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## Comley resigns, accepts MSU position

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

After 26 years behind the Wildcat hockey bench Rick Comley has resigned from his position of head coach of the Northern Michigan University hockey program and has taken the same position at Michigan State University.

Comley, the only head coach in Wildcat hockey history, said his relationship with former MSU hockey coach Ron Mason was the main reason for the move and that the situation surrounding the resignation of former NMU head football coach Eric Holm had nothing to do with his decision. Last December Holm resigned from his position as a result of pressure from the NMU Athletic Department after a player petition called for Holm's removal.

"I know there are people out there who think I am leaving because I'm not happy," Comley said. "That's not why I'm leaving. I'm proud of this institution, and I will remain proud of it. I don't agree with what

happened (to Holm) but I'm not leaving because of that. I'm leaving because the opportunity was too good for me to say 'no' to."

It is an opportunity for Comley to be reunited with Mason, who stepped down from his head coaching position at the end of this past season and will become MSU's Athletic Director on July 1. While coaching at Lake Superior State University, Mason recruited Comley to play hockey. Comley played for Mason from 1967 to 1971. Immediately following his playing career, Comley joined Mason's staff as a varsity assistant. After spending one year working with Mason, Comley took over as head coach of LSSU as Mason moved on to coach Bowling Green State University. Comley led the Lakers to a CCHA Conference Championship and a NAIA National Championship in three seasons at LSSU.

Comley said that since the time that they coached together, he and Mason have been friends. He said if Mason was not

directly involved in his hiring than he wouldn't have taken the job at MSU.

"I'm here (at MSU) because of Ron Mason," Comley said. "We have a very unique bond. There is a comfort zone for him with me there and there's a comfort zone for me with him there. He recruited me, he coached me, we've coached together, and I don't think we've missed a week or two without talking to each other in 35 years."

Mason said that he is very pleased to have Comley as his successor.

"Rick Comley is a fierce competitor," Mason said. "Rick was that way as a player and he has carried that competitiveness into his coaching. He's very innovative in terms of his coaching and he's a tireless worker."

NMU Athletic Director Dan Spielmann said that although the university is disappointed in Comley's departure they understand the reasoning behind his decision.

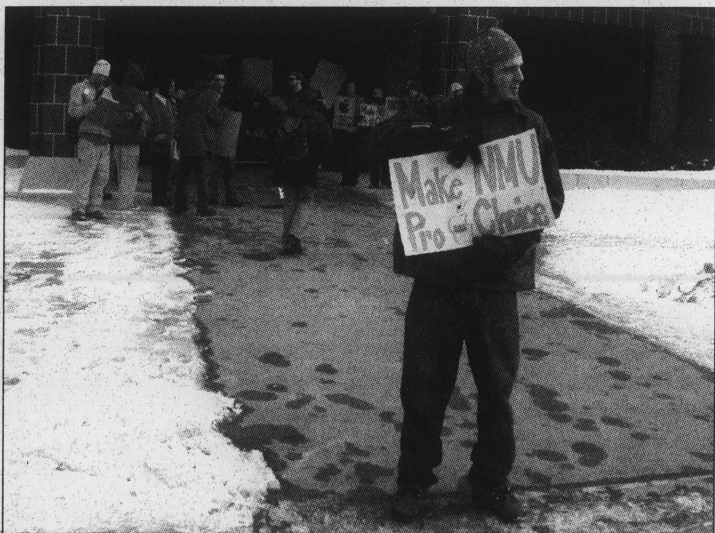
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Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

NMU hockey coach Rick Comley resigned Tuesday. He accepted the Michigan State University hockey head coaching position after 26 years at NMU.

## Students rally to promote laptop options



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior film and video major Mike Phillips participates in the Mac Rally on Friday. Students want the option of leasing Mac iBooks.

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students rallied last Friday outside Cohodas as part of MacWeek.

MacWeek was a week of events prepared and presented by Random Acts of Artists, a student organization.

The students, mostly from within the Art and Design department, held the rally to further spread the awareness at NMU about the benefits of being able to choose between Apple iBooks and IBM ThinkPads.

An artist résumé workshop started the week on Monday. Professor Daric Christian exhib-

ited his artwork at Emma Joe's Coffee House on Thursday. The rally at Cohodas concluded the week's events.

Senior graphic communication major Jessie Stapleton said the iBooks would not be just for art students; they would be for everyone.

"We want students to have a choice," she said.

Apple iBooks cost a little more than the current ThinkPads, Stapleton said.

Students at the rally handed out information about why the iBooks would be more beneficial laptops for art students and how iBooks can work as an alternative to ThinkPads.

According to the handout, Apple Macintosh computers traditionally require less tech support than Windows/Intel computers. The small number of Macintosh computers, compared to the thousands of ThinkPads, could be supported with a small amount of tech support.

However, Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said the reason why iBooks are not currently used is a cost issue, and how much more it could cost the university to support iBooks is not a trivial question.

"While people debate their beliefs about it, we need solid data and make sure we don't do

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COMLEY

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"Obviously we wish Rick (Comley) the best," Spielmann said. "He's been a very important part of this program and we hope that this is a good move for him."

NMU sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski said that he's never had a coach leave from a team while he has been a team member.

"I can't blame him," Kowalski said. "I'd want to take the job too. But it would've been nice to have him stay."

Comley began coaching the NMU hockey team in 1976, the team's first year of existence. Comley's best team, the 1990-91 Wildcats, won the NCAA National Championship. The team compiled a record of 38-5-4 overall that year. In all, Comley's teams have won two National Championships, three

CCHA regular season titles, two CCHA tournament titles, one WCHA regular season title and three WCHA playoff titles.

He has a career record of 597-475-71 (.553). Comley's record at NMU is 538-475-71 (.553). He has won the Spencer Penrose Memorial Award for national coach of the year twice (1980, 1991).

Comley said he remembers sitting in his living room in 1976 and designing the first NMU Wildcat hockey jersey.

"We've done so much," Comley said. "We've had our highs, we've had our lows, but we've always been proud."

Comley also spent 13 years as the NMU Athletic Director (1987 to 2000).

Spielmann said that NMU will look for the best possible replacement for Comley.

"We will be posting the position nationally," Spielmann

said. "We're going to take our time and hire the best coach available."

Spielmann said that NMU assistant coach Dave Shyiak will be a very strong candidate.

"There aren't any front runners at this point, but I think Dave (Shyiak) is a very good candidate," Spielmann said. "He has ties to the program, he's coached here, he's played here and he has a lot of support in the community."

Shyiak has been an assistant coach under Comley for seven years and was an assistant captain on the Wildcats National Championship squad.

Kowalski said that he doesn't know what to expect next year when Comley and the Spartans face the Wildcats.

"It's going to be weird looking across the ice at [Comley]," Kowalski said. "But hopefully we'll beat him."

RALLY

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something that creates an unanticipated problem," Joyal said.

The Art and Design department's Macintosh labs hold about 50 computers, Art and Design Department Head Michael Cinelli said.

Two-thirds of the department's 405 majors rely heavily on Macintosh technology.

The handout at the rally stated that Art and Design courses are frequently over-crowded. This cuts into potential lab time. The problem is compounded by the inability to work at home.

ThinkPads do not have firewire technology, which Macintoshes and Apple iBooks have.

Firewire technology is needed for capturing digital cinema, transferring large graphical and digital cinema files and connecting to external storage.

"In my own studio area of digi-

tal cinema, the lack of firewire is a problem," Cinelli said. "With it, a laptop becomes a portable video editing station."

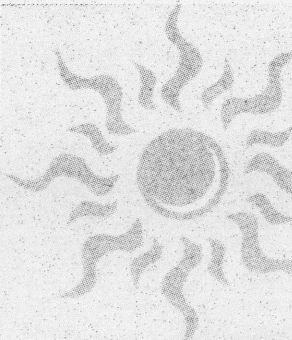
Joyal said Macintoshes have a documented value in the graphic design area.

"While a good bit of the graphics arts software runs on a number of platforms, there are some applications useful in the design/graphic arts field that only run on a Mac," Joyal said.

Apple computers, according to the information handed out at the rally, have much more precise color display and color correction capabilities than the IBM ThinkPads.

There will be a forum open to all students on April 5 at 5 p.m., Joyal said. The location is to be arranged.

At the forum, students can discuss the issue of Macintoshes in the Art and Design department with the administration.



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## BRIEFS

## Local

**Pictured Rocks bans watercrafts**

MUNISING — Officials at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore will close the park temporarily to personal watercraft use April 22. National Park Service regulations require that all national parks must prohibit the use of personal watercrafts, unless specifically permitted with special rules. Pictured Rocks has not completed a necessary environmental assessment of the impacts of the watercraft use. The assessment is needed to result in a final ruling for the park's personal watercraft use. The use of personal watercraft is prohibited pending a draft. A draft of the assessment was scheduled for release before 2002. It was stalled by funding problems and contracting delays.

## National

**USS Roosevelt returns to Norfolk**

NORFOLK, VA — The USS Theodore Roosevelt returned home Wednesday morning after more than six months at sea. The Roosevelt was the first aircraft carrier deployed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Adm. Robert Natter, commander in chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, flew on board as the ship neared shore to thank the crew for a job well done. "We still have 30 ships out there and thousands of shipmates who continue to do the job," he added. He noted that the carrier did not lose any crew to enemy action during the mission, adding, "I give credit to the fact that everybody's head was in the game." The 189 day cruise included 159 straight days at sea without a port call, a record for an aircraft carrier. Family members began lining the pier at Norfolk Naval Station at 6 a.m. to greet the ship.

## International

**Israel offered "normal relations"**

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah proposed Wednesday that the Arab world offer Israel "normal relations" and security in exchange for full withdrawal from Arab lands held since 1967, establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and a right of return for Palestinian refugees. In a speech greeted by applause, Abdullah went ahead with presenting his long-awaited land-for-peace initiative to the Arab Summit for its approval, despite the absence of three key moderates — the leaders of Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians. All three support the Saudi proposal, but without their presence here the overture may carry less weight. The call for the refugees' right of return was not in the initial proposal Abdullah first floated in February.

## Weird News

**Sex doll mistaken for dead body**

MUNICH, Germany — A Munich man suspected of murder after he was seen carrying what a neighbor thought was a dead body into his apartment was cleared after he showed police his collection of rubber sex dolls. A police spokeswoman said Tuesday the neighbor called to say he saw the man carrying a "corpse" into the apartment. Police responding to the call found the suspect to be "surprised and disturbed" by their questions at first. "When the officers then told the man they were investigating a murder he showed them his newly acquired silicon sex doll," the spokeswoman said. "The man also showed the officers four other inflatable sex dolls he owns. Apparently, he had just been testing out his new acquisition when police arrived." The spokeswoman said the police then left the apartment. "They didn't want to disturb him any longer," the spokeswoman said.

— Compiled from news sources

**Have a ball**

Brad Decker/NW

Students gathered together for the President's Ball last Saturday in the University Center.

**Referendum approved**

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On April 9, students will be able to vote on a referendum to keep the Student Discretionary Activity Fee and to increase it.

The fee is currently \$20.30 per semester per student. There are four Direct Allocated Groups the fee covers, which include Radio X, ASNMU, the Student Finance Committee and The North Wind.

The ASNMU Referendum Committee met on Sunday and Monday to decide on the funding for the DAGs. The committee's recommendations were approved by ASNMU Tuesday.

"This year, three of the four groups requested an increase," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said. "ASNMU is remaining the same at 90 cents (per student)."

If the referendum is passed, the Student Discretionary Activity Fee will increase to \$30.

"Student programming increasing activities on campus was a big impetus (in seeking the increase)," ASNMU Chairman Eric Martin said.

Any registered student organization can apply for funding from

the Student Discretionary Activity Fee, ASNMU adviser Ed Niemi said.

"[The Referendum Committee members] take people who make requests reports and they review the reports and then talk to the people who wrote the reports and make a recommendation as to how much, and if, funding should be provided out of the Student Discretionary Activity Fee," Niemi said.

Radio X is currently allocated \$3.30 of each Student Discretionary Activity Fee. If the referendum passes, Radio X will receive an additional 30 cents, bringing their allocation to \$3.60.

According to the Referendum Committee's memorandum, the increase in the allocation for Radio X is justified because Radio X must constantly update its equipment to provide an accurate learning environment for its student members. Radio X is also justified in the increase because it is developing its Internet presence through new technology and it desires to improve the quality of its on-air production.

The SFC currently receives \$13 from each Student Discre-

tionary Activity Fee. An increase of \$8.20, making their allocation \$21.20, was recommended by the Referendum Committee.

"The (allocation for the) Student Finance Committee is increasing because the cost of programs is increasing and the cost that the university throws on groups is increasing," ASNMU Treasurer Lori LaCount said.

The North Wind currently receives an allocation of \$3.10. A recommendation of an increase of \$1.20 was made by the Referendum Committee.

This increase is justified, according to the Referendum Committee's memorandum, because The North Wind desires to maintain current standards including about 24 pages in each edition, is looking to increase its distribution in the Marquette community and has made major technology investments that must be supported. According to the memorandum, The North Wind editorial and business staff have not received compensation increases in the last seven years.

All of the allocations for the DAGs will be voted on collectively on April 9.

## FORECAST

- **Friday:** Snow showers developing by afternoon. Mostly cloudy with a high 35 to 40.
- **Saturday:** Scattered snow showers developing by afternoon. Mostly cloudy with a high 35 to 40.
- **Sunday:** Snow showers early, then partly cloudy. Low around 25. High 35 to 40.

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# Dining services improvements planned

BY KRISTI ARLT  
STAFF WRITER

Meal plans, food accommodations, business hours at food courts and the décor of the Wildcat Den will have some changes made by fall semester.

A dining service committee put together by ASNMU brought recommendations to Dining Services at a meeting in December, Dining Service Associate Director Michael Connelly said.

Adding vegetarian accommodations was one of the ideas posed at the meeting, Connelly said.

"There's always been vegetarian items out there," he said.

The Marketplace now has a separate area that is exclusively vegetarian. The hot food line at the Marketplace usually cooks at least three different vegetarian entrees. More vegetarian selections will be added to the menu in the fall, he said.

Connelly said a menu plan-

ning committee is being composed for vegetarians and will meet in May to discuss possible menu options and to search for new recipes.

"We're looking for more variety," he said.

Trying to find a way to incorporate guest meal plans in the residence hall meal plans for next fall is another idea that's been put on the table, Director of Dining Services Dick Wittman said.

Wittman said increasing dining dollars attached to the meal plans may be an option for students who would like to pay for a guest.

The rate for guests at the cafeterias will stay the same; it will still be \$6.75 at the door for dinner, he said. A suggestion for a smaller plan with only 10 meals for students is another idea from the meeting. He said the idea is being discussed.

Hours of operation at the Wildcat Den and the Marketplace were increased this semester, after student suggestion at the



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

The Wildcat Den will be upgraded with new furniture and more colorful banners for next semester.

meeting in December, Wittman said.

Both eateries close at 9 p.m. now, but all of the food stations are not open in order to keep costs down so it's possible to stay open later, he said. Finding students who want to work late has been difficult, Wittman said.

"We're still looking at hours for next year," Wittman said.

Early hours on Saturdays and Sundays may be cut from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., because only a handful of people use the dining services that early, he said.

Wittman said when traffic is that light, cutting hours would

save money and not affect many of the numbers of students.

"When the numbers are heavy, we want to be open," he said.

New tables and chairs will be added, as well as new colorful wall hangings. If enough money is available there could also be new carpeting.

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# Global issues addressed through events, speakers

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

United Students is hosting NMU's second annual Global Issues Week this week with daily panels and discussions around campus to educate students and faculty about social issues.

United Students is an organization on campus that just formed this semester, undeclared freshman Traci Raymond said.

It is a strain of Campus Greens, but has no political affiliations.

They work to educate students about social and global issues, Raymond said.

The panels and discussions for Global Issues Week include topics such as civil rights and liberties, international law, peace efforts in Palestine and Israel and terrorism.

Each day several different panels are held addressing different issues.

United Students Adviser Ruth Watry said students put a lot of effort into the events for Global Issues Week.

"I think it's incredible the way students are taking the initiative," Watry said. "Many of the programs are put on only by students. Students want to

learn more about their surroundings."

John Burroughs, executive director for the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, will present "Rule of Force or Rule of Law?" tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center.

The committee is based in New York, and works toward nuclear disarmament, Raymond said.

Burroughs will discuss global nuclear treaties, how the United States plays in that and how it relates to Sept. 11, Raymond said.

"The Popular Uprising in Argentina," an extension of the World Social Forum, will also be held today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Michigan Room in the UC.

Raymond said she hopes students will take interest in the workshops and learn new things from them.

"Hopefully people will look at things they don't usually think about, and take more notice to what is going on around [them]," Raymond said.

Several more panels and workshops will be held Friday and Saturday, along with musical performances both nights.

A complete list of the events can be found at [www.northwoodswild.org](http://www.northwoodswild.org).

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(By Sunnyside Estates)  
486-4942  
Sunday for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### Redeemer Lutheran

1700 W. Fair Ave.  
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228-9883  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:00 (Education hour)  
& 10:30 a.m.

### Good News Assembly of God

Hwy. U.S. 41 East Ishpeming  
485-5561  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship (Sunday) 6:30 p.m.  
Family Night (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

### Wesley United Methodist Church

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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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EDITORIAL

Comley leaves, winning ways remain

With the departure of NMU head hockey coach Rick Comley, who has accepted the head hockey coaching position at Michigan State University, the hockey program will lose a cornerstone.

At the same time, a new coach with fresh ideas and a new coaching style will be a welcomed change for the hockey program.

Comley is the only person to ever coach the NMU hockey team in its 26-year existence. He has built a great program. This year the team compiled a 26-12-2 record. The team finished third in the CCHA.

Comley lifted the smaller NMU program into national recognition. In 1991, the Comley-led Wildcat hockey team won the NCAA National Championship. His success will not be forgotten or overlooked.

However, every sports program at every college level needs to change over time. His departure will only help to strengthen the NMU hockey program. This is due to the solid foundation and high standards that he has constructed and instilled in players and coaches around him. New ideas, mixed with knowledge that Comley has passed down, will lead to continued success.

Comley has an overall record of 597-475-71. He now takes over a team at MSU that has been built by his long-time friend Ron Mason. The team has an excellent national reputation.

Comley leaves behind a program at NMU that also has a solid reputation. This reputation will provide opportunities for the next coach to succeed.

As the search for a new coach begins, the NMU Athletic Department should not look very far. Assistant hockey coach Dave Shyiak is ready to replace Comley as the leader of the hockey program. He has been an assistant for seven years, and was a captain on the 1991 National Championship team.

Shyiak knows how to win, thanks to Rick Comley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freshman supports Mosier's viewpoint

I'd like to place a spotlight upon the point that Chris Mosier made, seeing as how so many people obviously missed it.

Degradation and unlicensed peep shows routinely take place in spring break destinations like New Orleans, as well as in Florida and South Carolina. Dubbed as part of the "Dirty South," the "Big Easy" is popular, or maybe more appropriately notorious, for girls whoring off their bodies to a bunch of drunken frat boys in exchange for bead strings.

To say that Southern women are trashier than women anywhere else across the country is just ridiculous, almost as ridiculous as the assumption that Mosier meant as much.

Southern ladies are just as opinionated and as independent as gals in say, Wisconsin or Minnesota. Fact is, spring break communities attract college students from all over. Our great nation's finest students are free to inebriate themselves beyond reason and display shamelessly their "assets." Any correlations between the sluts in the "Dirty South" article and women who are actually from the South is purely coincidental. If this sort of behavior were as prevalent here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as it is down South,

there would be the same attitudes of disgust and the same accusations of narrow-mindedness. Our two months of warm weather probably have something to do with that.

Sexuality and society's attitude toward it has no doubt come a long way since the days of woolen bathing suits and girdles. The women's movements of the past were hard fought, and there's finally been a feeling of vindication. The generalizations of females from the aforementioned scenes carry on to the girls who just want to socialize, and suddenly they're the ones getting cold-cocked by the drunken idiot in khaki shorts because they won't put on a show.

Narrow-minded, or perceptive to the obvious? Call it what you want. Anyone can miss the point completely. Only those who know what the hell they're talking about can come to a reasonable conclusion.

Steve Christian  
freshman, English

Student addresses NMU parking issue

The fact that anyone can have a car on campus and that sufficient parking is available are key assets to life in the residence halls for any student.

After heading through the

drive-thru at Taco Bell this past Sunday, I returned home to enjoy my meal and watch some television. However, much to my dismay, there were no parking spaces open in the lot next to my hall (Spalding).

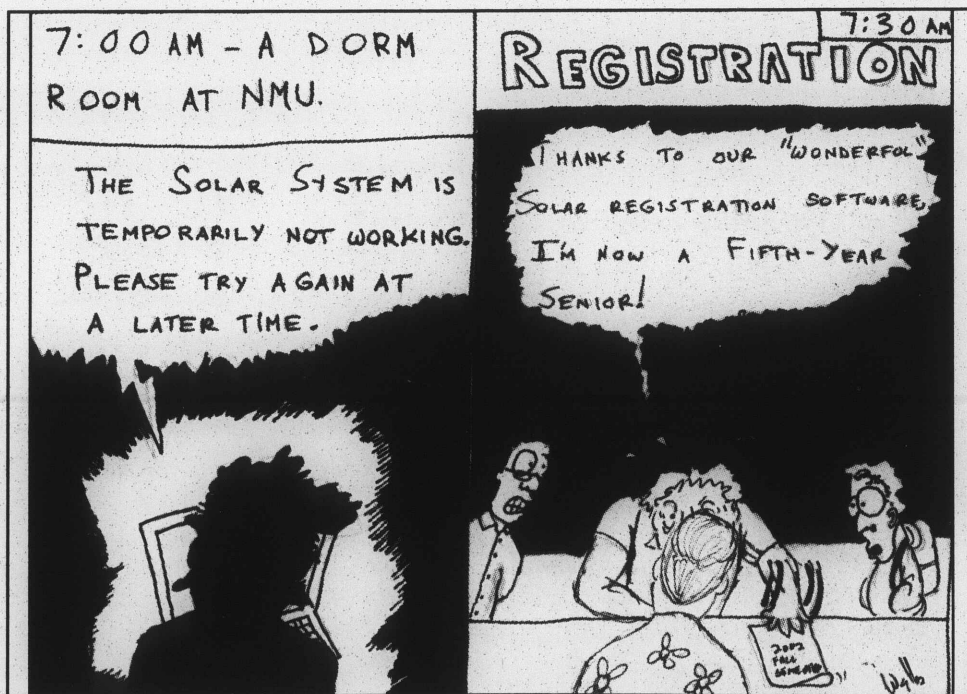
This is a dilemma that down-campus students face every night. As is the policy at NMU, I set off to find the nearest parking space. I traveled down the other side of lot 36 by Hunt Hall. There was no parking there as well. The next step in the sequence of down-campus parking is freshmen lot 20. That lot was full as well.

Finally, in a last ditch effort to stay on my side of campus, I went to lot 26, located across the street and down from Spalding Hall. No vacancies here as well.

The moral of this story is that we need more parking and/or less cars on-campus. Since I came here in the fall of 1999, I have seen an increase in both numbers and proximity of the commuter spaces. At the same time, someone else is being ignored, the on campus student. I'm not saying that we should take away freshmen car privileges, or even saying that I have the correct answer. I feel that if we cannot build more parking, the only solution is to limit parking decals.

Cody Fleming  
junior, secondary education

William Holland  
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# Don't get lost in the daily routine of life

As college students we are often so caught up in the routine of our everyday responsibilities that losing touch with old friends seems almost inevitable sometimes. The people that surround you right now, maybe the people you share a bathroom or house with, might not be there in a very short period of time. We are all facing the final five weeks of school there are likely seniors that you know who will be graduating.

We've all dealt with the farewells of high school, and quite possibly some of us have held onto the dearer friends that we've made throughout the years. But it seems as though we take for granted who will be left behind when we leave one place.

College is a unique experience that we will never be able to repeat. The people we meet here won't be beside us when we go off to find jobs in the real world.

It was just the other day that I got a phone call from an old friend who at one time I spent nearly every day with. He was a wild kid, and our friendship was, at the very least, enlightening. He taught me a lot of things, but mostly he taught me to enjoy life, despite all the responsibilities.

I was always preoccupied with getting things done, and

Brandon was always trying to convince me to take more chances. I was always a little apprehensive, but the crazy things that Brandon talked me into are some of the fondest memories I have.

I was always locking myself into my room with my books or in a constant worry over what had to be done. Brandon was always busy doing fun, relaxing things. Driving to the beach at midnight, for example. My first reaction was always, "But it's a school night." Brandon's reply was always, "Who cares!"

One Wednesday night I made the mistake of mentioning how much I missed my friends from MSU and how much I wanted to visit them. Even though Brandon had never been there, knew no one and had no reason to go, by Thursday he had me talked into taking a spur-of-the-moment road trip. We didn't plan any aspect of the trip, but just left after our Thursday classes and drove four hours to East Lansing.

It turned out to be MSU's homecoming weekend and my old friends were really surprised and excited to see me. I was able to show Brandon the things I loved most about being at MSU like the mall and the Grand River strip where all the stores and restaurants are located.

## STAFF COLUMN



by Mary Ann Cancilla

Somehow the two of us ended up at Splash of Color, a tattoo parlor. I had no intention of getting a tattoo, but Brandon secretly wrote my name down on the waiting list. Minutes later the tattoo artists were calling my name. At first I freaked out, but 30 minutes later I walked out Splash of Color with an inch long tattoo. Occasionally I will glance at my tattoo and laugh at the memory.

I am not trying to say that we should all go out and get tattooed, or shrug off all our responsibilities but sometimes all we need is a little spontaneity to relieve stress and lighten our moods.

Brandon moved to Florida after a year of school, and I transferred here, but from opposite sides of the country we still occasionally talk about the fun times we had. We may not ever really see each other again, but at least we have the memories to

laugh over and we are keeping in touch.

All of us have responsibilities to wake up to every day. But I warn you not to get so caught up in the cycle that your closest friends become your biology book and your study guides. We are young and the time that we have to spend here as college students is unique in that we will never be this carefree again. We cannot only take the opportunity to spend time with the people around us, but also learn from them just as much, if not more than what we learn from our books.

When we leave this place behind we will take with us the knowledge from the classroom and also the real life experiences that we have learned from the relationships we have formed. If all we have are classroom experiences, inevitably our hearts will be empty, and we won't have the opportunity to go back and live the life of a college student over again.

As a full-time student working two jobs, I know just how easy it is to get lost in work and forget what it feels like to have a social life. But I have come to realize that when my career at Northern is completed, I would like to have more than just a degree. I would also like to have memories of the time I spent

here, and friends to remember it with.

Getting involved in extra-curricular activities is possibly the best decision I ever made. While my work at The North Wind has kept me busy this year, it has also allowed me to meet new people and make friends with a group of people that I not only laugh with, but also learn a great deal from. When I first came to this office, the list of things that I did not know how to do seemed endless.

One year later, I still have quite a bit to learn, but the progress and the confidence I have now, compared to then, is quite significant.

There are numerous groups and clubs at NMU that can provide wonderful experiences. As the semester winds down, perhaps we all need to reflect on what it is we have done with our time here and ask ourselves if we have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities we have as college students.

We are all here in pursuit of an education that will provide us with the proper foundation to begin a career, but books alone cannot teach us everything we need to know.

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

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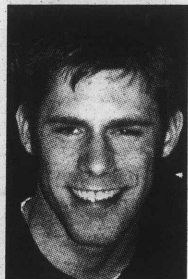
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### During inclement weather, should two hour delays be an option?



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## Successful season produces 26 wins

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcats produced one of the program's best seasons in recent years.

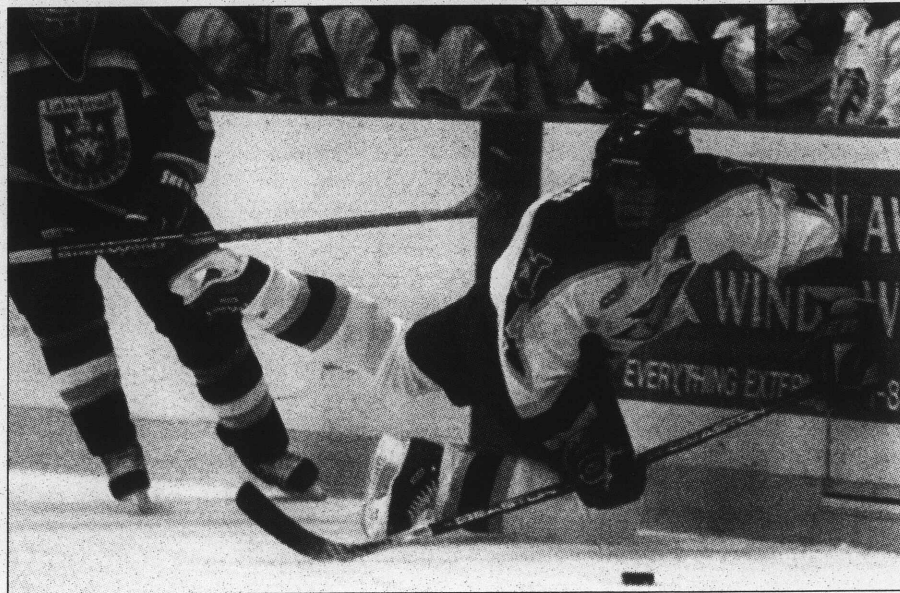
The Wildcats finished third in the CCHA with a record of 16-10-2 in the CCHA and 26-12-2 overall. The 26 wins mark the fifth-best season in NMU's 26-year history.

"It was a very consistent year," head coach Rick Comley said. "We had a couple of really good stretches. I think this was as consistent of a year that we've had in a long time."

The Wildcats got off to a good start. After their first nine games they had a record of 7-1-1, including two road wins over eventual CCHA champion University of Michigan.

In late December, the Wildcats traveled down to Estro, Fla., for the Florida Everglades Tournament. The Wildcats won the tournament by defeating two nationally-ranked teams, Cornell (4-3) and Maine (5-4).

"We had a great time in Florida," sophomore goaltender Craig Kowalski said. "It was good because it was the first championship that our team won since I've been here."



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Senior defenseman Sean Owens and the Wildcats had 26 wins this season, which gave NMU its sixth-best season in the 26-year history of the NMU hockey program.

Comley said that winning the tournament gave the team a lot of confidence.

After the Wildcats came back from Florida the team won seven of their next nine games, including two road wins against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

But then the Wildcats were slowed by injuries.

"We lost three in a row late in the season, and I think that hurt us nationally," Comley said. "But we were beat up and I think it was really understandable why we lost those three with the injuries we had."

In those three games, the 'Cats were without three of their most prominent offensive players, juniors Chris Gobert, Terry Harrison and Bryce Cockburn.

After the slide, the Wildcats won five of their last six games, clinched third place in the CCHA standings and earned home ice advantage for the opening round of the CCHA playoffs. NMU swept Miami of Ohio in two games to advance to the Joe Louis Arena to play in the CCHA Super Six Tournament Championship.

"Playing in Joe Louis was great, especially for me," said Kowalski, a Clinton Township native. "It was really cool to play in front of my family and all my friends."

NMU beat Notre Dame in the first round but lost the next day to Michigan State, ending their season. NMU was not selected to compete in the 16-team NCAA Championship, despite their 26 wins, including six victories over ranked opponents. Kowalski said that the Wildcats probably should've been in the tournament.

"It sucks that a .500 team like Harvard got in," he said. "But they won their conference tournament, so they get a spot."

Despite not getting a tournament bid, Kowalski said that he is happy with the season that the team had.

"It was definitely a successful season," Kowalski said. "We were a top 12 team most of the year. This season was the best the Wildcats have had in 10 years."

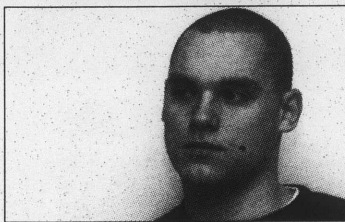
## Comley deserves position

Rick Comley is now sitting at the top of the college hockey world, and he deserves it. After 26 years at NMU, Comley is replacing the legendary Michigan State hockey coach Ron Mason. The position is arguably the most elite coaching spot in college hockey.

"I've turned down other jobs in the past," Comley said. "But this one was just too good not to take."

Some folks may say that Comley has turned his back on NMU. Some may say that he is abandoning the program that he built, a program that has had only one head coach in its 26-year existence. But Comley made the right choice for himself and his family.

### STAFF COLUMN



BY TOM MURPHY

It's not like Comley is leaving the program in bad shape. The Wildcats finished in third place this season in the CCHA. They have a very talented core of players returning next year as experienced seniors. They also have an exciting young goaltender, sophomore Craig Kowalski, who has not yet

reached his full potential.

Comley has more than earned this opportunity. He built the Wildcat hockey program from scratch. He brought two Wildcat teams to the National Championship and won one of them. He has won the Spencer Penrose Memorial Trophy for national coach of the year twice and has created a winning tradition at NMU.

Comley is moving on to a better situation. He is going to a Big Ten school with a much larger budget than NMU has and he is going to be reunited with his longtime friend and mentor, Ron Mason. Mason, who will take over as MSU

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## Wildcat seniors compete locally

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Three former members of the Northern Michigan University women's basketball team will be back on the court together to compete in the Negaunee Invitational Basketball Tournament at 7 p.m. tonight.

Senior guard Marisa DellAngelo, senior center Kelly Simcik, and alumnae Molly Sayen will be competing tonight at the Lakeview Memorial Gymnasium in Negaunee.

Joining the three women will be DellAngelo's father, Andy,

her uncle, Dennis, and her two brothers, Dave and Mike.

The team name, the Maruke's, is part of the DellAngelo family history.

Maruke's was a bar located in Negaunee that was owned by DellAngelo's grandfather.

DellAngelo said she was looking forward to playing with her family.



DellAngelo

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"It will be fun, especially not having much chance to play with my extended family very often," DellAngelo said.

Simcik said she feels it is a great opportunity to play with the DellAngelo family.

"I have known her family for four years," Simcik said. "They are like a second family to me."

Simcik also said it is great to play with both DellAngelo and Sayen one more time. Maruke's will face the "B" Button All-Start tonight. If they win, they play at 7:30 p.m. on April 6.

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Athletic Director in July, persuaded Comley to leave the place he's been for almost half his life and come to the greener pastures of MSU.

It is fitting that Comley take over for Mason — it was 30 years ago when Comley took over for Mason at Lake Superior State. After playing for four years with Mason as his coach, Comley joined Mason's staff; a year later Mason went on to coach at

Bowling Green and Comley took the reigns as head coach at LSSU. The two have been friends ever since.

This is the next chapter in the story of two of the best hockey coaches to stand behind a bench.

Comley and Mason have both worked hard and have been very successful.

So best wishes to Coach Comley; enjoy the experience, and good luck — except, of course, when you play the Wildcats.

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