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## More projectors stolen

BY KRISTI ARLT AND  
TRAVIS MARGONI  
NEWS STAFF REPORTERS

Four more Proxima projectors were stolen off campus the last weekend of March, bringing the total to eight so far this semester.

The most recent theft occurred in the West Science building and was reported on April 1.

Proxima projectors are the small gray boxes hooked to the ceiling in classrooms to project computer and video images on a large screen.

Four other projectors were stolen in the beginning of January from the Jacobetti Center.

Proxima projectors are worth \$4,000 each, bringing the total this semester to \$32,000 worth of stolen projectors.

A meeting will be held this week with Public Safety to discuss the course of action to be taken to prevent further incidents of this kind, NMU Public Safety Sgt. Don Peterman said.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said security at NMU needs to be improved in some areas.

"We've had some (safety measures) in the past that we thought would work," Joyal said. "Part of it is maintaining security to the class-

rooms as well."

He said students and faculty members need to be alert and report any suspicious behavior to Public Safety.

"I don't think the (theft) problem is an eight to five thing," Joyal said. "I think it happens at night and on weekends."

While the amount and types of security used to deter students from stealing from classrooms must be evaluated and reconsidered, Joyal said the classrooms still need to be accessible after working hours.

"We don't want to do things that would stop students from using the classrooms," he said.

## Lawn bums



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Sophomore public relations major Becci Munnik and freshman music major Travis Burlson relax in the grass in front of the University Center on Tuesday when the temperature reached 84 degrees.

## Bailey assists in quarter selection

BY RACHEL KRULL  
STAFF WRITER

On April 3 Northern Michigan University President Judi Bailey, one of the 25 members of the Michigan Quarter Commission, and Gov. John Engler unveiled the five finalists of the Michigan quarter design to be issued by the U.S. Treasury in 2004.

Five quarter concepts were selected, but not specific drawings.

"The artist renditions seen on the Web site are just that — one artist's version of a coin," Bailey said.

An example of the coins can be seen at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov).

There were two meetings in the decision making process. Bailey attended the Jan. 15 meeting in Lansing at the Library of Michigan. On March 15, Bailey participated in the Quarter Commission Press conference with Engler via video conference.

Bailey said she looked at about 1,500 designs at the first meeting she attended on Jan. 15, and then at the

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## WebCT2 unused

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The NMU Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee created an online discussion group for faculty members last month on WebCT2, but participation in the discussions was minimal.

TLAC is a standing committee of the Academic Senate at Northern Michigan University. The committee has 10 members. According to the Academic Senate's Web site, TLAC is responsible for making recommendations to the senate regarding improvement of the teaching and learning environment.

"The mission of the Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee is to help meet NMU's mission by stimulating the creation of a campus culture that truly values, promotes, recognizes and rewards excellence in teaching and learning in

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March 15 meeting the Commission studied the themes that the subcommittee had selected.

Bailey said her favorite quarter design is the concept of the state outline and all the lakes.

NMU alumnus and former director of the U.S. Mint Jay Johnson said the basic idea of selecting a state quarter design is to choose a design that immediately brings to mind the image of that particular state.

"Some of the designs being considered in the final form by Michigan all have some outline of the state," Johnson said.

There were 4,300 different quarter designs issued by artists and schoolchildren that the subcommittee narrowed

down into subcategories, like an old fashioned car from Detroit, the Great Lakes, lighthouses and the Mackinac Bridge.

The Quarter Commission received 3,492 of the quarter designs from schoolchildren.

More than 1,500 included the mitten (Lower Peninsula) in one form or another.

The five designs will be submitted to officials at the U.S. Mint, which has the final say on the Michigan design and could possibly reject all of the designs.

All five designs, selected by the Michigan Quarter Commission, include an outline of Michigan.

The other two dominant elements were illustrations of the early automobile and the Mackinac Bridge. Each appear on three of the five designs.

Bailey said the Mint looks to see if the design will look good (and) fit on a quarter, meets Mint standards and can be minted to fit into vending machines.

"They have very specific standards and since these coins are collector items as well as being used daily, the Mint wants to insure that they represent the states well," Bailey said.

The winning design will be announced by the end of this year.

The quarters are being issued in the order in which the states entered the union. Michigan's quarter will be the 26th. Johnson said more than 125 million Americans collect the 50 state quarters.

The program began in 1999, and is designed to run for 10 years with a different design five times a year.

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proportion to its stated significance in the university mission," Committee Chairwoman Sandra Poindexter said.

The mission of TLAC includes engaging the university community in dialogue on ways to achieve excellence in teaching and learning.

TLAC member Kathy Saville created an online discussion group on WebCT2, a back-up Web server.

"When we bought the new server for WebCT, we kept the old one as a backup, and it has been very beneficial," Saville said.

Saville sent an e-mail to faculty last month to announce the WebCT2 experimental discussion group. Faculty members could view the discussion topics at webct2.nmu.edu.

"The idea of a discussion list is that people who have thoughts, problems or solutions can share information even though they can't physically meet to talk," Poindexter said.

There are six topics for discussion

in the WebCT2 discussion group. These include active learning, learning styles, critical thinking, assessment within the classroom, groups and cooperative learning and technology as an aid to active learning and collaborative learning.

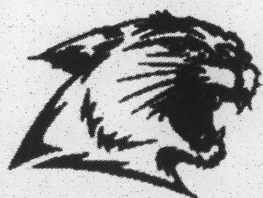
These topic ideas came from the Active Learning Workshops. The workshops were held on Jan. 24 and 25 by Charles Bonwell. Poindexter said the workshop was well received.

Only two TLAC members contributed to the discussion. No other faculty joined the discussions.

"I tried an idea that didn't work," Saville said.

Poindexter is optimistic that the discussion group will see more activity next fall.

"I think it's a little premature to decide this discussion idea hasn't worked," Poindexter said. "We just released it within the last three weeks and faculty are extremely busy at this time of the year. We will publicize it again when school begins in August."



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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Ship runs aground, closes locks

SAULT STE. MARIE — A 740-foot Canadian freighter, The Algowood, ran aground in the St. Mary's River Monday, closing the Soo Locks for the day. The Algowood, carrying coal, was approaching the Soo Locks at 9:15 a.m. Monday morning when it hit bottom. The hull of the freighter was damaged and water began spilling into the ship. No pollution leaked into the river. Commercial divers and marine investigators inspected the damage while the Algowood anchored in the middle of the channel. The ship was later towed to a repair dock. The locks reopened Tuesday morning. Coast Guard officials believe that low water levels in the St. Mary's River caused the accident.

## National

## New bin Laden video discovered

DOHA, Qatar — An Arabic-language television network recently aired a previously unseen videotape of Osama bin Laden. In the video, bin Laden was shown with the accused terrorist mastermind sitting with a top duty, Ayman Al-Zawahiri, who claims credit for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. It was not immediately clear when the tape was made. "This great victory that has been accomplished can be attributed to God alone," Al-Zawahiri said on the tape. "It is not because of our skill ... but thanks to God it was possible ... Allah looks in the heart of his worshippers and chooses those who are qualified for his mercy, grace and blessing." Al-Jazeera, the network that aired the video, said the tape was part of a documentary that it received from a pro-al Qaeda production company.

## International

## Atomic weapon plans made public

LONDON — Britain's Ministry of Defense confirmed that it made public some information describing the make-up of a nuclear bomb in accurate detail. The plans released give complete cross-sections and precise measurements as well as the full details of the materials used for all components of the bomb. This includes the plutonium core and the initiator that sets off the chain reaction causing the blast. Conservative opposition defense spokesman Bernard Jenkin said terrorists could use the information to create a do-it-yourself atomic weapon. He said the information is "a monstrous free gift to terrorists." Jenkin said he would press the British government for a full explanation. "The fact that this information has been lying in the public records office is extraordinary," Jenkin said.

## Weird News

## Victoria's Secret sues sex store

WASHINGTON — The United States Supreme Court said it would decide a trademark case between the Victoria's Secret business and a store called "Victor's Little Secret." The Victoria's Secret business features intimate apparel. "Victor's Little Secret" sells lingerie, sex toys and adult videos. Victoria's Secret sued the owners of the store located in Elizabethtown, Ky. Owners Victor and Cathy Moseley opened their store in 1998 and named it "Victor's Secret," but later changed it to "Victor's Little Secret" after Victoria's Secret complained. Victoria's Secret went to court claiming their trademark had been diluted. A federal judge agreed, ruling that "Victor's Little Secret" was sufficiently similar to Victoria's Secret and that it had a "blurring and tarnishing effect."

— Compiled from news sources

## Springtime stroll



Dan Grimm/NW

Sophomore athletic training major Jessica Baumgartner, left, freshman communication disorders major Kim Kearney and friends Peggy Sable and Nichole Walsh walk along Presque Isle.

## Cancer research begins

## Seattle biotechnology company enlists NMU science resources

BY ROB HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

NMU students and faculty will be doing cancer research in the fall semester of 2002.

Biology professor Rob Winn will lead testing on cancerous cells after he spends the summer working with scientists at Dendreon Corporation, a Seattle, Wash., biotechnology research company.

Dendreon will support the research at NMU, which will concentrate on basic study of cell markers called antigens.

The human immune system does not attack cancer cells because of the antigens located on the surface.

The purpose of this research is to try and modify the antigens on the cancer cells so that body will fight them off.

"The ultimate end goal is to understand the markers which

effect the immune system and produce a vaccine to kill off the cancer cells," Winn said.

The research will focus primarily on colon and breast cancer cells and will take place in the Seaborg Science Facility.

Dendreon's Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, T. Dennis George is an NMU alumnus. He

played a major role in the partnership between his company and the university. Winn said that the deal has been in the works for a long time and that both George and the new Seaborg Science Facility played a part in bringing the research to NMU.

The collaboration between NMU and Dendreon will be beneficial to both parties.

"It will give our students a

cutting edge research opportunity," Winn said. "It gives [Dendreon] the basic research they need at a relatively small expense."

Two students will receive paid internships to Seattle this summer, where they will work independently from Winn.

Around 10 graduate and undergraduate students will take

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— Rob Winn  
Biology Professor

part in the research at NMU next fall.

After Winn learns the testing and preparation proce-

dures this summer, he will supervise the NMU research, which will involve biology, chemistry and clinical laboratory sciences.

NMU President Judi Bailey said that she is pleased with the opportunities this partnership will bring to NMU.

"This provides our students and faculty with some excellent opportunities to conduct research in their field," Bailey said.

## FORECAST

- **Friday:** A chance of showers. Low 35 to 40. High around 45.
- **Saturday:** Mix of clouds and some sunshine. Cooler. Low around 25. High around 40.
- **Sunday:** Some sunshine. Low around 25. High around 45.

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# French World Cinema Festival successful

BY MATT SCHNEIDER  
STAFF WRITER

Last week Northern Michigan University had its first French World Cinema Festival, which showcased films representing the French-speaking world.

The festival, held April 11 through 14, had scholars and filmmakers speaking about films from France, Cameroon, Haiti and Martinique.

"It's very important to see the variety of cultures that make up the French and Francophone world," said Nell Kupper, assistant professor of modern languages and literature.

Kupper said they chose four films from four countries for the four-day festival.

Before each film, the guest speaker gave a presentation concerning the film. After the screen-

ing the speaker answered questions from the audience.

"Belle de Jour," was co-sponsored by Gonzo Media and played April 11. The French film told the story of a bourgeoisie woman who worked in a brothel despite living with her handsome, devoted husband.

Solange Leibovici, chairman of comparative literature in Amsterdam, offered a Freudian analysis of the film prior to the showing.

"Afrique, je te Plumerai" played April 12. The documentary film concerned the political and economic injustices in Cameroon. Christian Mbarga, a specialist in French literature and Francophone studies, spoke about the film.

Mbarga said that corruption in the government is a big problem for Cameroon.

"Chercher la Vie" played April 13. The documentary dealt with the importance of the woman's role in Haitian society.

Director Claudette Coulanges spoke about her film, with post-baccalaureate student Melissa Meldrum serving as interpreter.

The film showed a country where the women run the marketplace, are self-employed or work in factories to support a family that they cannot even afford to have living with them.

"Passage du Milieu" played April 14. Director Guy Deslauriers spoke about his film, with Stéphane Malherbe, a pro-

fessional translator in Marquette, serving as interpreter.

The movie depicted the experience of slaves making the journey across the Atlantic Ocean from Africa in the belly of a slave ship.

Both Kupper and Meldrum said they were very happy with the films and especially the speakers that came to the festival.

"That's the highlight; we have representatives from these cultures," Meldrum said.

Average attendance for the first three days was about 78, Kupper said.

Attendance for the Sunday afternoon film was much smaller

than the others.

Senior French major Brionne Garms, who worked on the event committee, said that all the work put into the festival was well worth it, but did express a little disappointment in the overall turnout.

"This was definitely a unique event that I wish more people, especially students, would have taken part in," Garms said. "I'm hoping that the decline in attendance was due to the beautiful weather this weekend and the fact that it was the first year the event was held."

Kupper said she still counts the film festival as a success.

"It really lived up to what we hoped for," Kupper said. "Especially with the audience participation. It's been a wonderful project and experience for everyone involved."

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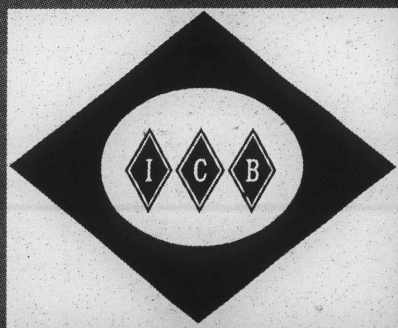
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Assistant Professor,  
Modern Languages and  
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# Fraternity collects cell phones for elderly

BY KRISTI ARLT  
STAFF WRITER

NMU's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is working with the Marquette County Triad and Phones for Life in a project to collect used cell phones to give to Upper Peninsula senior citizens in case of a 911 emergency.

Phones for Life is an organization out of New York that collects used cell phones, enables only the 911 emergency calling option and distributes them to senior citizens.

The Marquette County Triad is an organization that brings together senior citizens, law enforcement and senior service organizations to benefit seniors, Marquette County Triad president Yvonne Clark said.

"We help seniors help themselves," Clark said.

In a meeting last week, Triad agreed to help the fraternity in any way possible with the Phones for Life project and set up a working committee, chaired by

Lambda Chi Alpha president Rich Dickerson.

Lambda Chi Alpha has donated about 30 cell phones to Phones for Life so far, Dickerson, a senior computer science major, said.

Clark said this is a wonderful project with tremendous potential.

"It furthers the opportunity for seniors to get out and be proud of their community by lessening their fears," Clark said.

Clark said Marquette County Triad works at putting law enforcement and senior citizens together, so senior citizens feel comfortable calling for help if they need it.

Marquette County Triad, along with other service organizations such as Retired Senior Volunteer Program, asked seniors what they needed most to improve their lives and Phones

for Life fit into the category, Clark said.

Dickerson and Lambda Chi Alpha heard about the idea about three months ago and researched it extensively for Marquette County Triad.

Dickerson said the plan is to introduce Phones for Life in senior centers in surrounding areas like Gwinn, Negaunee and Marquette to get the idea rolling.

Phones for Life has offered up to 300 cell phones for the area so far, Dickerson said, but seniors will have to wait about three months before they can receive one of the phones.

Dickerson said this project is something this community needs.

"If this saves one person's life, it's well worth my time and effort," he said.

Dickerson said a list of all of the senior citizens who receive

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— Rich Dickerson  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
President

cell phones from Phones for Life will be comprised so that after they get the phones, members of Lambda Chi Alpha will follow up to make sure there are not any problems with the cell phones.

NMU Public Safety Sergeant Don Peterman, the Lambda Chi Alpha adviser, admires the many projects that Lambda Chi Alpha does.

Peterman said he has spent around eight years working with the fraternity on various educational programs and became their adviser a few months ago.

"Lambda Chi is a good bunch of guys and they do a lot of good things for the community,"

Peterman said.

Clark said Lambda Chi Alpha and Marquette County Triad work great together and thinks it's a wonderful way for Lambda Chi Alpha to help out the community.

"They are phenomenal," she said.

Lambda Chi Alpha also helps take care of their elderly neighbors by raking their yards and helping them out in any way they can, Dickerson said.

"I'm all about community service," he said.

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EDITORIAL

# Students must work to develop leadership

A committee has been created on campus to assess current leadership development, and attempt to improve development in students at NMU.

The committee, consisting of faculty, students and staff members from several different areas of campus, is compiling feedback from a number of student leaders. This is an appropriate step in furthering the overall leadership abilities of NMU students by the campus community, but students can only lead after they choose to take the first step.

Qualities like listening actively, speaking publicly, managing time, delegating, dealing with group conflict, being confident and being dedicated can be spoken of in the classroom. Acquiring these traits happens in and out of the classroom.

Many professors strive to improve these qualities in their students, but other professors overlook their importance. Hopefully the committee, which also includes several Student Activities and Leadership Programs Office staff members, can help to stress this importance to instructors and administrators.

For a student to become a leader, he or she must take the initiative and get involved. No professor can tip the chair of a student and remove that student from the hypnotic laptop glow.

Whether becoming a leader means that students are willing to speak in their classes, or decide to become a president of an organization, personal leadership abilities can always be improved. A passive person who hesitates to voice an opinion or lead a group may be subjected to the desires of others.

College is the time to put on the educational and social armor that will prepare students for adversity and trying times after college life.

When you sit in a class and disagree with opinions being offered, don't hesitate to constructively offer a different view. If an organization interests you, get involved and have fun with the new opportunity. Learn to lead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Leach says term has been gratifying

It has been a genuine pleasure representing the student body and working with the university community during my term as ASNMU president.

In the past two years, the members of ASNMU have accomplished more than many thought possible. In short, your student government has been successful.

The number one indicator here is the number of you who voted in this year's ASNMU election: 2,241 students, or 33 percent of eligible voters. Compared to the national student election voter turnout of 15 percent and state average of eight percent, our turnout was outstanding. This is a solid fact that students do care who is representing their voice to administration.

The success of your student government is accredited to outstanding leadership, remarkable representatives, amazing advisers and students who care.

Although we have not always seen eye-to-eye on issues, we have always tried to represent students' concerns and ideas with fairness and accuracy. Your communication made this possible.

Our conversations and your e-mails have always played a role in the opinions that we have

formed on every issue that ASNMU has faced.

On Tuesday night, we passed the torch to a new core of leadership. I am completely confident that they will continue the tradition of aggressive student representation that we have cultivated.

I encourage you to provide them the support that you have shown us. Student government is successful because you make it successful.

Thank you for the incredible experience of serving the students of NMU in the past two years. I wish each of you the best luck in the remainder of the semester and much success throughout life.

Nathan Leach  
 ASNMU President,  
 2000-2002

### Hostile reactions upset NMU student

I am writing this letter in response to everything that has gone down on campus in the past two years.

I am now completing my second year at NMU, I am an openly gay student, and frankly upset with this week's event.

NMU's Gay/Straight Alliance put together the National Day of Silence. After student announcements were sent out we were met with hostility and preaching

from professors and students alike.

I have been sitting in silence every time the group receives such responses to events like the Drag Show, and now The National Day of Silence (a peaceful demonstration).

This not only happens to the gay/lesbian community, it also happens to any event that Diversity Student Services sponsors; seemingly to anything that has to do with minority issues.

I would like to know why these people feel it is appropriate to respond to us in this manner? Whenever they have religious events or are out on campus handing out pamphlets, the gay/lesbian community does not respond, and there is no backlash from the NMU community. Why do they have to do this to us, when we don't do it to them? Why?

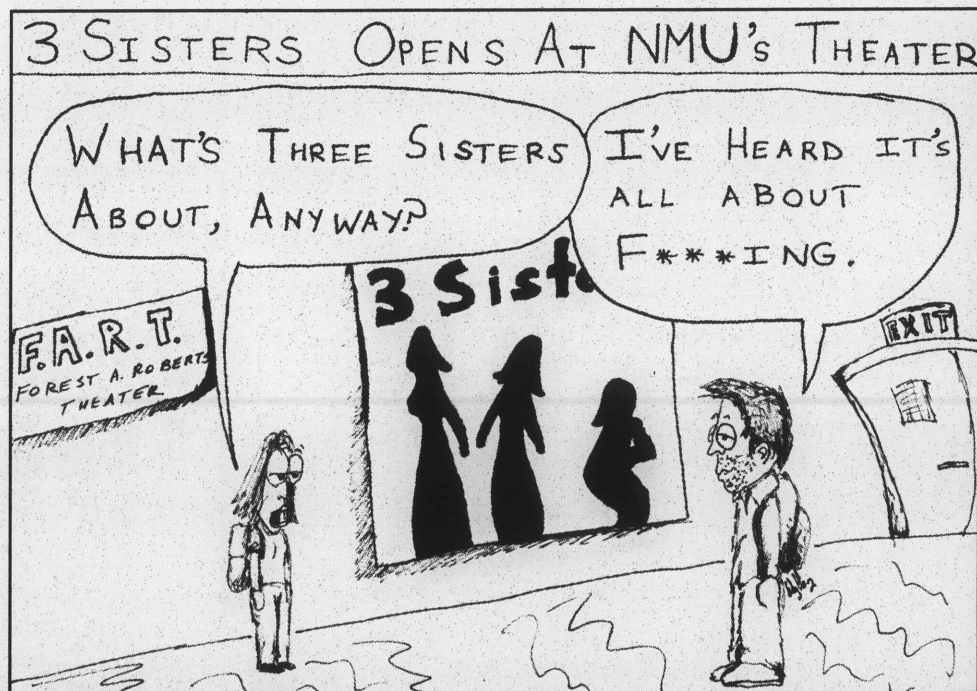
Joe Tosch  
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### Professor criticizes editorial on iBooks

In your editorial last week, you talked about the iBook on the horizon, but did you figure out the cost? Supporting a new platform in administrative costs ranges from \$150,000 to

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\$250,000. NMU plans to purchase about 5,500 laptops next year. Apple has a little less than 3 percent market penetration. The university can expect requests for about 165 Mac products. On the low end, therefore, it will cost about \$909 a year (\$150,000/165) in administrative costs to service these Macs.

How shall these additional costs be paid? Should everyone here at NMU incur these additional costs, or should those who want the iBooks incur the whole burden?

Another comment, which I can't let go in passing. I am not sure where you got your information regarding the needs of art students.

Most of the software that is used for these "art" application for Macs are available for Windows-based machines. Very high end video applications are not performed on either Macs or IBM machines, but special purpose machines with special purpose operating systems and application software.

**Steve Foulks**  
Professor of Accounting

# Education is solution to drug war

As America continues to shoot itself in the foot during the war on drugs, education continues to limp along with overcrowded schools and underpaid teachers. The war on drugs is futile, and drains dollars away from other important programs like education. Meanwhile, teachers struggle to educate and students fight to gain the knowledge needed for our society to prosper.

The war on drugs is a losing battle; spending billions of dollars each year to work toward preventing drug abuse in America is not acceptable. Living in a drug-free world is unrealistic, yet Americans refuse to accept this fact as a society. Alcohol prohibition did not work, and drug prohibition will not, and is not.

A few large steps need to be taken for our society to mature. Several drugs, especially marijuana, need to be legalized. I'll go so far as to say that drugs such as cocaine and heroine also need to be legalized. Federal funding for the war on drugs needs to be severely cut. Then, money that was previously used for the war on drugs should go toward education, increasing teacher salaries and building new schools.

Of course, a huge first hurdle must be cleared for any of this to

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by Travis Margoni

happen: people need to realize that many of these illegal drugs are much safer than alcohol over long and short periods of time.

According to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 14.8 million U.S. citizens used drugs within one month of taking the survey in 1998. This impossible war is being fought against your friends, or you, with your money.

There are nearly 700,000 non-violent offenders in prison who have been arrested on marijuana charges, and 85 percent of them were not arrested for intending to deliver; they simply possessed marijuana. More than 500,000 people are arrested each year for possession (not sale) of marijuana, earning a lifelong criminal record as well as possibly spending time in overcrowded prisons.

For all crimes combined, one in 145 U.S. residents were in jail or prison last year. The number

of people in prisons or jails has increased every year since 1972, according to the Justice Department. We pay for these overcrowded prisons filled with nonviolent offenders.

One of the major factors powering the drug industry is its huge profit margins. These profit margins are a direct result of the absence of government regulations, and the current heavy-handed drug laws. Actually producing drugs is very cheap, but the risk in handling them in America helps to inflate prices.

The U.S. government is battling an estimated \$300 to \$500 billion industry when trying to combat the international drug trafficking business.

If we legalize drugs, we eliminate the crime involved. Drug legalization requires government regulation, manufacturing and oversight, including the taxation of drugs. These are other steps needed to feel the positive social impact of legalization. We should make the money, not the drug czars.

The only solution is to truthfully educate everyone, beginning at a young age. Unfortunately, our society doesn't fully appreciate teachers — the people who are the best soldiers in the war on drugs.

A study done in 1999 by Monitoring the Future found that

22 percent of 10th graders and 26 percent of 12th graders used an illicit drug in the previous month. College graduates had the lowest rate of drug use, at 4.8 percent. Education is the most powerful weapon.

Education Week Quality Counts 2000 reported that teachers ages 22 to 28 earned an average of nearly \$8,000 less per year than other college-educated adults of the same age in 1998. Teachers with a master's degree earned an average of about \$32,500 less than non-teachers with a master's degree.

Increasing teacher salaries will help to bring more qualified people into the profession, and these people will be prepared to educate about the true dangers, and false drug stereotypes.

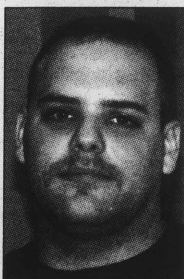
But the government continues to handcuff education. With each person arrested for possession or distribution of marijuana, money is being misused. While the government uses tax money to pay for fathers and mothers stuck behind bars for using drugs less dangerous than alcohol, teachers sit behind stacks of papers each night trying to reach students ... for less money than many drug dealers make each year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Travis Margoni welcomes reactions to his column at editor@thenorthwind.org.

## SOUND OFF

— Compiled by Dan Grimm

### What are your summer plans?



**Rob Olsen**  
sophomore, law enforcement

*"Work so that I have a down payment for my truck."*



**Brandy Witmer**  
sophomore, surgical technology

*"Work so that I can pay off my major credit card bill!"*



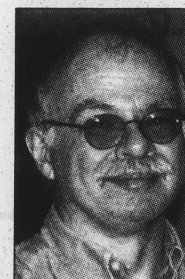
**Dustin Blackwell**  
freshman, biology

*"I hope to get a job with General Motors Corp. and make some real money for a change."*



**Angela Delie**  
junior, public relations

*Unfortunately, I have to go home and work so that I can afford to come back next year."*



**Dennis Staffne**  
Professor of Photography

*"I am going to work on my own art work and forget about Northern."*



# Library offers online help

## Reference chat service available for use by students, faculty, staff

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Olson Library has created a reference chat service, located on the library's help page, to be used by students, faculty and staff as an online immediate help-guide for reference questions.

Reference librarian Kevin McDonough said students can remain online and ask reference questions.

"Students may ask questions like, 'I have a paper due and I need resources, and I don't know where to start,' and hopefully we can help them through the problems," McDonough said.

Librarians will then answer

the students' questions through the chat service.

The reference chat service hours are Monday through Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m.

McDonough said the service has been available since mid-November, but is not getting much traffic.

An e-mail was sent telling people of the service, but McDonough said he thinks it needs better promotion so more people know about it.

Senior photography major Nicole Daris said she didn't know about the chat service.

"It sounds like a good idea," Daris said. "I like the conve-

nience of it. I wish I had known about it sooner."

Besides a chat service, the Olson Library Help Page offers an e-mail address and phone number for students with reference questions.

There is also a style guide option, for quick references to MLA, Turabian and APA styles.

Junior public relations major Justin Owens said the chat service seems too easy.

"Going to the library to find resources is a skill, and it can't be learned when the information is fed to people," Owens said.

McDonough said the Web page was created to provide another way to help students, and the chat service is a quick way to get reference help.

The chat service can be found at [www.nmu.edu/www-sam/ais/library\\_help\\_page.htm](http://www.nmu.edu/www-sam/ais/library_help_page.htm).

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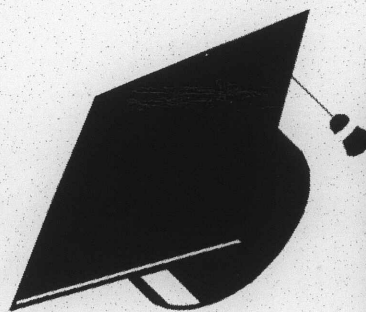
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## CAMPUS NOTES

### Celebration of poetry planned

A poetry celebration will be held at 5 p.m. today in the lobby of the English department.

The winner of the Phil Legler Memorial Poetry Prize was Matthew Smart. The three runners up were Marco Dominguez, Trina Rae Sonberger and Donna Vitale.

### Summer speech therapy available

NMU's communication disorder 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.

### Auditions held for NMU dance squad

The Northern Michigan University Dance Squad will hold spring auditions from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday in the PEIF Dance Studio. All students registered for the 2002-2003 school year are invited to attend.

This will be the only audition for continuing students from sophomore to senior standing.

Fall auditions will be exclusively for incoming freshmen and transfer students unable to attend Sunday's session.

The squad needs to fill about

10 positions. It performs throughout the year at various community and school sporting events. For more information e-mail the team at nmudance@nmu.edu.

### Goodwill donation boxes on campus

Goodwill Industries and Northern Michigan University are teaming up for a donation drive, which will be held May 2 through 4.

Items can be dropped off at the Gant/Spalding Halls courtyard from 9 a.m. to noon each day, Payne/Halverson Halls courtyard from noon to 3 p.m. each day or in the Hunt/Van Antwerp Halls courtyard from 3 to 6 p.m. 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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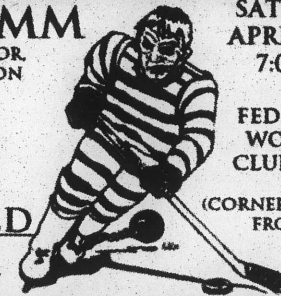
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If you are pre-registered for Summer College 2002 by May 7 and are not continuing in the fall semester, you may keep the ThinkPad until Tuesday, August 6.

If you are not pre-registered for fall semester or Summer College you must return the ThinkPad to Micro Repair in the Learning Resource Center by Tuesday, May 7.

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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## Television provokes pre-teen terrorists

The two pilots adjusted switches and levers in the dimly lit cockpit as they positioned the passenger plane on the runway. "Please fasten your seatbelts and keep your seat in the upright position until we are in the air," the captain instructed. "We should be arriving in Hawaii in approximately eight hours. Enjoy your flight."

With her hands firmly grasped on the steering column, the co-pilot pulled back and the plane took off into the air. Within seconds, three men burst into the cockpit.

"Don't move or I'll blast you," one man screamed as he pointed a fake assault rifle at the pilot. "Do as I say and you won't get hurt."

The pilot jumped out of the seat; the co-pilot literally wet her pants. It was Friday night, not a Tuesday morning in September. I was the captain and 2-year-old Victoria was my co-pilot. We were playing at the U.P. Children's Museum as part of the ASNMU/Circle K sponsored "Parent's Night Out."

The terrorists in this case were ages five, six and nine.

I was shocked and disgusted by the violent play of the young children. This went far beyond the average child playing shoot 'em up with toy guns. These boys, for the duration of their time in the Museum, were playing "destruction." They made weapons out of plastic tubes and connector pieces from a play set and walked about the museum shouting at and blowing up anyone in their path.

When they came to the plane, their actions were beyond that of make-believe. These kids knew what they were doing, which isn't surprising, considering recent events, but was upsetting nonetheless.

Children need to know about guns, war and terrorism, but they need to be taught about the issues by adults, beginning with their parents, but extending to college students, brothers and sisters, cousins or mentors.

Earlier in the evening, some children built a tower out of giant blocks. The same group of boys came over and kicked and tore the tower down, yelling things like "must destroy" and "die."

This is our future. These are the people who will take care of us when we are old. Or will they?

I asked the boys where they learned the violent behavior; they cited a few cartoons like "Sponge Bob" and "Ed, Edd and Eddie," and the nightly news. While I believe that most of the behavior of playing games like destruction filter down through older children, I'm sure that the word "terrorist" was placed into these children's vocabularies by TV programs. Parents need to watch television with their children and explain what is going on, or just not let them watch it at all.

A recent study by a group of U.S. researchers found a significant increase in violence in young adults who watched one to three hours of television a day compared to those who watched an hour or less.

CNN and Hollywood do not tell young people what it feels like to be shot, or what the consequences are if you shoot someone. The problem is that parents are not teaching their kids this information either.

My younger brother just turned four years old. At the tender age of three, he would make anything — blocks, sticks, his blanket — into a toy gun. There were no older children around to teach him these actions; he learned it from TV.

Being nearly 200 miles away, I can only hope that my mom and the people around my little brother are explaining to him that destruction and violence are not acceptable, despite what he may see on television.

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

## Comedic routine performs on the spot

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
MANAGING EDITOR

A few bright lights shine down on the two men and two women on stage. The men are talking, but are unable to move their bodies by themselves. One of the women stand behind each man, assisting him in his motions.

In this skit, the men are bendy toys, unable to move on their own, and the women are controlling the men's bodies to match the comedic dialog they are making up on stage.

"Can you tie my shoe?" Mark Slykhouse asks his friend. A few onlookers giggle as one woman helps the man bend to reach Slykhouse's shoe.

She places his hand on the laces and helps him go through the motions, and then stands him back up again.

Slykhouse thanks his friend for the help, ignoring the woman that helped. More people laugh at

the men from seats in the dark auditorium.

The students in Jamrich 102 on Wednesday nights are not practicing shoe tying, but their stand-up comedy skills.

Slykhouse, a junior theater and political science major, was one of the founders of On The Spot, a group of students who practice and perform improv comedy.

Slykhouse said the idea came to him late last year, and the group registered as a student organization in the fall.

This semester, the group opened for Mentalist Craig Karges and the improv comedy group Mission Improvible.

On the Spot will have one more performance this semester at 6 p.m. on April 26 in Jamrich 102.

Members of On The Spot perform unrehearsed comedic skits in the form of games.

"It's similar to (the television show) 'Whose Line Is It Anyway,'" Slykhouse said. "We perform some of the games from there and some that we come up with on our own."

Slykhouse said the group's executive board, called the council of elders, make up the games, which usually consist of character roles and a situation. They also choose who will play in each game, or drawn names out of a hat.

"We have a very diverse group of people with an extreme range of senses of humor," said Bob Snyder, a junior physics major and member of On The Spot, said. "It's never the same thing twice."

Slykhouse said the group is seeking new members. Theater experience is not necessary to join.

"We would like to have a variety of performers so that the audiences aren't seeing the same people play the same games all the time," Slykhouse said.

Snyder said that people who want to play are asked to sit and watch the games be played for a night before jumping in to perform.

"We want people to have an idea of what they're doing before they hop up [on stage]," Snyder said.



Chris Mosier/NW

Freshman marketing major Blake McLendon, kneeling, freshman hospitality major Jennifer Bukovricz, upper left, sophomore theater major Erica Maute and junior theater major Mark Slykhouse play bendy toys, an improvisation comedy game, in Jamrich 102.

Freshman economics and political science major Aaron Jorbin said performing helps him to think on his feet.

"It helps me think and respond

to what other people say quickly," he said.

"I think doing this is going to help me in whatever I decide to do later on in life."

## Residents solve murder mystery case

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Whodunnit? A body lies lifeless on the ground, and accusations are flying as to who committed the dastardly deed. Could something so horrific happen at NMU?

Students from the Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management Department are putting together a murder mystery dinner at 5 p.m. tomorrow for children and senior citizens at a local retirement home.

Junior outdoor recreation leadership management majors Brian Correia and Brigitte Derel and senior hospitality recreation management major Darcycaryl Evans are organizing the program for one of their classes, RE362: Program Design In Leisure Services.

The class assignment was to design a



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Junior outdoor recreation leadership management major rehearsed Tuesday night for the murder mystery dinner.

recreational activity for a specific age bracket. The students chose to perform a murder mystery dinner at Lost Creek Residential Living Community.

Student volunteers outside of the recreation department are also involved in the play. A total of nine actors and two wait staff will be serving the audience and aiding them in determining the culprit.

Evans said that the amount of volunteers was low at first, but increased as the event was publicized throughout campus.

For senior elementary education major Emily Lapinski, her participation in the murder mystery will be her first attempt at acting. She plans to use this experience to gauge her abilities for future acting roles that she wishes to pursue in the fall.

"All of us are starting to get into our characters," Lapinski said "[Brian], Darcycaryl and Brigitte have been working really hard."

The play participants have been practicing

once a week in preparation for tomorrow's dinner.

Correia, Derel and Evans commented that the audience will attempt to solve the mystery by listening to the conversation between the characters and asking questions during the intermissions.

The mystery will be like the game Clue; the audience members will have clue books to fill out as the play progresses.

"I think that the positive thing that we hope for this program to do is to create interactions between the older people and NMU students," Evans said.

Evans said members of the audience will be residents of Lost Creek along with children in the Big Brother/Big Sister program and their mentors.

Members of the audience are not quite sure what to expect. Annalee Teeters, a resident at Lost Creek, said that not many groups come to perform.

The dinner is closed to the public.

## Busy Waters keeps running

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
MANAGING EDITOR

With a full day of classes, meetings and other obligations scheduled, Carissa Waters rises with the sun. On her table sits her daily planner, a collage of highlighter marks, inked appointments and things-to-do lists.

Her classes are a few hours away, and the workday has yet to begin. Before squeezing in a little last minute early morning studying, eating breakfast or getting ready for work, Waters laces up her New Balance shoes and steps outside. Each day begins with a 30-minute run.

"It's the best way to start the day," Waters said. "It gives me a kick start and gets me going."

During her two years at Northern, Waters, a 20-year-old junior nursing major, has not only been running around town, but also around campus as an actively involved student. She was formerly an ASNMU college of professional studies representative and more recently the vice president of the student government. On Tuesday, Waters was sworn in as the ASNMU president for the 2002-2003 school year.

"She's so energetic," former ASNMU President Nathan Leach said. "She is always involved. That's one of the things I appreciated about her right away — she's a doer."

Aside from ASNMU, Waters has been involved in Northern Arts and Entertainment, Payne Hall government, Circle K and the Student Leader Fellowship Program.

A St. Charles, Ill. native, Waters is the oldest of three daughters. Family ties brought Waters and one of her two sisters, freshman Megan, to NMU. Her father's family is from the Upper Peninsula. Waters said she visited as a child and liked the area. Two of her aunts attended Northern,



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Newly-inducted ASNMU President Carissa Waters talks to other ASNMU members at an ice breaker in the Peter White Lounge.

and after touring the school herself, Waters said she felt at home.

"There's more of a community feel to Northern," Waters said. "It's big enough to always meet new people and do new things, but small enough to feel like a close community of friends."

Spending time with friends or her boyfriend is difficult for Waters, whose daily schedule is usually full between school and activities. She said she balances her time by scheduling herself in her daily planner and by making homework and work into social activities.

"My best friend is a nursing major, so one weekend a month we'll have a homework night," Waters said. "We'll get dinner and then watch TV or a movie and do homework and make it a social event."

Waters also schedules time with her boyfriend, senior sociology major Jeff Korpi. Korpi said it's tough to spend time with her because she is so involved.

"She's such an outgoing person," Korpi said. "She's always willing to help people, even if it means she has to go out of her way."

Holding a public position as president in the student government, Waters now has the opportunity to help a number of people.

As vice president, she assumed a more behind-the-scenes part of ASNMU. Now, as president, she will take on a more direct leadership role, overseeing the student government. But Waters has been warming up for two years. Leach said her constant warm smile reflects her positive attitude.

Leach said he is certain that Waters is going to display the leadership that ASNMU needs.

"I like to lead by showing other people their potential," Waters said. "I like to personalize the roles in the group. We have great group dynamics because of the individuals."

It doesn't appear that Waters' daily planner is going to be any less full this summer. She will be taking summer classes, doing an internship through the Dean of Students office and doing her community service internship at Marquette General Hospital as part of the SLFP program, in addition to preparing for her role as president.

"I don't have a ton of free time, but I enjoy everything that's going on," Waters said.

Don't be surprised if you see Waters up at the crack of dawn, running around Marquette enjoying the summer air before working on crossing off items on her things-to-do list.



**Today, April 18**

*Event:* Leadership Recognition Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

*Film:* "Waiting for Guffman" (R) at 7 p.m. in JXJ 102.

*Film:* "Best in Show" (PG-13) at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

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

*Event:* The University Orchestra Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library Community Room.

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

*Event:* The English department will hold a poetry celebration at 5 p.m. in the lobby of the English Department in recognition of the winner of the Phil Legler Memorial Poetry Contest.

*Meeting:* Intersivity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the Brule Room in the UC.

**Friday, April 19**

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

*Seminar:* "Balancing Life Issues with Work" will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC. Cost is \$49.95. For more information call 227-2104.

**Saturday, April 20**

*Event:* The March of Dimes' WalkAmerica will hold its opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. at Graveraet Middle School. The walk begins at 9 a.m.

*Play:* "The Three Sisters" at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

*Meeting:* The Energy Committee will meet at 2 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge. After meeting there will be a tour of the

"Alternative Energy House." Call 227-3370 for more information.

*Event:* The Marquette Choral Society will perform at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral.

*Meeting:* The Swing Club will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC.

**Sunday, April 21**

*Event:* Marquette Choral Society will perform at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral.

*Tryouts:* The NMU Dance Squad will hold spring auditions from 2 to 6 p.m. in the PEIF Dance Studio.

*Meeting:* The Shojo Anime Club will hold a meeting from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Superior Room in the UC.

*Event:* Radio X will sponsor the Lucky 7's Benefit show for Jenni Kapla from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Explorer Rooms in the UC.

*Yoga class:* Free Hatha Yoga classes are

offered each Sunday on the second floor in the UC. Power Yoga is at 5:30 p.m. and meditative Yoga is at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 24**

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


*Performance:* NMU Symphonic Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

*Event:* A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. in the Atrium in the UC.

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## Spring practice brings new beginning

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Spring is the time of renewal and beginning; the flowers begin to grow, trees bud leaves and the last bits of winter's harsh remnants fade away.

For NMU's football program, this spring marked the beginning of the Doug Sams era. Sams took over as head coach in February. The transition from former coach Eric Holm to Sams has been easy for the players, freshman linebacker Dan Studer said.

"The transition has been real

smooth," Studer said. "Sams is real enthusiastic. He's an awesome coach."

Studer said that Sams is a really positive coach and that the team is finally having fun playing football.

The spring practice session ended on Saturday with an inter-squad scrimmage at the Superior Dome.

"The scrimmage was good," Studer said. "The offense had a really good game. They really came around. The defense played well too. We had a lot of big hits."

In the scrimmage, the first-

team offense competed against the first-team defense and the second teams also competed against each other.

The spring practice session provided Sams the opportunity to get to know his players and install his offense and defense; both are much different than what the team ran last year.

"Our philosophy is to pass to set up the run," Sams said. "We're going to dictate tempo and style of play with different formations and personnel groupings."

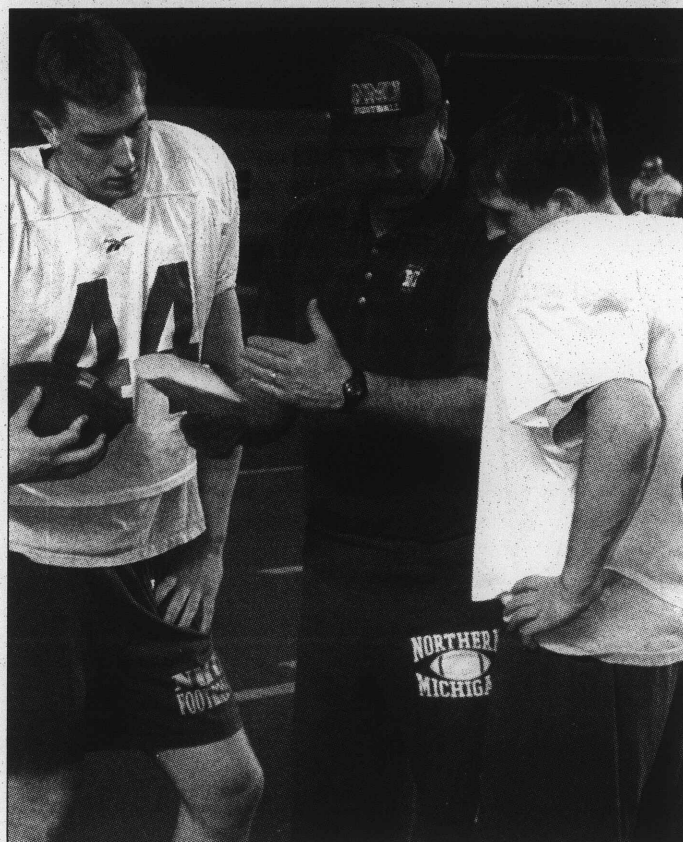
Sams said the Wildcats will be running the no-huddle offense at times as well. On the defensive side of the ball, NMU will be running the 3-4 defense.

"With the 3-4 you only have to find three down linemen," Sams said. "You can get your best athletes on the field and the adjustments are easier."

Sams said that throughout the spring session the defense was ahead of the offense.

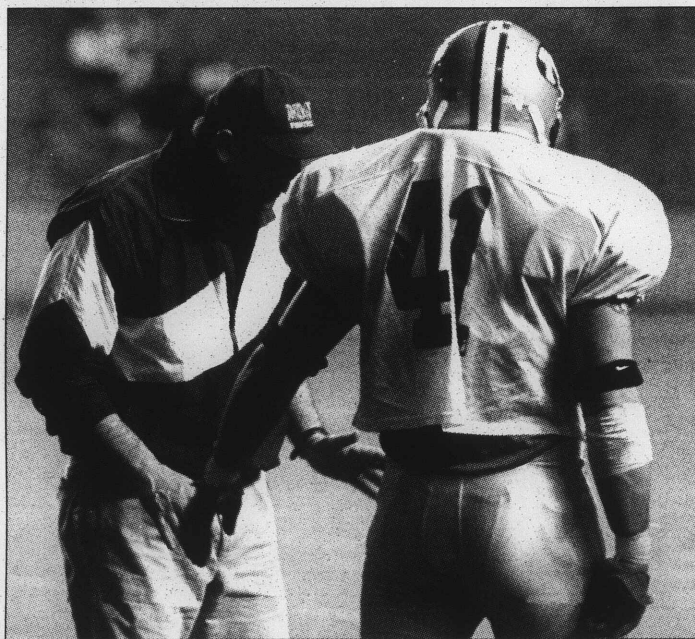
"If it's the other way around you have problems," Sams said. "The reason for that is that on offense you have to think things out, on defense you can just move and react. The last couple of practices things have smoothed out on offense. Each practice has gotten better."

After a losing season and a situation involving players and coaches that led to Holm losing his position, the football pro-



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Head coach Doug Sams goes over some plays during practice.



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Head coach Doug Sams advises one of his players during the spring football scrimmage on Saturday in the Superior Dome.

gram has entered into a new era and so far everyone is optimistic.

"Everything is really good right now," Studer said. "The team is excited, the tempo is good, but the main thing is that we are having a lot more fun."

Sams said he is glad to be here despite what happened last season and that he feels the players are responding well to

him.

"I don't pay much attention to whatever happened," Sams said. "The job was open; I applied, and I got it. I just hit the ground running. I told the players, 'this is what I expect, this is how we were going to do things.' These players work real hard and they do anything I ask them to do. The work ethic and preparation has not been a problem."

## Wildcats win two in weekend competition

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

With two wins last weekend in Houghton, the Wildcat tennis team increased their overall record to 18-3. They are 5-1 this spring heading into the NCAA Regional Tournament.

Last Saturday, NMU defeated Wisconsin-Green Bay, 9-0. Head coach Troy Mattson said UW-Green Bay was not at full strength and it showed.

Senior Vessy Jeliazkova said that in the past the DI Green Bay players would belittle the Wildcats for being a DII team.

"They used to talk a lot, but they can't anymore because we beat them twice in a row," Jeliazkova said.

On April 14, NMU beat Tech, 6-3.

"It was our sixth match in 10 days," Mattson said. "I think it showed in the score that we were tired. We weren't as sharp as we have been in the past."

Junior Kris Koopman, senior Lavinia

Janssen, junior Brooke Aronin and senior Heidi Ehlers won their singles matches.

"The team was definitely giving all they had," Jeliazkova said. "We always find ways to win. The good thing about our team is that it's not always the same people winning."

The Wildcats are now preparing for the NCAA Regional Tournament, which will take place May 3 and 4. NMU is the No. 2 seed in their region.

The region is split up into two sections.

In one section, the No. 2-, No. 3-, No. 5- and No. 6-seeded teams compete. In the other section the No. 1, No. 4, No. 7 and No. 8 teams compete. The two teams that win their section go on to the national tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

Mattson said that the way the brackets break up is an advantage because they will not have to play No. 1-seeded Northwood.

"Since we are the No. 2 seed, we are the

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# First season successful

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

When sophomore Adam Tracz started the lacrosse club team this year, he did not expect it to be as successful as it has been this season. The team travels to the University of Michigan-Deerborn this weekend and to University of Minnesota-Duluth next weekend to play.

So far the team is 1-4, but Tracz hopes for one or two wins this weekend in Deerborn. The team will play both UM-Deerborn and Holy Cross over the weekend.

Tracz said the Deerborn team is also a first-year team. He does not know much about Holy Cross, however.

Next weekend, when the team takes on Minnesota-Duluth,

Tracz said his team will be playing one of the top 20 clubs in the nation.

"Duluth has had a club for about 10 years," Tracz said.

He said it would be good to face a stronger team and see what they can do.

Tracz considers this year a successful year for the new team. He said they have 25 members and about 20 of them travel to games.

"I did not plan on having 25 guys this year," Tracz said. He said he is really happy that about half of the team have had competitive experience playing



Tracz

lacrosse in high school. Tracz played in high school and on a city team. Freshman Zak Roder played lacrosse beginning in his senior year of high school. He said when he first went to the meetings to organize a team he wasn't sure if they would actually get the team together.

"Sure enough, we did," Roder said. "And it turned out to be a good year."

Next year Roder plans to continue to build the team. Tracz said they hope to become members of either the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association or the Upper Midwest Lacrosse League. Becoming a member of a league will help them expand to a full schedule of about 20 games.

"We will be just as active as a varsity sport," Tracz said.

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favorite (in our section) going into the tournament," he said. "We are going to have stiff competition, but if we play our best we have a great chance."

Jeliazkova said she feels good about the Wildcats' chances of going to the national tournament.

"Last year we were just happy to go to the regional," Jeliazkova said. "This year I feel we have a pretty good shot of making it to the national tournament."

### NMU 6, MTU 3

SINGLES — No. 1 — Jeliazkova (NMU) def. Matzka 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 — Koopmann (NMU) def. Graham 6-2, 6-2; No. 3 — Janssen (NMU) def. Chandrasaha 7-6(7-2), 6-3; No. 4 — van den Bor (NMU) def. Otunchieva 7-6(7-2), 6-3; No. 5 — Aronin (NMU) def. O'Dell 7-5, 6-1; No. 6 — Ehlers (NMU) def. Holmsten 6-1, 6-2.

### NMU 9, U-W GB 0

SINGLES — No. 1 — Jeliazkova (NMU) def. Dorn 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; No. 2 — Koopmann (NMU) def. Watson 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 — Janssen (NMU) def. Gruszynski 6-3, 6-2; No. 4 — van den Bor (NMU) def. Murdoch 6-0, 6-2; No. 5 — Aronin (NMU) def. Parks injury forfeit; No. 6 — Ehlers (NMU) def. Dwormic 6-1, 6-0. DOUBLES — No. 1 — Jeliazkova-Koopmann (NMU) def. Dorn-Murdoch 8-4; No. 2 — Janssen-Aronin (NMU) def. Watson-Gruszynski 8-4; No. 3 — van den Bor-Storcheck (NMU) def. Parks-Dworak 8-5.

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# Club sports teams surpass expectations

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
MANAGING EDITOR

After its first year of being organized through the Recreation Facilities and Services Office, NMU's club sports program has surpassed expectations with successful teams and a high level of participation.

This year completed the first year of the newly implemented club sports program designed to organize the club sports and provide club teams with university funding.

"The university finally recognized sport clubs and implemented the club sports program in the summer of 2001," club sports coordinator Steve Reed said.

Former ASNMU President Nathan Leach said the push for club sports to be recognized by the university came last year from former ASNMU representative Lynn Christensen.

The proposal then went to Associate Vice President of

Athletics and Recreation Ken Godfrey. Leach said he then took the proposal to the president's council, and money was allocated to the Recreation Facilities and Services Office to fund club sports.

"It was a collective effort from the students, ASNMU representatives and the athletic administration," Leach said.

Currently there are 21 active clubs. Reed said there are three types of club sports: competitive, recreational and instructional. The competitive club sports like women's ice hockey, a newly formed club sport, and crew did very well and had very successful seasons in terms of wins and losses, Reed said.

"The club sports teams are open to all NMU students, regardless of ability level," Reed said. "Sometimes that makes it harder to be successful, but our teams have done a really great job this year."

Other clubs, like the skiing

and snowboarding club and the snoeshowing club are recreational clubs, and non-competitive.

Reed said each club has a sport club advisory council member. The members meet to talk about guidelines, issues and needs of the clubs.

"We came up with a handbook and guide for operating the clubs," Reed said. "This is our first year, so we focused on guidelines and issues."

Leach said the program will be operated for three years and then reevaluated.

A budget was also planned out for three years. For the 2001-2002 school year, the budget was \$26,500. The budget will increase to \$30,000, and then to \$35,000 in two years.

"With this money, the council decided its position is to assist in getting equipment for organizations as a whole and to establish the new clubs so they have a strong foundation for the future," Reed said.

Reed said travel expenses for the teams are not covered by money in the budget.

Recreation Services and Facilities plans to expand the club sports teams by promoting

them at orientations and distributing packets over the summer. Anyone interested in playing club sports can visit 126 PEIF or e-mail Reed at sreed@nmu.edu for more information.

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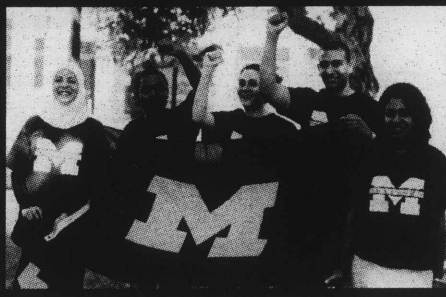
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USOEC short track speed-

skater and 2002 Olympian Ron Biondo captured the bronze medal in the 500-meter event at the World Short Track Speedskating Championships in Montreal last week. Biondo also finished seventh in the 3000-meter race, an event he set an American record in several weeks ago at the U.S. Championships.

Biondo finished eighth overall in the World Championship final point tally.

**Wildcats awarded at annual dinners**

At the women's basketball banquet on April 14, senior guard Marisa Dell Angelo was named NMU's Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row. She also earned the team's Free Throw

Award. Junior forward Elena Keranen was named the Top Defensive Player, Top Rebounder and received the Mental Toughness "Molly Sayen" Award. Freshman guard Shannon Boyer was Newcomer of the Year. The Coaches' Award went to Tiffany Grubaugh, who redshirted this season.

At the swimming and diving banquet on April 14, junior Kristy Vermillion was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Freshman Stephanie Gray was named Most Improved, while junior Katie Worley received the Coaches Award. Sophomore Pattie Wegner received the Bob Laughna Dedication Award, a new award this season in honor of the Wildcats' long-time assistant coach.

At the Gridiron Club's annual

banquet on April 12, senior tailback James Randel was named Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Offensive Back. Senior Tim Fox was named Most Valuable Linebacker, and senior Jason Lawson was named Most Valuable Defensive Back. Junior Ryan Vanderlist was named Most Valuable Defensive Lineman. Sophomore Center Dan Nett was named Most Valuable Offensive Lineman and junior Brandon

Munson was named Most Valuable Wide Receiver. Sophomore punter Ryan Wettstein was named Most Improved. Wide receiver Manuel Diaz was named Freshman of the Year. Freshman wide receiver Nick Mauthe was named Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year and freshman defensive tackle Jamie Schmitz was named Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

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# NMU golfer eyes nationals

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
OPINION EDITOR

Eric Van Damme is closing in on his third and final year on NMU's golf team.

Van Damme, a senior physical education major, has an overall scoring average of 75, and a chance to attend the national golf competition this spring.

"No one in the history of NMU golf has ever attended nationals," Van Damme said.

Currently Van Damme's overall scoring average is not only the best on NMU's golf team, but also among the best in conference.

The overall scoring average is derived from the average of playing an 18-hole course.

Ellis said that not only is Van Damme a positive role model for other members of the team, but is also a very talented golfer.

"[Van Damme] is a very skilled golfer, who is also very vocal and uses his chatter in a positive way," head coach Dean Ellis said.

Van Damme began playing golf at the age of two, when his grandfather first took him out on a golf course.

"It's something that I've been doing my entire life," Van Damme said. "It's a lifetime sport."

Van Damme is a native of Perkins, Mich., located an hour south of Marquette.

He attended Mid-Peninsula High School where he currently coaches junior high basketball and track.

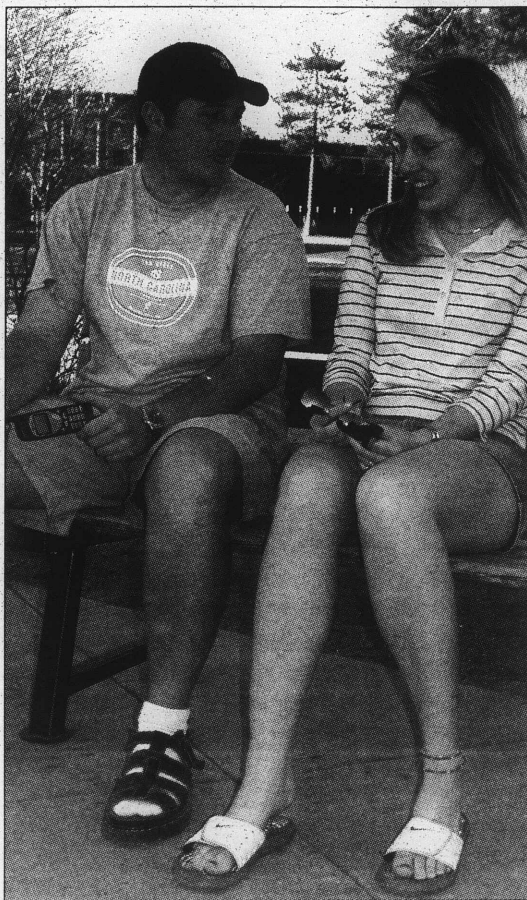
Besides enjoying golf and coaching junior high teams, Van Damme said he also likes to play a lot of basketball.

Van Damme not only helps organize the golf team practices, but is also able to help other members of the golf team due to his background in instruction.

The golf team practices all year, independently during the summer and as a team the rest of the year.

Van Damme said that his favorite aspect of being a member of the golf team is the opportunity to be outside playing on golf courses.

"We get to play on some of the nicest and most beautiful golf courses, and usually play up to



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Eric Van Damme and his girlfriend, freshman biology major Earlena Iverson, enjoy the weather on Wednesday while sitting outside the UC.

36 holes for free," Van Damme said.

Van Damme also said he enjoys traveling and spending time with his teammates and Ellis.

"He is a great coach, he knows how to make you relax and lets you chill out and do your own thing," Van Damme said.

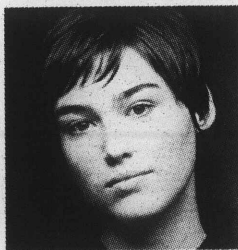
After this semester, Van Damme plans to student teach in the fall, and would eventually like to find a job in the area and continue to coach.

"The things that I'm going to miss the most are spending time with my teammates and Coach Ellis," Van Damme said.

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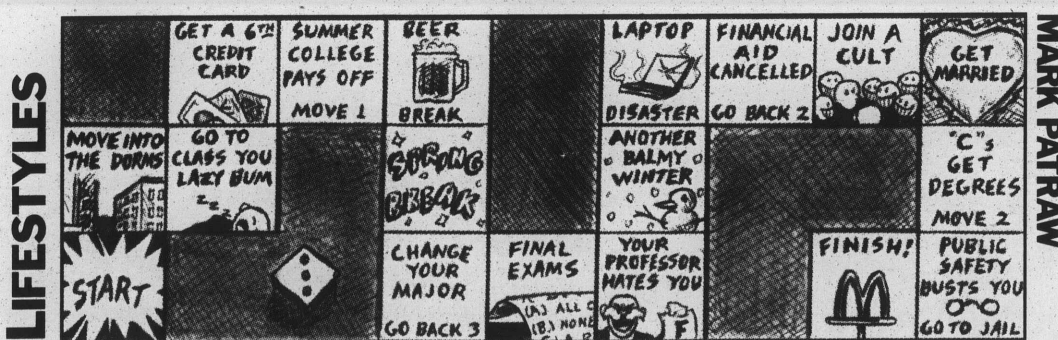
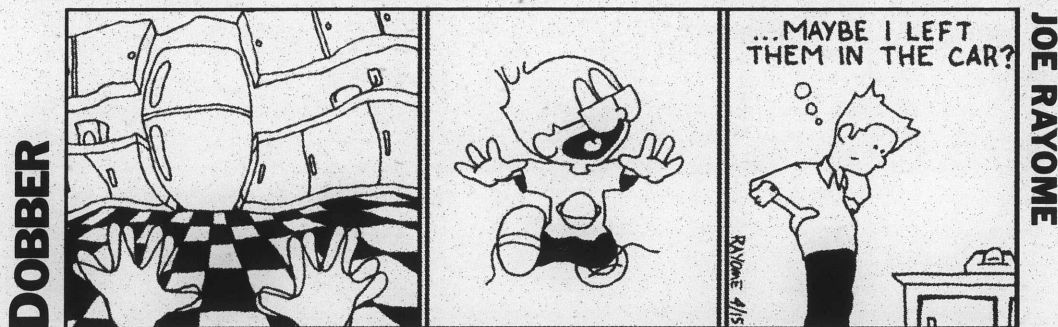
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