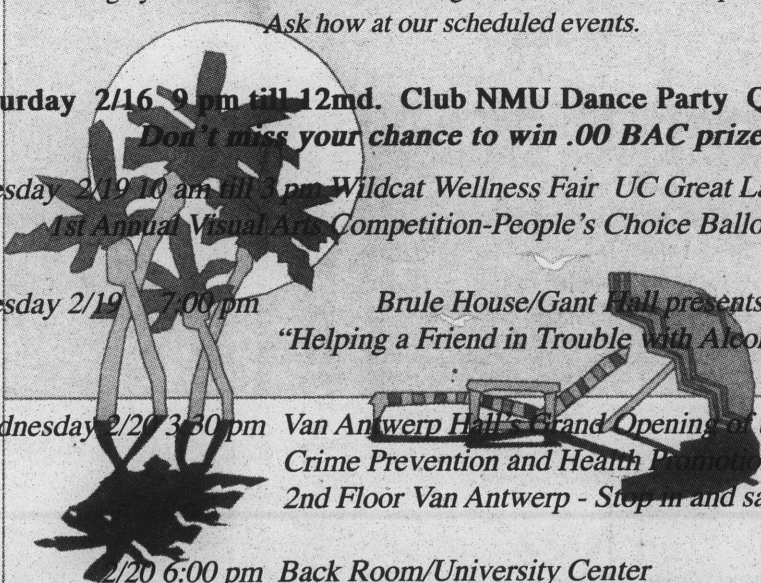
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Thursday 2/21 6:00 pm First Meeting of NMU's Student Health Issues Council
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Crackin' jokes



Dan Grimm/NW

Comedian Billy Dean Washington entertained students and faculty members with his comedic routine at 7 p.m. Friday in Jamrich 102. The event was sponsored by Primtetime Productions.

Auditions held for plays

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

Three new student acts are coming to the Forest Roberts Theatre. However, unlike most of the plays that NMU puts on, these plays are directed by NMU students.

The Student Directed Lab III is holding auditions at 1 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Black Box Theatre. Callbacks will also be held in the Black Box Theatre at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. Performances will run April 3 to 6.

The three student directed plays include Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well," directed by senior graduate student Benjamin McKibben,

Also included in the line up is Wendy Wasserstein's "Tender Offer," directed by senior theater major Nikeke Nason and Lucille Fletcher's "Sorry, Wrong Number," directed by sophomore theatre major Ben Schneider.

"Sorry, Wrong Number" is a suspense murder mystery thriller about a woman who overhears the murder plot and comes to find out it's of her own death.

For many of the student direc-


tors, this isn't their first time directing.

"I think it's going to be a fun experience," sophomore theatre major Ben Schneider said. "I've directed once before, but (it was) community theater. I'm a little nervous about working with my peers."

Auditioners should be prepared at auditions to read from the scripts provided at the audition.

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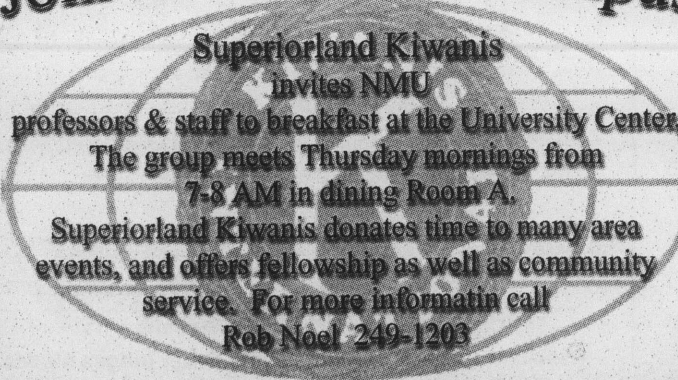
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Olympic athletes represent NMU

The 2002 Winter Olympics kicked off Friday night with the opening ceremonies in Salt Lake City, Utah. Former NMU student and USOEC resident Amy Peterson, a short-track speedskater and five-time Olympian, carried the flag for the United States during the opening ceremonies.

Peterson was a resident athlete at the USOEC in the falls of 1990 and 1992. Peterson was voted to carry the flag by her peers — fellow U.S. Olympians. She beat well-known skier Picabo Street for the honor.

Right now, world-class athletes are representing the Wildcats on a global level.

For 17 days this winter, as we watch the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and cheer from over 1,700 miles away, we can take satisfaction in knowing we are cheering on our fellow classmates.

This year's batch of Olympians representing the United States

includes 15 athletes and one coach who are either current or former Marquette residents. Two current USOEC residents are competing for medals.

When these 15 athletes are competing, they are not just representing the United States on the large scale.

Both the Marquette and the Northern communities can take pride in knowing these competitors lived in our company and trained in facilities unlike others in the nation.

The U.S. Olympic Education Center at NMU is one of four Olympic Training Centers in the country, but is the only one that gives world-class athletes the opportunity to train for competition while continuing their education.

Athletes attend either Marquette Senior High School or NMU while training and competing in their sport.

It is refreshing to see an institution that places an emphasis on doing both. NMU allows Olympic hopefuls to earn their degrees while pursuing a gold medal. After their sporting career, in addition to athletic accolades, each of these athletes will have an education.

The USOEC program allows us to see that Olympic athletes are not super human heroes, but are people with extraordinary determination and will to succeed. They are our peers in the classroom. They are people we see running by the lake. They sit next to us in class. They are friends, or friends of friends.

The USOEC program is represented in Salt Lake City, Utah, in short-track speedskating, long-track speedskating, biathlon and cross country skiing.

Our current and former athletes dominate the 2002 short-track speedskating Olympic team — 75 percent are current or former USOEC athletes. Two members of the 2002 biathlon team were USOEC residents. One Olympic alternate is a current resident, and one competitor will enroll as a freshman at Northern next year.

Alison Baver will skate Saturday in the preliminaries of short track speedskating. She is on her way to a marketing and management degree. Ron Biondo finished first in the 5,000-meter relay race and his team is advancing to the finals in men's short track speedskating.

Both Baver and Biondo are current USOEC residents.

Without the support of NMU, these athletes would have to choose between education and athletics. Northern's USOEC program lets both the Olympic dreams and academic advancement to be achieved.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

Winter Fest activities conclude

Broomball championships, euchre, Club NMU remain

BY ADAM CZARNECKI
STAFF WRITER

As the winter months progress and more snow falls, people look for things to keep them occupied, whether it be something they can actually get involved with, or something they can just have fun watching.

This week, many students have both of those opportunities of being entertained by NMU's special events committee sponsored Winter Fest, which kicked off Feb. 10 in conjunction with the city of Marquette's Winter Fest.

NMU's Winter Fest included games such as broomball, an airband competition, snow statue competition and outdoor winter games such as igloo building, ice bowling, snow relay, an obstacle course and a human sled pull.

West Hall came in first place at the airband competition, lip-synching to "The Devil Went

Down to Georgia," by Charlie Daniels.

Halverson Hall came in second place, while the Alpha Zeta Delta sorority came in third.

Tau Kappa Epsilon took first place in last night's ice sculpture competition held at Lower Harbor.

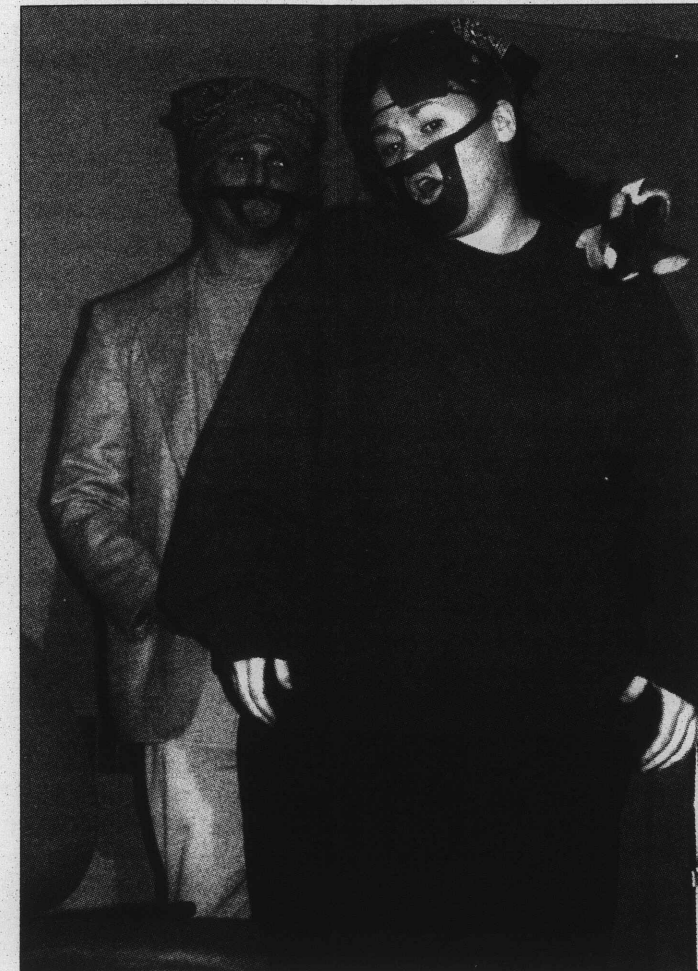
Second place was taken by the NMU Crew team and the women's Rugby Team placed third.

Senior business major and special events coordinator Zack Lorber said some of the events, such as the broomball, airband and ice statue competitions have already passed, but students still have the opportunity to take advantage of watching other Winter Fest events.

The euchre tournament will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight in the Quad II area of campus, and the Club NMU dance party, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., also in the Quad II area, on Saturday.

The broomball finals will be held this weekend, with the championship game at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Lower Harbor Park in Marquette.

Lorber said the teams that



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Sophomore elementary education major Kellie Large and senior elementary education major Dan Przybylski perform at airband.

win NMU's broomball games will compete in the championships against the city teams.

"I think I'm going to see the broomball championships," sophomore criminal justice major April Neises said. "It sounds like a lot of fun."

The City of Marquette's Winter Fest has events planned for the rest of the week as well.

On Friday, there will be fireworks in Lower Harbor Park at 6:30 p.m.

Also, the U.P. 200 dog sled race will begin downtown on Friday night.

Also on Saturday, hayrides will be given from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Lower Harbor Park.

The Glacier Glide Outdoor Art Show, held at the Presque Isle Pavilion, runs from noon to 5 p.m.

All Winter Fest activities will conclude this weekend, for both Northern and the city of Marquette.



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Assistant Dean of Students Chris Greer judges student snow sculptures with daughter Anastaisa.

Local drag queen reveals it all

CONVERSATION WITH
Tabitha Stevens, Drag Queen



Last Friday, Outlook sponsored the fifth annual Drag Show in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Among the six drag queens that were brought to NMU, one of them, Tabitha Stevens, who's real name is Tim Liupakka is a native of Marquette.

Liupakka, who grew up and went to school in the Upper Peninsula, recently moved back from Milwaukee. Diversions editor Yonika Willis had the opportunity to talk to Liupakka after the show to find out more about the queen's lifestyle and his drag career.

How did you get involved with drag?

Tabitha: Even in high school, actually, I didn't know why, but I was intrigued with it. At that time in high school they have what's called airband, so I did a Madonna dress up in airband. Then I didn't do it for a while. I moved to Milwaukee and I worked at a couple of drag shows there at the big drag bars and stuff like that and I just decided that it was something that I wanted to start doing. I started doing it and as time went on and I got more professional at it, I was working at La Coge for a while and at 218 for a while. I've entered at a couple of contests and won a

couple contests.

How many contests have you won?

Tabitha: About six or seven or so. Some are smaller, just like bar titles and city titles and things like that. I haven't won a large title like a national title. I was Miss Cosmopolitan a couple of years ago, I was Miss 218 and I was a newcomer when I was in Orlando for a few months.

Is drag something you do on the side or is this a lifestyle for you?

Tabitha: I actually haven't done drag since I've been back to Marquette. This is my first night, so it's just like a show thing, just doing shows.

What is a normal day for you, what is your job?

Tabitha: I clean houses. In Milwaukee I was a waiter and then I cleaned houses but here I just clean houses and it's pretty good money, and it's got a pretty good clientele.

How did you choose your drag name?

Tabitha: Oh from "Bewitched." I chose other names. When I first started, I didn't choose that name right away but that ended up being the one I liked and I ended up sticking with it and picking it. I guess it's like a parent when they're picking a name. They think about it for a while, and then finally they get one in particular and that's that.

Where do you hide your 'boy parts'?

Tabitha: A lot of people call it gap or something like that. We tuck the testicles up in that area and just pull that other thing in between, some people use duct tape some people use really really tight bikini briefs and that's how we do it.

Does it hurt?

Tabitha: Well after a while, yeah, if you stay like that long enough, you know?

Where do you go to the bathroom when you are in drag?

Tabitha: I go in the girl's room, just like a real woman would. I mean, I'm gay, so I would have no interest in it, and I would hope that they wouldn't be offended by that, but that's what I prefer to do.

(Another drag queen added: Sorry to butt in, but in Wisconsin, by law we have to use the women's bathroom because if you're impersonating a gender you have to go into that bathroom)

Do you get lots of controversy from Marquette residents?

Tabitha: Well, like I said, I'm not like this all the time. But no, this is the fifth year that we've been up here, but every year we've come up everyone's been so nice and so

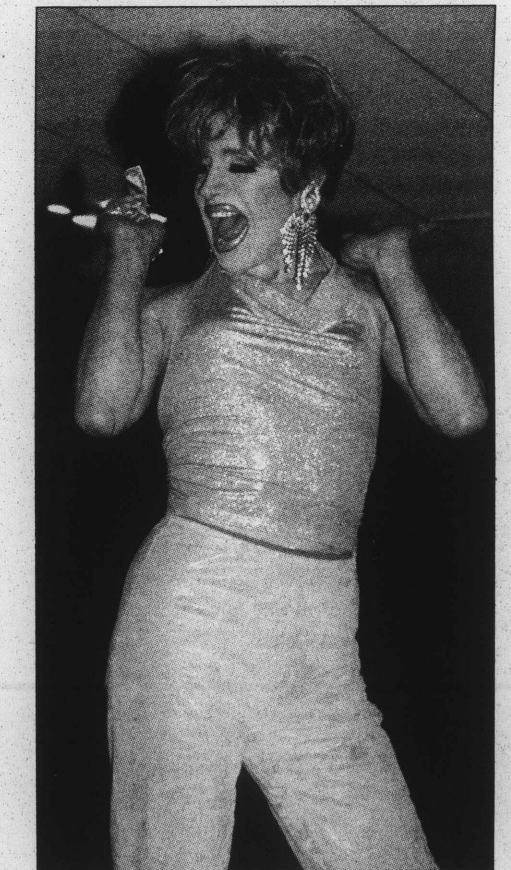
wonderful to us, knock on wood, you never know what's going to happen tonight, I guess, but everyone's been so nice and so wonderful to us. Like today we went to the gas station to get stuff, because we're having a birthday party at my house for my friend's birthday and we stopped at the gas station and the girl said, "what are you getting all that beer and stuff for?" and she was like,

"Oh, the drag show!?" We usually get good results. I mean, I haven't gotten anything bad said to me or anything like that. I would think that in a small town there would be controversy, but no, everyone's been wonderful to us.

How supportive is your family?

Tabitha: Wonderful. Well, as you saw, my mother, my aunt and my sister were here. They are very, very supportive, they've come to several performances, several contests.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the full version of the interview with Tabitha Stevens, check out The North Wind online at www.thenorthwind.org.



Dan Grimm/NW

Tabitha Stevens, who got her name off of the hit television show "Bewitched," belts out a tune in the Great Lakes Room.

U.P. 200 sled race runs through town

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

The 12th annual U.P. 200 dog sled race begins tomorrow and lasts through Sunday. The race will begin at 7:50 p.m. tomorrow.

Tomorrow, the annual 70 mile Midnight Run begins. Six dog sled teams will depart from Chatham, Mich. Following that, tomorrow night, six racers will depart from downtown Marquette.

This year the weather isn't as cold as in years past so the midnight run will be diverted and end in Rapid River instead of Escanaba.

According to Cathy Sleeter, the start and finish coordinator and board member of the U.P. 200, Washington Street from Third through Fifth streets will be blocked off tomorrow. Third and Front streets will be open until 7 p.m. Also, Main, Spring



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

and Baraga streets will close around 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Sleeter said that there are 15 prizes that are handed out after the race.

"The first place winner gets \$6,300 and it goes down from there, all the way to 15th place, [which] gets \$300," Sleeter said.

The race will end in Marquette Sunday morning at Lower Harbor Park. The race will be followed by an afternoon finish line ceremony.

Sleeter said the dogs that participate in the race train when the weather permits.

"The dogs don't train in the summer," Sleeter said. "But they start training as soon as the weather gets cold enough. The mushers have their own various techniques on how to train them."

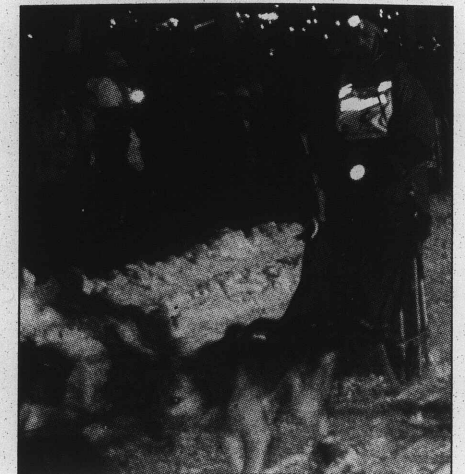
Sleeter said that the mushers come from all over, including Canada and Minnesota.

Although preparation and training is a big part of the race, providing equipment for the dogs and mushers is also important.

"The dogs need general things like harnesses, necklines, booties and dog food," Sleeter said. "The mushers need sleds and braces to keep them warm."

Sleeter also said that in order to participate in the race, the mushers have a mandatory equipment checklist that they have to abide by that includes such things as wire cutters and snow hooks.

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MOVIE REVIEW THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES

Plot flutters, prophetic climax redeems

BY CHRIS MOSIER
MANAGING EDITOR



If you enjoy believable movies with a solid conclusion, see something else. If you like to have your imagination pushed and your state of mind slightly altered, "The Mothman Prophecies" will be well worth your money.

Based on "true events," "The Mothman Prophecies" is a story about paranormal events that supposedly took place in the late 1960s in Point Pleasant, W.Va.

Richard Gere plays John Klein, a Washington Post star reporter, happily married to Mary. On the night the two buy a beautiful home, Mary drives them toward their current residence.

On the way, she is distracted by a strange object in the road and crashes the car; Klein doesn't see what caused his wife to lose control of the vehicle. He is uninjured, and when Mary dies, he is haunted by her last words: "You didn't see anything, did you?"

Two years later, Klein mysteriously

loses his way while driving to Virginia and ends up 400 miles off course, in Point Pleasant, W.Va., where residents have been plagued by strange sightings and run ins with a unexplainable force.

Through strange circumstances, Klein quickly becomes friends with Connie Parker, a local cop, played by Laura Linney.

The two investigate the strange episodes involving an ominous, mothlike creature that delivers messages to local people about forthcoming disaster.

Klein takes special interest in the Mothman when he sees the drawings from local reports of sightings of the creature, all of which resemble the drawings of winged monsters in Klein's dying wife's journal.

Both Gere and Linney do a good job of playing logical, average people faced

with totally absurd events.

Although few of the burning questions are explained, "The Mothman

Prophecies" is highly entertaining.

Director Mark Pellington ("Arlington Road") displays a control over the camera with the stunning cinematography.

The position of the camera throughout the film greatly enhances the effect of the plot. Camera shots filmed from behind bushes, through mirrors and from interesting tilted angles keep the viewer wondering what or

whose point of view we are seeing through the lens.

The pacing and the overall effect of the plot are excellent, and the mood and tone of the film fit the incredible story line perfectly. The colors in the film are reduced mostly to shades of black, white

and gray, with red hue thrown in many scenes for dramatic effect.

The musical score adds to the moments of tension. A chilling single note repeats through out a scene, giving the film a feel similar to a Stanley Kubrek movie.

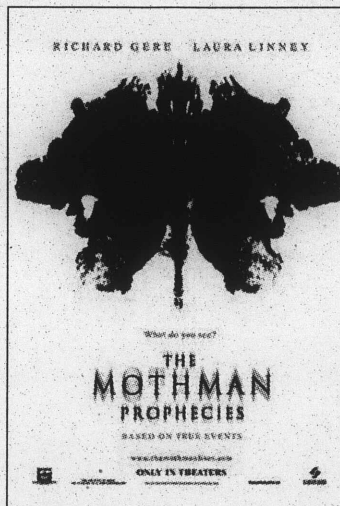
The climax of the movie is incredible, but seems somewhat distracting from the rest of the plot. The ending does not settle the story or answer the questions that have been presented to the viewer throughout.

The minor detail of the Washington Post's star reporter missing work with no repercussions is also distracting.

While this movie is based on "true" events, it is unbelievable that many of the events in the film could take place. While the script may not be possible, it is certainly entertaining.

"The Mothman Prophecies" is a paranormal thriller; it cannot be described as frightening, but it is creepy.

The oddity of the script and superb finale ensure that while this movie may not be on your top 10 list, it definitely won't fade from memory anytime soon.



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Event: Euchre Tournament/Game Night at 7 p.m. in Quad II.

Film: "Tao of Steve" (R) at 7 and 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: Intersarsity Christian Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the Brule Room. Call Alison at 227-4319 for more information.

Concert: Love Songs for Voice and Guitar in the Forest Roberts Theatre at 12:10 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University with automatic "W" grade (first block courses).

Event: U.P. 200 Dog Sled Race; Fireworks

- 6:30 p.m.; Race Begins - 7 p.m. on Washington St., Downtown.

Hockey: NMU vs. Miami at 7:05 p.m.

Event: Eclectique Art Studio and Northwoods Wilderness Recovery Open House from 7 to 10 p.m. on 147 W. Washington St. Free refreshments. Any questions call Melanie at 226-6649.

Saturday, February 16

Event: The department of sociology and social work are showing the premiere of "Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin," a film on Ojibwe teachings. It will be shown from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in JXJ 103. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Hockey: NMU vs. Miami at 7:05 p.m.

Event: Club NMU will hold a dance party at 9 p.m. in Quad II.

Film: "Serendipity" (PG-13) at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Women's Hockey: NMU vs. Michigan State at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

Women's Hockey: NMU vs. Michigan State at 9 a.m.

Film: "Serendipity" (PG-13) at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Event: Northwoods Wilderness Recovery is leading a field trip to the Rock River Ice Caves. Meet at 1:00 a.m. at 3rd St. Bagel. For more information call 226-6649.

Event: An informational meeting on Study abroad will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in LRC 311.

Monday, February 18

Event: Jeffries Chiropractic and Alternative Healing Centre will hold a free Chiropractic and Contact Reflex Analysis from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 226-7535 for more information.

Workshop: All Campus Tutoring presents "Test Preparation" from 4 to 5 p.m. in JXJ 225.

Event: Art Students League presents Visiting Artist Series: Kelsey Mann at 7:00 p.m. in the West Science Lecture Hall B. Call Elizabeth at 228-1861 for more information.

Wednesday, February 20

Play: The Scarlet Pimpernel at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Meeting: Native American Student Association will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Spooner Hall's fred room. lobby.

Workshop: All Campus Tutoring presents "Study Skills" from 5 to 6 p.m. in JXJ 225.



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Leading From the Spirit
 Tuesday, February 19
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 This workshop will explore some of the spirit-focused practices from a number of cultures.

TIPS for the University
 Wednesday, February 20
 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) will teach students skills to help play a "leading" role in the effort to prevent intoxication and alcohol misuse.

Eating Healthy with a Busy Schedule
 Monday, February 25
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Is Your Organization Headed to Abilene? Cultures in Organizations
 Tuesday, February 26
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Some interesting activities and assessments will be done to reveal where your group really stands in the areas of honesty, viewpoints, risk-taking, and the willingness to change.

Caring for Group Members
 Wednesday, February 27
 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

You are all encouraged to take advantage of these great workshops. If you have any questions, want more information or would like to register for any SkillBuilders!, please call the Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office at 227-1771




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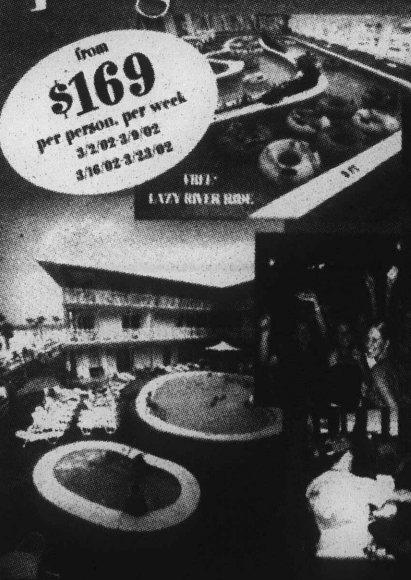
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HOCKEY PREVIEW MIAMI OF OHIO

'Cats return to Berry

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcats may receive a big boost to their lineup this weekend if junior right wing Terry Harrison is ready to play.

Harrison has been out with a leg injury since Christmas. Also junior right wing Bryce Cockburn and junior center Chris Gobert both might return as well. Both players were out of the lineup last weekend.

The Wildcats (11-9-2 CCHA, 18-10-2 overall) face the University of Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks (8-12-2 CCHA, 11-15-2 overall).

The Wildcats have lost three games in a row, but NMU head coach Rick Comley is not worried.

"I think we're fine," Comley

CCHA STANDINGS		
Team(Overall)	W-L-T	
1. Michigan State (20-6-5)	15-5-4	
2. Michigan (18-8-5)	15-5-4	
3. Neb.-Omaha (18-11-3)	12-9-3	
4. Alaska-Fair. (18-10-2)	14-10-2	
5. N. MICHIGAN (18-10-2)	11-9-2	
6. Ferris State (14-13-1)	11-10-1	
7. W. Michigan (16-10-4)	10-9-3	
8. Ohio State (14-12-4)	9-9-4	
9. Miami (11-15-2)	8-12-2	
10. Notre Dame (10-15-5)	8-12-4	
11. Bowling Green(7-20-5)	5-15-2	
12. Lake St. (7-20-1)	4-17-1	

said. "The key right now is to get healthy. We're working hard; the attitudes are good. I think our quality of play when were at a full lineup is fine."

The Wildcats are in fifth place in the CCHA right now, but they have four teams very close behind them in the standings.

With just six games remaining on the schedule, the playoffs are very close, and so is the race for home-ice advantage.

The Red Hawks are in 10th

place in the CCHA standings. They had a bye week last weekend. They have lost four of their last five games.

NMU leads the overall series, 19-4-1.

In Marquette, the Red Hawks have won just one time in 13 tries.

Miami is led in scoring by senior forward Jason Deskins, who has eight goals and 20 assists for 28 points. Sophomore forward Greg Hogeboom leads the team with 14 goals.

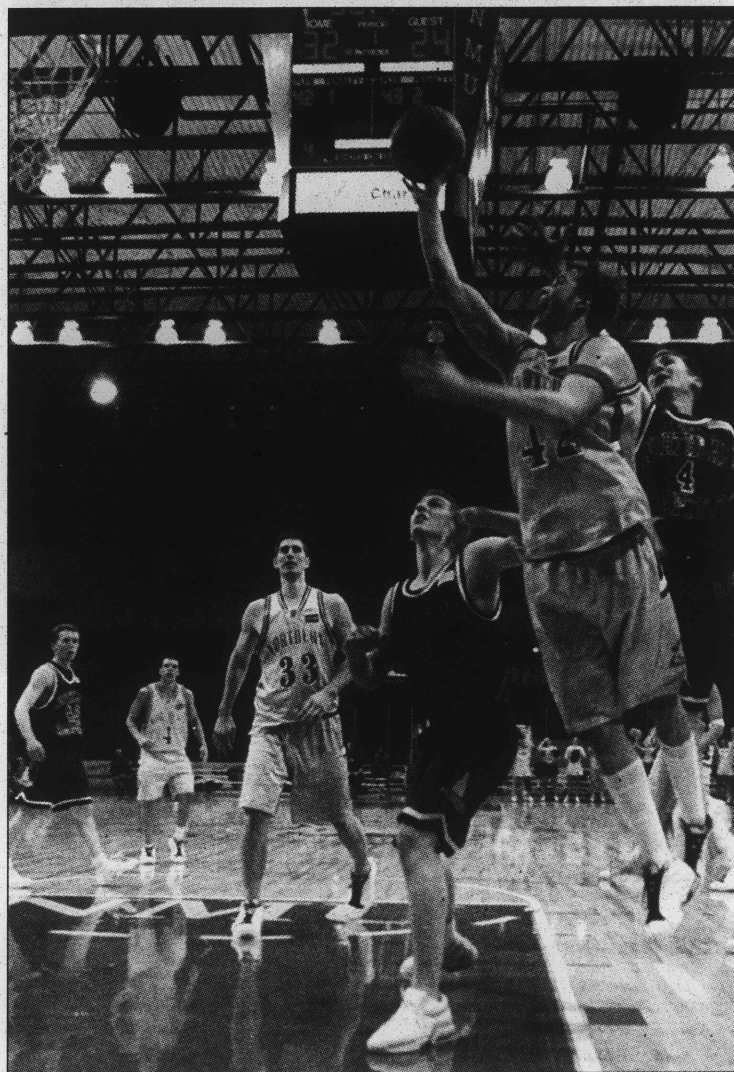
Sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski will start in net this weekend for the Wildcats.

Kowalski said the team needs to put the losses from last weekend behind them.

"We need to forget about the last couple of games and start

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW NORTHWOOD



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Sophomore forward Billy Hill had 21 points in Monday night's win against Northland Baptist. The Wildcats host their last home game of the season tonight at 7:30 p.m. against GLIAC foe Northwood.

Northern prepares for Timberwolves

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
STAFF WRITER

Tonight the men's basketball team (6-8 GLIAC, 13-9 overall) will host Northwood in the last home game of the season at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

The last time these two teams met, a final free throw by senior forward Damian Matacz decided the 61-60 victory for the Wildcats.

"It will be a big game for us," Matacz said. "A win against Northwood will strengthen our chances of making the conference

tournament."

Head coach Dean Ellis said he is preparing his team for a tough game.

"We need to be in sync and aggressive on offense," Ellis said. "We need to take care of the ball."

Defense will also play a big role against the Timberwolves.

Northwood is led by sophomore guard Dallas Logan, who is currently fourth in the GLIAC in scoring with 18.5 points per game. Senior forward Chris Riley

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW NORTHWOOD

Wildcats battle injuries

BY BUCK WICKSTROM
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After coming off the most lopsided victory in school history, the NMU women's basketball team must now get themselves ready to play Northwood in what will be the last home game for four seniors.

The game will be played at the Berry Events Center, and tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Although Northwood is currently last place in the GLIAC, the Wildcats know that they cannot take them lightly while playing for a birth in the national tournament.

"Every game is huge, especially this next one against Northwood, because it's a conference game," junior forward Alyse Shier said.

Offensively for the women, the four seniors are leading the way with senior guard Marisa DellAngelo averaging a team-high 20.0 points



Shier

this year. She has also dished out 105 assists, and has stolen the ball 40 times.

Senior center Kelly Simcik and senior guard Leigh Ann Dalton are tied for third on the team, averaging 11.1 points per game. Dalton has a team-high 55 three pointers made.

Simcik is averaging 5.6 rebounds a game, while senior center Dominika Wawryzniak is second, averaging 6.5 boards.

For the Timberwolves, sophomore center Leah Douglas is leading the team in points scored with 284, and is second in rebounding with 98.

Senior guard Lauren Metaj is second in scoring with 265, including a team-high 28 three pointers, and is leading the team in steals with 42, and rebounding with 118.

The women's next opponent is the No. 1 team in the GLIAC, Lake Superior State. The game will be played in Sault Ste. Marie this Saturday.

Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.

"We need to talk more on defense,"

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Brad Decker/NW

Senior center Daminika Wawryzniak had 22 points against Michigan-Dearborn on Monday in the BEC.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 105, UMD 18; NMU 75, SVSU 62

NMU rolls to 105-18 victory

BY BUCK WICKSTROM
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northern Michigan University women's basketball team (9-5 GLIAC, 15-7 overall) played one of their final two home games on Monday against non-conference opponent University of Michigan-Dearborn (3-13 overall).

The women set a new record for largest winning margin in school history as they rolled to a 105-18 victory.

The previous record was set in 1994 when the women beat Mount Senario, 110-33.

"The chemistry was good tonight," junior forward Alyse Shier said. "If anybody made a mistake, we all would compensate and get each others back."

Offensively for the women, every player who dressed for the

game scored in double digits. Senior center Dominika Wawryzniak led the way with a game-high 22 points.

Shier held the second highest point total for the game with 21.

With a tenacious defense, the women managed to steal the ball 23 times, and pulled down 53 rebounds in the game including 15 from sophomore forward Tracy Kapela.

"This team has faced the most adversity of any team I've had," head coach Mike Geary said. "I'm happy with the way this game turned out, and that nobody got hurt."

Sitting out for the Wildcats were senior center Marisa DellAngelo and junior forward Elena Keranen, both with ankle injuries, and freshman guard Shanon Boyer with a knee injury.

Last week the women hit the road to go against conference foe Saginaw Valley State (2-11 GLIAC, 8-13 overall).

NMU came out victorious, notching a 75-62 victory.



Wawryzniak

GLIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Lake Superior State	13-2	19-2
2. N. Michigan	9-5	15-7
3. Ferris State	9-6	13-9
4. Michigan Tech	8-6	14-8
5. Grand Valley State	6-9	12-11
6. Saginaw Valley State	2-12	8-14
7. Northwood	2-13	6-16

DellAngelo led the team in most offensive categories as she netted 27 points, including four three pointers, and had six assists.

Senior guard Leigh Ann Dalton knocked down 15 towards the winning effort.

On the defensive end, Wawryzniak pulled down 12 rebounds for the Wildcats, and DellAngelo stole the ball twice.

MICHIGAN-DEARBORN (18) Mims 6-14 2-3 14; Taylor 1-12 1-4 3; Merriman 0-17 1-4 1. TOTALS 7-47 4-11 18.

N. MICHIGAN (105) Shier 8-10 4-4 21; Belland 5-11 1-2 11; Wawryzniak 9-16 4-4 22; K. Simcik 5-8 1-1 11; Dalton 5-8 2-2 16; M. Simcik 5-10 0-0 12; Kapela 5-12 0-0 12. TOTALS 42-75 12-13 105.

THREE-POINTERS — Dalton 4, Kapela 2, M. Simcik 2; Shier 1. **REBOUNDS** — MD 24 (Mims 9), N. Michigan 53 (Kapela 15); **ASSISTS** — MD 6 (Merriman 3), N. Michigan 23 (M. Simcik 6); **TOTAL FOULS** — MD 11, N. Michigan 8; **TECHNICALS** — none.

HOCKEY REVIEW NMU 3, WMU 5; NMU 0, WMU 4

Wildcats drop two to Western Michigan

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

An injury-plagued Northern Michigan University hockey team (11-9-2 CCHA, 18-10-2 overall) was swept by the Western Michigan Broncos (10-9-3 CCHA, 16-10-4 overall) in Kalamazoo last weekend.

The Wildcats were without two of their top scorers; junior right wing Bryce Cockburn and junior center Chris Gobert were both out for the entire weekend with injuries.

Wildcat head coach Rick Comley said when players of that caliber are taken out of NMU's lineup, scoring is going to be tough.

Along with Cockburn and Gobert, junior right wing Terry Harrison has been out since

Christmas with a leg injury. Comley said all three players might return this weekend against Miami of Ohio.

The loss of the scorers showed Saturday night as the Wildcats managed just 18 shots on goal in a 4-0 loss to the Broncos.

Freshman goaltender Tuomas Tarrki started in goal for the Wildcats, making his first CCHA start, but he did not last long as the Broncos scored four goals in the first period.

Two goals were on the power play and two were short-handed goals.

"We just couldn't get anything going," freshman center Dave Bonk said. "Our special teams were pretty bad. They had so much momentum.

"It felt like we were just sitting back and letting them take it

to us."

Sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski came in relief of Tarkki at the beginning of the second period. Tarkki finished with five saves.

"I wanted to get [Tarkki] into a game," Comley said. "I felt he had to play at some point. I felt that with the depleted lineup that this was a good time to take a shot; unfortunately [WMU] got four on him in the first period and we had to make a change."

Kowalski shutout the Broncos in the final two periods, but the

Wildcats were unable to create any offense.

Friday night the Wildcats took a 3-2 lead into the third period, but the Broncos scored three unanswered goals, giving them a 5-3 win.

Penalties and missed opportunities hurt the Wildcats in the third period.

Sophomore right wing Alex Sawruk said momentum seemed to be going the Bronco's way also.

"It's hard to explain," Sawruk said. "I don't think we quit playing. The bounces just didn't go our way."

Junior left wing Mike Stutzel, Bonk and Sawruk all scored goals for the Wildcats.

N. MICHIGAN 2 1 0 3
Western Michigan 1 1 3 5
FIRST PERIOD — 1. WMU Trevor Cook 1

(Shaun Rose, Dave Cousineau), 2:32; 1. NMU Mike Stutzel 14 (Sean Owens, Peter Michelutti), ppg, 15:57; 2. NMU Dave Bonk 4 (Alex Sawruk, Jimmy Jackson), 18:21.

SECOND PERIOD — 2. WMU Jeff Campbell 9 (Dana Lattery, Pat Dwyer), ppg, 8:15; 3. NMU Sawruk 5 (Bonk, Ryan Moderson), 18:35.

THIRD PERIOD — 3. WMU Lattery 12 (Cousineau, Dwyer), ppg, 1:22; 4. WMU Lattery 13 (Brent Rumble), 14:23; 5. WMU Paul Davies (Anthony Battagli, Lucas Drake), en, 19:27.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 1-2; WMU, 2-4. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 5-10; WMU, 3-6. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU 28 (Craig Kowalski 9-10-9); WMU 21 (Jeff Reynert 6-7-8).

N. MICHIGAN 0 0 0 0
Western Michigan 4 0 0 4

FIRST PERIOD — 1. WMU Dwyer 13 (Campbell, Mike Jarmuth), sh, 6:04; 2. WMU Campbell 10 (Cousineau, Dwyer), ppg, 7:24; 3. WMU Ryan Crane 3 (Mike Bishai, Chad Kline), ppg, 12:43; 4. WMU Campbell 11, sh, 18:02.

SECOND PERIOD — No Scoring.

THIRD PERIOD — No Scoring.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU 0-6; WMU 2-8. **PENALTIES** — NMU 12-24; WMU 10-20. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU 21 (Craig Kowalski 0-11-7); WMU 26 (Reynaert 9-2-7).



Sawruk

SWIMMING REVIEW NMU 127, GVSU 115; NMU 179, HC 49

Northern wins weekend meets on the road

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Last Saturday the Northern Michigan University swimming and diving team competed against Grand Valley and Hillsdale College.

They were victorious, 127-115, against Grand Valley and 179-49 against Hillsdale.

Head coach Chris Coraggio said the team swam better overall than the week before at Eastern and MSU.

The Wildcats are going strong into the conference meet coming up in two weeks.

"The team had a marked improvement over last week," Coraggio said.

Hillsdale had a smaller team

and could not compete as well against the larger teams the Northern and GVSU brought to the meet.

The main competition was between Northern and Grand Valley.

Against GVSU, the meet came down to the last event — the 400 freestyle.

Northern took first and third to secure the win against Grand Valley.

"The freestyle relay people stepped up and swam really well with the best unrested times in their relay," Coraggio said.

Coraggio said that several events were very close between GVSU and NMU.

In some of them, it came down to who touched first, and in

most cases it was NMU.

The finishes for second, third and fourth places in some races were just as close, also coming down to the touch at the finish. That added up to help make the difference between a win and a loss in the meet.

Sophomore Jill Bren took first place in the 100 backstroke and butterfly events.

She was also a member of the first place 400 medley relay team.

"It was a good meet for us, team wise," Bren said.

The other members of the team cheered for their teammates in the close events. Bren said it was good for team spirit.

"It was good to have competition that was right at our level,"

Bren said.

Bren is one of four swimmers who will not be in a long taper going into the conference meet.

Instead, some members of the team will be using the time to train before nationals and have their taper before that meet.

Bren hopes to do well in the conference meet and possibly get a B national time in the 50 freestyle.

Most of the team is entering their final taper and resting phase for the conference championship meet next week.

Most of the swimmers will be fully rested for that meet.

The GLIAC championship is scheduled for Feb. 20 to 23 in Indianapolis, Ind.

N: MICHIGAN 179

Hillsdale

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400 MEDLEY RELAY — 1st NMU (Jill Bren, Jamie Lewis, Katie Worley, Sam Pecheck) 3:38.25; 3rd NMU (Larisa Graham, Patti Wegner, Sarah Verbrugge, Shelly Ruspaka) 4:15.27.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1st NMU (Graham, Dena Quick, Kristy Vermillion, Pecheck) 3:38.25; 3rd NMU (Lindsey Vermillion, Verbrugge, Katie Worley, Cricket Knight) 3:51.06.

50 FREESTYLE — 1st Quick, 24.74; 4th Ruspaka, 25.86. **100 FREESTYLE** — 1st Quick, 54.64; 5th Verbrugge, 58.17. **200 FREESTYLE** — 1st Pecheck, 1:58.31. **500 FREESTYLE** — 2nd K. Vermillion, 5:17.43, 3rd L. Vermillion, 5:29.93. **1,000 FREESTYLE** — 2nd K. Vermillion, 11:06.72; 4th L. Vermillion, 11:20.50.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 85, NB 52; NMU 94, SVSU 82

Men win with strong free-throw shooting

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
STAFF WRITER

After an on-the-road victory against Saginaw Valley, the NMU men's basketball team went on to defeat the Pioneers of Northland Baptist College, 85-52.

The Wildcats hosted the Pioneers on Tuesday at the Berry Events Center.

Northern's record is 6-8 in the conference and the team remains in third place behind Northwood.

The 'Cats were expecting to play tough against the Pioneers, but came out with a slow pace in the first half.

"I don't think we were ready in the first half, and they really out-played us," senior



Matacz

guard Damian Matacz said.

Head coach Dean Ellis said his team started slow.

"The change over at half time was big," Ellis said.

The 'Cats came out more determined in the second half and went in with more momentum.

They were able to take a big lead early in the second, leading by more than 20 points after the 14:00 mark.

"We came out in the second half much stronger and took control of the game," Matacz said. "We started to exploit our strengths inside and it really helped us extend our lead."

Sophomore forward Billy Hill was the leading scorer for NMU with 21 points.

Matacz also added 17 points to the final score. Both were perfect from the free-throw line. The team overall was 28 of 29 for free throws on the night.

GLIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Michigan Tech	12-2	20-2
2. Northwood	8-7	13-9
3. N. MICHIGAN	6-8	13-9
4. Lake Superior State	6-9	14-9
5. Grand Valley State	6-9	13-12
6. Saginaw Valley State	2-12	5-17
7. Ferris State	0-15	3-20

Ellis said he was happy with the production of his team. With a wide lead, each player was able to get on the floor and gain some minutes.

Sophomore forward Matt LePage and sophomore center Milan Azanjac each put in over 20 minutes of playing time. Ellis said he was pleased with the confidence that both players showed in the second half.

On Feb. 7, Northern defeated Saginaw Valley, 94-82. This win was the first time that Northern scored in the 90s for the season.

The leading scorer for the night was Hill with a season-high of 29 points. He also had a career high of 10 free throws out of 10 attempts.

Sophomore guard Adrian Whitten tied a school record for free throws, making 12 out of 12 attempts.

Saginaw Valley is currently 2-12 in the GLIAC and is ranked 6th place behind Grand Valley State. They are 5-17 overall.

N. MICHIGAN (86) Watts 2-8 4-4 8; Whitten 3-5 0-0 8; LePage 2-4 2-2 7; Matacz 8-10 1-1 17; Hill 5-8 8-8 21; Greenwood 0-0 4-4 4; Azanjac 3-5 5-6 11; Dillon 0-6 2-2 2; Mujacic 3-8 2-2 8. TOTALS 26-54 28-29 86.

NORTHLAND BAPTIST (51) Miller 3-9 2-2 9; Saunders 2-7 4-4 8; Gibler 4-17 2-2 10; Canfield 3-9 2-2 10; Pruessner 2-5 0-0 4; Broadus 1-4 0-0 2; Corbin 1-1 0-0 3; Stummer 2-4 0-0 5. TOTALS 28-57 8-8

THREE-POINTERS — Hill 3; Whitten 2; LePage 1.
REBOUNDS — NB 26 (Saunders 7), N. Michigan 43 (Matacz 8); **ASSISTS** — NB 13 (Whittenburg, Canfield, Broadus 3), N. Michigan 8 (Watts, LePage, Dillon 2); **TOTAL FOULS** — NB 20, N. Michigan 11; **TECHNICALS** — NB Saunder (1).

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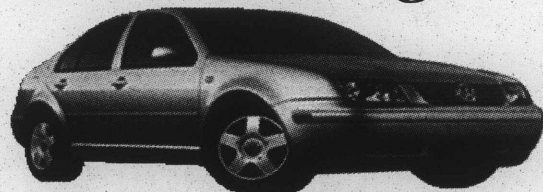
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TEAM LEADERS CAITLIN COMPTON

NMU runner leads the pack

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Junior Caitlin Compton provided leadership for the cross country runners this year.

Compton is an illustration major and skis cross country as well.

Compton was born in Manhattan and lived her first 10 years there.

She comes from a large family with three younger brothers, a younger sister, an older stepbrother and an older stepsister.

After living in the big city, she moved to Warren, Vt., that she describes as a small town of about 500 people.

As far as running goes, Compton said she started running to train for downhill skiing. It was not until her sophomore year in high school when a

friend convinced her to run cross country in the fall instead of playing soccer. Around the same time, she began nordic skiing in her junior year of high school.

Compton said her most exciting achievement in running has been going to Nationals three years in a row. In fact, she hopes to finish in the top 15, if not the top 10 at next year's NCAA Nationals.

Compton said a perfect race for her is when she can come around the last bend in a course out in front and win the race.

Compton was first this year at the Michigan Tech invitational and in the

GLIAC championship, where she was MVP.

She led the Northern runners at other meets such as the NCAA regionals, where she finished second overall.

"When I do everything my coach says, and it works, it feels good," Compton said.

She also said she has a lot of confidence in her coach, Sten Fjeldheim.

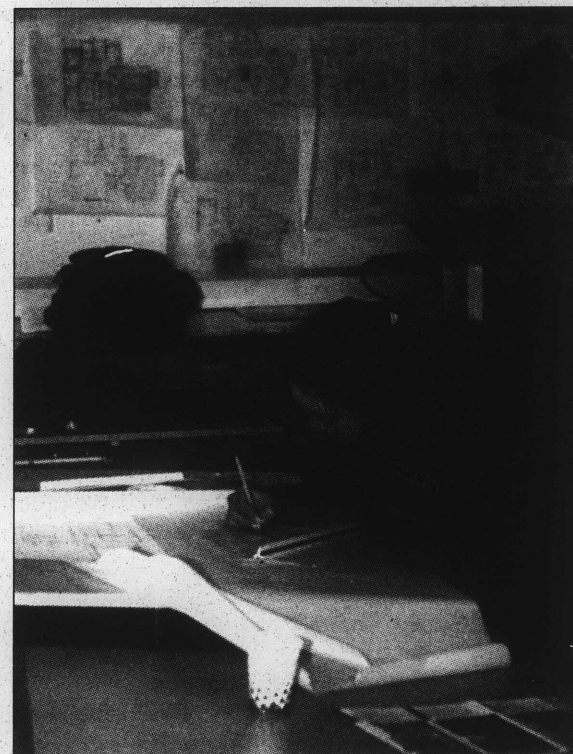
Fjeldheim coaches Compton in both cross country running and skiing. He has been her biggest role model.

Compton plans to become an architect after graduating from Northern. She also wants to keep competing in cross country skiing after graduation.

Compton said the greatest lesson athletics has taught her is "success takes dedication and time and sacrifice."



Compton



Dan Grimm/NW

Junior cross country runner Caitlin Compton plans to become an architect after graduating from NMU.

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with a clean slate," Kowalski said.

On the season, Kowalski is 16-9-2 with a .918 goals against average.

The Wildcats have the edge against Miami in goals-for and goals-against on the season, but on special teams the Red Hawks have the advantage.

The Red Hawks are third in the CCHA in both the power play and penalty killing.

The Wildcats are fifth on the



Kowalski

power play and sixth in penalty killing.

NMU freshman center Dave Bonk said that he has no doubts that the Wildcats can be successful. He said if they have a good week of practice and play at their best over the weekend, they can beat any team in the league.

Sophomore right wing Alex Sawruk said the team needs to look forward towards the tough competition coming up, not back at losses.

"It all comes back to practice," Sawruk said. "We can't dwell on what happened last weekend; we have to look forward. This is a tough time of year to play because every team is good."

"We have to look forward and prepare ourselves to win."

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Wawryzniak said. "As long as we keep talking of defense, people always play much better."

The Lake Superior State Lakers are led by a young and talented core.

Junior forward Alice Duesing has been their offense force putting in 435 points, a team leading 35 steals and has pulled down a second best 153 rebounds.

Sophomore center Allyson Conway is second in scoring with 283 points for the season, and is leading the team in rebounds with 154.

Rounding out the top three Lady Lakers is sophomore guard Danielle Pettingill.

Pettingill has 230 points, including 30 three pointers, which is good for second best on the team.

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is ranked in seventh place in conference scoring.

He is first in rebounds for his team with 7.4 per game and second in team scoring, with 132 points this season.

Northwood is currently second in the conference with a record of 8-7 and an overall record of 13-9.

Tonight will not only mark the last season home game; it will also mark the last career home game for Matacz.

"Playing here has been a big part of my life, and I guess this is the start of the end of it all, so I'm sure I will be a little emotional," Matacz said.

His family will be in town from Australia.

"My parents and sister are here for two weeks and will be at the game, so that means a lot to me," he said.

Matacz is 13th in career scoring at Northern with 1,270 points, and is five points away from 12th place. He is currently 10th in career rebounds.

After the last game at home, NMU will be on the road, meeting Lake Superior State on Saturday. The 'Cats faced LSSU in December and won, 86-70.

The Lakers are currently in fourth place in the GLIAC with a record of 6-9.

They are 14-9 overall for the season.

The 'Cats will meet with the Lakers at 3 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.

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Dana - Happy Valentine's Day! - Travis

Roger - Welcome to Marquette where the players play, and we ride on them things like every day - T, T, & H

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Lee - Put an ice pack on it. Get well soon - Chris

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Dan - I appreciate the hard work. Keep it up - Andy

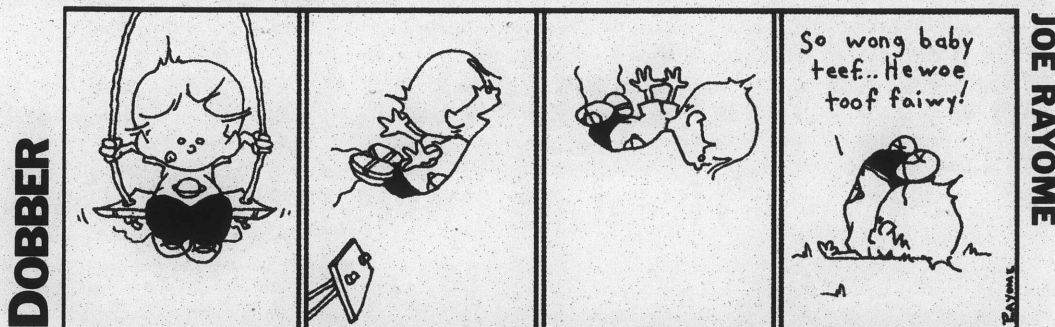
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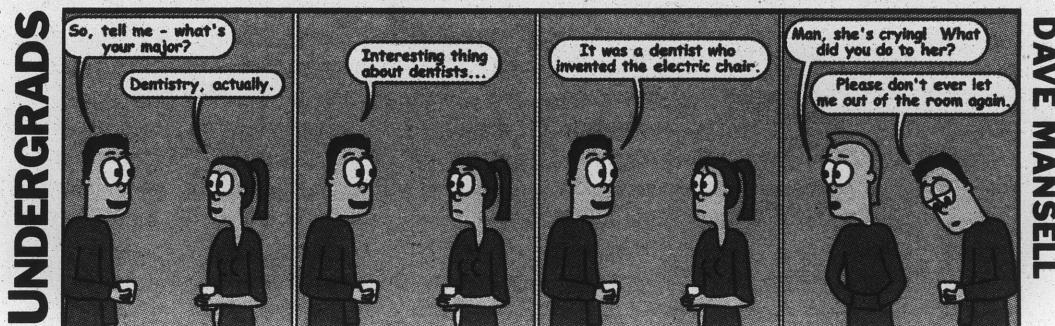
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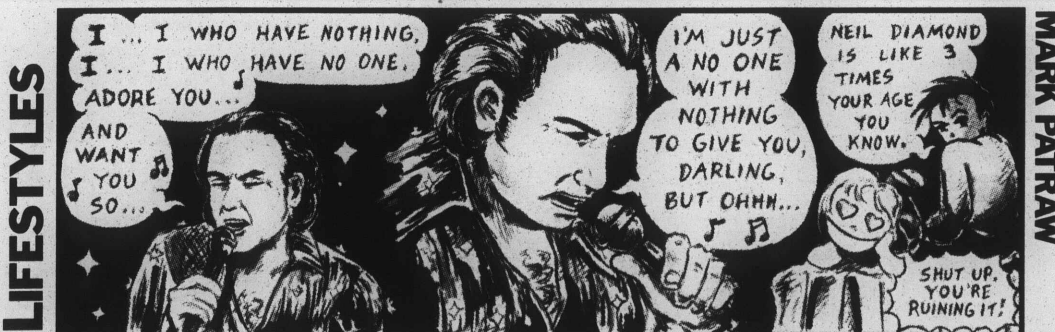
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