

New goals discussed

Presidential convocation addresses past, future issues

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

NMU President Judi Bailey and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal addressed the issues of next year's budget, re-accreditation and the Healthy Michigan Amendment at the annual fall convocation.

Joyal said that one of the biggest projects the university is facing this year will be the new accreditation process called the Academic Quality and Improvement Program (AQIP).

Under AQIP, the faculty and staff at NMU will be asked to complete an 80-question survey on what projects are needed to improve NMU. The data is then collected from these surveys and used for a campus-wide discussion. The information from the surveys will be provided to the faculty and staff, who will then use this information to decide what projects are most needed at NMU.

"No one knows what these

projects will be," Joyal said. "We won't know until the survey's are completed."

Bailey also addressed the state of the economy and its possible effects on the university. The state legislature is currently discussing the removal of tobacco funds previously given to students as part of a Michigan Merit Award scholarship. The funds would be used for health care instead.

"The impact of this on our university would be significant," Bailey said.

Forty thousand students throughout the state of Michigan receive merit-based assistance for school, in excess of \$91 million. At NMU alone, 885 students receive merit-based assistance, totaling \$1.8 million.

Bailey also discussed the possibility of when next year's budget would be set. With the

upcoming election of a new governor, Bailey said negotiations for a new budget could take until July of 2003 after the election is decided.

"We are anticipating a long budget season," Bailey said.

Bailey further discussed the need for the university to get things done in new and innovative ways to increase productivity with fewer resources due to the state of the economy.

She said encouraging all employee groups to switch to a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Blue PPO plan would save the university

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— Judi Bailey
NMU President

approximately \$1 million.

In addition, Bailey also said that she planned to continue to address the issue of

diversity on campus.

"We need to prepare students for a dynamic, diverse and multi-faceted world," Bailey said.

NMU is also expecting an increased enrollment by start of winter semester 2002 to 8,980.

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Bailey awarded salary increase

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
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NMU President Judi Bailey was approved for an annual pay increase of 3.5 percent, equaling \$7,210, by NMU board members on July 15.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy said that Bailey's increase of 3.5 percent is the same as the faculty pay increase for this year.

Each year the president's performance is reviewed by a committee made up of four NMU board members from the NMU Board of Control.

Roy said that the president lays out specific goals for the year and then reports on what goals were achieved. In addition, the committee also evaluates the president's overall performance.

"I don't set the amount myself, the board deliberates it," Bailey said. "It is a really formal process."

Roy said a faculty and presidential pay increase on an annual basis is a standard procedure across the state.

"We look at the market for all positions and at inflation rates when deciding the salary adjust-

ment for the year," Roy said.

In order to have competitive pay rates, an annual salary increase is necessary, Roy said.

Roy said that the faculty was also eligible for an additional salary increase if they met the U.P. faculty productivity factor requirement for the year.

For NMU faculty, a 4.25-percent pay increase was possible, Roy said.

"My pay increase of 3.5 percent was less than what some of the faculty received," Bailey said.

Last year Bailey's income of \$206,000 remained close to the state average pay for university presidents.

Other university presidents receive bonuses and deferred compensation in addition to their overall salary, Roy said, while Bailey is paid only a salary.

In comparison with other schools in the U.P. area, the pres-



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Poster children



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Undeclared freshman Holly Joseph, left, and freshman zoology major Sherry Luanna

Laptop program includes iBooks

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
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This year, the NMU laptop program saw its largest distribution of computers to date, with approximately 5,000 new computers being dispensed to students.

Among the major changes this year is the addition of a second platform, Apple iBooks. About 270 of the new computers dispensed to students are iBooks. However, that has not deterred the procedures in which the laptops are distributed and exchanged.

The new Apple iBooks cost an average of \$300 more per year than the IBM laptops, and are only available to students who are art and design majors. Art and design students who chose the option of getting

an iBook are required to pay \$150 more per semester to lease the computer from the school.

To project how many iBooks were needed for students, NMU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said that they looked at the number of art and design students enrolled who had wanted the option of receiving an iBook instead of an IBM ThinkPad laptop.

In addition Joyal said that iBook computers were ordered for support staff and also back-up computers were ordered in case an iBook needed repairs.

"Of the 317 iBooks we ordered, 12 were dead upon arrival," Joyal said. "That was surprising."

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Excellence in Teaching Award. Yvonne Lee from the College of Applied Sciences, Earl Carla from Education Administration and Robert Meiers from the math department were the first recipients of this award, which is now scheduled to be given annually.

Brent Graves, chairman of the academic senate, also discussed what the senate has planned for the upcoming year.

Graves said that the senate was planning to assess the liberal studies program at NMU; currently the liberal studies program has no academic department.

Graves also said that the non-academic departments would also be assessed this year by the senate.

Lastly, Graves addressed the need to examine the laptop program at NMU.

Graves said the university must assess whether the goals for the pro-

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schools in the U.P. area, the president of Michigan Tech's total salary for last year was \$255,940, while the president of Lake Superior State University received \$170,161 for the year. These totals are equated after combining salary, bonuses and deferred compensation.

Other universities' presidents pay rates remained close to that of Bailey's, including Saginaw Valley State at \$202,000, Central Michigan University at \$210,000 and Grand Valley State University at \$200,000.

Bailey said that she does not feel that

her 3.5 percent pay increase is out of line.

"I am appreciative of being recognized for all the accomplishments," Bailey said.

"We look at the market for all positions and at inflation rates when deciding the salary adjustments for the year."

— Mike Roy
Vice President of Finance and Administration

Bailey was also recognized for her achievements as president earlier in the year when she was awarded the National Case Executive Leadership Award.

The award is given to honor a university president for outstanding leadership among her peers.

Bailey received the award at a conference in Chicago in June.

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allow self-servicing, and that in order to repair an iBook it must be sent back to the depot.

With a higher than expected failure rate, Joyal said the university may have to order more iBooks in the future. A student would have to be supplied with a back up while their iBook was getting repaired.

The NMU laptop program, now in its third year, continues to see positive growth and wider distribution.

"The same plan has remained for students to exchange and pick up their laptops," Limback said. "It's a plan that is set up for them to spend as little extra time in line as possible."

The improvements to the new IBM ThinkPads issued to students include 256MB, wireless capabilities, DVD capabilities and a 20G hard drive, which is double the amount of the former IBM ThinkPads.

About 4,000 older computers are being returned in exchange for the new model.

"We want students to be aware that they will not go more than two hours without a laptop," Limback said. "If students encounter any problems with their computers, they always have phone support, e-mail support and walk-in support to help fix those problems."

Limback stressed the importance of getting both incoming and returning students acquainted with new laptop models and software. For students new to NMU, presentations are given at orientation and during distribution to show students how to handle hardware problems; different configurations and how to install additional software. There are now about 53 different add-on software applications for classes not included in the base installation.



Joyal

Limback also stressed the importance of all academic computing services being found in one concentrated area, the Learning Resources Center. The Help Desk is open for 72 hours each week, a number that could easily increase if student need is high enough.

"The laptop exchange went really well this year," senior art education major Sarah Trucks said.

Trucks was issued a new iBook for her major and didn't encounter any problems receiving or getting started on using her laptop.

"[The exchange] flowed very easily and I

FOR THE RECORD

In the June 10, 2002 issue, the story, "Dorm sprinklers, asbestos handled," incorrectly stated that smoke detectors in the dorms will set off the sprinkler system, when in fact, that is not true.

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BRIEFS

Local

MTU fraternity to rebuild house

HOUGHTON — A Michigan Tech University fraternity house destroyed by a deadly fire will rebuild, said Phi Kappa Theta President Jason LeBeau. "It may take some time, but we'll get it back," LeBeau said. Kevin Saso, the fraternity's relief coordinator and president of Tech's Interfraternity Council, said on the MTU Web site it would be a two-year process. The fire, sparked by an unattended stove, leveled the three-story Ruby Avenue house two weeks ago, claiming the life of 20-year-old Andrew William Maas, a second-year engineering student from Holland, Mich. In addition to insurance money, the fraternity hopes to raise \$200,000 to \$300,000 toward the cost of rebuilding and take out a mortgage for the balance.

National

Anthrax hoax likely in Gore office

NASHVILLE, TN — Initial test results indicate the white powder mailed to former Vice President Al Gore's office is not anthrax, Tennessee officials said Wednesday. Final test results on the material are expected Saturday, Gore aides said. The substance was taken to the Tennessee state health department for testing after an aide opened an envelope containing the powder Tuesday afternoon. Authorities have said they suspect the case is a hoax that originated in a Tennessee prison. The envelope containing the substance was stamped: "This Letter Has Not Been Inspected By The Corrections Department," Gore aides told CNN. Gore's offices in the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel will be closed for at least four days as the tests are conducted.

International

China deals U.S. blow over Iraq

BEIJING — In a further blow to Washington's effort to get global support for a possible war on Iraq, Beijing has indicated it is against the use of force to resolve Baghdad's differences with the West. Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan told visiting Iraqi counterpart Naji Sabri on Tuesday that using force or threats of force could not solve the problems and "would only cause regional tension and instability." Chinese news officials on Wednesday quoted Tang as saying questions about Iraq should only be resolved within United Nations mechanisms, and "only political and diplomatic methods should be used." Tang also asked Sabri to cooperate with UN-arranged inspections of weapons development programs in Iraq.

Weird News

Grandmother ran pickpocket ring

FLORIDA — A statewide pick pocketing ring aimed at the elderly was allegedly run by a 65-year-old grandmother, who has been arrested 29 times since 1960. Ernestine Williams, led the 15-person operation, and taught each pickpocket the tricks of the trade. She told police she instructed her accomplices to target the elderly, because they were easy targets. Williams, a mother of 12, led the crime ring from her wheelchair, lasting two years until a law enforcement officer broke up the ring and arrested the ring members. Williams has pled guilty to racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering, two grand theft charges and three misdemeanor theft charges. She faces four to eight years in prison, according to Florida state sentencing guidelines.

— Compiled from news sources

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Partly sunny. High around 71. Low around 55.
- **Saturday:** Partly sunny. High 70 to 75. Low around 50.
- **Sunday:** Partly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High 75 to 80. Low 50 to 55.

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Pay to play



Dan Grimm/NW

Sophomore education major A.J. Frizher watches as sophomore early education major Erin Gray fills out a PEIF pass form in the University Center Tuesday; passes cost \$30 a semester.

Local intersection closes

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students and faculty commuting from campus to the Jacobetti and Public Service buildings will soon have to prepare themselves for detours and possible traffic back-ups.

From Sept. 3 to Sept. 10, the convergence of Wright Street, Sugarloaf Avenue and Tracy Avenue, with the possible exception of the eastbound Wright Street lane, will be closed due to construction.

The intersection project is the first of three construction phases aimed to better accommodate heavy traffic flow through the area.

The scheduled improvements for this intersection will include pavement resurfacing, a new right-hand turn lane from southbound Sugarloaf onto Wright Street and new water and sewer mains beneath the roadway. Currently, the eastbound lane on Wright Street will be open solely for traffic turning right onto Tracy Avenue. However, the amount of time that lane will remain open is tentative.

"The opening or closure of the lane is contingent on the utility work that is going to be done underneath the roadway," NMU Cad/Gis Manager Jim Thams said. "There is a water line that needs replacing which could force workers to close the entire intersection."

Phase II will extend north on Sugarloaf Avenue from the intersection to the Jacobetti Center and is set to begin promptly after the first phase is completed. Although most vehicle traffic will be closed for the week following Sept. 3, pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained across Wright Street.

The official detour for Wright Street traffic will be re-routed around the perimeter of campus. To keep traffic on campus traffic from becoming too congested, none of the route will follow campus streets. Instead, the route will consist of traffic starting on

Wright Street west of the down-campus residence halls, being directed south on Lincoln Street to College Avenue. Commuters can then take College Avenue to Presque Isle Avenue and then follow Presque Isle Avenue north to Hawley Street. The final leg of the route points vehicles left on Hawley Street to Sugarloaf Avenue, which leads to the Jacobetti and Student Services buildings.

An official detour route is expected to be announced this week for north and southbound traffic on Tracy and Sugarloaf avenues.

Plans for Phase II include the resurfacing of Sugarloaf Avenue from Wright Street to just north of Clark Street, new curbs and gutters and the installation of new sewer lines and water mains. There will also be a left-hand turn lane added to Sugarloaf, mostly for traffic turning into the Public Services building. The second phase is scheduled to be finished by Nov. 1.

Phase III will be a continuation of the Sugarloaf Avenue resurfacing and sewer line replacement project, extending north from Clark Street to the Jacobetti Center.

A right hand turn lane on Sugarloaf Avenue will be added for vehicles turning into the Jacobetti Center parking area. Phase III will begin next spring and should be completed by June 30, 2003.

"Sugarloaf Avenue has continued to deteriorate and this project has been needed for some time," Marquette City Engineer Mike Golisek said. "The need is due to poor pavement and increased commercial traffic, including traffic traveling to and from the Jacobetti Center and the Student Services building."

Golisek said approximately

18,800 vehicles per day pass through the Wright/Sugarloaf/Tracy intersection. The amount of traffic traveling through the intersection and onto Sugarloaf Avenue has grown significantly since the closing of the Elizabeth Harden Circle Drive two years ago.

The total cost of the project is about \$650,000. Funds for the project have been collected from the Federal Highway Administration, storm water utilities and local street money.

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— Mike Golisek
Marquette City Engineer

The project is being done by the Michigan Department of Transportation but will be administered by the city of Marquette.

"I don't understand why they're doing this project now that so many students are back for school," public relations junior Amanda Johnson said. "They could have done it during the summer before classes started and with less traffic from campus around."

Golisek explained the reasons behind the project scheduling.

"The city would have preferred to start construction earlier in the year, although, because of the length of the project there would be no absolutely convenient time to do it," Golisek said. "With an early spring start, the project would have run through late fall in order to complete all three phases in one season."

The work was funded by the federal government and was advertised and bid for the city by the State Department of Transportation.

"We have little control over the bid schedule, so it is difficult to anticipate when the work will be [undertaken]," Golisek said. "Construction within the intersection could not be accomplished ahead of the project because of the logistics of the water and sewer underground construction."

Wider range of events planned for NMU

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

With the new referendum increase, NMU students will expect to see a wider range of events on campus during the 2002-03 school year.

During spring semester of 2002 students approved a referendum increase of \$9.30, bringing the total Student Activity Fee to \$30.

This \$30 is divided among four Direct Allocation Groups: ASNMU, Radio X, The North Wind and the Student Finance

Committee.

The largest portion of the money is dispensed to the Student Finance Committee. The SFC is in charge of allocating the funds first to Earmarked Funded Groups and next to student organizations upon request.

EFG's such as Northern Arts and Entertainment and Platform Personalities are in charge of bringing various groups and speakers to campus.

There are four EFG's on campus altogether: The Student Art Gallery, Campus Cinema, Platform Personalities and

Northern Arts and Entertainment.

"Every two years we evaluate the DAG groups who submit a proposal of their budget for the next two years," Chairman of the Referendum Committee Jeff Korpi said.

To evaluate the groups, Korpi said the committee looks at what each group has done with its money and what it is projecting to do with it in the next two years.

Every DAG requested an increase in funds for this year, with the exception of ASNMU.

The proposals are evaluated by the Referendum Committee,

which consists of six student members and a faculty adviser, Ed Niemi, dean of students.

In addition to approval by the Referendum Committee, ASNMU must also approve the increases. During spring semester the students also voted on whether or not to pass the overall referendum increase of \$9.30.

"Just by looking at the school calendar students will see where their money is going," Director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs, Dave Bonsall said. "There is so much more stuff happening."

Some of the activities already planned for this year are campus visits from poet Maya Angelou, speaker and musician Henry Rollins, actor Jamie Kennedy, magician Brian Brushwood and a concert currently still in discussion.

"The more money we get allows us to dip into other areas and bring in higher quality stuff," Vice Chairman of NAE and senior public relations major Andy Hill said.

Hill said that they are hoping to do more college-oriented acts this year.

Sprinkler system in dorms near completion

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The summer-long installation of NMU residence hall sprinkler systems is nearing completion, although work crews still must replace the electronic wiring for the new sprinkler system.

Construction, which began May 6, consisted of drilling holes in the hallways and bedroom walls for the pipelines and wires to run through. Each dorm room and bathroom in every residence hall was fitted with sprinklers and an interconnected fire alarm sys-

tem. Preneau Construction Company was hired to complete the job on campus.

"The installation of the sprinkling system is state mandated, but it's also an important safety issue," Supervisor of Facility Support Services Tom Stanaway said.

The expected completion date for the project is Nov. 15.

Residents of the halls must still prepare themselves for occasional inspections by inspectors and the state fire marshal. The old fire alarm system will remain in place until its removal after

winter semester 2003, and will be used until the new system is completely installed.

"Installation is going on schedule," said Brandon Sager, NMU Planning and Engineering Specialist. "There is still some work that needs to be done in the [residence] rooms, but we knew that was going to happen.

Sager said the main focus right now is to have all occupied rooms complete.

"Once this project is finished, NMU will be the first Michigan campus to have all of its residence halls completely sprin-

kled," Sager said. "This will be a good promotional ploy for NMU."

The asbestos removal work that took place in the residence halls this summer has also been completed. Signs and levels of asbestos will be monitored throughout the year by the university.

The new alarm system will be tested each month to ensure the fire alarms and pull stations are working properly. Stanaway said that this will be done electronically and will not require a fire drill-type procedure. Although

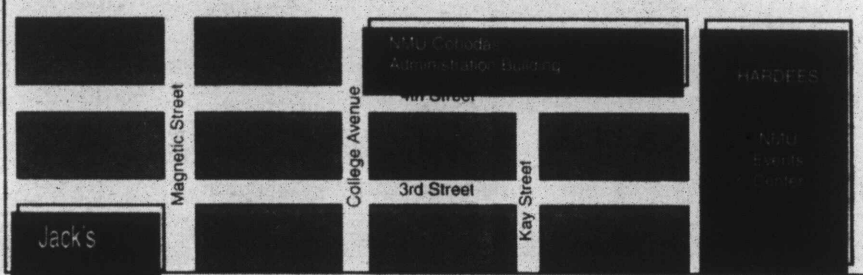
fire drills will still be mandated, they will remain separate from electronic testing. Notices for the drills will be done in advance.

Other finished projects down campus include the installation of a new steam-line built between Meyland Hall and Quad I. The pavement of Parking Lot 16, the lot adjacent to Meyland Hall and Quad I, was patched up last week and vehicles can now move through the lot without obstructions. Due to the new steam-line, some landscaping work remains in the space between Gant Hall, Halverson Hall and Lot 16.

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Directory printed online

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Students will have until Sept. 6 to restrict their personal information from being on the Web through the online version of the NMU telephone directory.

Students may prevent their information from being published by accessing SOLAR.

The online version of the telephone directory will be linked to NMU's home page on Sept. 9.

The same information published in the directory for the 2002-03 school year will also be published online.

This information includes local address and phone number as well as home phone number and address.

NMU Telecommunications Manager Jan Seppa said a driving goal behind the decision to print the directory online was accuracy.

"The day the paper directory is printed is one snapshot, and almost immediately it becomes outdated," Seppa said.

Because students frequently switch residencies, and the rate at which changes occur at the university, the information in the directory becomes obsolete, Seppa said.

Seppa said there was no way to update the information because the directory is only printed once a year.

"About the only thing that remains accurate are the depart-

mental listings," Seppa said.

Every time a student moves to a new location, the information on the website will be changed.

"The records automatically update making them more accurate," Seppa said.

NMU Programming Analyst Brian Larson was in charge of designing the program to put the directory online.

Larson said he created a system in which person's information could be retrieved by correctly typing in their complete last name.

"My goal was to design a program keyed in to trying to prevent mailing lists," Larson said.

"This will prevent people from typing in just the first few letters of a last name and creating a mailing list."

While the paper directory was only distributed to the NMU community, the online directory will be available outside of the Marquette area accessible through the NMU home page.

"People have to be more conscious if you want your information restricted outside of the Marquette area," Director of Support and Consulting Services Felecia Flack said.

Flack said that there are

numerous benefits of putting the directory online.

"The directories are not printed until October, so you have students picking up last year's directories, and it is really inaccurate," Flack said. Another benefit of the online version of the directory,

Flack said, is parents of NMU students are now able to access information via the Web.

Flack said that now parents will be able to help students by

contacting different departments on campus if they need to.

During the summer, a pilot program was created to test the system.

"For a few weeks, we tried putting the directory online to see if there would be any major errors with running the program," Larson said.

Larson said there were no major errors with the system. Due to privacy, the directory has been taken offline until Sept. 9 so students have the choice of restricting their information.

"People who did not wish to have their information printed this way either called, or restricted their information through SOLAR," Larson said.

Putting the directory online is an added service to the campus

"The day the paper directory is printed is one snapshot, and almost immediately it becomes outdated."

— Jan Seppa
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EDITORIAL

Embracing change

With the passing of this summer and the beginning of a new school year, change is evident across the campus of Northern Michigan University.

From the Wright Street intersection project to the new sprinklers installed in the residents halls, things are changing. The lower floor of the LRC has a new look, including a remodeled Bookbinders Eatery and Help Desk and new student commons area. The Olson Library has also changed, and the athletic department is working on hiring its fourth new athletic coach for this year's seasons.

Similarly, The North Wind has made changes, including an upgrade in paper size and full color in each issue. Fresh faces and ideas are present in the office as new editors are adjusting to their positions. Beginning with the publication of this, our first issue of the semester, the staff hopes to improve upon what others before us have established and have set high goals for the semester.

With the trend, The North Wind would like to see NMU set the following goals for the upcoming school year.

- NMU has made further changes by making the decision to offer Apple iBooks to its art students. The opportunity is welcomed, but Northern should offer the choice of platforms to all students.

- In the theme of the "Wired University," NMU is planning a directory on the Web containing the students' personal contact information. While this creates a more accurate student listing, students should have been made more aware that such information would be put on the Internet, and be given an easier way to opt out of the listing.

- The school is working on a new accreditation process, which will focus the university's goals on a short term scale. This will benefit the campus by allowing the faculty to become more involved in deciding how to improve the university. Just as the faculty has been called upon to determine the future of Northern, students should have input as well.

NMU is making progress, and with a new year comes new goals and new expectations. Together, as a connected learning community, we can achieve these goals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASNMU president welcomes students

Welcome back!
 I can hardly believe that we're almost one full week into the semester. Where did the summer go? Well, I hope everyone had a good summer and managed to fit in some rest and relaxation! Hopefully the first week of classes hasn't been too much of a shock as compared to the four months away. In any case, I'm glad to see everyone around to bring life back to campus.

Well, ASNMU is ready for another academic year. Our representatives are ready to start back up with committees and projects to accomplish the many goals we have set for the semester. We will be working on a voter registration campaign, diversity issues on campus, Dozing Discounts and many other new and continued projects.

If you are interested in joining ASNMU there are currently three representative positions open: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies and College of Technology and Applied Sciences.

There are also many opportunities for students to be appointed to several university committees. If you would like to apply, just stop by our office, located in 1203 University Center, and pick up and application as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact us at 227-2452 or e-mail me at cwaters@nmu.edu.

Have a great semester and good luck with classes!

Carissa Waters
 ASNMU President

Bailey encourages students to grow

Welcome back to NMU!
 I hope you are ready for an

exciting 2002-03 school year.

I hope that each of you participated in one way or another in the Welcome Weekend activities and the Be a Part from the Start rally. What a fun way to kick off the beginning of another school year.

I do encourage each student to be a part from the start. Get involved. It will enrich your collegiate and learning experience at Northern. Get involved academically. Get involved in student organizations, house governments or with volunteer efforts. Or get a job on campus.

You can also get involved by participating in the many campus discussions that take place here every year.

You are encouraged to attend the five or six university forums that will be held this year. ASNMU is again sponsoring a series of presidential/student chats where you can bring your questions, comments and suggestions. And another way to get involved is to ask to be put on one of the many university committees as the student representative. Or attend one of the NMU Board of Trustees meetings.

In other words, what are your ideas? It is my sincere hope that students understand that faculty, staff and administrators are listening. Often, we make decisions based on your suggestions.

As I've met with new and returning students this summer, I have been challenging them to make "discovery" a priority this year - discovery in the classroom, through independent learning and by undertaking new experiences.

Stretch your limits from who you were and what you knew a year ago. When you grow, Northern grows too.

See you around campus!

Cartoon epitomizes mental illness stigma

Judi Bailey

NMU President

The cartoon in the June 10, 2002 issue of The North Wind caught my attention.

On the facing page, an ad for cartoonists said "Get paid to be funny (yet tasteful)."

You need to know that "jokes" such as this are not funny for persons with mental illness and their families.

To many they "represent an instrument of torture and pain and convey a deeply stigmatizing suggestion of violence." (from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—NAMI).

About 20 percent of the population either has mental illness or has a family member who has mental illness.

You surely do not wish to intentionally make fun of such a large segment of your readership.

Unfortunately, many people experience their first "break" when they are of college age. It is very important for these folks to seek treatment early in their illness.

Studies have shown that with early treatment, individuals can resume productive lives.

Without treatment, many deteriorate and become seriously handicapped.

One complicating factor is that mentally ill individuals are often not aware that they are ill. This is a condition known as anosognosia, or poor insight, which is caused by the chemical imbalances in the body.

Dr. Xavier Amador has written an excellent book, "I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help!" which is described as a practical guide for families and therapists to help the seriously mentally ill accept treatment.

NAMI Stigmabusters are dedicated to changing public attitudes from fear and rejection to understanding and support of persons with mental illness.

There are many "beautiful minds" in your readership.

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SOUND OFF

What was your most exciting experience over the summer?



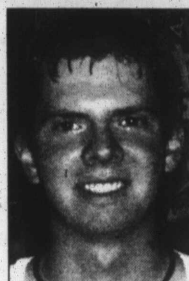
Lydia Bennett
freshman, undecided

"I almost hit a bear in my car."



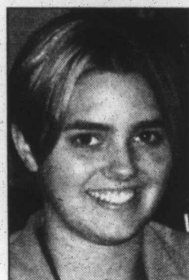
Hans Brigman
freshman, computer science

"Probably going to my friend's camp with a bunch of friends to do what guys do."



Brad Kent
senior, psychology

"Getting lost in the ghettos of Washington, D.C."



Lindsay Westermeier
freshman, graphic design

"I worked every day, but on my last day everyone threw me a Sponge Bob Squarepants going-away party. Sponge Bob rules!"



Amanda Jayska
senior, public relations

"Is it legal to write about my excitements? You could only truly understand them through sounds."



Katie Bosma
freshman, undeclared

"I was employed at an out-patient mental health clinic and met a lot of interesting people."

Offenders forfeit rights

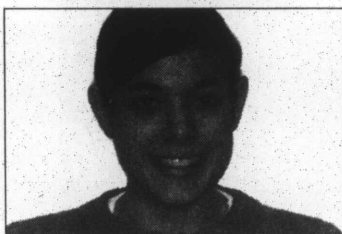
On June 4 a federal court judge declared Michigan's Sex Offender Registry Act unconstitutional, stating that it denies those whose names are printed on the list an opportunity to challenge whether or not they are a danger to society. I was disgusted by this decision.

Michigan's Sexual Offender Registry Act, passed in 1994, required that, "persons convicted of certain offenses to register, to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments and agencies in connection with that registration; and to prescribe penalties and sanctions."

Until June in the state of Michigan, charged sexual offenders who have committed an act upon a victim under 18 years of age were forced to register. As a native of the small town of Bellaire, Mich., the effects of gruesome sexual molestation affected me when a well-liked and well-respected man in our small community molested a classmate. This classmate was forced to deal with this morbid act at the young age of seven. His attacker, who owned a local business, had the entire town fooled. His was a face everyone recognized.

When the details of the terrible incidents were finally made public years later, you can be sure his will be a face I'd never forget no matter where I go. For

STAFF COLUMN



BY MARY ANN CANCELLA

the time being, this man is imprisoned, but if someday I were to cross paths with him, I am aware of his past.

But what about those lurking out there that we would not recognize him — those that could possibly live next door or somewhere in the neighborhood? As an aunt of two beautiful nieces and possibly as a future mother, I feel a need to protect the innocent children and not the guilty convicted sex offenders.

Certainly there are exceptions, as there are for everything. One example is the "Romeo and Juliet" cases, involving people who engage in underage sex and get entangled in the legal system through statutory rape. Their danger to society is arguable.

But perhaps the law should be revised so that distinctions can be made between the two without throwing out the law all together. Rehabilitating criminals is necessary, but not at the expense of the safety of chil-

dren. It is my belief that the constitution was developed to protect people's rights. However, once you have broken the law and harmed another individual, you forfeit some of those rights.

Having a registry online alerts the community when a person may be a danger to the safety of themselves and their family. What you do with that information is up to you. As citizens we should at least have the right to know. Abolishing such a law is absurd, especially when taking into consideration that 70 percent of first time sex offenders will commit another offense.

Without such a registry we have no way of knowing who is out there. Of course we cannot rely on this tool solely to sort those who are potentially dangerous, but taking into consideration the brutalities of the world around us every detail counts. It's true, you cannot judge a book by its cover, but the registry at least gave the public a glimpse of its possible contents.

We are faced with a choice: do we side with the convicted criminals who have already committed such a violent and disgusting act, or do we take the side of our children, who have committed no crime?

Editor's Note: Mary welcomes reactions to her columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

Dancing in the crosswalks

STAFF COLUMN



BY KRISTY BASOLO

There I stood. I shifted my weight while I surveyed the oncoming parade. Traffic whizzed by my perch on the curb in front of the crosswalk, and I wondered where all the Public Safety officers were when I wasn't speeding, but a lot of other people were.

I just wanted to cross the street. I considered busting out the Moonwalk or the Roger Rabbit to distract drivers and get them to slow down long enough for me to scamper across the street. But clearly I was not dressed properly for the occasion, as I left my white glove in storage with my winter stuff, and my bunny costume is currently at the cleaners.

I was trying to cross the street to Cohodas so I could stand in line for endless hours doing the hottest move in the local clubs (Can we call them clubs?): the Cohodas Shuffle. It's like C-walking, with a little less "C" and a lot more walking—from office to office in Cohodas in search of a simple answer. The Cohodas Shuffle is one of those moves that never goes out of style — like the White-Man Bop — simply because you know somewhere, someone will always be doing it.

School hadn't even started yet, and I couldn't find a parking spot anywhere near campus. I can't wait for the winter so we can start incorporating the Parking Lot Polka in our repertoire of dance moves. But I digress.

Finally, I thought I saw a break in the traffic over the horizon. I prepared myself to dart through the traffic without scuffing my new Adidas. It's hard to look cool doing the Shuffle if you've got scuffed shoes.

But all of a sudden, I noticed that the next car was slowing down. Some nice man had decided to actually stop for a pedestrian at a crosswalk on NMU's campus. I was so delighted, I blew the guy a kiss and, if I could have, I would have done cartwheels across the road. I didn't want to pull anything before my club debut with the C-Shuffle, so I opted not to. Isn't it the thought that counts?

I joined the conga line that was now all the way out the front doors of Cohodas. If the university is really looking to make money, they should set up a cash bar next to the line going into Financial Services. I'd definitely buy the ladies behind the desks a round.

Later that day, Sasha (my Honda Civic) and I were on our way back to Cohodas for my second debut, I saw a girl with a familiar stance standing at the

curb in the exact spot I had been earlier. I felt her pain and started to slow down. The guy behind me laid on his horn. I assumed he approved of my decision to stop, so I waited for the professors who were strides away from the sidewalk, inspired by the kindness bestowed on me earlier in the day.

According to Michigan's Uniform Traffic Code, the driver of the vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling, or when approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but a pedestrian must not leave a curb and walk or run into the path of a vehicle in their lane of traffic. In other words, as Public Safety put it in an e-mail last semester, "drivers yield to pedestrians in their lane; pedestrians insure it is safe to enter the crosswalk before doing so."

So, no, you don't have to stop for walkers waiting at the curb, but why not? Maybe your kindness will come full-circle.

As members of Public Safety noted in that e-mail, sometimes "pedestrians on campus seem to simply ignore their own safety and enter roadways without regards to traffic." Rarely do you see such behavior outside of the campus environment. Only people with a serious death wish would walk into on-coming traffic, especially once the snow flies. "Frustration results ... people forget not only their responsibilities, but safety as well."

The whole thing is just silly. There is no reason to be furious over a simple thing like driving. Life is too short to be angry over traffic (something that is beyond all of our control). Road rage is for people who have nothing else to occupy their emotions. When you're driving, be considerate of walkers. And when you're on foot, look out for your own safety. Crutches severely inhibit your ability to do the Shuffle.

Editor's Note: Kristy welcomes reactions to her columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

Beginning of year brings energy

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

For about a week now, I've been admiring and trying to avoid the sudden shock of electricity to Marquette, all at the same time. Classes are in session, and college students have repossessed the town.

I spent my first summer in Marquette this year, and while I made very little money, I enjoyed the town. Of course, Marquette is rather appealing when compared to my hometown and its 3,000 or so residents. Spending time with friends during the last four months was important to me, and the tranquility of this little city on Lake Superior was peaceful. The atmosphere is what will keep me here next summer.

One week ago students began to re-inhabit the residence halls, and I was working my summer job as a custodian in Gant Hall. Students mingled with neighbors as parents assembled lofts, and cars rubbed bumpers in the courtyard. It reminded me of why I didn't like living off campus, but adrenalin was injected into the stagnant dormitory; it's a controlled energy that only college students possess. Age tends to slow humans, and there's nothing controlled about the energy in high school students—our generation has the right mix of intelligence, common sense and motivation. Weekends don't count.

On Friday night, Lincoln Street had more inebriated incoming freshmen than Presque Isle had deer two years ago. Fourth Street porches were posting stations for small and large groups of students anxious to enjoy the final weekend before classes began. The many police departments with jurisdiction on Fourth Street were also prowling, keeping noise-levels low and the roadway open. Students walked from bar to bar on Third Street, surely making local businessmen smile. I wondered for a moment if we could have reached our new enrollment goal.

It seems to me that the capacity of Marquette is violated at the end of August. These streets aren't really designed to handle large amounts of traffic, and parking in town and on campus is never abundant. Cars were parked on the grass near parking lots on Monday, and several students decided to leave their vehicles in the middle of the University Center parking lot; blocking exits and tunnels out of the car cluster.

Maybe I have a hidden social anxiety disorder that surfaces when school is back in session, but seeing the faces of my friends who left for the summer stifles my desire for seclusion in Marquette.

To truly appreciate Marquette, I think you must spend a summer and winter here in succession. The same can be said for the NMU campus, as the summer allowed me to get to know more people at NMU and learn about the true inner workings of vital departments, their successes and shortcomings. The abandonment by and return of NMU students can be awkward adjustments, but those movements happen at just the right times. Marquette residents' tolerance levels have peaked come spring, and they're ready for students to leave in May. But by the end of August, the busy streets and fresh faces are desired additions to a small community, and the local economy.

I guess rather than allowing road rage to raise blood pressure, we should enjoy living in a small college town. Our streets are safe at night, the air is clean, yet we still have the opportunity to meet thousands of other college students this year. I made the mistake of meeting only the people I had to during my first year of college. After that, some of the many people I met became my best friends.

So as you're running into people in the narrow hallways of Jamrich Hall, keep in mind that they're as annoyed as you—and many will have dropped out in a month, anyway.

Travis Margoni welcomes reactions to his column at tmargoni@nmu.edu.

Weekend kicks off new school year

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

The Berry Events Center was nearly packed Sunday night as students insanely ran around the arena dressed in togas, chanting and nailing backflips to show off their Northern pride.

Students sat together in the stands uniformly decorated in glitter and painted in green and gold to cheer their halls and Wildcat teams on at the All Student Rally held during Welcome Weekend 2002.

In an attempt to get freshmen and new students acquainted with NMU, ASNMU sponsored this year's Welcome Weekend.

The weekend was kicked off Thursday night at 7 p.m. with an early showing of "Spiderman" and ended Sunday night with the All Student Rally in the Berry Events Center.

ASNMU President Carissa Waters said that ASNMU began to prepare plans for this year's Welcome Weekend



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Freshmen pre-med major Nick Kilduff, finance major Rob Eberts and mechanical engineer major Brad Filips all jump

in late March.

This year incorporated many events different from last year, such as Thursday night's drop-in held in the Marketplace, along with the dive-in movie shown in the pool Friday night and various outdoor activities.

Waters believes that this year went well compared to last year, which she says is due in part to better weather than last year.

"The schedule was so full," Waters said. "There was so much going on and it was really well coordinated."

From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday evening to Saturday morning, the Health Promotions Office and S.H.A.P.E. (Student Health Alliance Promoting Education) hosted an all-night PEIF night, which also included two showings of "Jaws" in the pool. Students could swim, or float on inflatable devices while enjoying the movie.

In order to partake in the event, all participants had to be alcohol-free and were given a breathalyzer test to ensure their sobriety.

"As far as I know, no one failed or was turned away from the event," Health Promotions Director Lenny Shible said.

"I think lots of students got out and got involved. Hopefully students got together, reconnected and had a fun time with the absence of alcohol."

The weekend also included activities such as music, cards and games at the Marketplace on Thursday night, PEIF open recreation days everyday and a hike through downtown Marquette on Friday.

Participants could enjoy the seafood fest, which ran from Saturday to Sunday evening at Lower Harbor, ice skating at the Berry Events Center and hypnotist, Dale Evans on Friday night.

On Saturday, the events included a Presque Isle cook-out, a hike up Sugarloaf, a trail ride, an open climbing wall at the PEIF, lawn games, a bog walk and a drive-in movie showing of "Van Wilder" in Jamrich 102.

"I think it was a good idea to show this movie," junior zoology major Chris McKinney said. "There were a lot of people there and it fit in well because it was all about college and fraternities."

On Sunday students had the opportunity to hike little Presque Isle, find their classes on an all-campus tour and participate in residence hall meetings.

The day was wrapped up with the opportunity for all students to "Be a Part From the Start" at the All Student



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman nursing major Melissa Heasley, right, and her mother, attended the Seafood Fest for during Welcome Weekend 2002. The festival ran all weekend at Lower Harbor.

Rally. Resident adviser of Van Antwerp Hall and senior elementary education major Janele Grundy thanked the residents for winning the most spirited NMU house award on Sunday at the all student rally.

"It was a great feeling to win," Grundy said. "Most of the effort came from the residents. We had a dress up your RA (competition) in each house and the residents really got excited about it and had a great time."

Many prizes were given away throughout the week-

end. On Friday night, the prizes included a DVD player, PEIF passes, a television and a stereo.

ASNMU funding for the weekend came from the Alumni Foundation, financial sponsors and donations from local businesses such as the NMU Bookstore and the Landmark Inn.

"I noticed that there was a lot of excitement this year," Waters said. "There was a lot last year, too, but more this year."

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Alumni, students open art gallery

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Many graduates attempting to hit the workforce this summer ran across a problem with the post-Sept. 11 economy: no one, it seems, is hiring.

With layoffs at major companies and staff cutbacks to save money for smaller businesses, job hunting is becoming a job in itself.

It would have been easy for four recent art and design graduates to fall into the stereotype of "starving artists." Instead, they are making it possible for other artists to eat by providing a gallery space for NMU students and community members to show and sell their work, in addition to create work in shared studio spaces.

Their gallery, *Two Thirty One: House of Muses*, is the product of a summer's worth of renovations, money from the pockets of the seven business partners and three people's search for a new apartment.

Alumni Melissa Matuscak, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic communication, Anthony Whitlock, with a Bachelor of Science in broadcasting and Jesse Krank, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in digital cinema, were looking for a place to live. After scouring the area for a house, the group ran across the empty first floor of 231 W. Washington St.

The opportunity was too good to pass up, so the trio propositioned the owners of the building to let them do something art related on the first floor and live in the apartment above. Three other people inter-

ested in helping the gallery idea take shape, including Andy Nelson-Zaleski, an NMU graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography, and two current NMU students, senior digital cinema major Brian Garnell and senior graphic design major Kaylen Williams, moved in as well.

Work began immediately and the result is *Two Thirty One: House of Muses*, an art gallery with shared studio spaces. The gallery opened July 1, and the studio spaces are expected to be ready for use by the end of the semester.

Matuscak said renovations to the first floor area, which had been vacant for a while and needed repairs, began early in the summer. The building materials and start up costs, in addition to the money required to maintain the gallery, came from the pockets of the six roommates and their friends who wished to help. The gallery is run completely by volunteers.

Krank said all of the artwork displayed in the gallery is for sale, but all of the profits go to the individual artists. He said the mission of *Two Thirty One* is not to be a profitable corporation, but to provide a venue for local artists to generate income.

Krank said it is a place for community members to see and buy artwork, and a place for community artists to show and sell their work.

"This is an opportunity for students to get their name out into the community," Williams said. "People who don't usually go to campus art galleries might come in here and be surprised."

Both community members and NMU students are encouraged to submit art to the gallery. Renovations are continuing at *Two Thirty One*, where future

plans include a light studio/painting and drawing area, a darkroom and a recording studio available for use on a fee which is yet to be determined.

The darkroom is tentatively scheduled to open for public use by the end of the semester.

Matuscak said they hope to put couches and a table into the gallery to accompany the growing library of art related books. The goal is to make *Two Thirty One* a place promoting cultural diversity, learning and artistic expression, in addition to a cool place to hang out.

"We're trying to maintain an informal and comfortable setting, but still be taken seriously," Krank said.

While getting the gallery running has been a lot of work, Krank said the energy level and enthusiasm of those involved has been unsurpassable.



Chris Mosier/NW

"It's been a group effort," Krank said. "Everyone had to put in work, but this is something that we don't want to take credit for as individuals; we want future groups of Northern art students and recent grads to keep this going."

NMU senior photography major Chris Meerdo does not live at 231 Washington, but hopes to move into the apartment above the gallery next year. The only non-roommate member of the *Two Thirty One* board of directors, Meerdo said he joined the roommates in helping to open the gallery because he was drawn by the idea of having an art gallery with a community concept.

"It's a great concept, having students who just graduated or are nearing graduation be able to do this," Meerdo said. "It's a great transitional place for students to get real experience in a gallery and art business."

Despite the hard work, or maybe because of it, everyone involved has found opening the *Two Thirty One: House of Muses* gallery to be a valuable experience.

"The most rewarding thing has been the response we've gotten," Meerdo said.

Krank said being involved in the gallery is turning out to be a valuable career experience and an opportunity to reach both the NMU and Marquette communities through art.

The *Two Thirty One: House of Muses* gallery is located at 231 W. Washington St., and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.



Chris Mosier/NW

The gallery offers free admission and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Today, August 29

Last day to add full-semester and first block courses.

"Back to School" blood drive, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge in the U.C.

NMU Swing Club, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Brule Room in the U.C.

Campus Crusade for Christ, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the U.C.

Friday, August 30

Last day to receive 100-percent refund for reduced credit hour load (first block courses).

The Wildcat volleyball team hosts the NMU Ramada Inn Invitational, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

NMU football photo/media day, 3 p.m. in the Superior Dome.

Camp out at the Trap Hills sponsored by the Student Greens. Call Rob at 226-6649 for details or e-mail him at rob@northwoodswild.org.

Saturday, August 31

Last to obtain 90-percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the university (first block courses).

The Wildcat volleyball team hosts the

NMU Ramada Inn Invitational, from 4 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

North Country Trail Hikers will hike at Little Presque Isle at 10 a.m. Meet in the parking lot; first 200 hikers get free T-shirts. Call Shirley at 228-6666 or Pat at 228-8193 for details.

Monday, September 2

Labor Day — No classes!

Labor Day Celebration, including parade, music and food, at 11 a.m. at Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

Tuesday, September 3

Last day to receive 100-percent refund for reduced credit hour load (full semester courses).

Outdoor Recreation Center's Tuesday Night Mountain Bike Ride.

NMU international dancing instruction from all ages and abilities. No partners or experience necessary, 7 p.m. on the second floor in the U.C.

Wednesday, September 4

Teaching and Learning Committee Panel Peer Learning Using Student Groups to Enhance Learning, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC. Panelists include Candy Bays, Jeff Hoffman, Sandi Poindexter and Rachel Harris.

Free swing dancing lessons from the NMU

CAMPUS NOTES

UAW Local 1950 ratified contract this summer

NMU's UAW Local 1950 has ratified a new three-year contract. The union, composed of about 190 clerical-technical employees, voted 108-41 on July 24 in favor of the proposal.

The contract is retroactive to July 1 and must be approved by the NMU Board of Trustees at its August meeting.

Under terms of the agreement, wages will increase 40 cents per hour in the first year of the contract, three percent the second year and 2.8 percent the third year.

The 2002 Memory Walk, which raises **2002 Memory Walk set for Sept. 7 in Marquette** fund for programs and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association, will be held at three locations in Marquette County on

Sept. 7.

In Marquette, the walk will begin at Presque Isle Park, beginning with registration at 8 a.m. at the Pavilion, followed by the walk at 9 a.m. For details, call 228-3910.

Two new exhibits will be featured at the Northern Michigan University Art

Two new exhibits featured in Lee Hall Art Museum

Museum through Oct. 13.

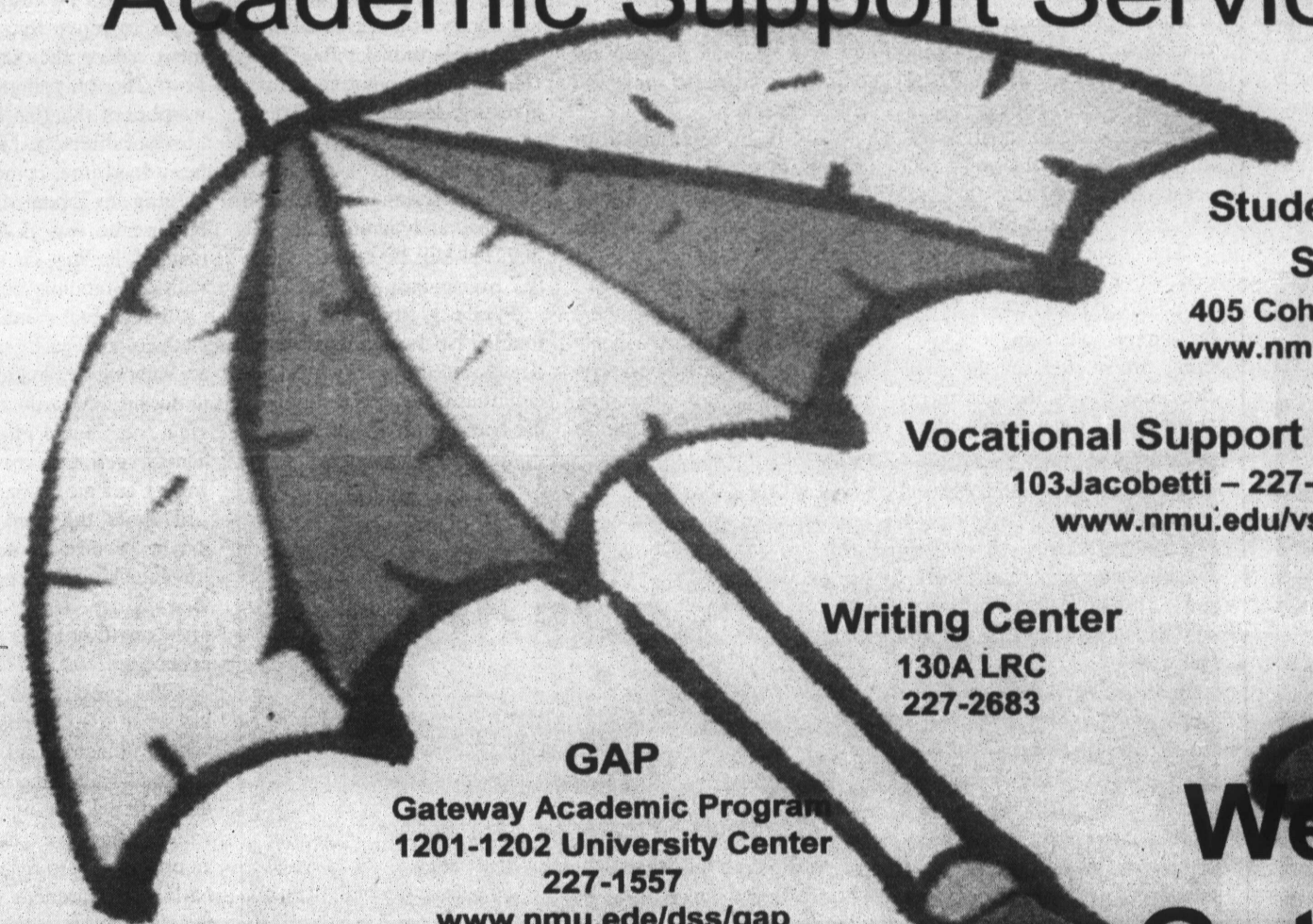
The exhibits, entitled "The Fine Art of Pueblo Ritual" and "Native American Photographs," depict the ritual dances of the Southwestern Pueblo Indians.

The NMU Art Museum is located in Lee Hall, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

THINGS TO DO

Things to Do is a free service provided by The North Wind for the NMU campus community. To submit an event for the Things to Do section, stop by The North Wind and fill out a form or call 227-2545 by noon on the Monday before publication. Events are published as space permits.

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We've Got You Covered!

NMU athletics welcomes new coaches

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

With the beginning of a new sports year, the Northern Michigan University athletic department is making some noticeable changes to the head coaching staff.

Four sports — football, volleyball, hockey and women's swimming and diving — will have new faces making the big calls.

The changes began last December with Eric Holm's resignation as head football coach. Former head hockey coach Rick Comley left NMU in the spring to accept a head coaching position at Michigan State University.

Over the summer, volleyball head coach Scott Sandal accepted a job at Boise State, and Chris Corragio, head coach of women's swimming and diving, resigned.

Although each former coach added to the success of the department, NMU athletic director Dan Spielmann said he is confident in the new head coach replacements.

Taking over for Holm is former Fairmont State College football coach Doug Sams. After 10 years at Fairmont in West Virginia and a record of 53-47-0, Sams brings his football vision to Northern.

"[He] has hit the ground running," Spielmann said. "He's done a good job recruiting and he's worked very hard in the community and the U.P."

Spielmann said he is confident in Sams and feels NMU football is in good hands.

To fill the hockey position, alumnus Walt Kyle has made his way back to familiar ice.

A 1981 NMU graduate, Kyle was with the program as a top assistant when the 'Cats won the NCAA title in 1991.

"He's familiar with the program and sort of coming home," Spielmann said. "He has a good team returning."

Comley's replacement is a milestone for NMU hockey.

Kyle is only the second head coach in the hockey program's 26 years as a sport at Northern.

Comley left Northern with a record of 538-429-68 in 26 seasons.

"Obviously it's not easy to replace a Rick Comley," Spielmann said. "I think Walt is the ideal candidate to do a good job and continue what has been established."

Former Assistant volleyball coach Tracy Hruska will take over the empty spot left by Sandal, who was head coach for two seasons.

He is the second coach at NMU to be hired away to Boise State.

Hruska has been the assistant for three years and is eager to step up to the task.

"Tracy has been with the program," Spielmann said. "She knows it, knows the players and is ready for the opportunity to be head coach."

The swimming and diving head coach position is still in the process of being filled by the NMU athletic department.

Spielmann received about 20 applications for the position.

He said he hopes that the hiring process will be done soon.

"We have a screening committee that screens the applications and recommends who we should interview," Spielmann said. "We bring the candidates in, interview them and then hopefully we'll select the best candidate."

Sams and Hruska will be the first new coaches to begin their seasons at Northern. The football season begins Sept. 7 as the team travels to St. Cloud State University. The volleyball season opens with the



Sams



Spielmann



Kyle



Hruska

NMU Rec Center offers activities

BY STEPHANIE OSWALD
STAFF REPORTER

Northern Michigan University's intramural and club teams are filled with opportunities for students to get involved.

Ranging from one day events to year long sport programs, intramural and club sports offer a wide range of activities that are available on an organized level.

These sports can provide a network of friends, opportunity to travel and the discipline that only sports can give.

"It really made me feel like I was a part of something," sophomore lacrosse player Matt Olson said. "It is a good way to meet other students with your same interests and provides you with a healthy activity."

Intramural and club sports enable students to participate in a less competitive atmosphere than varsity sports.

"It helps me to keep the spirit of Northern, and it is not as demanding as varsity sports," senior crew member Kim Prohaska said. "It still requires time and dedication, but most of all we have a lot of fun."

Participating students have access to Northern sports facilities. Teams utilize the PEIF, the Berry Events Center and the Superior Dome.

They also use outdoor fields around campus and Marquette area locations.

Equipment for teams is provided by Northern with the majority of it purchased in the fall of 2001.

Students of all athletic abilities are eligible to participate.

Scheduled intramural sports for the fall include flag football, ultimate frisbee, ice hockey, indoor soccer, volleyball and bowling.

Club sports include dance team, rugby, track, water polo and men's soccer.

Several special events are scheduled including the King of the Court volleyball tournament; the Pass, Punt and Kick competition; the soccer, volleyball and ultimate skills competition; the "Reach the Seats" home run contest; the slam dunk contest; the free-throw contest; and the slap shot accuracy contest.

Intramural teams can be organized through residence halls or with free agents looking to be placed with a team.

Those interested can call the intramural office at 227-1369 or the club sports office at 227-2519. Information is also available online at www.nmu.edu/rec_svcs or contact intramural office at NMUIntramurals@hotmail.com.

Fall deadlines for entering the flag football, ultimate Frisbee and ice hockey leagues are Sept. 11.

The deadline for indoor soccer and the King of the Court competition is Sept. 18. The deadline for volleyball is Oct. 2, and the bowling deadline is Oct. 9.



Dan Grimm/NW

The NMU volleyball team practices serving in Vandament Arena. The Wildcats begin their season at the NMU Ramada Inn Invitational which begins Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. at Vandament Arena.

NMU volleyball begins season at home

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Tracy Hruska will make her NMU head coaching debut when the Wildcat volleyball team opens its season by hosting the NMU Ramada Inn Invitational this weekend.

Athletic director Dan Spielmann named Hruska interim head coach this summer to fill the vacancy created by Scott Sandal when he accepted Boise State University's volleyball head coach position.

As an assistant with the team for the past three years, Hruska said she is expecting her team to perform well this weekend, despite some tough

competition.

"I'm hoping to see us use the last two and a half weeks of training to compete hard and win our tournament," Hruska said.

To win the invitational, NMU will have to contend with the University of Minnesota-Duluth, the University of Minnesota-Crookston and Rollins College. Michigan Tech University will also participate in the tournament, but will not play NMU because they are both a part of the GLIAC.

Hruska said that her team's work-ethic and heart would be its greatest assets.

"We've been really competitive in practice,"

Please see VOLLEYBALL on Page 14

Key seniors lead cross country team

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU women's cross country team will look to continue their success from last year as they open up the 2002 season at the Michigan Tech Invitational this Saturday.

The team celebrated its best season in school history by training throughout the winter, spring and summer, with each runner

running 35 to 65 miles a week. After taking 6th at NCAA Division II Nationals, coach Sten Fjeldhiem welcomes back most of his top runners and said that he is looking forward to another great year.

"Last year we had our schools best ever finish," Fjeldhiem said. "This team is just as good."

NMU will look to key returning seniors Caitlin Compton and Liza Gorkiewicz, juniors

Michelle Paul, Jordan Seethaler, Jennifer Lahr and Tracy Wills and sophomore Katherine Huemmer.

Seethaler, a GLIAC first team selection in 2001, said after winning the invitational in Houghton the past two years, she expects to do the same this weekend.

"This is the strongest team we've had while I've been here," she said. "We've won quite handily the last few years and I feel

this team is even better, so I would anticipate a similar result."

Aside from the many hours of physical training, several of the Wildcat runners said that mental preparation was just as important for success.

"All of the right physical training won't matter if runners are not focused and confident," Compton said.

Last year she won the GLIAC conference championships and

was NMU's top finisher at Regionals and Nationals.

Paul, who placed 17th at Regionals, also said that mental preparation was an important part of her success.

"I visualize my race the night before and have a plan on the course," she said. "I want to run every race as hard as I can and have no regrets about it."

The Wildcat runners will face runners from Michigan Tech

Scrimmage may decide starting football roster

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Before the Northern Michigan University can take the field against St. Cloud University, they must first face an unlikely opponent — themselves.

The intersquad scrimmage will give new head coach Doug Sams the chance to make his final selections as to who will be starting Sept. 7.

With 99 players looking to fill 22 starting positions, competition will be tough.

"Every day it changes," Sams said. "We got some guys competing whether they're going to be one, two or three so right now, it's still open."

The scrimmage will be set up like an actual game. Officials will be making calls and coaches will be looking for areas that need to be cleaned up before season games start.

Sams said a scrimmage situation is a good workout and a chance to begin to overcome obstacles that he has seen develop this summer.

"I think we just have to have some confidence in ourselves," he said.

Sams said he would also like to see some consistency with the offense and the defense.

"We're looking to be better

finely tuned in game situations offensively," he said. "We're looking to not be so up and down."

The scrimmage will take place at 4 p.m. at the practice fields behind the Superior Dome.



Scott Salisbury/NW

The football team battles each other over the line of scrimmage. The Wildcats have an intersquad scrimmage today at 4 p.m.

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Thursday, August 29, 2002
Last day for students to register for 2002 Fall semester graduation.

Tuesday, September 3, 2002
Last day for students to drop a class with a refund, if appropriate, and without a grade.

Monday, October 14, 2002
Last day for a student participating in commencement to order a cap and gown at the NMU Bookstore.

Friday, November 1, 2002
Last day for a student to drop a full semester course with a "W" grade. Students can withdraw from a course by contacting the Student Service Center, 105 Cohodas Administration Building, 906-227-1221. Students can also contact the Student Service Center for the last day to withdraw from courses which meet for less than the full semester. To withdraw from all courses without failing grades, you must go to the Dean of Students Office, 1104 University Center by this date.

Friday, November 15, 2002
Last day for a masters degree candidate, who has previously applied for graduation, to finalize graduation, including submitting thesis, file papers or project. Candidates who have not completed their requirements by this date will not be allowed to participate in commencement.

Friday, December 13, 2002
Commencement rehearsal in the Superior Dome at 2:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2002
Commencement ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Students participating in the ceremony must arrive at the Vandament Arena at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 17, 2002
Last day for faculty to submit grades for the fall semester. This is also the official graduation date listed on diplomas.

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'Cats prepare to kick off season

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU women's soccer team has no seniors and 21 freshmen on its roster, but that is not stopping fourth-year head coach Carl Gregor from believing this could be his team's best season ever.

"This is the strongest team I've put together so far," Gregor said. "I think we've got some really good chances to do well."

The 'Cats have their first chance to prove their coach right when they take on Quincy University (Illinois) and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville at the Quincy Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Gregor said that his team will be led by strong junior and sophomore classes and that several freshmen will also make an impact.

"The biggest challenge I've got this year is that everyone can play," he said. "It's going to be really competitive."

One of the key returning juniors is NMU's 2001 leading goal scorer, forward Caroline Kunas. After scoring 11 goals and helping her team to a 10-8 record (5-4 GLIAC) last year, she said that she is expecting her team to contend for a conference championship in 2002.

"I think we stack up really well with our competition," Kunas said. "We're right up there with the top teams in the conference so we're going to make a run at it."



Gregor



Scott Salisbury/NW

The women's soccer team scrimmages during practice last week. The team has been practicing three times a day preparing for their tournament in Quincy, Ill. this weekend.

Some of the other returning players that are expected to lead the team are junior April Gieske and sophomores Keri Vandervelden, Brooke Beckmann, Rachel Wilders, Kelli Riesen and Lindsay Maclean.

Several freshmen are also expected to see playing time, including goalkeeper Caroline Bonyng, sweeper Lindsay Ogaard, forward Michelle Gillespie and midfielder Michelle Brown.

Gregor said that Bonyng was a huge addition to the team. She had 52 shutouts in 69 games and was voted the top goalkeeper in Michigan three times during her high school career at East Grand Rapids.

"She's probably one of the best goalkeepers I've ever seen, and that's my specialty," he

said. Sophomore Tara Baker, a key defender for the team, said that the freshmen and returning players were working well together, practicing three times a day and conditioning heavily to prepare for their opening tournament.

"The freshmen that came in are really good," she said. "They will help us out a lot."

Last year NMU suffered seven of their losses to nationally or regionally ranked teams with six losses coming by one goal or less. Gregor said that his team would continue to learn as the season progressed.

"As we're progressing and getting older, we're getting better," he said. "We're gaining experience by playing the best teams out there and we're only going to get better

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VOLLEYBALL

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she said. "They are all here for the right reasons."

After a 22-10 (12-6 GLIAC) record and a trip to the Division II regionals last year, the 'Cats will look to their two seniors, Beth Laveen and Meghan Kimball, for leadership.

Laveen, a 6-foot-3-inches-tall middle blocker, was an All-GLIAC and Great Lakes Region selection and led the team in kills, blocks and assisted blocks

last year.

"I think we're going to do really well," she said "The defense we are playing and the type of system we are running are going so smooth."

Kimball was also a key member of last year's squad.

"She's the team's vocal leader and our spark plug," Hruska said.

After the coaching change, Kimball said that coach Hruska has done a good job bringing the team together.

"We're all playing well during

the preseason," Kimball said. "Tracy has done a great job working on our defense and working new people in there."

Kellie McCune, who led the team in assists last year, and Holly Greenamyre, a 6-foot-2-inch-tall freshman from Omaha, Neb., are also expected play key roles for the Wildcats.

NMU's first game will be played at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday. The team will play at 4 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be held in Vandament Arena.

SPORTS SHORTS

NCAA 2004 hockey regionals announced

The NCAA has declared Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. the official spot for the 2004 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Midwest Regional. Western Michigan University will help host the event.

Van Andel Arena is home to the Grand Rapids Griffins.

The location was chosen because of the Grand Rapids' attractions and accommodations in the city and surrounding areas.

'Cat swimmers earn academic awards

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) has announced the Academic All-American Awards for winter/spring 2002 for NCAA II.

As a team, the Wildcats are ranked 17th out of the 21 teams ranked, with a team GPA of 3.039. Truman State is the top ranked team with a 3.59 GPA.

Individually Jill Bren is ranked second with a 3.987 GPA. The sophomore from

Verona, Wis. is majoring in psychology. Shelly Ruspakka is ranked sixth on the list. Also a sophomore from Humbolt, Mich., she carries a 3.878 GPA with a major in technical communications.

Three other 'Cats were ranked in the Top 30. Kristy Vermillion, a junior from Novi, Mich., was ranked 26th as she has a 3.583 GPA with a major in fitness/health management. Sophomore Kathie Cole, from Elmhurst, Ill., was right behind her teammate Vermillion in the 27th spot with a 3.581 GPA. She is an undeclared major.

The final 'Cat to be ranked on the list was junior Katie Worley, from Zeeland, Mich. She has a 3.571 GPA with a major in fitness/health management.

Wildcat Club result of two club merge

Northern Michigan University athletic officials announced the NMU Golden Wildcat and the Gridiron Clubs merged to form the Wildcat Club.

"The merger is to enhance and promote our fund-raising efforts for Northern Michigan

athletics," NMU Athletic Director Dan Spielmann said.

The Wildcat Club is the fund-raising arm for all Northern Michigan athletics and provides support to the entire athletic program.

The Golden Wildcat Club was started in 1969 and is comprised of individuals and businesses who are interested in assisting NMU student-athletes with their education and athletic performance.

Donors will continue to have the ability to designate their donations to particular sports (13 total) at NMU. Varsity teams for women include alpine skiing, basketball, cross country, nordic skiing, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis and volleyball. Varsity teams for men include basketball, football, golf, hockey and nordic skiing.

All sports are NCAA Division II, except ice hockey, which is Division I. Memberships are available by contacting the NMU Development Fund or Athletic Office.



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Little Lamb — Oh so proud of you! Love — **Jackal**

Ruff Ryder — I hear you've got a new nickname ... I guess we should be calling you Lugs from now on? — **K-Lo**

Mr. D — We'll get sloshed soon, don'tcha worry — **Mr. G**

What's up gang? — You know who you are. Patricia, you're the best roommate ever. Thanks for putting up with me — **Yo-yo**

Sarah — Could you quick run to my apartment? I think I forgot to unplug my iron — **Adam**

Mongoli — We miss you. Stop by and visit sometime — **NW staff**

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Boy — So how does it feel to be kicked out? Interesting. Very, very interesting — **Girl**

Phone guy — We don't know about Bailey's wages compared to U of M or State, but thanks for the humor in your little tantrum; it eased the deadline tension. Hope you won your bet — **NW staff**

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Microrepair — Can I please have an R31? — **Nathan**

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Rhyno — Sorry I haven't been exactly sane this week. Thanks for keeping me out of the mental institution. I love you — **Citgo Girl**

Jess — We miss you! Hope you haven't developed an allergy to corn — **NW staff**

Adviser — Watch out for those rolling chairs. They buck — **NW staff**

Mom and Dad — Sorry you haven't heard from me all week, but I haven't had time to sleep either so don't feel bad. Love — **Brat**

Lottie — I miss you! Plan on singing some drunk John Denver songs very, very soon! Love ya — **Crazy M.**

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full moon. Somethin's brewin' — **MarlaSinger10**

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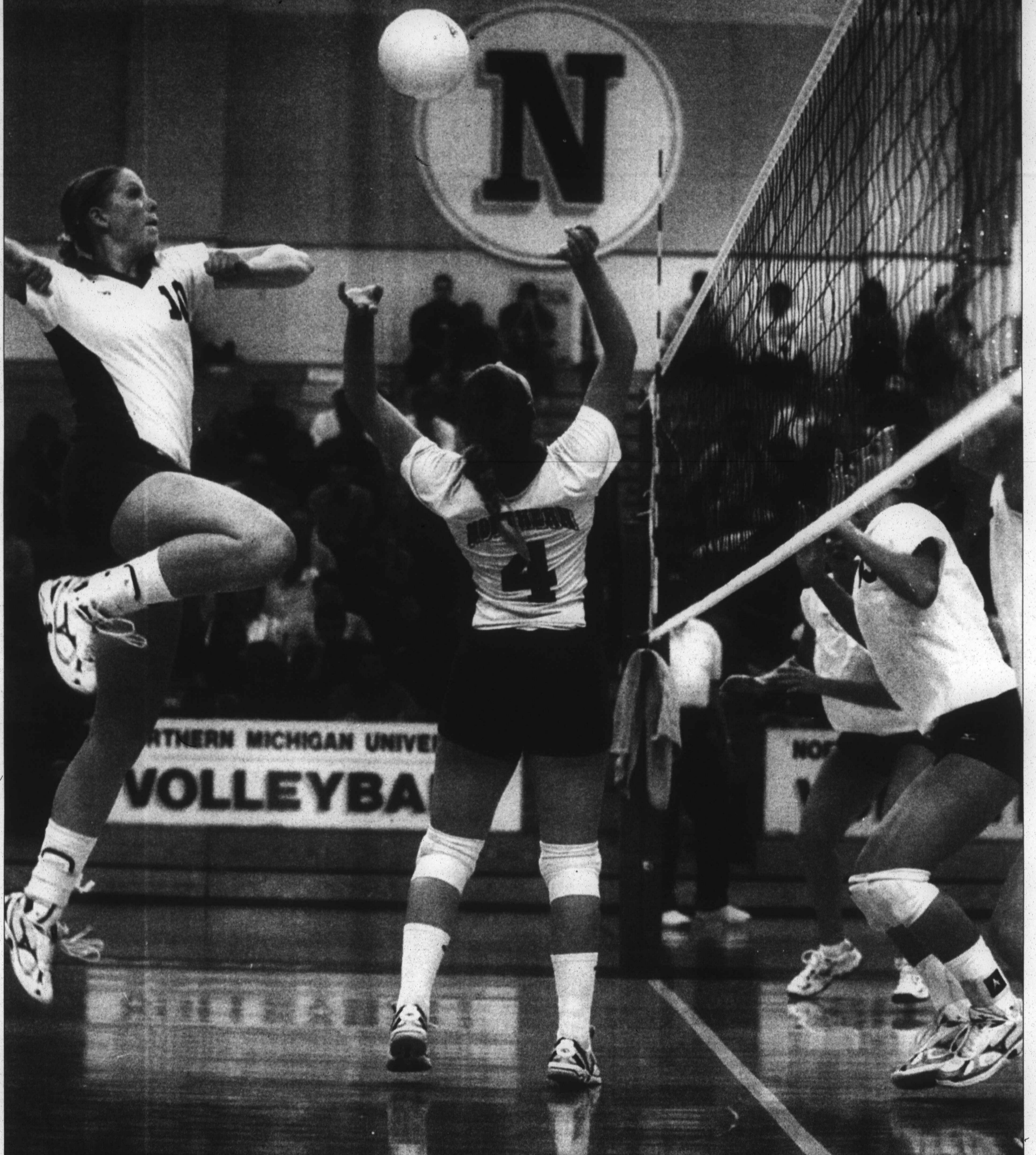
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2002 Wildcat Volleyball




"Meet the 2002 Wildcat Volleyball Team"


"New Interim head coach expresses desire to stay"




With a new head coach and six new faces, the NMU volleyball team is looking at the season game by game with solid goals to succeed. Ranked fourth by the pre-season GLIAC head coaches poll, the 'Cats want to exceed expectations as they compete in the challenging GLIAC North. If goals are met, the team will be earn a conference championship and gain that automatic bid to regionals.




5-3
senior
Meghan Kimball
San Marcos, Calif.
Defensive Specialist
Last season, Meghan played in 121, recording 38 service aces and 210 digs.




5-8
Junior
Anne Kinsella
Burnsville, Minn.
Setter
Last season, Anne played in four games.




5-10
sophomore
Kelly McCune
Fort Collins, Colo.
Setter
Last season, Kelly played in 121 games, recording 1413 assists.




5-11
freshman
Liz Kohn
South Milwaukee, Wis.
Middle Blocker
This season will be Liz's first season as a Wildcat.




5-6
sophomore
Stephanie Means
Gillies, Wyo.
Defense Specialist/Setter
Last season, Stephanie played in two games.



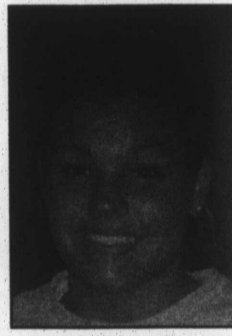
5-11
sophomore
Jennie Little
Rhodes, Mich.
Outside Hitter
Last season, Jennie played in 18 games, recording 16 kills and 3 service aces.




6-3
senior
Beth Laveen
Easton, Mich.
Middle Blocker
Last season, Beth played in 121 games, recording 446 kills and 117 blocks.



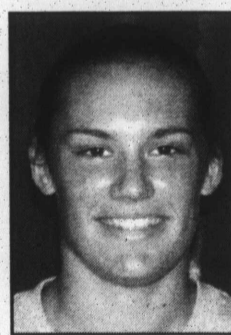
5-8
freshman
Lisa Wise
Glenview, Ill.
Setter
This season will be Lisa's first season at Northern.




5-10
freshman
Britni Wilk
Bettie Creek, Mich.
Outside Hitter
This season will be Britni's first season at NMU.




6-0
sophomore
Aimee Dewitte
St. Charles, Ill.
Middle Blocker
Last season, Aimee played in 89 games, recording 232 kills and 68 total blocks.



6-0
freshman
Andrea Smith
Ironwood, Mich.
Middle Blocker/Outside Hitter
This season will be Andrea's first season at NMU.



5-10
junior
Andrea Kmet
Westlake, Mich.
Outside Hitter
Last season, Andrea transferred from a junior college.



6-2
freshman
Holly Greenamyre
Omaha, Neb.
Middle Blocker
This season will be Holly's first season at NMU.

Step by step, one game at a time

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

New players, a new coach and a new philosophy. That is the face of the Northern Michigan University volleyball team this fall.

An already young team welcomed five new freshmen, a junior college transfer and a new head coach three weeks ago when practice began. The addition with the largest impact comes with the change of head coach as Tracy Hruska steps in as interim head coach and brings with her new position a new team philosophy. Former

coach Scott Sandel resigned this summer to coach at Boise State University.

"My main priority is defense," she said. "I think in the rally score system it is very important to be a defensive team."

The rally score system was adopted by GLIAC last year. In this new system, each time any team makes an error it results in a point for the other team. The new system does not limit points to only the side that is serving.

While philosophy is different, goals remain the same. "We would like to win our conference," Hruska said. "We have individual goals with every match that we

play."

One goal the team has is to have full out effort in practice and in games. On the defensive end, Hruska said she would like to see her team out dig their opponents. Hruska also said they are going to take the season "step by step, one game at a time."

"I think if we set goals too far ahead, we are going to

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New interim head coach expresses desire to stay

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

NMU's new interim volleyball head coach Tracy Hruska is taking advantage of her title as interim.

"This opportunity to be labeled as interim basically is a chance for me to prove what my ability is before I apply for it," she said. "I think it's a great opportunity."

As three years as assistant coach and an impressive volleyball background, Hruska has proven herself.

Hruska began playing volleyball in fourth grade and continued through college. She played in a high level high school south of Chicago and made it to the first round of the state finals.

Her experience on a Chicago club team made her visible to recruiters from the University of Colorado, which made it to the Sweet 16 during her volleyball career.

Hruska first came to NMU as assistant under Toby Rhen.

"I knew that it would be a great opportunity for me as the assistant where sometime down the road, I would have the opportunity to step in at the head coach position," she said.

The chance to step in this year came when former head coach Scott Sandel left to become head coach for Boise State University.

Athletic director Dan Spielmann and the team already have confidence in her ability to take charge of the program.

"Tracy has been here before," senior middle blocker Beth Laveen said. "We know her and we trust her. Things are going great."

As head coach, Hruska has set high goals for herself and the team.

Her main goal is for the girls

to have a competitive year. She said she also wants them to feel at the end of the season that they learned everything that they needed to learn.

"If they [achieve] those, I'll feel like we're at the highest level," Hruska said.

She would also like to be coaching a team that plays for the national championship in a couple years.

Although most coaches in the past have used Northern as a stepping stone to a Division I coaching job, Hruska expressed her desire to stay with the program.

"I love it here," she said. "This is an opportunity for me and also Northern to finally get a coach in here who is not going to use it as a stepping stone. That's what people have done in the past because it has such a good tradition."

Hruska has grown to appreciate the community, support and fans that she has encountered in the three years she has been here.

"Why would you ever want to



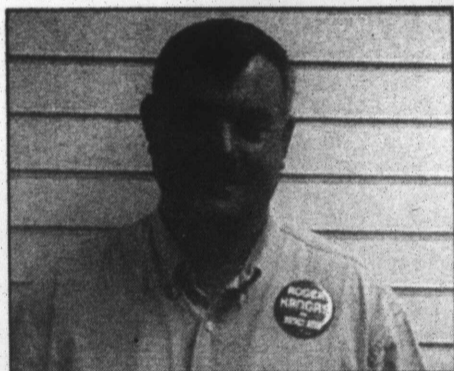
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| Aug. 30-31 | NMU Ramada Inn Invit. | Get this |
| Sept. 6-7 | Colorado Premiere Challenge | TBA |
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| Sept. 13 | Bellarmino/SIUE | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Northern Kentucky | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 20 | Ferris State | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Grand Valley | 4 p.m. |
| Sept. 24 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Gannon | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Mercyhurst | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 4 | Saginaw Valley | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Northwood | 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 12 | Wayne State | 4 p.m. |
| Oct. 13 | Hillsdale | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | Michigan Tech | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 | Ashland | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | Findlay | 4 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | Grand Valley | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Ferris State | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 1 | Saginaw Valley | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 2 | Northwood | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 5 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 8 | Michigan Tech | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 14-16 | GLIAC Championship | TBA |
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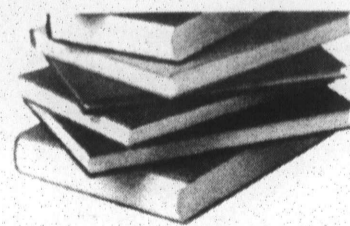
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look past some games," she said. "Somebody is going to make an error, your team or the opponent, and that gives the team the point and possibly the momentum.

"So we're not overlooking anybody."

Taking charge of the 'Cats this season is a solid eight players, lead by seniors Beth Laveen as top middle blocker and Meghan Kimball as the defensive specialist.

Freshman Holly Greenamyre is stepping in as the second middle blocker.

Sophomore Aimee Dewitte, who was a middle blocker last year, is moving to the outside hitter position.

Junior college transfer Andrea Kmet is the other outside hitter. Sophomore Jenny Little is starting on the right side.

Sophomore Kelly

McCune returns as the team's "solid setter" according to Hruska.

"Kelly is a year older and a year stronger," Hruska said. "She is going to actually be more improved than she was last year, even though she won All-Conference recognition."

Laveen said the new additions to the team have fit in well with Northern's system.

"Everyone works really hard," she said. "Everyone carries their own load in practice and gets everything done."

Although the team roster reflects youthfulness, Hruska said she feels the team faces few obstacles.

"I think our base group, which is our sophomores, is very solid," she said.

Hruska said she feels the largest obstacle the team faces is overcoming the men-

tal game more than the physical game.

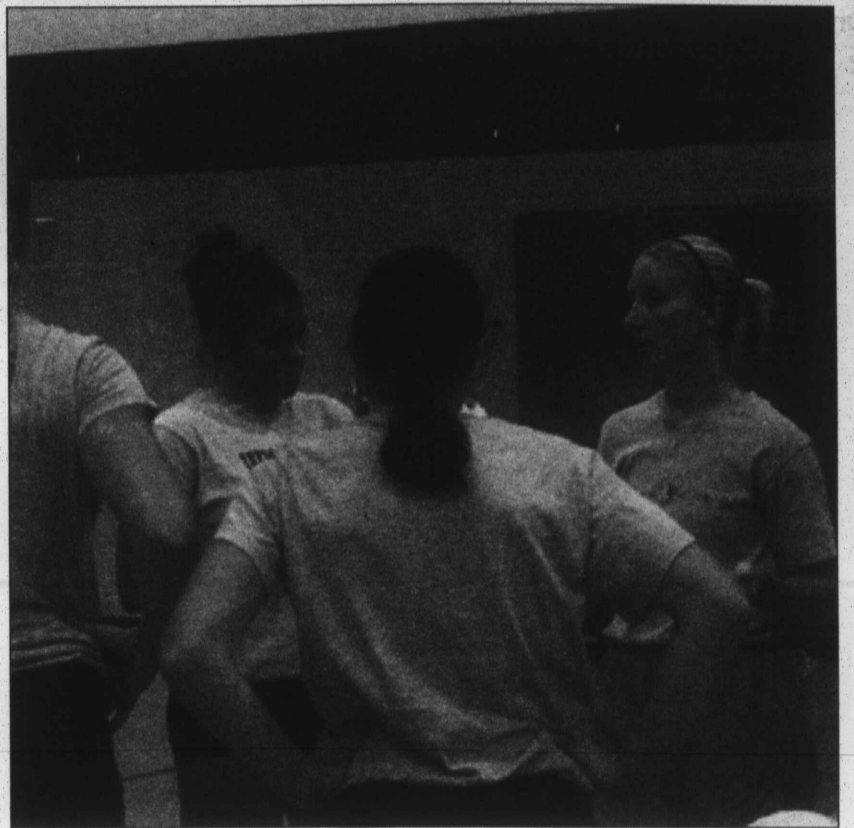
"We're physically very strong and very competitive," she said. "[The obstacle] is just mentally staying in the match and realizing we're going to make errors."

Hruska said the team needs to learn realize that games will be possibly lost.

"Tomorrow's another day, get over it, learn from whether it's an error, mistake or a loss and move on to the next game," she said.

Aside from the obstacles, Hruska also said her team has two important assets their work ethic and their heart.

As the Wildcats head into their season they are looking to improve upon last year's record of 22-10 and exceed the 4th place ranking they received in the pre-season GLIAC head volleyball coaches poll.



Dan Grimm/NW
Head coach Tracy Hruska, right, brings her team together before practice. She makes her coaching debut at 1 p.m. on Friday in Vandament Arena.

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