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## TLC future, Macs discussed

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE  
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty gathered April 5 for a forum to discuss the current issues and possible future plans for the TLC Initiative, including the eventual integration of Macintosh iBooks.

Before a crowd of about 100 people, a panel comprised of two separate committees answered questions and concerns

voiced by students, and also presented the results of a recent student survey on the TLC Initiative. The forum was divided into three separate discussion areas, consisting of TLC program costs, multiple platforms (Windows and Macintosh) and plans for the future.

On Tuesday, ASNMU approved a proposal created by the ASNMU TLC Review Committee. According to the proposal, ASNMU encourages the university

to provide juniors and seniors pursuing academic programs in which Macintosh is the recommended platform by academic departments with iBooks, at minimal cost to the student body. The proposal also recommends additional services be provided by the Help Desk, hardware and software capabilities be improved and an out-of-state dial-up connection be put in place.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal, a member of the TLC Steering Committee, said he does not know if iBooks will be available in the fall.

"After speaking with the students this past Friday, they have a number of different desires, which complicates things," Joyal said. "Some have already purchased a Mac and don't want another. They want a price reduction. This would be difficult. We are trying to sort out the options and who is impacted."

Friday's panel consisted of Joyal, Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy and Business Professor Sandra Poindexter, who are all part of the TLC Steering Committee. ASNMU College of



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NMU Vice Presidents Mike Roy and Fred Joyal and Business Professor Sandra Poindexter answer questions about the TLC Initiative at the TLC forum last Friday.

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## Waters wins, activity fee increases

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
OPINION EDITOR

Carissa Waters, a junior nursing major, was elected as the new ASNMU president on Tuesday, and the Student Discretionary Activity Fee was approved to be renewed and increase by \$9.30 per student, to \$30.

The 2,241 students who voted in the election represent 34-percent of the NMU student population.

Waters won with a total of 1,499 votes, while the student

activity fee passed with a total of 1,744, and an additional vote of 1,247 to increase the amount. Junior physics major Bob Snyder finished second in the presidential race, with 655 votes.

"I was a little disappointed with the voter turn-out, but pleased that those 2,241 students did cast their votes," the sophomore criminal justice major and newly-elected vice president Samuel Paciero said.

This year's voter turnout was down 33 votes from last year's election.

Students were able to cast their votes via online voting starting at midnight Monday to midnight on Tuesday. Six voting stations were also set up around campus.

The new ASNMU assembly will be sworn into office after the current board holds their last



Waters

meeting April 16.

"I feel good with what ASNMU has accomplished in the time that I have been president and I am excited to see new leadership," current ASNMU President Nathan Leach said.

Leach said he feels confident in leaving his office to Waters, who has served as ASNMU vice president this past year.

"It definitely helps when you have experience, and as

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### ASNMU ELECTION RESULTS

Winners shown in bold.

#### PRESIDENT

**Carissa Waters** 1499  
Bob Snyder 655

#### VICE PRESIDENT

**Samuel Paciero, Jr.** 1154  
Kyle Button 908

#### OFF-CAMPUS REP

**Sarah Bird** 468  
**Jenni Kapla** 453  
**Allison Hassig** 402  
**John Fitzgerald** 370  
**Kyle Ortiz** 344  
**Damian Ramos** 346  
**Chadwick Curtis** 336  
Dan Kramarz 299  
Bob Rustman 298  
Brandon Kent 297  
Dan Merhalski 232

#### DOWN-CAMPUS REP

**Rebecca Zemba** 604  
**Rebecca Beckett** 585

#### UP-CAMPUS REP

**Cindie Janssen** 160  
Keely Robare 84

#### ON-CAMPUS APARTMENTS REP

**Lianna Moore** 69  
Chris Mosier 56

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

**Erin Spencer** 537  
**Greg Ragan** 401  
**Mark Slykhouse** 344  
Alita Townsend 255  
Jared Stanchina 251  
Jeff Szymanski 244

#### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Nicole Lang** 196  
Nick Thierry 83

#### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**Glen Young** 390  
**Melissa Leitzel** 386  
**Craig Lian** 313

#### COLLEGE OF TECH & APPLIED SCIENCES

**Tony Pool** 81

#### GENERAL UNDECLARED

**Colin Hardy** 230

#### REFERENDUM RESULTS

Do you support an increase in allocation of \$9.70 to \$30 for the Student Discretionary Activity Fee?  
**YES** 1247 **NO** 491



FORUM

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Professional Representative Stephanie Scheiner, the chairwoman of the laptop review committee, was also a member of Friday's panel. The forum focused on the issues of art and design students, and their ideas of having the option to choose Macintosh iBook computers over IBM ThinkPads.

Many of these students felt that they should be excluded from receiving the issued IBMs, as the laptops are incompatible with the needs of their academic program.

Joyal said the main problem of having the TLC program issue more than one laptop model is a matter of cost and support. Expenditures not only go toward the laptops themselves but facets such as repair services and software, an issue that would

become more complex with the addition of iBooks.

"Our goal is for all art and design students to have adequate access to Macs," Joyal said. "The greater variety of issued laptops brings a lesser chance for the success of [the TLC] program."

Although pilot programs for computers have been used in the past, the possibility for an iBook pilot program remains uncertain.

"What might be a better way to look at this is in terms of phase-in or transition," Joyal said.

"That is, would it be best, all things considered, to start with a certain group of the [art and design] students and expand it each year?"

Aside from the concerns of art and design majors, survey results found the majority of the 361 random students who responded to the questionnaire were satisfied with the program overall.

**"What might be a better way to look at this is in terms of phase-in or transition."**

— Fred Joyal  
Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

Sixty percent of students agreed that the laptop program concept, including equipment, software,

Internet access, campus connections, technical support, repair services and insurance, is academically and professionally valuable.

Statistics also showed most students were satisfied with the services offered by the Help Desk and the efficiency of its repairs.

Although 48-percent of stu-

dents felt laptop use in relation to their course work was sufficient, Scheiner said that more can be done to improve this statistic. For one, instructors from various departments will likely be encouraged by the administration to use WebCT as a more integral part of course work.

When questioned about which outside features students would be interested in adding to their own laptops, responders showed particular interest in the installation of more RAM at a cost of \$50 to \$75.

Other items included an additional 20-GB hard drive and a memory key, a device that allows users to store and transfer small files between computers.

Committee members of the forum stressed that the program, now in its second year, is still a work in progress and it will take time to implement the new ideas and meet the needs of students.

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vice president [Waters] was able to look at what I did," Leach said.

Waters said she plans to bring student programming together on campus, while continuing to uphold the programs that ASNMU has already set in place, such as the TLC program and the diversity subcommittee.

With the passing of both referendums, students will have more money to work with when planning campus activities next year.

"I was excited to see the referendum pass, that way we can see better programming on campus," Paciero said.

Waters said she was also pleased that the referendum passed, because now there will be more opportunities for activities on campus.



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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Speedskater arrested on campus

MARQUETTE — USOEC speedskater Richard Bauer, 17, originally of White Bear, Minn., was arrested by the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office and charged with one count of Larceny by Conversion and one count of Computer-Using to Commit Crime. A joint investigation with NMU Public Safety of reports of fraudulent activity on the Internet led to a search warrant of Bauer's residence at 308 Meyland Hall. A computer, paperwork and other evidence were confiscated. Bauer allegedly sold items by auction on Yahoo.com when the items were not available for sale. Bauer was released on Personal Recognizance bond. Bauer attends Marquette Senior High School while training with the USOEC.

## National

## Construction crew reveals graves

FRANKFORT, Ky. — While leveling a city block for a new state office building, bulldozers and power shovels unearthed dozens of unmarked graves. The graves were close to the former state Capitol and are thought to be 200 years old. So far, 162 sets of remains have been discovered. The number increases each day, as does speculation as to the origin of the graves. No headstones or markers have been found, nor is there any record of a cemetery in the neighborhood. "You wonder who they were and what they did during their lives," said David Pollack, director of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey. "We don't have anybody coming forward to say, 'My ancestor is buried up there.'" Pollack said the team believes the graves probably date back to at least 1850, perhaps even 1800.

## International

## Execution rates highest in China

HONG KONG — China's "Strike Hard" campaign against crime has contributed to a large increase in worldwide executions. The figure for 2001 was more than twice that of the previous year, said human rights group Amnesty International. Amnesty released statistics for last year and said that over 3,048 people were executed in 31 countries, with China topping the list. Between April and July 2001, at least 1,781 people were executed in China, which is more than the total number of people executed in the rest of the world in the previous three years. In China's last "Strike Hard" campaign during 1996, 4,469 people were executed while 6,235 received death sentences, said Catherine Baber, China researcher for Amnesty in Hong Kong.

## Weird News

## Crab population endangered by ants

SYDNEY — Australia's Christmas Island's famous migrating land crabs are being slowly devoured by "crazy ants." Up to half of the crab population may have been killed off in the past few years, a conservation official said. David Slip, government conservator of the remote Indian Ocean outpost, said crazy or long-legged ant infestations became "super colonies" about five years ago. He said the acid-squirting ants now dominate a quarter of Christmas Island's rainforest. The land crabs, which are famous for migrating in the millions every year to the ocean to spawn, are blinded by the ants' formic acid and are eaten and left dying in rotting piles on the forest floor. Slip said there are probably 40 to 42 million crabs left on Christmas Island.

— Compiled from news sources

## Memories



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Junior outdoor recreation major Courtney Balcer, right, and junior philosophy major Sven Pearsall look through photos from Spooner Hall's bowling night while in the UC arcade room.

## Committee examines fees

BY ROB HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

ASNMU has created a service charge committee which will lobby for lower university fees for student organizations.

Committee Chairman Eric Martin said the committee was formed last month. He said he hopes the new committee will help student organizations put more money into student programs.

Student organizations are currently charged for using many university buildings, audio-visual equipment, electricity, chair rental and dining services. When Platform Personalities brought guest speaker, Maya Angelou to NMU in 2000, chair rental alone cost the organization \$2,000.

"Money that is given to student groups ends up being put right back into the university through departmental charges," Martin said.

He said these charges can make it more difficult for student organizations to provide quality student programs.

"We're not pointing fingers at

anyone," Martin said. "We're just trying to save student groups some money."

The current ASNMU student government has little time left in office, but hopes that this ongoing process will be continued by their successors.

"We are just trying to keep the costs down for student groups," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said.

"Our recommendation to the incoming student government is to encourage them to look into these costs and see what can be avoided."

The university budget and financial planning department has also developed a service charge committee, which is attempting to meet the needs of student organizations.

The committee is chaired by Sherri Towers, an assistant director of the university budget and financial planning department.

The university will have a hard time eliminating many of the charges because the money brought in by them is necessary to help pay employees, Towers said.

"Most of these charges have been in place for many years," Towers said. "They have (employee) salaries and wages behind them."

Towers said the university is doing as much as possible to help student organizations.

"At this point we are trying to keep these charges down," Towers said. "A lot of charges have student groups rates and there are some buildings (Jamrich and the University Center) which have free rental."

The university committee will assist in deciding which fees can be eliminated or lowered.

Bob Rustman, an ASNMU down campus representative who is affiliated with Northern Arts and Entertainment, represents ASNMU at the service committee meetings.

Rustman said he would like to eliminate charges for renting the Berry Events Center, and lower some rates for audio-visual, chair and table rental.

"We will have more programming and better programming for students if service charges are decreased," said Rustman.

## FORECAST

• **Friday:** Partly sunny. Low 30 to 35. High 45 to 50.

• **Saturday:** Partly sunny. Low 30 to 35. High 45 to 50.

• **Sunday:** Partly cloudy. Low around 35. High around 45.

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# Provost candidates speak on campus

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

There are three candidates for the position of associate provost for student services and enrollment.

Two, William Bernard, and L. David Eaton, recently spoke at NMU to present their views, perspectives and strategies on enrollment management. The third, J. Leon Washington, will present at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in Pioneer B in the UC.

The associate provost for student services and enrollment is one of two associate provosts reporting directly to Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal. The position was previously held by Karen Reese.

"She retired last July but stayed on through this December

because we had not filled the position," Joyal said.

The associate provost for student services and enrollment is responsible for the administration of student services and programs of student support and development outside the classroom. He or she has responsibility for the development and implementation of NMU's enrollment management plan.

The minimum qualifications are that the candidate has earned at least a master's degree and that he or she has at least 10 years of experience in university student personnel and student housing administration as a dean or vice president.

Bernard is currently the vice president of student services at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa. He has filled that position since 1995.

"Hawkeye is an institution of just under 4,500 students," Bernard said. "It's structured almost the same as the organizational structure [as NMU] for student affairs. So I'm very comfortable with the organizational structure here."

Bernard was the vice president of student services at Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander, Wis., from 1991 to 1995, and the director of admissions at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, N.Y., from 1989 to 1991. He began his administrative career at Indian Hills Community College in his

hometown of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Eaton has been the vice president for enrollment management at State University of New York at New Paltz since 1998.

He has worked in various administrative positions at the university since 1981.

"The campus is similar in size to Northern," Eaton said.

Prior to working at New Paltz, Eaton was director of residence life/auxiliary operations at Peru State College in Peru, Neb., from 1978 to 1981.

Eaton received both his master's degree in public administration and his bachelor's degree in philosophy from NMU. He is a U.P. native from the Keweenaw.

Washington has been the associate vice president for enrollment services at San José State University in San José, Calif., since 1997. He was also the

director of student outreach and recruitment there from 1995 to 1997.

"I have been successful in creating a well-trained team of student services personnel, and an enrollment management plan here at San José State that has enabled us to grow enrollment to a point where we are now over-enrolled," Washington said.

Prior to working in San José, Washington worked in admissions at various colleges since 1986.

He was the assistant director of financial aid at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, from 1979 to 1983, and the Human Resources Manager for Training Programs at Olin International in Luges, Brazil, from 1972 to 1979.

The expected starting date for the position is July 1.



Eaton

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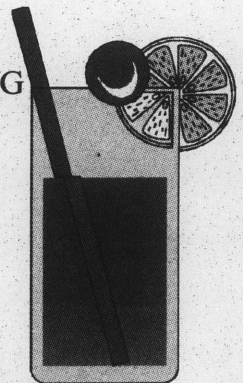
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# Student group educates others on drunk driving

BY ROBIN MENARD  
STAFF WRITER

A student organization, Students Against Drunk Driving, has found a new home at NMU.

Senior biology and physiology major Gwen Buck and adviser Lenny Shible, from the Health Promotion office, worked together to launch the organization.

"SADD's mission here on campus is to lower the incidence of impaired driving in the Marquette area, particularly among Northern students," Buck said.

Shible said the focus of the group is not against the consumption of alcohol.

"It is to drink responsibly, to not put themselves or others at risk by getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol," Shible said.

Buck said that there are sever-

al key members who have pulled together a list of project ideas to bring awareness to the community and the NMU student body.

Buck listed different activities

SADD is planning, including designated driver campaigns at local bars, putting on skits for local high schools,

sponsoring guest speakers and conducting surveys on the opinions of college students about drinking and driving.

"If we stop one person from drinking and driving, we've met our goal," Buck said.

The student organizers have been meeting weekly. Shible said they have done an excellent job



Shible

of getting organized and becoming known around campus.

Freshman communication disorders major Sarah Bond said the organization will have a positive impact.

"I think it's wonderful," Bond said. "More peer pressure will mean less drinking and driving."

Senior athletic training and psychology major Mark Hetrick said he agrees with SADD's mission.

"Passing the keys to a designated driver is an important part of drinking responsibly," Hetrick said.

Officer elections for any students interested this fall will include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. For more information, call Buck at 226-6694, or e-mail her at gbuck@nmu.edu. Shible can be reached at 227-1455 or lshible@nmu.edu.

## Shaping a form



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Visiting ceramist Akio Takamori presents a demonstration on Tuesday in the ceramics studio in Art and Design North.

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## EDITORIAL

Smoke begins to clear,  
iBooks on horizon

Finally, administrators have opened their eyes and accepted that the voices of students will not be taken lightly. Thanks to the hard work of many students on campus, Macintosh iBooks are coming to NMU ... eventually.

People are naturally stubborn. Administrators are people. It's taken nearly five years of complaining, researching, organizing and proposing by students to get the NMU administration to truly help the art department.

Better late than never.

The iBooks will probably not be in the hands of all art and design students in the fall, but there is now a possibility for them to slowly work their way into the existing system, beginning next year.

One expectation that students have of this university is that students be provided with the proper tools for their education. Other students on campus have been provided with the IBM ThinkPad, a tool that can be useful to them. Although the art students have been given ThinkPads as well, the art industry relies heavily upon Macs, so for artists, iBooks are the proper tool to prepare for a career.

Most of NMU's student body supports the concept of having a laptop program. This is a young program though, and administrators need to continue helping the TLC Initiative grow.

Adding iBooks to campus is a step that will move NMU closer to being an actual technologically-advanced learning community. Right now we are not, due to the lack of wired classrooms, and laptops that do not enhance the education of art and design students.

While it is nearly impossible to please everyone in any situation, it's comforting to see that Northern really is on its way to promoting the development of independent learners, and not just embracing technology for technology's sake.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior defends  
NMU's laptop fees

I attended the ASNMU TLC forum last Friday. It was very informative and I would like to thank the administration and the students for coming together to discuss this important issue.

I did have a reaction to some of the art and design students who wanted to be waived out of the program. The TLC fee is for more than just the laptop; the per-semester fee supports the whole network around campus. No student should be opted out because we all use the campus network.

Furthermore, as Dr. Poindexter mentioned, other schools that have a computer requirement where students purchase their own system are still charged for a technology fee. I would rather pay the fee and receive a laptop. Also, I cannot do everything on my laptop; I spend an hour a week in the language lab. Technology fees are now a part of college, and NMU has done an excellent job in managing costs while providing a service for its students.

Eric Martin  
senior, history

Snyder gives his  
regards to ASNMU

To all NMU students, thank

you to everyone who helped on my presidential campaign this year. I learned enough to quench any quest for knowledge of a lifetime and I owe that to everyone who supported me.

I send my best wishes to Carissa and ASNMU for the upcoming 2002-2003 year. I appreciate all that you have done and you have done quite a lot.

Later in my life I will be able to look back on what was done today and never hold sore thoughts or feelings. And I ask for everyone who supported me to embrace Carissa as you would have me.

We are one university; separate, nothing will be done, but together we can better this place I call home. And to all of Northern, congratulations; you have chosen a great candidate to represent you and I believe this upcoming year will be one to remember in a great way.

Carissa Waters has the experience of working with one of ASNMU's greatest presidents ever, Nathan Leach. With that experience I know next year will be absolutely amazing.

What will happen to me? I'm not going away yet. I said at the second candidate forum, "...the individual student has more power than they know..." and I intend to prove that to you in the upcoming year.

I will still work to get campus pipeline and ASNMU working

together even though I am not a part of ASNMU. Plus, I will create an organization that will truly help the issues of diversity on campus.

I may not be able to strengthen ASNMU as much, but my mission was to help the students (not ASNMU). I repeat: my mission is to help the students. I don't need a title to do that. What I need is your support.

If you want to help start a new organization that will help bring attention to diversity issues on campus, please contact me at rosnyder@nmu.edu. I will be checking that e-mail all over summer break and I will be staying in Marquette.

By next year I hope to have a start of an organization ready to bring attention to the diversity issues on campus and off.

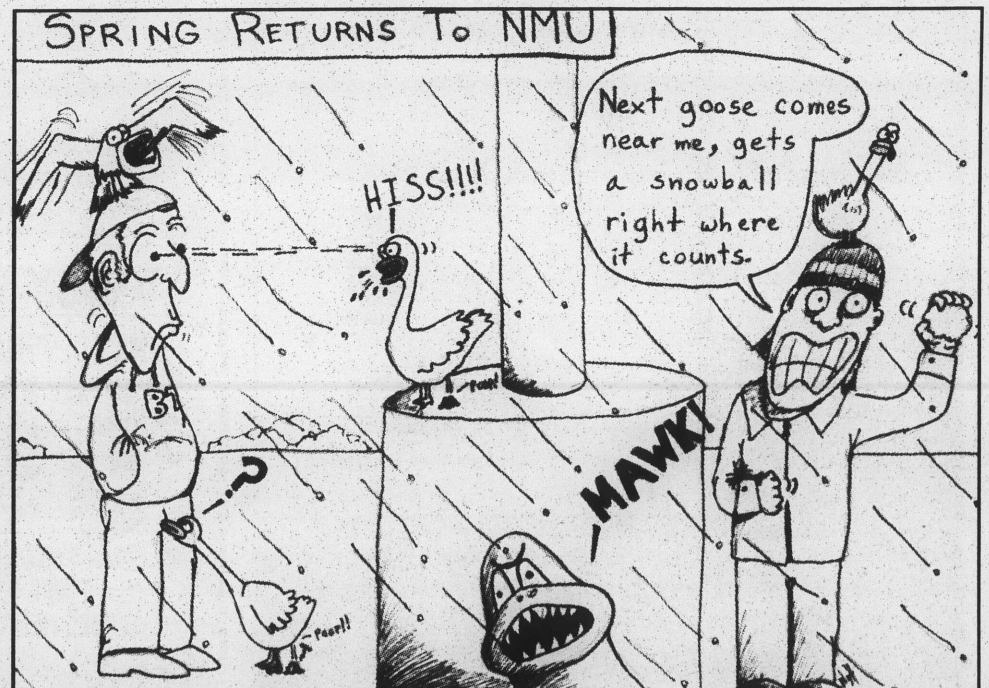
Thank you Northern for allowing me to participate in this year's amazing election; I appreciate this honor. Thank you to everyone who supported me and everyone who supported Carissa and everyone who decided not to vote. I thank everyone for this chance to run with the big dawgs.

Good luck Carissa Waters:  
you have my full support.

Bob Snyder  
junior, physics

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William Holland  
opinion@thenorthwind.org





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**Student upset by street preachers**

I think of myself as an open-minded person when it comes to religion, but I don't appreciate being bombarded with pamphlets and "inspirational messages" while on campus.

Sometimes going to class consists of making your way past a frenzied, religious speaker blurting out his ideas of sin and forgiveness, receiving flyers on "The Right Path," and then returning to your car to find it submerged in religious propaganda.

I think that the occasional informative posters concerning upcoming events, or local church organizations are fine, but everything else is unnecessary. I don't think that using the campus as a platform for religious groups is a great idea — it's distracting. As students, we don't need to be force-fed religion; as adults, we make our own decisions and we all need to learn to respect each others views.

**Lottie Lancour**  
senior, social work

**Excess alcohol puts lives at risk**

**STAFF COLUMN**



by **Mary Ann Cancilla**

On any given day, alcohol is responsible for the deaths of four college students, according to a national study released on Tuesday. Statistics provided by NMU Public Safety found that four NMU students in 1999, and another four in 2000, were treated for alcohol overdoses.

Up to 1,400 college students are killed every year in alcohol related accidents. This could be driving accidents, alcohol overdoses or bad judgement calls we make under the influence of alcohol. The risk of climbing a radio tower at 3 a.m. when its been raining all night somehow appeals to the irresponsible drunk, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea.

Alcohol is responsible for 1,370 injuries to college students every year, and almost 200 sexual assaults. A federally-appointed task force of researchers plans to distribute the findings of this study to college presidents in hopes to change what they are calling the "culture of drinking."

We all know that as college students, most of us spend a percentage of our time inebriated. While this task force may try to change how much many of us drink, I doubt it will succeed. College students and drinking go hand in hand.

Trying to prevent drinking will not work whatsoever; how-

ever, how much we drink and how safe we are while we are drinking should be something that we consider. Let's start with consumption.

Alcohol poisoning, or acute intoxication, is often fatal but may be prevented if you act quickly.

Signs of a person with an acute intoxication level range from unconsciousness, semi-consciousness, slow breaths of eight or less per minute, cold, clammy or bluish skin and a strong odor of alcohol. Alcohol at high doses may cause loss of consciousness, coma, brain damage, and possibly death from respiratory shut down.

If a person has one or more of these symptoms, you should call 911. Passing out is not the same as sleeping it off. Alcohol that is already present in the stomach may continue to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body, placing the

person's life at risk.

Always continue to monitor a heavily intoxicated person. Do not exercise them or give them food, more liquor or medication to sober them up. The only thing that can sober a person up is time.

In addition, make sure that a heavily intoxicated person is placed on his or her side, and if necessary, place a pillow in the small of his or her back to keep them in this position. This is important because it prevents aspiration (choking on your own vomit).

Just like many other students at this campus, I have found myself at the point where I've consumed more alcohol than my body can handle more than once.

There is a fine line between being drunk and being completely smashed to the point where you are putting your health at risk. In fact, any time you reach the point of throwing up from alcohol, you have gone too far. Throwing up is the body's natural response of trying to rid yourself of excess alcohol that your body cannot process.

As college students, we will always drink, but we can learn how to do it safely. Observe how many drinks you have throughout the night, and know when enough is enough.

We all need to stop and think

about what we are doing. We may think that it's funny when a friend has had so much to drink that they can no longer walk, but the truth is it's dangerous — not only because they run the risk of alcohol poisoning, which can stop your breathing, but also because they no longer possess the mind capability to make good decisions.

I know that as the weeks grow longer and more stressful, a Saturday night at the bar seems to be just what we need. But we need to keep ourselves in check. Nobody wants to babysit, but a friend will make sure that another friend isn't driving, or walking the break wall at Presque Isle.

If a friend has become sick, or has consumed more alcohol than necessary, don't leave them alone. Many times a person may pass out, and while no one gives it a second thought because it happens all the time, sometimes people just quit breathing.

As the survey points out, there is a problem and we need to become more responsible as college students. Accidents will happen, but perhaps if we keep all of this in mind, we can prevent some of them.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Mary Ann Cancilla welcomes reactions to her column at [mcancilla@hotmail.com](mailto:mcancilla@hotmail.com).

**SOUND OFF**

— Compiled by **Brad Decker**

**If you could transfer to any other university, which one would it be and why?**



**Chloé Clement**  
junior, economics

"I would transfer to the University of Miami because the weather is warm and the people are good looking."



**Dan Tannheimer**  
junior,  
environmental conservation

"U of M, the campus is nice and it's not in the backwoods."



**Julie Desmond**  
sophomore, history

"I would transfer back to the University of Hawaii and try to forget that I ever came to Northern."



**Tim Whitehead**  
freshman, art and design

"Western, because it rocks. Hell yeah."



**Katie Walczak**  
sophomore, elementary ed.

"I would transfer to Middlesax, because it's in London, and it doesn't support The North Wind."



# Committee examines smoking policy

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

An ad hoc committee, composed of faculty, staff and students, has been formed to examine the current smoking policy at Northern Michigan University, and has been surveying students via e-mail for suggestions and comments on the policy.

The current smoking policy is as follows: excluding resident halls and university apartments, smoking is not permitted in any university buildings or within 30 feet of a building entrance.

Ken Chant, director of public safety and co-chairman of the ad hoc committee, said surveying students was the third part of the overall survey.

The first smoking survey was conducted on Feb. 19 at the Health Fair, and the second was sent via e-mail to faculty and staff.

Chant said the student survey was finished on April 9.

The ad hoc committee will

compile the suggestions and meet again, Chant said.

"We're hoping to get good suggestions, and see if we can identify problem areas," Chant said.



Sophomore outdoor recreational leadership and management major Peter Woodman smokes a cigarette outside Jamrich.

Matt Wiese, assistant dean of students and co-chairman of the ad hoc committee, said students have raised the issue of the 30-foot rule.

Some students are breaking

this rule, and smoking by the ashtrays placed directly outside of the entrances on campus. Some students don't feel it is fair to have to walk through a cloud of smoke in order to get to class, Wiese said.

Chant said the ashtrays were placed next to the doors of buildings for two reasons: to prevent littering by giving students a place to put their butts and to comply with snow removal on campus.

Wiese said the ad hoc committee will set uniform standards on smoking on campus, and also try to educate students on the current policy.

"I think the committee is a good thing," Wiese said. "We need to balance all NMU needs, both staff and students."

"I think we can come to some sort of resolution to respect everyone's rights."

Graduate student Melissa Rupert said the policy doesn't bother her.

"It's just common sense as far as smoking in the buildings," Rupert said. "The side effects from second-hand smoke have been proven."

"The students that are standing right outside the buildings smoking are just breaking the rules."

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For more information regarding summer ThinkPad policies visit [www.acs.nmu.edu](http://www.acs.nmu.edu), contact the Help Desk in the LRC, or call 906-227-2468.



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# Stratford study course available

BY ROBIN MENARD  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a gift from retired NMU communications professor Robert Dornquast, NMU students have an opportunity to attend a world-class theater festival.

As a result of the gift, a partnership has been struck between Northern and the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada. The new Stratford studies program makes NMU the first U.S. college or university to partner with the festival.

Several faculty and staff members on campus helped to build this program, which has three elements. The elements include a Stratford scholar, most years a director or actor, visiting Northern for workshops and public lectures; a team-taught, interdisciplinary liberal studies course approved for Division VI credit and the field experience in Stratford.

English Department Head James Schiffer and Theater Director James Panowski are team-teaching the course for the first time this summer.

EN 495/TH 495 will study five plays that will

performed in Stratford. The plays include Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," "Richard III" and "All's Well That Ends Well," the Bernard Shaw musical "My Fair Lady" and Bertolt Brecht's "The Threepenny Opera."

"Team-teaching will provide more possibilities for excitement because Professor Panowski and I are trained in different disciplines and approach the plays from different perspectives," Schiffer said. "This is not just a course for English and theater majors."

Students in other majors are also encouraged to enroll. Students who take EN 495/TH 495 will also be encouraged to enroll in TH 493, the field experience in Stratford.

EN 495/TH 495 runs on campus from May 13 to June 13; the trip to Stratford will run from June 24 to 29.

A limited number of scholarships will help selected students defray the cost of travel to and from Stratford, theater tickets and lodging.

For more information about the course, the trip to Stratford and the Dornquast scholarship program, contact Schiffer at 227-2711.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Summer speech therapy available

NMU's communication disorders department will offer speech and language evaluation and treatment services to the community this summer.

All services at the NMU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic are provided by communication disorders undergraduate and graduate student clinicians under the observation of faculty certified by the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association.

Children can be seen from May 13 through July 31, and adults from May 13 through June 13.

There is no fee for the therapy. The clinic is located in West Hall in the Seaborg Science Complex.

For more information contact

the communication disorders department at 227-2155.

### Goodwill donation boxes on campus

Goodwill Industries and Northern Michigan University are teaming up for a donation drive.

The donation drive will be held May 2 through 4.

Items can be dropped off at the Gant/Spalding Hall courtyard from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day, Payne/Halverson Hall courtyard from noon to 3 p.m. each day or in the Hunt/Van Antwerp Hall courtyard. Goodwill collects all types of clothing, including men's, women's and children's. They are also in need of shoes, toys, linens, electronics and furniture.

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## Porn gets off print, goes online

The pornographic magazine industry is going down fast. Although I am not an advocate for smut, I think it's sad, because it's being replaced by something far worse — the Internet.

Penthouse, self-described as "the magazine of sex, politics and protest," objectifies women from head to toe and everywhere else in between. The magazine began by catering to the male erotic desire through risqué pictures of nude women but changed with trends, and is now suffering backlash from the market that created the demand.

Pornography has become one of the largest industries in the country. But Penthouse, a magazine with a circulation of nearly five million at its prime, now sells just 650,000 copies monthly. While Penthouse's publisher Bob Guccione is nearly out of business, he's being replaced by more convenient and accessible content online.

Our society revolves around instant satisfaction, hence the attractiveness of the Web. Today, people can read the news, purchase merchandise and view whatever they desire with the click of a mouse, including obscene images of every variety.

People can also download video clips or watch people performing sex acts live from anywhere in the world. Although many sites require a credit card payment to view, there are a significant amount of filthy Web sites that are free for all to view.

When the Internet busted onto the scene, it caught Penthouse with its pants down; the magazine responded to its competition by becoming even more explicit. Penthouse went hardcore, showing various sexual acts, turning the publication from a men's mainstream magazine to one reserved for porn stores. The willingness of the magazine to use exploitative images of nude women surpassed that of its magazine competition, including Playboy. The switch from tits and ass to more provocative material has caused Penthouse's demise.

I believe the adult magazine industry is far less harmful than the images on the Internet. With magazines, there are regulations in place as to who can purchase the material, even if not all storeowners follow the policy. On the Internet, however, there is no restriction on who can view the images. Most Web sites have a button that tells the viewer to click to enter if they are 18 years old or over, or to leave the site if they are not of age. How many hormone-raging 16-year-olds do you think are actually going to close their browser when they see that warning?

Search engines will bring up porn sites as results for almost every word. Young children can easily stumble across pornographic content. People like Guccione may be the lesser of the two evils.

People wishing to view pornography have realized that they no longer have to face embarrassment at the cash register when they ring out with a dirty magazine such as Penthouse, and they no longer need to visit the adult section at the local video store or the basement of local used bookstores. All they need to do is turn on the computer, and from the comfort of their room, smut lovers have the option to view raunchy material without anyone else knowing what tickles their fancy.

Society created a demand for the pornographic material and magazines like Penthouse. Now the industry has evolved, and porn is easier to get than ever before. But with less printed porn, there will be more online for all to see — including children.

While Guccione was certainly not a one-minute man in the magazine industry, his time is over.

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

## Students trade plasma for cash

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Giving plasma has become a popular way to earn extra cash in recent years, and with the construction of a donation center in the Marquette area, NMU students are taking full advantage of the opportunity.

Biolife Plasma Services, formally Community Bio-Resources, opened a plasma center at 175 Hawley St., in Marquette in August 2000.

According to Interim Center Manager Marcia Hodges, business has been booming.

"We originally opened as a mini-center," Hodges said. "Business has been absolutely wonderful."

Plasma is a yellow fluid in the blood that consists of water, proteins and platelets. It is processed into products that treat burn victims, hemophiliacs and premature babies, and is used in a variety of vaccines.

Hodges said that NMU students make up approximately

40 percent of the Marquette facility's clientele.

"[NMU students] come in regularly," Hodges said. "A lot of them come for the money, but some come to serve the community."

According to information provided by Hodges, the collection of plasma is a relatively simple process called plasmapheresis where blood is pumped from the donor into the machine, and then the blood cells are separated and returned via the same single use IV.

Hodges encourages donors to drink lots of fluids and to eat a well-balanced meal before and after donations to minimize any discomfort.

Hodges also said the only long-term effect of donation is the formation of small scars on the arms of donors. Short-term health effects may include dizziness and fatigue.

"I just felt really tired," junior biology major and plasma donor Jeremy Mast said.

"After a while, I got worse and worse, especially after I started (donating) twice a week. I realized it wasn't worth it."

Mast no longer donates because of the effects on his health.

Freshman secondary education-social studies major Sean Karsten has been donating twice a week since the fall semester.

He said he feels no negative health effects and plans to continue his donations with Biolife until he begins student teaching.

"I don't feel any [negative health effects]," Karsten said. "I now know to drink a lot of water."

One objection to giving plasma is that it involves the giving of a person's body for profit.

Students receive compensation for their time, unlike blood donation.

"You're selling your health, basically," Mast said. "It's not like giving blood, for altruistic

reasons." Money seems to be the primary motivation for students to give plasma.

A donor may donate twice in a seven-day period, receiving \$20 for the first donation and \$30 for the second.

"It doesn't take too much of my time," Karsten said. "It's a lot easier to stop by and lay there in a chair. If I have something to get done, I've got two hours."

Students may also read, study or listen to music during the actual plasmapheresis process.

Karsten said that there's nothing wrong with giving plasma and the donor ends up helping people.

Marquette General Hospital Blood Donor Services Supervisor Mary Hawn also agreed.

"Given what the product is used for, I don't see any problem with people being compensated," Hawn said.

However, a problem may arise with students who want to donate blood and their plasma.

Biolife's policy is that a donor must wait 56 days after donating blood to give plasma.

Hawn also noted that Marquette General's blood drive on campus has seen a 15- to 20-percent drop in donors.

This drop may be due in part to students who do not wish to cease their plasma donation for an eight-week period.

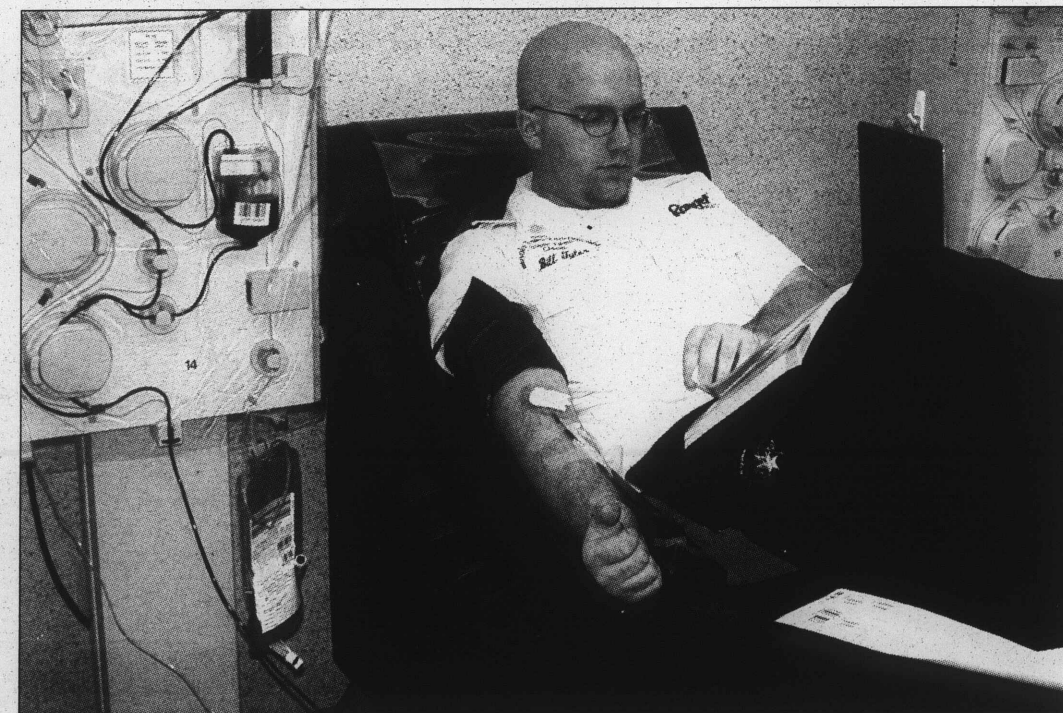
Hodges said Biolife encourages both plasma giving and blood donation to their customers and employees. Hodges also said Biolife's employees receive extra compensation if they donate blood at the hospital.

Future plans for Marquette's Biolife plasma center include expanded hours and phone jacks near the donation chairs that students may use to access the Internet while donating.

For further information about donating plasma, contact Biolife Plasma Services at 226-9080.

*"You're selling your health basically. It's like giving blood for altruistic reasons."*

— Jeremy Mast  
junior, biology major



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior CIS major Scott Tyler takes time to do his homework while donating plasma at Biolife.

## Parking concerns remain alive

BY TOM MURPHY & YONIKA WILLIS  
STAFF REPORTERS

It's Sunday night and freshman financial planning major Nick Nauta has just returned from watching a movie at his friend's house and wants nothing more than to get home.

However, before he can do anything, he has to park his car.

After three failed attempts at finding a spot, Nauta moves on to his last hope and finds that it is also full.

He finally parks his car in the lot by the on-campus apartments (Lot 21) and begins to make the long walk to his dorm — Gant Hall.

"The parking here sucks," Nauta said. "Why the hell should all those commuters get to park at Lot 36 when we live right here?"

Nauta feels that parking is ridiculous and freshmen should have the option to live off campus.

"You can pay less money and get an apartment in Marquette and have a parking spot right next to where you live," Nauta said.

The parking situation doesn't make sense to Nauta or other on-campus residents.

"If they make us live here they should give us a parking spot by where we live," Nauta said.

"I don't think I should have to walk that



Dan Grimm/NW

Some students find it difficult when finding parking spaces in front of Jamrich and other on-campus buildings before their classes begin because the parking lots are full.

far just to park my car."

Not all students have a problem with parking.

Sophomore zoology major Chris McKinney feels that NMU is at an advantage compared to other campuses.

"I don't have a car on campus," McKinney said. "But when I compare the parking here to other schools I've seen, at least we have places for students to park."

Freshman graphic communications major Josh Deiters also lives in Gant Hall and is

also unhappy with the parking situation.

Deiters realizes that a lot of other campuses don't allow freshmen to have vehicles, but feels that there is no point in having a car on campus if there are no available parking spaces.

"I don't like the fact that they allow freshmen to have vehicles but don't provide enough parking," Deiters said. "And I don't like the fact that commuters park next to the dorms."

Deiters and Nauta both feel that the commuter lot should be the dirt lot (Lot 21), and freshmen should be allowed to park in front of Gant Hall.

"They should move commuter parking more towards the classes," Deiters said. "They should make Lot 21 the commuter lot. It makes no sense that we have to park there."

However, Director of Public Safety Ken Chant said that right now there isn't any other way to accommodate the freshmen.

"The largest need for that lot (36) is for the commuters," Chant said. "Everybody pays the same to park, so we also need to accommodate the commuters. But we do open the lot up to the residents on the weekends."

Freshman chemistry major Kevin Shaw, a resident of Van Antwerp Hall, hasn't had parking difficulties.

"I haven't had problems finding spots within walking distance to my dorm," Shaw said.



Dan Grimm/NW

Many students have their own solutions about what should be done to solve the parking situations on campus such as making commuter lots open to on-campus residents.



**Today, April 11**

**Film:** "Belle De Jour" (R) at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. A film from Paris featuring French dialogue and English subtitles.

**Open House:** The JOBSearch Center hosts an Open House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in its office in the UC.

**Meeting:** Superiorland Kiwanis will meet from 7 to 10 a.m. in Dining Room A.

**Friday, April 12**

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

**Presentation:** J. Leon Washington, a candidate for associate provost of student services and enrollment, will speak at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer B in the UC.

**Film:** "Afrique, je te plumerai" at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. A film from Cameroon featuring French dialogue and English subtitles.

**Dinner:** "Garden of Eden: A Temptation of Food," an eight-course dinner, will be served at 6 p.m. in the Jacobetti Center. Tickets are \$75. For more information contact Nancy Arcand at 227-2364.

**Lecture:** Michael Mamas will present "A Time for Wisdom" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Marquette Federated Women's Club.

**Banquet:** Football Banquet from 6 to 11 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

**Parents Night Out:** ASNMU and Circle K are sponsoring a "Parents Night Out" at the Children's Museum from 5 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child.

**Saturday, April 13**

**Film:** "Chercher la vie" at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. A film from Haiti featuring French dialogue and English subtitles.

**Film:** "Oceans 11" (PG-13) at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Health Fair:** Holistic Health Fair will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario Rooms in the UC.

**Sunday, April 14**

**Film:** "Oceans 11" (PG-13) at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Film:** "Passage du milieu" at 1:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. A film from Martinique featuring French dialogue and English subtitles.

**Performance:** NMU Madrigal Singers and Lake Effect Jazz Choir will perform at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. For more information call 227-2563.

**Performance:** NMU Percussion Ensemble at 3 p.m. in JXJ 103.

**Monday, April 15**

**Fundraiser:** The third annual "Cat Challenge" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Superior Dome. Can and cash donations will be accepted.

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Meeting:** Native American Student Association will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Spooner Hall Fred Room.

**Job Fair:** Teacher Job Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

**Play:** "The Three Sisters" at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

**Event:** Conversation with President Bailey from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Free pizza will be provided.


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## Spring season tests Wildcats

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat tennis team began their spring season on April 4 with the same success that they ended the fall season with.

NMU won three of four contests during the opening week of the spring session. On Tuesday, the Wildcats (16-3 overall) defeated GLIAC rival Ferris State University 5-4.

No. 2 doubles senior Lavinia Janssen and junior Brooke Aronin were the only Wildcat doubles team to win their match. The Wildcats pulled through in singles competition, however, winning four of six matches. Janssen, Aronin, freshman Sabina Van Der Bor and senior Heidi Ehlers were all victorious.

"We had an incredible road trip, winning three of four matches against the best teams in the Midwest region," NMU head coach Troy Mattson said. "Our effort as a team could not have been any better."

On Monday, the 'Cats lost to the GLIAC regular season champion Northwood, 6-3.

"We played extremely well against the No. 1 team in the Midwest region," Mattson said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win and that's what we were trying to do."

On April 5, the Wildcats blanked the University of Indianapolis, 9-0.

NMU did not lose a set in the match. Van Der Bor shut out her opponent and No. 1 singles senior Vessy Jeliakzova won, 6-3 and 6-2.

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## Former athletes honored

BY DOUG DRAKE  
STAFF WRITER

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association celebrated its 50th season by announcing a list of the top 50 players who have played in the conference over the past 50 seasons.

Two Wildcats from the '91 National Champion team, center Scott Beattie and center Dallas Drake, were named to the list.

Former NMU head coach Rick Comley felt both were very special hockey players.

"These were two excellent players," Comley said. "They were great to have here. They scored a lot of goals and helped us win a lot of games."

NMU assistant coach Dave Shyiak was a teammate of both Beattie and Drake and has fond memories of each of them.

"Beattie was an excellent, skilled, finesse player," Shyiak said. "The year he scored 48 goals, he was just amazing. I still think he should have won the Hobey Baker Award in '91. If he had played his fourth year, there is no doubt he would be the all-time scoring leader at Northern."

Shyiak also had positive things to say about Drake.

"Dallas was more of a passer and a playmaker," Shyiak said. "He was an excellent defensive forward too. He played with a lot of heart and always gave a tremendous effort."

Beattie played at NMU from 1989 to 1992. In 1991 he was First Team All-American, NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player, WCHA Most Valuable Player, WCHA First Team All-Conference, WCHA All-Academic Team and a Hobey Baker Award Finalist in 1991 and 1992. He was named the WCHA Freshman of the Year in 1989.

Beattie is third in all-time goals scored at NMU with 106, and fourth all-time with 222 points. He is one of only 15 play-

ers to score 100 goals and 100 assists in a career in the WCHA.

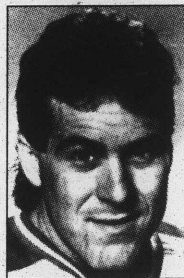
Beattie currently plays in Milan, Italy with former Wildcat Jim Hiller. The Milan team won the Italian Elite League Championship this season.

Drake also played three seasons (1989-92) for the Wildcats. In 1992, he was First Team All-American, WCHA First Team All-Conference, WCHA Leading Scorer and WCHA Defensive Player of the Year.

Drake is fourth on the all-time scoring list at NMU with 92 goals and also fourth with 128 assists. He currently plays for the St. Louis Blues.

The WCHA named their Top 50 list from 160 nominations of current and former member universities.

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Beattie



Drake

## Local tournament features Wildcats

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A number of former NMU athletes will compete in the Negaunee Invitational Basketball Tournament as Class A and Class B division play kicks off this weekend.

Class B play begins Friday in the Lakeview Gym in Negaunee.

Senior Wildcat guard Damian Matacz will be playing for J.J.'s Shamrock.

"Competition is good in Class B," he said.

Matacz said he is looking forward to playing with past NMU players and also players from Michigan Tech and Lake

Superior State.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "Basketball players from all over get together (to play)."

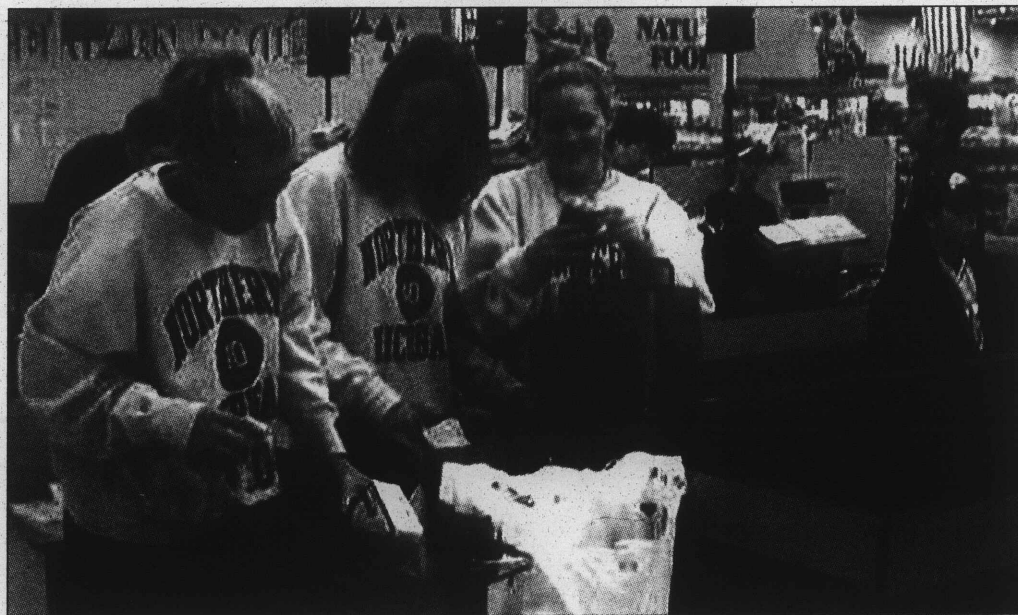
J.J.'s Shamrock will play at 1 p.m. Saturday against Shirt-Tails of Iron Mountain.

Other NMU basketball alumni will also play this weekend. Steve Maselter, Erik Racine, Matt Wonders, Kyle David and Dan Olkkonen will be competing on various teams in Class B.

Two former NMU football players are also playing. Alumnus Ty Hartung will be playing with Matacz. Senior defensive back Jason Lawson

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### In the bag



Brad Decker/NW

NMU basketball players Morgan Simcik, Emily Belland and Shannon Boyer bag and carry out groceries for customers at Econo Foods on Saturday in honor of National Student Athlete Day.



# USOEC wrestlers capture eight of 14

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The USOEC Greco-Roman wrestling team competed against the All-Marine team in a dual meet Friday night at Marquette Senior High School.

The event drew a crowd of over 200 people.

Before the competition, All-Marine head coach Jay Antonelli explained some of the differences between Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle (or high school style) wrestling. Antonelli said in Greco-Roman wrestling, all the attacks are from the waist up, and legs are not involved. He also went over how the matches are scored.

The 14-match event produced showed the progress that the USOEC wrestling program has made in the past year. The USOEC wrestlers won eight of the 14 matches on the evening.

USOEC head coach Ivan Ivanov, who began coaching the program in January, said that the match gave him a chance see his

wrestlers perform.

"It was a good opportunity to see my wrestlers, to get to know them better," Ivanov said. "It was a good opportunity to see where we are and to see if they were trying the things we've been working on."

Ivanov said he was satisfied with what he saw.

"Some guys were making a lot of mistakes," Ivanov said. "But most of the guys did very well. I'm pleased."

Some highlights included an intense match between USOEC wrestler Mike Mathers and All-Marine wrestler Keith Barkers.

In Greco-Roman wrestling, a match consists of two three-minute periods. If neither competitor attains three points by the end of the match, there is a sudden-death overtime period that lasts three minutes. If there is still not a winner, the referee decides the outcome of the match.

The match between Mathers and Barkers ended in a scoreless tie after the first period.

The two athletes went back

and forth and at the end of the overtime period the score remained 2-2. The referee gave the match to Barkers.

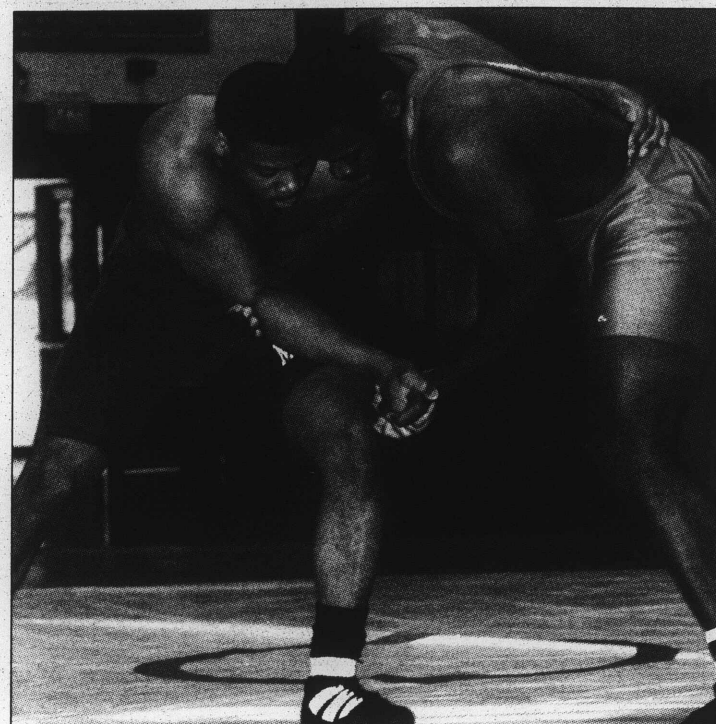
The highest scoring match of the night was between USOEC wrestler Mervin Ford and All-Marine wrestler Carson Bernard. Ford won the match, 22-18, but was visibly in pain in the match.

"My back has been bothering me for like a week or two," Ford said. "During the match there was a point where I felt like I couldn't go anymore, but when you're in a close match like that you just have to suck it up."

Ford gained a big lead in the first period, but Bernard came back. The two wrestlers traded leads, but Ford was victorious.

"That is one of the problems I am having," Ford said. "I can score a lot but I need to work on my positioning. I don't have the experience that most of these other guys do. I need to know how not to get scored on."

Ford said that as a team, they had a good competition, but there is room for improvement.



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW  
Marine Deon Hicks, left, defeated USOEC athlete RC Johnson in a close competition in the 96 kilogram weight class. USOEC coach Ivan Ivanov said age and experience gave Hicks the edge.

"We did pretty well," Ford said. "This year we have a lot of new guys but as far as last year we are ahead of where we were. We are making a lot more progress."

## Wildcats continue skiing

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The men and women's Nordic ski teams had post-season races last week in the U.S. Ski Team National Life Spring Series in Bolton Valley, Vt.

Head coach Sten Fjeldheim said it gave them a chance to ski against members of the U.S. team and schools they did not compete against all season. The trails did not have enough snow to hold the race before man-made snow was brought in from the Alpine area. Fjeldheim said that made for very fast conditions.

The series was also a chance to get NMU's name out there, which will help the coaches in recruiting. The benefit for the individuals was getting ranked on the national ranking lists.

Senior Matt Weier finished 36th in the 10K freestyle. Weier was 19th in the 10K classic, with junior Chris Cook in 21st. Freshman Bryan Cook finished 20th in the junior class. The Cooks finished the best in the classic sprint event: Bryan finished 10th in his class and Chris finished sixth in the senior class. Weier finished 14th. Junior Hjalmar Westie finished 29th, followed by junior Jonathan Filardo in 31st.

The Cooks skied together in the men's sprint relay and finished sixth. Weier and his partner, Alpina senior Cory Wubbels, finished ninth and Hjalmar with Filardo finished 14th.

In the final men's event, the 18K classic, Weier finished 12th, Filardo finished 32nd and Westie finished 52nd. For the women, sophomore Aubrey Smith finished second in the 5K freestyle followed by junior Caitlin Compton in 11th, senior Melissa Oram in 16th, freshman Tami Kochen in 21st and sophomore in Rachel Daw in 41st.

In the 5K classic, Kochen took third and Daw was seventh in the junior class. Smith finished second, followed by Compton in fourth and Oram in sixth in the senior class. In the junior classic sprint, Daw finished ninth. Smith finished seventh followed by Compton in 11th, Oram in 13th and Kochen in 14th.

For the women's sprint relay, Oram and Smith finished second, Compton and Kochen finished eighth and Daw partnered with graduate assistant Jenny Ryan to finish 10th. In the 12K classic race Smith was second, Oram was fourth, Compton was eighth, Kochen was ninth and Daw was 11th.

## NMU drops two

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's golf team began their spring season last weekend as they competed in back-to-back tournaments.

On April 5, the 'Cats went to the 2002 WSU/Motor City Invitational held at the Gateway Golf Club in Romulus, Mich. NMU finished in 12th place with a 360.

Findlay University won the tournament overall with a score of 300. The wintry weather played a large part in the 'Cats' final standing.

"The weather was terrible," senior Eric VanDamme said. "The scores were a little higher than expected (due to snow)."

Individually, senior Kyle Miller led the 'Cats with an 84 on a par 72 course. He tied for 32nd place with three other players. VanDamme golfed an 86, giving him an individual 39th place fin-

ish. April 6 and 7, NMU traveled to Arlington, Ohio for the 2002 University of Findlay/Alltell Invitational at the Sycamore Springs Golf Course. NMU placed 11th out of 13 teams with a two day total of 667.

"Everyday the score got a little better," VanDamme said.

Miller also felt that his team had a fairly big improvement over the weekend. Junior Luke Alexander made the most improvement over the weekend, and was the low man on Sunday with a score of 79.

Grand Valley State won the tournament overall with a score of 596. On April 13 and 14, NMU travels to Ashland, Ohio to compete in the Ashland Invitational. The team's goal is to continue improving and shoot around 320 for the tournament.

"We don't expect much in the spring season," Miller said. "We just want to get out there and compete."



# Survival in the top spot

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

In the future, Northern Michigan University senior tennis player Vessy Jeliaskova wants to be a coach, or maybe a sports psychologist.

The senior will graduate in May with a degree in psychology and a minor in coaching. Jeliaskova held the team's No. 1 singles spot for the past two years, which is not an easy position to hold because she had to face the top competition of opposing teams and compete against teammates in practice. Jeliaskova said that she was challenged for her No. 1 spot all the time. And sometimes those matches caused animosity amongst her teammates.

"On the court, we are enemies," Jeliaskova said. "We have fights sometimes, but it's competition. After the challenge matches, we are friends again."

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said that Jeliaskova handled the pressure of being No. 1 well.

"She goes out and goes after it every time," Mattson said. "If she's playing somebody better than her, she pushes them in every match. If she's playing somebody that she's better than, she doesn't give them a chance to win. She's a very mentally strong person."

As the No. 1 competitor and a senior, Jeliaskova found herself in the position to be a leader.

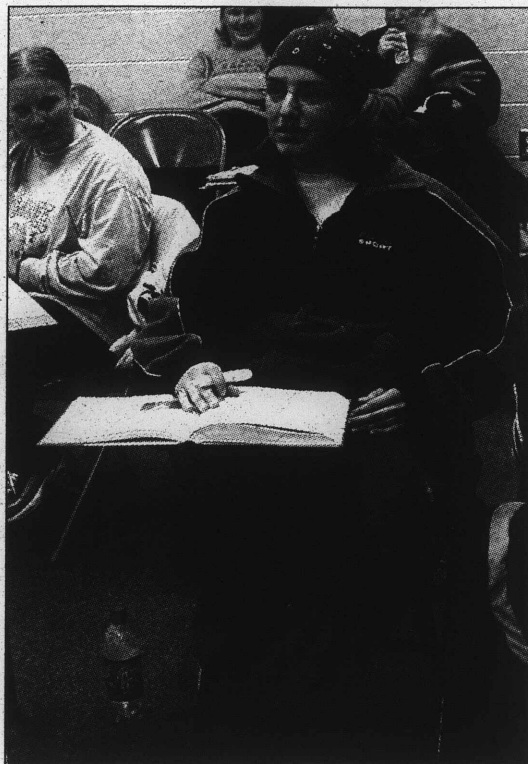
"I had to be a model of behavior," Jeliaskova said. "When we have breaks at practice, I had to be the first to get back up. When a freshman was doing something wrong, I would take her aside. Also, I would try to add to the drills in practice."

Jeliaskova led the Wildcats to a GLIAC championship and placed second in the conference overall with a record of 9-2.

"I love this team," Jeliaskova said. "I am so proud of what we accomplished. I am super satisfied to end my career successfully."

Jeliaskova is originally from Sophia, Bulgaria. She came to the United States in January 1999 to play tennis at Kansas State University.

She left after a year and a half due to personal problems. Mattson said that Jeliaskova had three or four scholarship offers when she decided to leave Kansas State, and she didn't know which one she wanted to take.



Travis Margoni/NW

Senior tennis player Vessy Jeliaskova prepares for her PE 411 class to begin on Wednesday.

"I kept telling her to trust me, that this is the place that she would want to go," Mattson said. "And she signed our scholarship form and came here. It's been great ever since."

Jeliaskova said she has no regrets about coming to NMU and Mattson proved to be a great coach.

"[Mattson] was real convincing on the telephone while recruiting me," Jeliaskova said. "I also have some family in Canada ... plus I loved the idea of living on Lake Superior."

Her experiences have led to her wanting either to coach or become a sports psychologist. Jeliaskova has been accepted into the NMU exercise science graduate program. She also plans to work with the tennis team as a graduate assistant.

"She will be a great teacher of the game," Mattson said. "She understands the game extremely well. She has a great demeanor (in) how she treats people and can motivate them."

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# Season successful for basketball captain

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU men's basketball team may not have had the most successful season, but teammates agree that senior Damian Matacz was more than successful at his role as team leader.

Head coach Dean Ellis described Matacz as a key to the program. Matacz came into the program four years ago as a recruit from Greenville, Mich.

Originally from Perth, Australia, he had been placed with a family in Greenville his senior year of high school as an exchange student.

"Being an exchange student was a great opportunity to finish my high school education, and also have the chance to experience another culture," Matacz said.

Coming to NMU gave Matacz the opportunity to give his fellow teammates from home a chance to be recruited as Wildcats.

Sophomore forward Steve Watts and sophomore guard Adrian Whitten came to Northern from Perth also.

"I've known Damian for seven years," Watts said. "I am personally sad to see him leave."

Matacz served as an immense example through his personal accomplishments throughout his four years at Northern.

"He was a great player," sophomore forward Matt LePage said. "He came to play every night and

led by example."

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 was eighth in career rebounds with 715.

Matacz was also named GLIAC North Player of the Week in the Feb. 3 game against Ferris State University.

His most prized accomplishment was making GLIAC North Division All-Conference First Team in the post season. He also made the Verizon Academic All-District IV Men's Basketball Team with a 3.87 GPA.

"As much as I am proud of everything I have accomplished, I really believe that the strong support group that I've had here has really helped me achieve everything I have done," Matacz said.

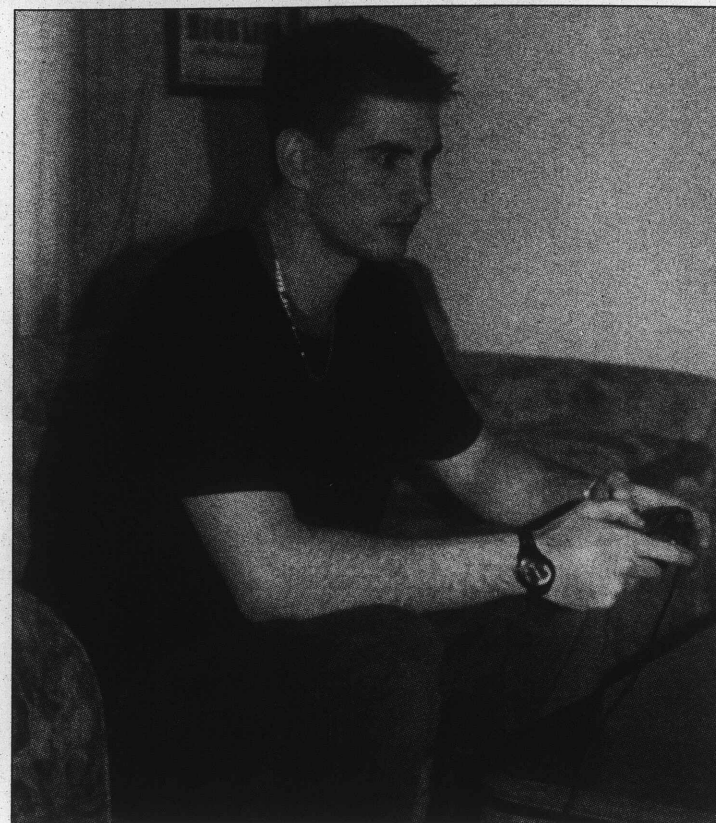
The support of family and friends has helped Matacz from the time he came to America, to his move to Marquette and presently as he finishes his senior year.

"I've always been accepted and helped openly," Matacz said. "It really makes a big difference."

Matacz will graduate in May with a degree in business administration and finance.

"I've never regretted for one second my decision to come and study here," Matacz said. "I'm grateful for the time I've spent both on and off the court."

"It's been a wonderful experience that I've learned a lot from."



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Senior center Damian Matacz spends some of his free time relaxing in front of his Playstation. He will graduate from NMU in May.

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The "Cat Challenge" is a charity event designed to bring

surrounding high school students to compete against Northern Michigan University athletes for a worthy cause.

High school athletes from Marquette, Negaunee, Westwood and Ishpeming will compete.

The college and high school athletes will compete in a series of comical games and relays.

Admission to watch the event is a donation of canned goods for a local charity or a cash donation to the Special Olympics.

Students and area residents are encouraged to attend and support the student athletes and local charities.

— NMU press release

### Happy trails



Dan Grimm/NW

Connie Williams, Jackie Schneider, both administrative assistants to NMU's president, and Chyrl Hemmilla, the principal secretary in the communications and marketing department, reminisce with former NMU hockey coach Rick Comley at a farewell party held Monday in the Berry Events Center. Comley recently accepted the head coaching position at Michigan State.

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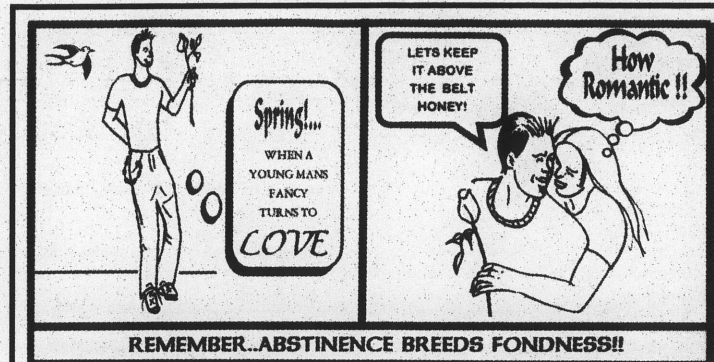
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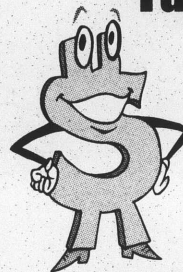
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**TENNIS**

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On April 4, NMU beat Northern Kentucky, 6-3.

**NMU 5, FSU 4**  
**SINGLES** — No. 1 — Vessy Jeliakova(NMU) def. Jennifer Garvey 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 — Kris Koopman (NMU) def. Barbara Jilkova 6-4, 6-

7, 6-2; No. 3 — Lavinia Janssen (NMU) def. Suzanne Batten 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; No. 4 — Sabina Van den Bor (NMU) def. Hulda Grin 6-4, 6-2; No. 5 — Brooke Aronin (NMU) def. Elena Blackman 6-3, 6-2; No. 6 — Heidi Ehlers (NMU) def. Amanda Miller 6-1, 6-0.

**DOUBLES** — No. 1 — Jeliakova-Koopman (NMU) def. Garvey-Jilkova 8-3; No. 2 — Janssen-Aronin (NMU) def. Batten-Grin 8-3; No. 3 — Van den Bor-Stofcheck (NMU) def. Blackman-Miller 8-6.

**WCHA**

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WCHA Commissioner Bruce McLeod formed a selection committee of people who have been directly involved in the conference for at least 25 years. The committee then selected the list from the nominations.

"All of the members of the committee were supremely qualified," said WCHA Director of Media Relations Doug Spencer. "We are proud of those who have been and continue to be a part of

our conference. There are definitely other players deserving of this recognition, but when you limit yourself to 50 there are going to be those who are deserving that cannot be included."

The list includes such noteworthy players as current Michigan coach Red Berenson (Michigan), current Detroit Red Wing Brett Hull (Minnesota-Duluth) and Chris Chelios (Wisconsin) and current Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Curtis Joseph (Wisconsin).

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will play for Integrated Spine.

Class A play begins on Friday, April 20. Alumnus Brandon Sager will be competing for the Rookies Sports Bar team.

"I have been playing for six or seven years," he said. "Throughout the Midwest, it's one of the top tournaments."

Sager also said he is looking forward to playing with college teammates and players he competed against in other leagues. Alumnus Kevin Coduti will also be playing for Rookies. Rookies will begin play at 7 p.m. on April

20 against Johnson's Milwaukee All-Stars.

In Class D, senior guard Marisa DellAngelo's team, Maruke's, continue their streak.

On March 28, Maruke's defeated the "B" Button All-Stars, 67-43. DellAngelo scored 11 and senior center Kelly Simcik added four points. They then went on to play Dalsanto Construction/The Sawdust Shop/NACU on April 6. Maruke's won again, 78-64.

DellAngelo had five points for the night, followed by Simcik with four and NMU alumna Molly Sayen with two.



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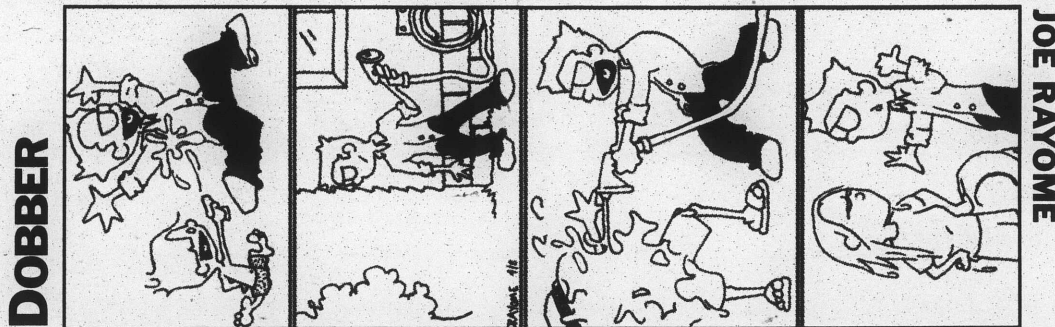
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**PERSONALS**

Jason - Happy Birthday ... you're almost legal - Chris

**This Week's Inspirations**  
Canned air  
Fight Club  
Voice box  
I'm going to pass on my turn

**COMICS**



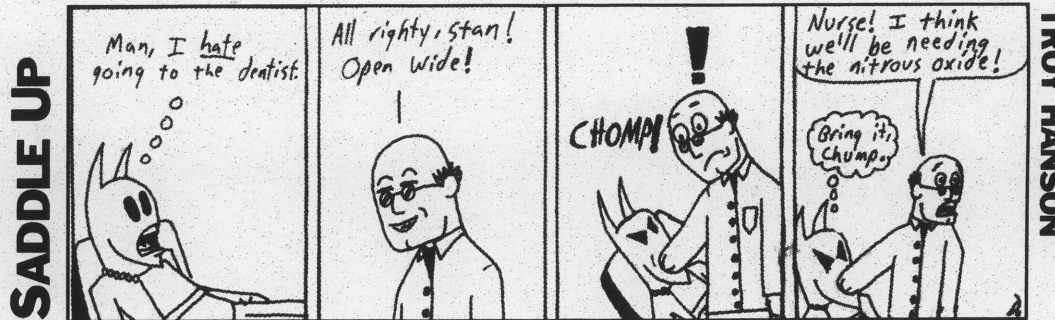
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**JOE RAYOME**



**UNDERGRADS**

**DAVE MANSELL**



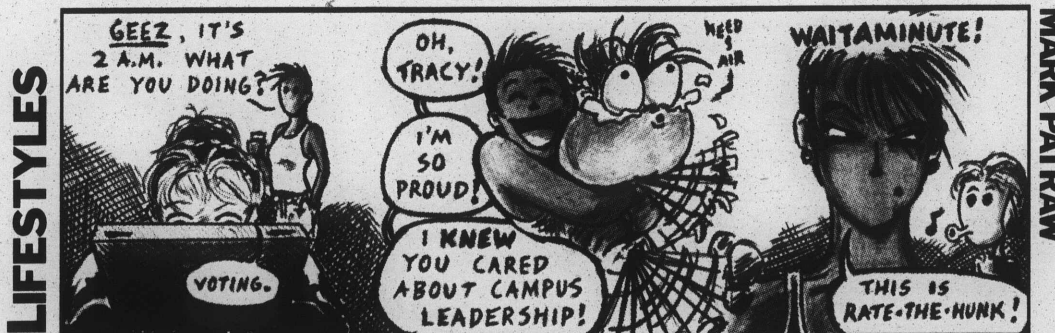
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