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NMU students arrested

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Two NMU students were arrested last week on campus and now face felony drug distribution charges.

As part of an investigation by the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team, Matthew Iverson, 19, and William Hartmann, 19, were arrested at 9:45 p.m. Feb. 19 in Gant Hall after allegedly selling cocaine and marijuana to undercover UPSET officers. Both students are sophomores and residents of Gant Hall.

Iverson and Hartmann were arraigned on Feb. 20 in the 96th District Court in Marquette. Iverson was charged with one count of felony delivery and manufacturing of marijuana. Hartmann was charged with two counts of felony delivery and manufacturing of less

than 50 grams of cocaine. If found guilty, Iverson faces up to four years in prison and or a \$20,000 fine. Hartmann could face a maximum of one to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

"We heard there was a lot of cocaine and marijuana on campus," UPSET Director Jeff Racine said. "We took a look and a lot led back to these guys."

He said other arrests may take place soon, stemming from other investigations on or near campus.

"We have several ongoing (investigations) now," Racine said. "Other arrests are pending with



LaDuke

other cases."

Public Safety Investigator Victor LaDuke said drug use on campus is increasing.

"I believe that you'll find that our drug stats on campus have increased over the years," LaDuke said. "I can't give a reason as to why."

Racine said the number of students using drugs on campus does not seem to be increasing, but the quantity of drugs on campus is rising.

"Before, we were dealing with grams of cocaine," he said. "Now we're dealing more with ounces."

NMU Public Safety statistics also indicate that drug activity has increased in recent years. There were eight drug law violations reported in 1998, nine in 1999 and 16 in 2000. Statistics are not yet available for 2001. In 1998, 10

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Posters removed on campus

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Several Diversity Student Services posters have been removed from various campus walls recently, and several have been found in campus garbage cans.

Diversity Student Services Assistant Director April Lindala said posters, including Black History Month posters, Kings of Africa posters and 10th annual pow wow posters, were removed from walls and posting areas in the University Center, the Gries Hall tunnel, the Gries Hall first floor posting area and Jamrich Hall.

"Two pow wow posters were placed in the same location and ripped down twice and thrown in the garbage within two days," Lindala said. "That was in the University Center."

Lindala said that a "Diversity Faces" poster is graphically appealing, and although they've been removed from walls, they have not been found in garbage cans. She said people may take those for their homes.

Lindala also said that one poster with Martin Luther

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Meningitis confirmed

BY JESSICA AYCOCK
NEWS EDITOR

An NMU student was diagnosed and treated on Monday for meningococcal meningitis, a bacterial infection that can become fatal.

Meningitis is an infection and inflammation of the membranes and fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

The student, whose name has not been released at her parent's request, began to have flu-like symptoms on Sunday. Before her scheduled appointment at the Health Center on Monday, she was taken to a walk-in clinic, Dean of Students Ed Niemi said.

"Her condition has improved since she was admitted," Niemi said. "We're

unsure of how long she'll be in the hospital."

At last report, she was listed in fair condition.

"While this is a very serious situation, I want to stress that management of care is very much under control," NMU President Judi Bailey said in an e-mail to faculty and staff.

"I have no reason to believe there will be any other cases of this disease on campus."

Niemi said he's spoken to the family of the woman and has made it known that his office is available to help.

NMU's Health Center's Chief of Staff Tom Schacht has met with the woman's closest contacts, spoken with the resi-

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Mountain mapping



Dan Grimm/NW

Junior aerospace engineer Richard Roma and senior political science major Jeffrey Daggie plan a path down a run at Marquette Mountain last weekend.

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arrests were made due to drug law violations, 12 in 1999 and 14 arrests were made in 2000.

"Whatever is available is going to be abused, and right now there is a large amount of cocaine and marijuana in the area," Racine said.

Dean of Students Ed Niemi said his office recently received copies of the police report, and will be reviewing them.

"It's certainly a very serious violation of the student code," Niemi said. "I would expect that we will charge the students (with student code violations)."

He said Iverson and Hartmann would either have an NMU judiciary or administrative hearing. Punishment would depend on the outcome of the hearing.

Iverson's preliminary hearing at the 96th District Court is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on March 5, and Hartmann's will be held at 10 a.m. on March 5.

Iverson and Hartmann declined to comment.

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dence hall where she resides and has addressed each of the woman's classes.

Schacht said it was unlikely to have a case of linked meningococcal meningitis but he has treated about 15 students who may have had contact with the woman with the antibiotic Cipro.

According to the Mayo Clinic Web site, nearly 300 people die of meningococcal meningitis every year in the United States. The early symptoms of bacterial and viral meningitis are easily mistaken for the flu.

Symptoms include: a high fever that prevents eating or drinking, severe headache, vomiting, seizures, drowsiness, stiff neck, skin rash and rapid progression of small hemorrhages under the skin.

"Some people have a full recovery from meningitis," Schacht said. "For others there may be some terrible long-term effects."

Some long-term effects include neurologic complications, such as deafness, blindness, speech loss or brain damage.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of meningococcal meningitis cases among

15- to 24-year-olds doubled between 1991 and 1997.

A vaccine is currently available that offers 85-percent protection against the strains that cause 70 percent of infections in college students, Schacht said. The vaccine is only effective for three to five years. In 1999, the CDC recommended that all college students receive the vaccine.

Other undergraduate students wishing to reduce their risk of meningococcal disease can also be vaccinated.

Although NMU is not doing a mass immunization, vaccinations are available on a regular basis at the Health Center for \$60.

Schacht said NMU has sent letters to incoming freshmen letting them know that the vaccine is available since the CDC's recommendation.

For more information on meningococcal meningitis, visit the Mayo Clinic Web site at www.mayoclinic.com. Information is also available on the Health Center Web site at www.nmu.edu/healthcenter.

For medical attention in conjunction with the meningitis case on campus, call the Health Center at 227-2355.

For any other inquiries about this situation, contact Niemi at 227-1700.

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King Jr. on it was found in the garbage can with a racial slur written above King's photo.

"To rip a poster down is to sabotage an event or censor a message," she said. "It's the exact opposite action of the graffiti, but still causes the same reaction."

Assistant Dean of Students Christine Greer said that, although there is no actual investigation taking place, those who remove posters could be charged with theft.



Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Chairwoman Eileen Smit, who is also an NMU nursing professor, sent an e-mail to all students and faculty on Monday.

"We feel the need to use this as a 'teachable moment,' and offer you a way to take action opposing racism," Smit said in the e-mail.

Smit also said that students should stop at the DSS office in the University Center to pick up posters to display in offices, classrooms and homes as a way of defying racist acts.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Wildcat hockey preview story on Page 18 of the Feb. 21 issue of *The North Wind*, it was written that 10 teams make the CCHA playoffs. This year, 12 teams will make the playoffs.


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BRIEFS

Local

Two charged with home invasion

MARQUETTE — Michael Francis Smith of Ishpeming and Jeremy Lee Johnson of Kingsford were arrested by the Marquette Police Department Sunday and charged with second degree home invasion. The subjects allegedly entered an apartment at 1403 Lincoln Ave., by breaking a window and crawling through it. A neighbor called the police after observing the suspects, who fled the area in a vehicle. Johnson was released after posting a \$10,000 cash bond. Smith remains in jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bond. Second degree home invasion is punishable by a maximum of 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

National

Pilots receive stun gun training

DENVER — United Airlines plans to start training its pilots to use stun guns to defend their cockpits even though the devices have not been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. The nation's second-biggest airline will hold a one-day training session for its pilots in Denver and other hub cities such as Chicago and San Francisco starting in April. Flight attendants will also be trained in self-defense and helping passengers in the event of a terrorist attack but will not be trained to use the advanced Taser stun guns, which will be kept in locked boxes in the cockpit. The airline was the first major United States carrier to announce plans to use stun guns on its planes.

International

Afghan locals dispute raid inquiry

IRIN KOT, Afghanistan — Local officials and relatives of Afghans killed by United States Special Forces angrily reject the Pentagon's inquiry into the Jan. 24 raid, insisting that men were shot without a chance to surrender and that in many cases the Americans, not the Afghans, fired first. The Pentagon says 16 people were killed in the raid on two compounds in an area it calls Hazar Qadam and Americans generated the intelligence that led to the flawed raid; local Afghans insist 21 people died in Oruzgan town, once the capital of the province, and the Americans were manipulated by bad information from locals caught in a complex feud. The Pentagon said Americans were fired upon; witnesses to the raid say the opposite.

Weird News

Cow escapes slaughter, captured

CINCINNATI — A free-spirited cow who eluded capture after escaping a date with death in a slaughterhouse 11 days ago was captured in a back yard. Harold Dates, director of the Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the 1,200-pound white Charolais was tranquilized after being flushed out of a wooded park less than a mile from the slaughterhouse. The cow had been roaming the park since her escape, and various efforts to capture her made TV network news. Success came after society workers set up a corral with decoy cows in the park. The cow has earned clemency from the execution that awaited her at the slaughterhouse.

— Compiled from news sources

All fun and games



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Jordan and Mariah Darling, children of Tami, Bob and stepfather Paul, spent the night coloring and playing board games with sophomore nursing major Carissa Waters and junior public relations and political science major Jenni Kapla while ASNMU hosted a parents social.

Internet tracks plagiarism

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
OPINION EDITOR

Northern Michigan University faculty members have engaged in the use of technology that will detect whether or not a student has plagiarized a paper.

Such technology is found on the Internet, and used by professors to verify suspicions that a student has plagiarized a paper. "This is a tool that is proving very useful; there are very powerful search engines available via the Internet," English Department Head Jim Schiffer said.

Schiffer said that it is often very obvious to distinguish between professional writing and something that was written by a student. When a professor suspects a piece of writing, all they need to do is type in a few sentences of a student's writing. The Internet systems they use will then do a search of hundreds of Web sites and papermills where a student might purchase a paper, or plagiarize from one.

"We would like to communicate from the time a student enters this university the value of

academic honesty," Schiffer said.

What constitutes as plagiarism plays a significant role, Schiffer said, since many students do not know the difference between plagiarizing someone else's work and utilizing other sources for information included in their papers. Schiffer said that the technology is very reliable and in the cases the technology had been put to use it has found the suspected student guilty of plagiarism.

"The technology is very useful and accurate in detecting whether or not a student has plagiarized," English Professor Theresa Kynell said.

Kynell said she has used this Internet technology for approximately the past three years.

Some students are very supportive of faculty using such technology to determine whether or not a student has plagiarized.

"I don't see a problem with using the technology," junior secondary education major Andrew

Crunkleton said. "If you write your own papers, then why should you worry about it?"

Other students are slightly concerned with how exactly the technology works.

"I guess it depends on how picky the searches are," junior elementary education major Jean Gleason said.

"The technology is very useful and accurate in detecting whether or not a student has plagiarized."

— Theresa Kynell
English Professor

Gleason said she was concerned that if the technology only picked up a few words that a student may have used

in a report that were similar in another piece of writing, the technology was a little extreme in detecting actual plagiarism.

"However, if it's sentence for sentence then the student is stupid for doing it in the first place," Gleason said.

Schiffer said he thinks that the purpose of detecting whether or not a student has plagiarized is not to develop a police state, but to communicate the value of academic honesty in the university.

FORECAST

• **Friday:** Scattered light snow showers or flurries. High 15 to 20.

• **Saturday:** Partly sunny with a few flurries. High around 20.

• **Sunday:** Partly sunny. Low 10 to 15. High 20 to 25.

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Bailey outlines expectations for faculty

BY KRISTI ARLT
STAFF WRITER

NMU President Judi Bailey addressed the Academic Senate last month about her goals for faculty and staff, setting higher expectations and looking to make NMU a greater commodity.

Bailey focused on quality education, diversification in students, faculty and staff, consistent growth and retention of students, small class size and the budget. Bailey said that faculty is the key to a high quality academic program and the faculty of NMU is no exception.

"They have reached out and led the way for many of their peers nationally in using a technologically integrated learning environment both in and out of the classroom setting," she said.

Brent Graves, biology professor and Academic Senate Chairman, said it was good to see quality education at the top of Bailey's lists of goals, since it is the faculty's first priority.

"It is our responsibility to teach classes in ways that challenge students to work harder than they have before, to learn new ideas and to think in new ways," he said. "If an athlete doesn't push [him or herself] hard, they won't get any better, and a mind is no different."

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said NMU's quality faculty improves academic programs and helps students succeed.

"[Our faculty help] our students discover the joy and value of being an independent learner," he said.

Experienced staff members, including financial aid, residence life, micro-repair, advisement and counseling and job search are also a large part of success at



Bailey

Northern, Joyal said.

"We have an award-winning leadership program that is among the best in the country," he said.

Faculty and staff have done a good job of being accessible to both current and potential students, Bailey said.

"We pride ourselves on the interaction our faculty can have with students," she said.

Diversifying Northern's campus in curriculum, faculty, staff and students is equally important, she said.

"We continue to actively recruit faculty, staff and students that represent a broader population to create a more diverse environment," she said.

These ideas come from diversity in faculty, staff and students, Joyal said, and even though Northern is far from the ideal diversified learning community, constant improvements will make it a reality.

"The best learning is derived through the consideration of a diverse set of freely expressed

ideas," Joyal said.

Graves said there has been a substantial increase in faculty involvement in recruiting and retaining students.

He said most faculty members are available for campus visits, which exceeds their original job specifications.

Faculty also meet monthly with students on academic probation to measure their progress, going beyond typical adviser duties, he said.

"We don't do these things because of big raises or free parking," Graves said. "We do them because we care about our students and the university."

Trying to balance increased costs and the needs of the students does not come without a cost, Bailey said.

Tuition would increase to cover rising costs, she said, but Northern still has the fourth lowest tuition in the state and plans to stay that way.

Maintaining small class size is just one of the needs of students, Bailey said.

"Small class sizes clearly have a positive effect on education," Graves said. "But it takes money to keep class size small."

With increased enrollment comes expansion of faculty and staff to maintain small classes, which in turn affects the budget, Joyal said.

Although parts of the university budget have increased while others have decreased, overall spending has grown so if academic departments want to enlarge their budgets, money will need to come in from increased enrollment, Graves said.

New enrollment targets are set every year, Bailey said, but the main model that has been in place for several years is to grow to 10,400 students by 2005.



Joyal

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Housing for American Indians analyzed

BY JESSICA HOLMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A new section in a residence hall is being planned for American Indian students in hopes of improving retention rates and allowing for cultural community experiences.

The Native American Experience House will be a part of a current house in a currently undecided hall on campus.

The idea has already been approved by the President's Roundtable.

The President's Roundtable is an advisory board to the Housing and Residence Life department. It is made up of about 17 residence hall presidents or their appointed representatives, staff from Housing and Residence Life and at least one ASNMU member.

The President's Roundtable meets weekly and deals with a wide variety of residence hall issues.

Director of Housing and

Residence Life Carl Holm said that he first brought the idea to the attention of the President's Roundtable when it formulated the group's goals for the year.

The President's Roundtable discussed the initiative in at least one meeting in the fall.

It met with three American Indian students, Assistant Director of Diversity Student Services April Lindala and Director of the Center for Native American Studies Marty Reinhart in November and two or three more times since then.

"The meeting with the Native American students helped the group understand the issues and the purpose for the initiative," Holm said. "From that point on they have been supportive. They have been helping us to determine where best the Native American experience could go."

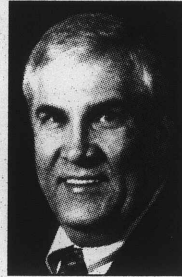
It has not been decided which hall the Native American Experience House will be in.

"I think that it is important to note that it's not an entire house

within a residence hall," Lindala said. "A lot of the Native American students that attend this university are nontraditional commuter students. We did realize that an entire [house] would probably not be necessary. And so we talked about (creating) ... a society in a house that would allow for a cultural community experience for native students and those wishing to have a cultural community experience."

Lindala said that NMU has very good retention rates of third-semester students overall, with an over 70 percent retention rate. "We should be proud of it at this school, because it's above the national average," she said.

However, the retention rate of American Indian students is less than 30 percent.



Holm

Those involved in the creation of the Native American Experience House hope that the experiment will have a positive effect on the retention rate.

"If the native students are not being retained, NMU is faced with a lack of diversity," Lindala said.

Some people on campus have raised the question of segregation concerning the future house.

Being a part of the Native American Experience House is voluntary.

"Prospective students who indicate 'I' on their application for admission will be contacted about the house," Lindala said. "Native students will be invited and have the choice to live in the native house."

"Those native students who do choose to live in the house will be taking classes with the general population and will be encouraged to participate in campus activities just as (those in) any house or hall would be."

Holm said that it is difficult to

predict how the other students in the house will be affected by the inclusion of the Native American Experience House.

"I would hope that [the other students] would see this as an opportunity to get to know and be supportive of the Native American students who live there and to learn about them and appreciate their cultural values," Holm said.

"To me, one of the keys to the success of the Native American Experience House is the support we get from the students who already live in the house, especially those who will be returning next year."

The house will be assessed on how it affects retention rates.

"We will be assessing the retention of Native American students as the primary key of success," Lindala said.

"A native house is what students and parents have told me they would like to see happen and I do believe it will make a difference."

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EDITORIAL

Spring break should be enjoyed everywhere

Spring break is merely days away. College students across the country will travel to Mexico, Florida, Jamaica and California. Some students will also stay close to campus, spend time with loved ones in their hometowns, get ahead or catch up on schoolwork and work to earn money.

Geography Department Instructor Richard Eathorne said that students should travel while they are still students and have fewer responsibilities. This is very true for some students, but those who cannot afford to travel and spend money sightseeing should not be depressed about staying in Marquette, or simply going home to visit family and friends.

The one-week spring break is valuable for every student. By now, students are burnt out from classes and work, and some quality time with the Playstation 2 might be all that a student needs to march forward, complete the semester and retain sanity all at once.

Or maybe renting movies or reading a book that's not required for a class would be a welcome change of pace from the fast life during the semester.

Students who save their money and work to keep, or get, good grades may have less stress over the last seven weeks of the semester than those who appear worry-free at a pricey resort.

On the other hand, many will argue that the experience of enjoying an exciting spring break with friends and without concern for school is priceless and only something that can be done as a college student. For many students, this is true.

Students should not feel pressured into enjoying a stereotypical spring break.

Whether you decide to take the week-long vacation and find a second wind to carry you to spring, or choose to travel and party, do what is best for you. No matter what, be safe and responsible.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Provost addresses diversity at NMU

In her Convocation Address this past fall, President Bailey emphasized a renewed commitment to diversity as a special emphasis area for the university community. She acknowledged this renewed commitment was going to be challenging and hard to accomplish.

In the past week, posters advertising various activities to celebrate our diversity have been ripped down from bulletin boards all over campus. These posters concerned Black History Month and the upcoming pow wow sponsored by NASA.

By sneaking around and tearing down these posters, a few misguided individuals are taking away our freedom of expression. This behavior is, at the very least, disappointing; at the worst, small-minded and despicable. I am asking whoever has been involved in removing the posters to please stop.

In 1990, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching issued a special report entitled, "Campus Life — In Search of Community." The foundation proposed six principles that define the kind of community every college or university should strive to achieve. The second principle is: "A college or university is an open community, a place where the sacred-

ness of expression is uncompromisingly protected and where civility is powerfully affirmed." The third principle in the report is: "A college or university is just a community, a place where the sacredness of the person is honored and where diversity is aggressively pursued." These principles continue to guide colleges and universities across the nation, including NMU.

I am issuing an invitation to the people who removed the poster to become part of our campus discussion. Let us know why you feel the need to keep others from experiencing the diversity on this campus. Are you angry with someone? Are you threatened by people who are different from you? Do you resent having to look at posters that celebrate different cultures? Do you feel that your interests and concerns are not represented on this campus?

There are many opportunities to join in the discussion. Attend one of the events being advertised on the posters. Talk to a faculty or staff member. You can e-mail the dean of students (eniemi@nmu.edu). You can e-mail me (fjoyal@nmu.edu). Join in our discussion.

We must work to build a just community at Northern. We must build a community in which each of us feels welcomed. It is imperative that we accept the challenge of this

responsibility.

Fred Joyal, Ph.D.
 Provost and VP
 Academic Affairs

Junior appalled by response to column

Today while reading your paper I came upon a vicious attack upon columnist Chris Mosier by John Oberschmidt.

This attack seemed to be spurred by an article Ms. Mosier wrote entitled, "Football Interrupts Flag Waving." I was unable to recall this column, or why it would inspire such a response so I went to The North Wind Web site, and searched the back issues until I found a copy.

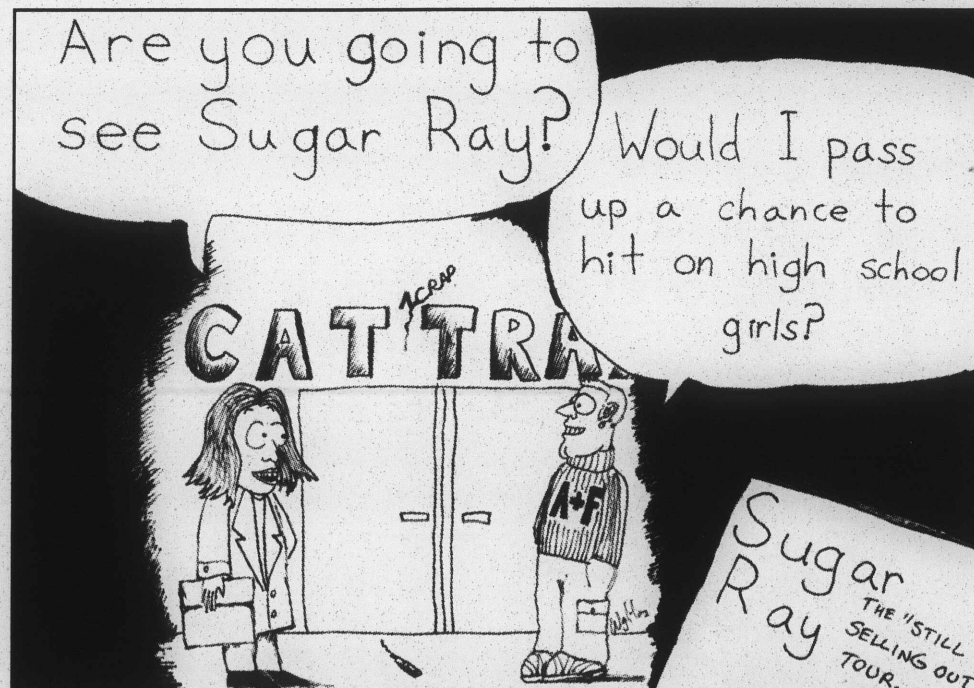
I cannot say that I agreed with everything that Ms. Mosier said however, I can say that I found myself more offended by your response, Mr. Oberschmidt, than I was by anything she said.

Comments such as "I was surprised she didn't join John Walker in his war the against the U.S.A." and suggesting that she move to Afghanistan are baseless and serve no other purpose than a childish attack against the writer of an article you did not agree with.

You also claim that, "Commercialism and a free market economy are what our

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William Holland
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country is built on." I would like to take this time to disagree and say that it is our basic freedoms such as speech and the press which forms the basis upon which our country is built.

In the United States, we have the duty to speak out and voice our opinion and question the way our society is progressing. In that way then, Chris Mosier may be one of the most patriotic students on this campus.

I am overjoyed, Mr. Oberschmidt, that you also chose to exercise your duty as a citizen by voicing your opinion.

However, I do wish in the future, you and others will give some thought to just what it means to be an American before you attack someone in writing.

Dan McCollum
junior, history, secondary education

Staff member praises meal plan

As a NMU Staff Member participating in the Wildcat Meal Program, I would like to offer my opinion on a few areas different from those

expressed in your article, "Staff meal plans available."

First, I would challenge the description of the cafeteria food as not very appealing.

I frequently eat in the Marketplace and Wildcat Den where the menus are fresh, nutritious and varied. I wish this type of dining was available when I attended university.

Second, as a staff member, I don't have the opportunity to interact with students as much as faculty does. I enjoy talking with students and other staff members in the various dining venues.

I believe that having a faculty dining room would separate me from the very reason I have a job, the students.

Finally, the choices offer flexibility whether someone is vegetarian, vegan or has dietary restrictions. I am lactose intolerant so the non-dairy based milk and cheese products on the menu are a welcome alternative.

I encourage everyone to try a meal at any of the three dining facilities on campus and the old stereotypes of cafeteria food will be quickly dispelled.

Rita Schultz Gordon
Business Manager
Auxiliary Services

Megan's Law is needed

STAFF COLUMN



by Mary Ann Cancilla

The kidnapping and possible murder of Danielle van Dam, 7, deeply saddens and disgusts me.

It also brings up questions of awareness. I firmly believe the whereabouts of paroled sex offenders should be public knowledge. A neighbor to the van Dams, David Westerfield, 50, has been arraigned on kidnapping charges, and most recently, murder charges.

Westerfield is not registered as a sex offender, and in fact, his only criminal history is a drunk driving ticket from 1996.

However, there are cases similar to Danielle's where the perpetrator is a repeat sex offender. Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old from New Jersey, was raped, beaten and strangled by Jesse Timmendequas, a paroled sex offender. Timmendequas lived across the street from Megan. Megan's parents claim that had they known Timmendequas was a sex offender their daughter would still be alive today.

Another case occurred right here in Michigan, when repeat sex offender James Cook was paroled in January 2001. By June 2001, he was charged with four mobile-home molestations in Springfield Township, Mich.

Statistics offered by Vernon Quinsey, who has done clinical studies on sex offenders for the past decade and a half, said that

50 percent of sex offenders' victims are juveniles.

Quinsey's research also indicates that of 136 extramarital (outside of the family) child molesters studied, 43 percent committed a new violent or sexual offense after treatment. With these statistics in mind, the value of sexual offenders having to register publicly is extremely important. The Sexual Offender Registry Act, which was put into effect in 1996, has caused a large amount of debate over the years.

The act stemmed from a law first put into act in New Jersey after the case of Megan Kanka; the law is called "Megan's Law."

Those who oppose the act argue that forcing offenders to register publicly hinders their therapeutic processes. When sex offenders become known publicly they become labeled by society, and shut out from vari-

ous activities necessary for personal development.

However, the question is, with statistics determining that around half of these sex offenders will in fact commit the crime again, why should we care?

Secrecy only allows for continuous high-risk behaviors. Most sex offenders do in fact commit their crimes in secret, and isolation seems to breed deviant, perverse behavior.

Anyone who has committed such a disgusting crime, I believe, has already at some level given up their basic constitutional rights by harming another person.

These may be truly sick people, but why should we risk the wellbeing of our children to correct their behavior by allowing them to co-exist in our neighborhoods unknown?

Public knowledge of sex offenders can aid in the prevention of despicable sex offenses, and since half of them are against children we need to keep this law in effect for the sake of protecting them.

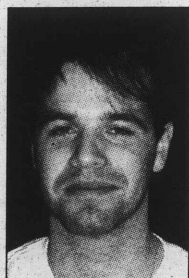
This law may not have protected Danielle personally, but perhaps other children out there who are just like her.

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

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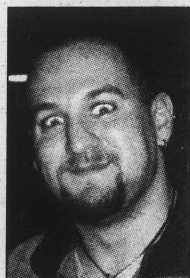
— Compiled by Brad Decker

Where would you go for the ultimate spring break trip?



Alex Pontois
freshman, journalism

"Wherever the MTV special is taking place."



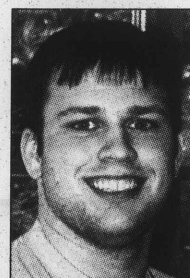
Neil Parker
junior, hospitality mgt.

"The moon; the weather's great there."



Laura Ferriby
graduate student, Biology

"Trinidad and Tobago. It's quiet and secluded, not a tourist trap, but warm and lots of fun."



Robby Bennett
freshman, undeclared

"To the 'boot'."



Jessica Blanton
sophomore, psychology

"Spain!"

Students plan food fest

BY KRISTI ARLT
STAFF WRITER

The All Nations Club will sponsor its annual international food fest, allowing students to get a better understanding of different cultures.

The food fest will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on March 24 in the central court area of the Jacobetti Center.

The event is free to NMU students; non-students, including faculty, must purchase \$5 tickets, available at the international affairs office until March 24.

The ANC, which began as the International Students Club 10 years ago, consists of interested American students and international students, who automatically become members when they are enrolled at NMU, said All Nations Club Vice President Thomas Shire, a freshmen political science and French major.

Traditional dishes from China, Poland, Israel, Germany and the Netherlands are just a few of the

cultural cuisines available at the food fest, Shire said.

Members of the ANC, staff, domestic students and even a faculty member will be helping out with the cooking, ANC adviser and International Affairs Director John Weting said.

Sociology and Social Work Professor Renxin Yang is one of the few faculty members to ever participate in the event, Weting said.

"It's a good activity to increase awareness of diversity," Yang said.

Yang said ANC members asked her to help, so she accepted and will be making traditional Chinese fare.

Weting said food fests in the past have been a successful event.

"It's a small opportunity to explore different cultures," he said. "The campus and the community look forward to it."

Giving students the opportunity to learn more about the ANC is one of the things the food fest has

potential to accomplish, Weting said.

"You can't consider a country's culture without their food," he said.

Yang said food is only one aspect of a culture and the international food fest helps everyone learn about other cultures.

Weting said international students are a rich element and help spread different cultural perspectives to whomever they meet.

Sharing cultural ideas with one another is one of the goals of the ANC as well as the international food fest, Shire said.

The cooking starts at 8 a.m. the day of the fest, and any volunteers are welcome.

Leftovers from the event are taken to Jansen House, a low-priced housing facility, Weting said.

"Nothing goes to waste," he said.

Any questions concerning the ANC or the international food fest can be directed to Thomas Shire at topisgreat@yahoo.co.uk.

Squeaky clean



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Undeclared freshman Peter Meldrum gathers clean laundry out of a dryer at King Koin Laundromat on Sunday.



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Bolivia trip offers credit

BY JESSICA HOLMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This summer, students will have the chance to travel to Bolivia, study the country's geography and ecology and receive three credits.

Richard Eathorne, a geography department instructor, will be traveling with up to 10 students for GC 295 Special Topics in Geography: Field Studies in Ecotourism Bolivia. The trip runs from May 6 through May 19.

The group departs and returns via Detroit.

"We will travel from the Andean Mountains (and the highest capital of the world — La Paz, at about 12,000 feet elevation) to the depths of the Bolivian jungle," Eathorne said. "[It will be] 14 days filled with hiking, trekking, canoeing, camping, nature viewing, [studying] indigenous cultures and hanging out at one of the most remote and beautiful jungle lodges in the Amazon basin."

Students will visit Amazonian rain forests, Lake Titicaca, Incan ruins, the pampas (savannas) and La Paz, one of Bolivia's two capitals.

"This is an incredible learning adventure," Eathorne said. "I encourage all my students to travel whenever they can, and when you are going to college is the best time. After a student gets out of college, all sorts of other commitments and responsibilities begin to compete against the opportunity for travel."

This will be the first field trip Eathorne is making to Bolivia. Last year he went to Ecuador.

"We spent some time in the headwaters of the Amazon Jungle with the natives," junior secondary education major Terry Roth said. "We also spent some time in the Andes Mountains, and spent a few days cruising around the Galapagos Islands. Everyone that went had a great time, and learned a lot of new things."

Students that traveled with Eathorne to Ecuador enjoyed their experiences.

"I traveled on the Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands trip," senior environmental conservation major Dan Arvidson said. "[Field trips with Eathorne are] well worth it. Traveling through Amazonian rain forests [is] an experience you'll never forget. The wildlife you see will amaze you and you will see why the rain forests should be saved."

The course is limited to 10 students. The deadline for registration is April 1. The fee for the course is \$2,785 and tuition for the three credits is \$450.

Fees cover round-trip airfare, all transportation, all lodging accommodations, 12 breakfasts, nine lunches and nine dinners, entrance fees for a national park and basic travel, baggage and medical insurance packages.

For more information or registration, contact Eathorne at 227-2575 or e-mail him at reathorn@nmu.edu.

Winter fun




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Junior marketing major James Garrett tries to throw junior social work major Tia Armstrong into the snow Tuesday.

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Religion does not justify crime

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

Church-state separation stands as one of the foundations of America, a pluralistic society with many religions. Separation guarantees everyone the freedom to worship, or not to worship, as he or she chooses.

Religious motives cannot run our legal system.

Recently, Alabama was embarrassed by a religious fanatic in a power position. Last week, the Alabama Supreme Court unanimously ruled to give custody of three teens to their father over their gay mother, who lives with her partner in California. The ruling said that homosexuality is "an inherent evil," and should not be tolerated.

Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote that the mother's relationship with her gay partner made her an unfit parent and that homosexuality is "abhorrent, immoral, detestable, a crime against nature."

Moore quoted scripture that backed his final judgement; using the Bible to rule is a violation of church and state, and is wrong. Religion should not factor into the courtroom.

The Bible was used to justify their position of homophobia. Like any religious text, the Bible is just a compilation of literature that has been re-written and translated; it is a collection of stories.

Moore's religious beliefs prevented him from doing his job. His interpretation of the Bible kept him from judging the case objectively, and more seriously, slapped a criminal label on all homosexuals.

Religion is used to justify people's prejudices, insane theories and crimes they commit. In truth, placing unreasonable amounts of faith in religion is a cause of many of the wrongdoings in the world today.

I have no problem with having faith in a higher power; I think it is important to have some sort of grasp on your belief system, even if it doesn't follow an organized religion.

The problem comes when people try to force their beliefs upon others, are too close-minded to realize that other belief systems exist beyond their own and think their religion rules the world.

Recently, a Wisconsin woman killed two funeral directors, saying she was a mailman for God. Her attorney's defense was "she is not a criminal; she is just a Christian." Christians can be murderers too, as can people who believe in any other faith. This woman is a murderer, not a saint.

Many years back, David Koresh, a self-proclaimed messiah and leader of the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, sealed the fate of 86 sheep-like followers in an apparent mass suicide. Religious beliefs cannot justify the deaths of those people.

No violent deed can be blamed on religious texts or a higher power's word. It is the people — the mentally disturbed, clinging to the crutch of religion — who interpret works like the Bible and the Koran and use them to make their decisions.

No form of god or higher power has ever spoken to me. When people blame their prejudice, theories or crimes on a religious passage or say it was in the name of God, I am not disillusioned enough to think they are justified in their cause.

If you mess up, you should suffer the consequences. Your god may forgive you, but a higher power, to me, is not an acceptable excuse for your actions on this planet.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

Students vacation, relax for spring break

BY ADAM CZARNECKI
STAFF WRITER

For some, spring break is a week where anything can happen. The stereotypical college student is usually portrayed as spending his or her spring break in such places as Cancun, Mexico, Orlando, Fla. or the Bahamas.

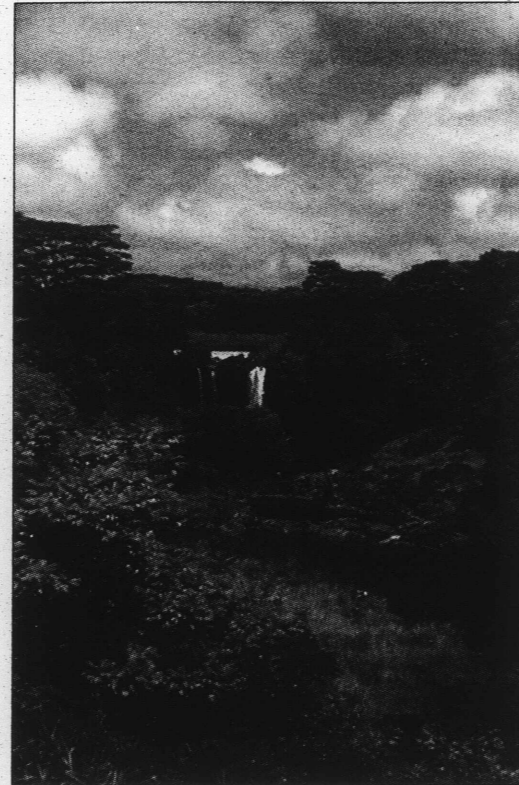
While some students plan on just catching up on some well-deserved rest and relaxation back in their hometowns, many students at Northern Michigan University seem to fit the stereotype of students going south.

"My best friend won a trip for two to Orlando through her college, and she's taking me," sophomore psychology major Rachel Bartlett said.

Orlando seems to be a popular destination not only for students, but also some of the faculty.

"I'm going to Orlando to play golf at Hunters Creek, one of my favorite golf courses," Sociology Professor Duane Monette said. "I'm also planning on driving an air boat, as well as catching some of the baseball games — most likely the Braves."

Hawaii is also a popular destination this year.



Jessica Aycock/NW

Some students are going to Hawaii to vacation.

"I'm going to Hawaii just to see what's out there," sophomore criminal justice major Pamela Campbell said.

Freshman sports science major Liz Mulkerns also plans on going to Hawaii to backpack with some of her friends.

Some people are going to other states to spend their vacation.

Psychology Professor Shiela Burns plans on visiting her mother in Virginia, and then taking some of her students to a science conference.

Freshman pre-med major Kyle Danek said he was planning on going to California with his family who has ties to the West Coast.

Other students said they want to get cut loose during their break.

"I'm going to the Bahamas; they have some good drinks," freshman public relations major Nicole Maki said. "One of my friends lives there, too."

Most male students seemed to agree with freshman construction management major Vince Sochacki's plans.

"Party, sleep, find some chicks," Sochacki said.

For others, spring break is a week to do things back home, such as spend time with family, or catch up with old friends.

"My best friend is getting married, so I'm throwing her a bridal shower back in Traverse City," sophomore nursing major Dena Smith said.

Freshman business management and Spanish major Karla Kufeldt said that she is going to spend her spring break with her friend who attends Illinois State University.

Other students plan on working during break to earn a little extra money for the second half of the semester.

Freshman elementary education major Megan Hoffman, who also plans on working in her mother's toy store.

Some students don't have plans yet. All they know is they want to get away from Marquette for a while.

"I'm going on a road trip," undeclared freshman Lisa Nichols said. "We're not going anywhere in particular. I'm just going to see what's out there."

"Party, sleep, find some chicks."

— Vince Sochacki
Freshman Construction Management

Pow wow stresses learning to walk together

People of all walks of life can learn to walk together as they celebrate life as one nation at the longest running traditional pow wow at a college or university in Michigan.

The Native American Student Association is sponsoring the 10th annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional pow wow on March 16 and 17 in the Vandament Arena.

To prepare for the event, pow wow etiquette will be discussed at a forum at noon on March 13 in the Payne/Halverson lobby hosted by NASA.

Managing Editor Chris Mosier sat down with Native American Student Association Adviser April Lindala, who answered frequently asked questions about the pow wow.

What is a pow wow?

Lindala: A pow wow is a celebratory event. There are dances, songs and good food. The arena is where most of a pow wow takes place — it includes the actual circle where the dancers dance as well as the area containing the emcee and flags. Most pow wows have three sessions: two sessions on Saturday and one session on Sunday. Each session begins with grand entry, at 1 p.m.

both days. This is where all of the flag bearers and dancers come into the dance circle. Within each session there will be a flag song, Veterans' song, exhibition songs and inter-tribal songs. Between the two sessions on Saturday there is a feast at 5 p.m. This is also open and free for participants and the public.

What is the significance of "Learning to Walk Together?"

Lindala: The name "Learning to Walk Together" originated because of where we were at as a pow wow committee 10 years ago. We were all at an institution of higher learning, all in different stages of learning about our traditional Native path and we were all learning about each other. But the name rings true today as all of us at Northern Michigan University attempt to walk together amidst the perplexity surrounding diversity issues.

What do the songs mean?

Lindala: Drum groups and singers travel many miles to attend pow wows, and will sing, giving their all, to make the pow wow successful. Good drums draw the best dancers. There are thousands of types of songs that to the newcomers' ears, songs can be the most puzzling aspect of a pow wow. It is not uncommon to hear someone say "I

didn't know you were singing different songs." Every song has its unique characteristics and subtle effects.

What do the dances mean?

Lindala: There are six major styles of dances in this area: traditional, jingle dress and fancy shawl for women and traditional, grass dance and fancy bustle for men. Each style is unique and for most of the dancers, each of their outfits is especially made to represent something to them, like their clan, colors or tribe.

Why is this important?

Lindala: Pow wows are important to Native people because it is one way we celebrate who we are as Native people. One of the misconceptions that came to my attention following last year's pow wow was that this event was only for American Indian students. The pow wow is open to everyone, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

How much planning goes into the pow wow?

Lindala: NASA has a committee made of up students, faculty and staff that decides aspects of a pow wow, such as finances, selection of Head Staff, location and date. We've been planning most of the year, but especially this semester.

We've had to contact everyone, cover all promotional aspects and raise funds to hold the pow wow.

What are some things a visitor should know before going to their first pow wow?

Lindala: The emcee is the one person who is responsible for setting the tempo for a pow wow. The emcee can answer any questions you have.

Always stand during special songs. This includes grand entry, flag songs, Veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer or whistle songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also respectful to remove your hat for the duration of that song.

Do not sit right around the arena. These chairs are reserved for the dancers and family members of dancers only.

Ask permission before taking pictures or video of dancers or singers. Many people are sensitive about pictures, so it is always good to be on the safe side and ask.

Admission to the pow wow is \$1 per day, and is open to everyone.

NASA is also looking for volunteers to help throughout the weekend of March 16 and 17. Contact the Diversity Student Services Office at 227-1554 for more information.

Sugar Ray travels to NMU campus



Courtesy of Atlantic Records

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

NMU will be adding a little sugar to its night life when Mark McGrath and his band Sugar Ray perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 13 in the Berry Events Center.

The Northern Arts and Entertainment committee chose to bring the band to Marquette from the student response received from an e-mail survey mailed last semester.

"We, as an organization, didn't pick Sugar Ray," sophomore marketing major and secretary for NAE Bob Rustman said. "The student body picked them."

NAE has received positive student reactions regarding Sugar Ray. Rustman said several students have thanked them for bringing Sugar Ray.

Many students are willing to pay the \$18 to see the band perform.

"I am going to try and see them perform," freshman culinary arts major Nolan Sheetz said. "I will go because they have good music that I enjoy listening to and they are a very good band in my opinion."

Sheetz feels NAE did a good job in choosing a band to visit campus.

"There are many good bands, but I think that they chose the right band," Sheetz said.

Sophomore physical education major Patti Eisen said Sugar Ray is a good band, but doesn't want to spend money to watch them perform.

Eisen said NAE did a good job in booking Sugar Ray compared to some of the previous bands that have come to campus.

"[NAE] only seems to book the same type of music-alternative," Eisen said. "I think they need to get more rap or a variety of music besides alternative."

Unlike last year's Everclear concert, Sugar Ray will be performing at the Berry Events Center rather than the Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

"Hedgcock has more of a concert atmosphere," Rustman said. "But the Berry is something that we'll all have to start using, so we might as well start using it now."

Rustman expects the crowd to be similar to last year's Everclear concert.

He said that NAE has sold over 1,000 student tickets so far.

Tickets in advance cost \$18 for students with an NMU ID. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the show for \$20. Tickets are available at Willy's Snak Shak, the Forest Roberts Theatre and the Superior Dome.

MOVIE REVIEW SUPER TROOPERS

Troopers fall short of super in comedy

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

★★★☆☆

On occasion, slapstick humor works, and Adam Sandler's success is proof of that. Unfortunately, Sandler isn't in "Super Troopers," and neither was anyone else who could consistently make me laugh by using simple, silly humor.

Stationed near the Canadian border in Vermont, five state troopers abuse their powers as law enforcers by harassing drivers. In between their comical approaches to highway patrol, the troopers prank each other, take prisoners (male and female) from the local jail home for orgies, speed through the night in impounded cars and smoke confiscated marijuana.

This might seem entertaining, if you haven't seen movies such as "Black Sheep" or "Half Baked" already.

The humor is hit-and-miss. Trooper Rod Farva (Kevin Heffernan) has the potential to be strong and critical pieces to the comedic puzzle. But, weak writing hinders the humor, and I rarely found Farva — the ignorant, even compared to his simple coworkers, officer — or his actions very funny.

Jay Chandrasekhar directs "Super Troopers," and he also plays the veteran of the group, "Thorny." Chandrasekhar also wrote most of the script, and I assume he didn't seek help or suggestions from others in the writing process. There were flashes of greatness in the movie and the

writing, but it just wasn't funny enough.

The times that really made the crowd laugh hard, and not just because they thought it appropriate because they were at a "funny" movie, were the times when the jokes and pranks crossed the taste line. Perverted acts and obsessive drug abuse are inherently humorous.

However, possibly one of the most hilarious moments isn't gross in any way. Trooper Mac Womack (Steve Lemme) gets challenged by trooper

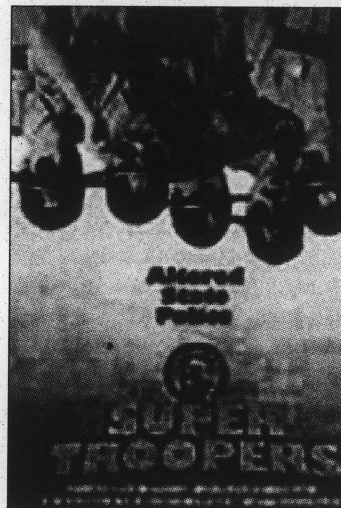
"Rabbit" Robo (Erik Stolhanske), the rookie on the squad, to attempt to slip the word "meow" into a conversation 10

times with a civilian on the side of the highway.

At the end of the movie the troopers try to focus and actually fight crime, and luck is accompanying the lovable idiots.

This movie might make you wonder just how shady some cops may be. Those of us who speed know that most cops are, unfortunately, doing their jobs. Then again, we know they can probably get away with not doing much, when they choose not to. This movie made me consider how hard cops do or don't work.

Something about "Super Troopers" made me not want to hate it by the time I left the theater. These guys, and there is only one significant female role in the movie, are likeable, and funny at times. They're that drunken uncle or cousin that you love to be around when family gatherings occur, who wears thin quite quickly. It's a good thing the movie is only an hour and a half long.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW GLIAC TOURNAMENT

Tournament entices 'Cats

BY BUCK WICKSTROM
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Ending the season with six straight victories, including a victory over top-ranked Lake Superior State, the Northern Michigan University women's basketball team is heading into the GLIAC tournament on a roll.

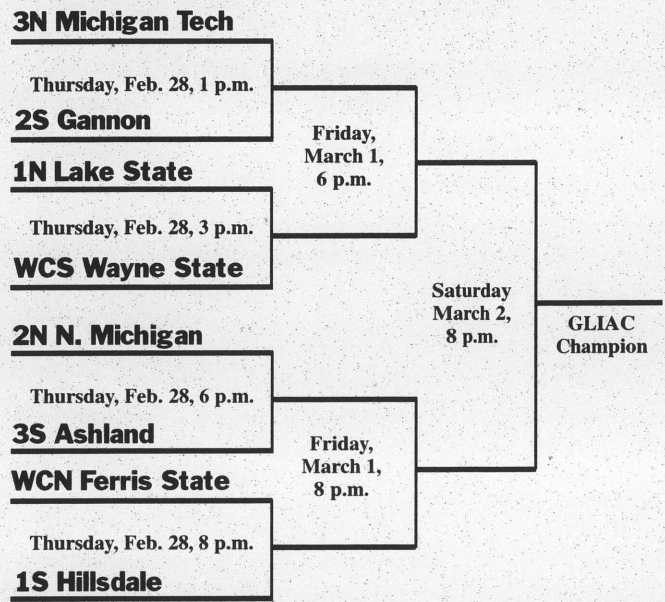
"These past few games have given us confidence going into the tourney," head coach Mike Geary said. "Right now we are playing the best basketball of the season."

Tonight the Wildcats face the South's No. 3 seed, Ashland University (11-6 GLIAC, 17-9 overall), at 6 p.m. in the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids.

The Eagles are in a three-way tie for first place in the GLIAC South Division, but had only a 1-3 record against the other two teams, so they are the third-place seed.

WOMEN'S GLIAC TOURNAMENT

Held at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids, Mich.



This year, Ashland is led by a young, but balanced attack. Sophomore center Jackie Mason

is the team's leading scorer, averaging 14.7 points per game. Mason has 262 rebounds and has blocked 52 shots for the Eagles.

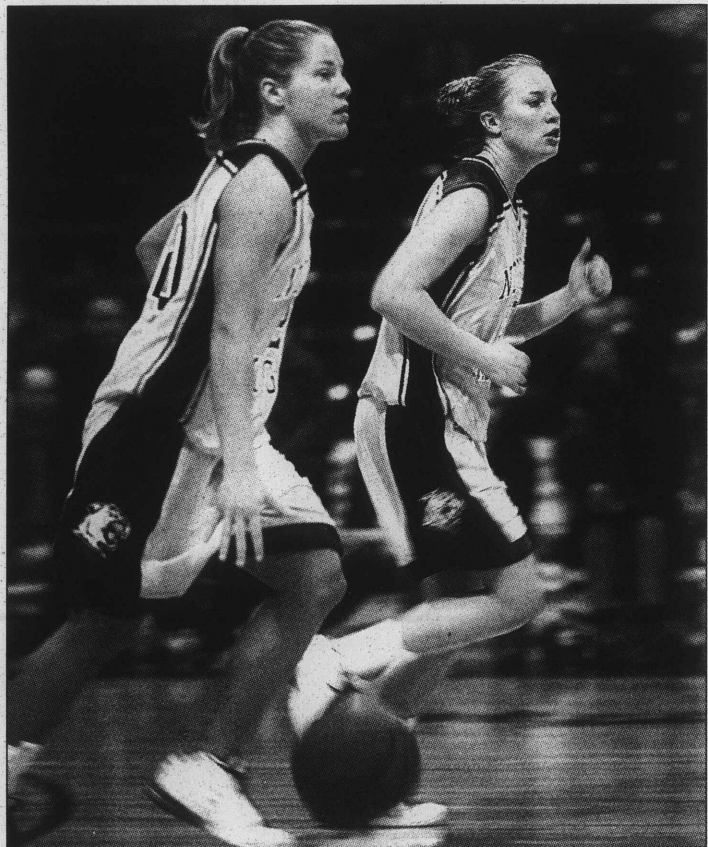
Sophomore forward Alanna Burma is the second high scorer this season, with an 11.2 point per game average, and a second best 191 rebounds.

With two of the Eagles standing over six feet, it will be important for Northern to establish an inside attack.

The performance of NMU senior centers Dominika Wawrzyniak (6'3") and Kelly Simcik (6'0") will be key.

"Dominika played well against Grand Valley, and Kelly against Ferris," Geary said. "Those two have to give us an interior game in the tournament. If both of them come out playing, we will win. If only one plays, we still have a good chance."

The Wildcats will also need a good game from senior guard Marisa DellAngelo in order to come out with a first-round victory. In recent weeks, she has taken two straight GLIAC



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior guard Marisa DellAngelo, junior forward Alyse Shier and the 'Cats begin competition in the GLIAC tournament tonight.

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SWIMMING REVIEW GLIAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Wildcats win GLIAC crown

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University swimming and diving team won the conference championship last weekend, and also had one athlete named the women's GLIAC Freshman of the Year.

Freshman Dena Quick was given the top conference honors as she set a new GLIAC record of 23.71 in the 50 freestyle at the conference championship in Indianapolis, Ind.

"It's good to start off college with a good season," Quick said.

Quick's time in the 50 freestyle broke the old record of 24.04, which was held by former NMU swimmer Tea Cerkenik from the meet in 1993.

NMU won the conference championship for the fifth year

in a row. The Wildcats had a final score of 496 points. Indianapolis finished second with 439 points, followed by Grand Valley with 422.

Quick said she swam faster than the record before the conference meet. Her best time in the 50 free is 23.40.

Quick said she was surprised the record was not faster.

Head coach Chris Coraggio said many of the swimmers had personal best times during the meet.

"What we wanted this year was for everyone to improve a little bit from where they were

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Quick

MEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 72, FSU 65

Men end season against Lakers

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
STAFF WRITER

The NMU men's basketball team missed the chance at the GLIAC tournament after going 1-1 on the road last week.

On Feb. 21, the 'Cats began their final road series against the Bulldogs of Ferris State.

After tentative play in the first half, the 'Cats broke the 24-24 tie and pulled ahead with an early run in the second half.

"We played poorly on offense in the first half," head coach Dean Ellis said.

The second half was the turning point for Northern.

The leading scorer for the 'Cats was sophomore forward Matt LePage with 21 points. Sophomore guard Adrian Whitten also added 16 points. Northern won the game by a final score of 72-65.

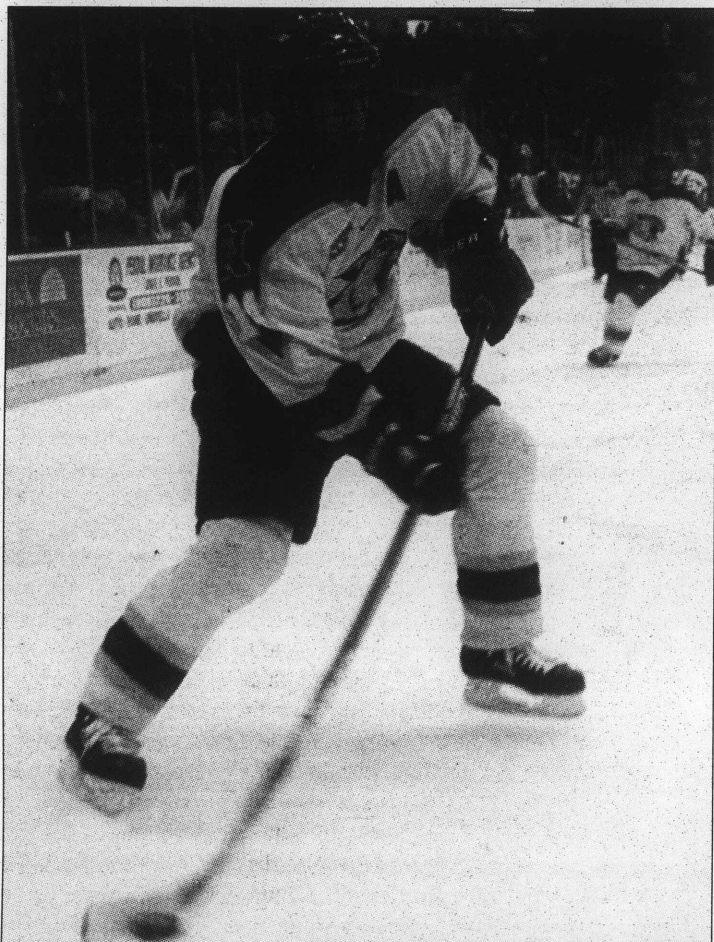
Ferris State finished the season with a record of 1-17 in the GLIAC, and went 4-22 overall.

After a win against Ferris, Northern needed one more win against Grand Valley State to

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HOCKEY PREVIEW LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Northern battles for third place in CCHA



Dan Grimm/NW
Senior defenseman Sean Owens and the Wildcats meet the Lake Superior State Lakers on Friday night in the Berry Events Center.

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

With two wins against the Lake Superior State University Lakers, the Northern Michigan University Wildcats can claim sole possession of third place in the CCHA this weekend.

The Wildcats (14-10-2 CCHA, 21-11-2 overall) and the Lakers (4-20-2 CCHA, 7-23-2 overall) will play a home-and-home series, with Friday night's game at the Berry Events Center.

The Lakers are in last place in the league, and have no hope of making the playoffs, but Saturday night will be Senior Night for the Lakers.

Junior defenseman Jimmy Jackson said that it will be tough playing against an inspired team that has nothing to lose.

"Senior Night is a great boost for any team," Jackson said. "There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to have to play our best hockey to pull off a couple of wins."

This is going to be the final weekend of a regular season that has been filled with ups and downs for the Wildcats.

"We've proven to the league that we can beat the top teams, but we can fall to the bottom teams in the league," Jackson said. "It's at that point where the long haul turns into one weekend."

"This is going to test our ability to finally step up and play a full 120 minutes."

Earlier in the season, the Wildcats beat the Lakers, 5-0 and 9-1, in a home-and-home series on the weekend of Nov. 9 and 10.

Sophomore center Adam Nightingale leads the Lakers in scoring with 15 points. Senior left wing Chris McNamara leads the team in goals with nine.

The Lakers only average 1.62 goals per game, while allowing an average of 3.53 goals per game.

With both Nebraska-Omaha and Alaska-Fairbanks having completed their CCHA regular seasons already, the Wildcats are

tied with UN-O for fourth place with 30 points and stand three points behind UA-F, which has 33 points. This means this weekend has very strong playoff implications for the Wildcats.

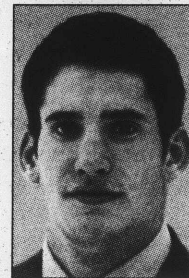
"From here on in, every game is going to be important," junior right wing Terry Harrison said. "We can't afford not to show up. I think we have to be ready to gel as a team and get four lines going."

Now that the Wildcats are injury-free, they have a potent lineup. NMU averages 3.35 goals per game and has two players in the top five in scoring in the CCHA; senior center Chad Theuer is second with 47 points and junior right wing Bryce Cockburn is fifth with 38 points.

NMU has 13 players with 10 or more points, four players with 12 or more goals and five players with 15 or more assists.

If the Wildcats finish with sole possession of third place, it will be their best finish since 1991-92, when the 'Cats won the WCHA playoffs and made to the NCAA quarterfinals.

Game time is at 7:05 p.m. on Friday in the BEC.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REVIEW NMU 67, GVSU 57

Regular season ends with wins

BY BUCK WICKSTROM
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northern Michigan women's basketball team (13-5 GLIAC, 19-7 overall) finished their regular season with two road victories last week.

In the last game of the season against Grand Valley State (711 GLIAC, 13-13 overall), the women came out with a 67-57 victory over the Lakers.

Senior guard Marisa DellAngelo was the leading scorer with 28 points, and earned a second straight GLIAC Player of the Week award. In the game, DellAngelo also had four assists and went four of seven from beyond the three-point arc.

Senior center Dominika Wawrzyniak was second in scoring as she chipped in 10 before fouling out of the game.

"We knew going in that we were going to be second regardless of the Grand Valley game," head coach Mike Geary said. "We felt that, even shorthanded,

we should have beat them [at home]. We responded like I had hoped we would."

Earlier in the week, the women faced another GLIAC foe, Ferris State (10-7 GLIAC, 14-10 overall). The game was a little closer, but the end result was the same as the women knocked off the Bulldogs, 72-69.

DellAngelo was again the leading scorer as she put up 30 points and had five assists for the game.

Senior center Kelly Simcik had the second-best total, as she netted 12 with a team-high 13 rebounds for the winners.

GRAND VALLEY ST. (57) Peterson 5-7 0-0 10; Voikos 4-7 2-4 10; Zeeff 9-17 3-4; Stuck 2-4 0-0 4; Rehmann 4-10 2-2 10; Jewett 1-5 0-0 2; Totals 25-57 7-10 57.

N. MICHIGAN (67) Keranen 3-8 3-4 9; Wawrzyniak 4-9 2-4 10; K. Simcik 2-6 4-6 8; DellAngelo 11-17 2-2 28; Dalton 2-7 0-0 5; Shier 2-4 1-2 5; Kapela 1-6 0-1 2; Totals 25-59 12-19 67.

THREE-POINTERS — DellAngelo 4; Dalton 1. **REBOUNDS** — GVSU 37 (Nielson 7), N. Michigan 35 (K. Simcik 7); **ASSISTS** — GVSU 18 (Peterson 7), N. Michigan 14 (DellAngelo 4); **TOTAL FOULS** — GVSU 15, N. Michigan 17; **TECHNICALS** — none.

NORDIC SKIING REVIEW NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Northern wins Regionals

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

For the 13th year in a row, the Northern Michigan University nordic skiers won the NCAA Regional Championships last weekend at Giants Ridge in Minnesota.

A Wildcat skier finished first in every event.

Senior Matt Weier won the 10K classic and 20K freestyle events.

Sophomore Rachel Daw won the 5K classic for the women and junior Caitlin Compton won the 15K freestyle with a lead of more than 50 seconds.

"Saturday was warm, and waxing was tricky," Weier said.

He said on Sunday they had icy conditions, which made the courses fast.

"It was hard to break away with it being fast," Weier said.

Head coach Sten Fjeldheim said Compton used the steep hills on the course to her advantage.

"[Compton] had a great



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW
Junior Caitlin Compton won the Regional 15K freestyle race by more than 50 seconds.

freestyle race," Fjeldheim said.

Freshman Tami Kochen led early in the race and ended up in eighth place.

Compton passed her teammate about two kilometers into the race and built her lead.

Daw built up a strong lead in the 5K classic also as she took first place by 20 seconds.

"The conditions were very fast," Fjeldheim said.

Fjeldheim said in the men's freestyle race, all the athletes skied fast; they were five to eight minutes faster than a typical 20K race.

The nordic team qualified a full roster for the Nationals, which are March 7 to 10.

For the men, Weier is returning for his final NCAA tournament as a two-time All American.

"I want to finish in the top 10 in both races," Weier said.

Weier finished eighth last year in the 10K classic. Junior David Duede and sophomore Jon Filardo are going to their first National to complete the team for the men.

Freshman Melissa Oram, sophomore Aubrey Smith and Compton will make up the women's nordic team.



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HOCKEY REVIEW NMU 0, BG 6; NMU 4, BG 1

Wildcats split with Falcons

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat hockey team (14-10-2 CCHA, 21-11-2 overall) escaped from Ohio with two points in the CCHA standings and moved into a tie for fourth place with the University of Nebraska-Omaha (13-11-4 CCHA, 19-13-4 overall).

Despite 36 shots on goal, the Wildcats lost, 6-0, on Saturday night against the Bowling Green State University Falcons.

The game remained scoreless throughout the first period.

"We got off to a great start then they got a couple of quick goals," junior defenseman Jimmy Jackson said. "After those two goals, it kind of became an abortion after that."

The Falcons scored a goal 50 seconds into the second period and another goal at 3:08 of the period. They added one more goal in the second period, making the score 3-0 at the end of two periods. It was more of the same in the third period as the Wildcats took 17 shots on junior Falcon goaltender Tyler Masters, but could not score, while the Falcons added three more goals.

"We kept getting opportunities," Jackson said "But we kept getting frustrated because those opportunities weren't going in the net."

Sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski made 23 saves on 29 shots. The Wildcats were 0-7 on the power play. This was the most lopsided win for the Falcons all season.

Junior right wing Terry Harrison also said that the team was frustrated.

"I know I had a couple chances; (junior center Chris) Gobert had a couple chances," Harrison



Harrison

said. "We had too many turnovers, and they got the lucky bounces, and they capitalized when they had the chance and we didn't."

Friday night was a different story as the Wildcats beat the Falcons, 4-1. Harrison opened up the scoring at 4:28 of the first period. This was Harrison's first point since coming back the weekend before from a leg injury, which kept him out of the lineup for over two months.

Harrison feels good to be back on the ice and contributing.

"It's still frustrating at times because I don't really have my timing back and I'm not really 100 percent," Harrison said. "I've got to get my confidence back."

Sophomore defenseman Justin Kinnunen gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead at 11:29.

The Falcons' only goal of the night came on a penalty shot early in the second period. The score remained 2-1 until junior left wing Dan Donnette scored his fourth goal of the year, giving the Wildcats a 3-1 lead.

NMU junior left wing Mike Stutzel added a goal in the third period.

"We knew what our job was and we handled it appropriately," Jackson said.

"I thought our team really came together and played well."

N. MICHIGAN	2	1	1	4
Bowling Green	0	1	0	1

FIRST PERIOD — 1. NMU Harrison 5 (Carrigan), 4:28; 2. NMU Kinnunen 2 (Gobert, Harrison), 11:29.
SECOND PERIOD — 1. BGSU Day (Penalty Shot), 3:43; 3. NMU Donnette 4 (Stutzel, Theuer), 11:20.
THIRD PERIOD — 4. NMU Stutzel 15 (Cockburn), 19:35.
POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 0-3; BGSU, 0-2. PENALTIES — NMU, 7-14; BGSU, 7-14. GOALIE SAVES — NMU 24 (Kowalski 9-7-8); BGSU 34 (Masters 10-11-17).

N. MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0
Bowling Green	0	3	3	6

FIRST PERIOD — No Scoring.
SECOND PERIOD — 1. BGSU Leonard 7 (Hewson, McConvey) ppg, 0:50; 2. BGSU Biekas 4 (Day), 3:08; 3. BGSU Wetterberg 6 (Knight), sh, 11:31.
THIRD PERIOD — 4. BGSU Day 17 (McCovney), 6:02; 5. BGSU Leonard 8 (de Luis, Wetterberg), 16:20; 6. BGSU Pappas 4 (Minnabarrie, Knight), 18:26.
POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU 0-7; BGSU 1-7. PENALTIES — NMU 18-52; BGSU 18-52. GOALIE SAVES — NMU 23 (Kowalski 7-11-5); BGSU 36 (Masters 9-10-17).

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Player of the Week awards, and has entered the record books as the schools leading three-point scorer.

If the women make it past Ashland in the first round, they will move on to play either the South's No. 1 seed, Hillsdale, or the North's wildcard team,

Ferris State.

Hillsdale received the No. 1 seed by beating Ashland twice and Gannon once this season, but were in a three-way tie as far as overall GLIAC records stand.

Ferris State was beaten both times by the Wildcats this season before ending their season with an 11-7 GLIAC record.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON REVIEW

Season offers experience

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
STAFF WRITER

Despite a disappointing end to a challenging season, the NMU men's basketball team earned valuable experience for next season.

The team set high goals at the beginning of the season, including 20 wins and ultimately the conference championship.

With a 7-1 start, the 'Cats were optimistic about the season.

"We beat teams ranked in the nation over Christmas break," sophomore forward Matt LePage said. "It showed we could play with anyone."

The team took a turn in January, as they began a six-game losing streak.

"We began the most vicious road trip ever," head coach Dean Ellis said. "I don't think we ever recovered."

The 'Cats were on the road for 12 days, starting at a tournament in Hillsdale, Mich. They then traveled to Ashland, Ohio and finally to Pennsylvania before returning home to host Findlay, Hillsdale and Wayne State. Each of these games fell within two days of each other.

"We went through a tough schedule," sophomore forward Steve Watts said. "We lost a lot more games than expected."

A three-game winning streak at the end of January gave NMU the confidence to finish out the season and make a run for the GLIAC tournament.

After going 5-3 in February, an overtime loss to Grand Valley State made the hope of a conference championship unreachable for the 'Cats in the end.

"The season as a whole was really turbulent," senior forward

D a m i a n M a t a c z said.

"I can't say that I was really satisfied or happy with the way things turned out. I think as a

team we really didn't reach the expectations and goals that we set for us. Why we didn't reach them is a combination of a whole bunch of things, including schedule, injuries and maybe just not playing to our potential."

While the Wildcats didn't play up to their expectations, the season produced many individual accomplishments for the players and Ellis.

The Dec. 3 game against Mount Senario was Ellis' 250th career win as a coach.

Sophomore forward Billy Hill

was also named the GLIAC North Player of the Week after this game.

Matacz reached 1,000 career points in the Nov. 26 game against Finlandia. He finished the season as the ninth all-time scorer in the GLIAC with 1,355 points, and also eighth in all-time rebounds with 715 for his career. Matacz was also named GLIAC North Player of the Week in the Feb. 3 game against Ferris State.

Key players accomplished career highs during the season. Hill scored a career high of 29 points in the Feb. 7 game against Saginaw Valley State. Watts also reached a high of 23 points against GVSU. Sophomore guard Adrian Whitten broke a school record for free throws, going 12-12 against SVSU.

With only one graduating senior, NMU is looking forward to next season.

"I think my teammates just need to learn from this season and start preparing for next year," Matacz said. "They will have a good team, and if they can be healthy, they should use this year to propel them into a strong season next year."

The 'Cats ended the season 7-11 in the GLIAC (14-12 overall) and were ranked No. 5 in the final standings.



Matacz

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clinch their spot in the GLIAC tournament.

An evenly matched second half ended in a 74-74 tie and sent the game into overtime.

A key turnover by senior center Damian Matacz gave Grand Valley the possession they needed to win, 82-80.

"All you can ask is that your teammates put you in a position to win, and they did that," Matacz said. "Unfortunately, I made the wrong read down the stretch in overtime."

Both Matacz and sophomore forward Billy Hill added 21 points to the Wildcats' score.

Whitten also hit double digits with 12 points for the night.

"Both sides played great all night," Ellis said. "They were able to hold us off in OT for the win."

Overall, Ellis said that the

Wildcats played well, despite the two-point deficit in the end.

The loss to Grand Valley State knocked Northern out of the running for the conference championship.

"The game on Saturday was a pretty rough way to go out — coming so close and then losing," Matacz said.

The Wildcats ended the season in fifth place in the GLIAC with a record of 7-11, and an overall record of 14-12.

N. MICHIGAN (80) Watts 3-4 1-3 8; Whitten 4-9 2-4 12; LePage 1-4 0-0 3; Matacz 9-14 3-4 21; Hill 8-21 3-4 21; Greenwood 2-3 0-0 4; Azarjac 1-4 0-0 2; Dillon 3-7 0-0 9. TOTALS 31-66 9-15 80.

GRAND VALLEY ST. (82) Flynn 7-20 0-0 14; Crosson 6-12 0-0 14; Boucher 4-10 3-4 14; Myers 3-9 0-2 9; Barr 3-4 0-1 7; Cleveland 2-2 3-5 7; Bauer 7-14 1-4 17. TOTALS 32-75 7-16 82.

THREE-POINTERS — Dillon 3; Whitten 2; Hill 2; LePage 1; Watts 1. **REBOUNDS** — GVSU 42 (Bauer, Cleveland 10), N. Michigan 47 (Matacz 12); **ASSISTS** — GVSU 24 (Boucher 9), N. Michigan 14 (Matacz 3); **TOTAL FOULS** — GVSU 16, N. Michigan 17; **TECHNICALS** — none.

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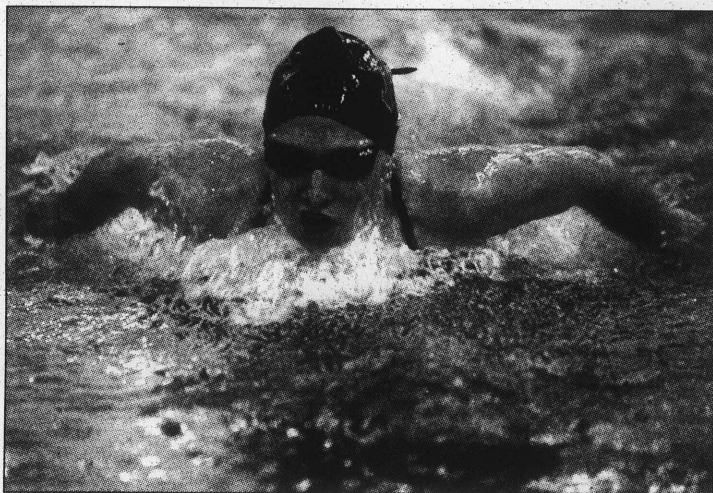
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Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Junior Kristy Vermillion qualified for Nationals even before the 'Cats began competition in the GLIAC Championship this season.

entered," Coraggio said.

He said they were successful because swimmers who made it to the finals were able to move up a few places.

"They made their own opportunities," Coraggio said.

Four additional swimmers came out of the conference meet qualified for Nationals. Freshman Larisa Graham, junior Katie Worley, sophomore Patti Wegner and junior Kristy Vermillion joined seven swimmers who qualified for Nationals before the conference championship. With a total of 11, Coraggio said this is the largest group to go to Nationals in his four years at Northern.

NMU's 200 freestyle relay team had a false start Thursday morning resulting in a disqualification. Coraggio said the rest of the athletes could have had a very negative response; instead, it motivated the Wildcats in other events. Coraggio said the team did a nice job of bringing the spirits of the relay team back up.

NMU took the overall lead with only a three-point margin at the end of competition Thursday. That grew to be a 57-point lead

in the final results.

The swimmers who qualified will head to Nationals after spring break, from March 13 to 16 in Orlando, Fla.

Quick said she wants to do well at Nationals and hopefully win the 50 freestyle. She said if she has a good race, she can take third place. Her goal in the 100 freestyle is to break the senior National time (50.99).

"I am excited with the prospects for Nationals this year," Coraggio said.

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200 MEDLEY RELAY — 2nd NMU (Bren, Graham, Worley, Quick) 1:50.30. 800 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1st NMU (Graham, Wegner, K. Vermillion, Pechek) 7:43.54.

400 MEDLEY — 5th Graham, 4:45.27.

100 FREESTYLE — 1st Quick, 52.53; 2nd Pechek, 53.16; 4th Wegner, 53.89. 200 FREESTYLE — 1st K. Vermillion, 1:54.63; 3rd Pechek, 1:57.24. 1,650 FREESTYLE — 4th L. Vermillion, 18:18.24.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

Fraternities – Sororities – Clubs – Student Groups: Earn \$1,000-\$2,000 with the easy Campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. Does not involve credit card applications. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact Campusfundraiser.com at (888)923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE – Swimming Pool Service NW Detroit Suburbs paying TOP DOLLAR for hard working person. Summer employment. \$400 - \$600 and up per week. Call Craig at (248)477-7727.

Mental Health Aides: Pathways Community Mental Health Authority in Marquette has openings for Mental Health Aides, to work on call as needed. Salary \$7.25/hr. Performs supportive tasks such as assisting families and recipients with challenging behaviors and working with families as part of a team approach in the family homes. High school diploma or GED; or equivalent combination of experience, training and/or education, relevant training for the Mental Health Aide is provided by the Agency, negative TB test before actually working, physical if offered employment. Prior experience working with developmental disabilities or mental illness is preferred. Experience in carrying out behavioral plans and two professional references attesting to one's ability to carry out plans. If interested please send an Application, resume, and three letters of reference to: Personnel Office, Pathways, 200 West Spring Street, Marquette, MI 49855. 906-225-7291. Applications received until positions filled.

SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS: Make a difference in the life of a child! Summer therapy camp for children with disabilities. Located on shore of Lake Superior near Big Bay, MI.

Positions available for Counselors, Waterfront, Instructors for Nature/Arts & Crafts/Recreation/Canoeing, Nurses, Therapists, Food Service, and Auxiliary. Must be enthusiastic, responsible, and love children. June 16 through August 11. Salary, room & board, and experience of lifetime provided. Call or write for application an information. Bay Cliff Health Camp, 310 W. Washington, Suite 300, Marquette, MI 49855, (906)228-5770, e-mail BayCliffHC@aol.com.

SUMMER SECRETARY POSITION: Enthusiastic, responsible person with good clerical and computer skills needed for children's summer camp in Big Bay. Position available mid-June through mid-August. Salary, room & board, and wonderful experience provided. Call Bay Cliff Health Camp for information and an application (906)228-5770, or e-mail at BayCliffHC@aol.com

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PERSONALS

Dad — I'll send you a care package soon. What would you like? — The "Good" Daughter

Brian — Thank you so much for the flowers. I love you. — Katie

Honkey and Rocket — Happy trails; carve well. — Travis

Sabrina & Marla — Bring me back ghost pictures! — Tyler

This Week's Inspirations:

- Hollow legs
- Yoo-hoo!
- Werd
- Spring break
- Joe Neutral

COMICS





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