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Panel evaluates program

School of Nursing examined for re-accreditation status in spring

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

A panel of four professionals representing the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) evaluated the NMU School of Nursing last week for re-accreditation in the spring.

The panel also presented the outcomes of their research in the New Science Facility on Sept. 27.

"This is not an opportunity for debate," said distinguished faculty from the College of Nursing at South Dakota State University Margaret Heggi. "We are just going to present an oral overview highlighting some key areas."

The panel also consisted of Donna Hodnicki, the director of the Master's of science and nursing at Georgia Southern University; Jan Corder, the dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, and geriatric nurse practitioner Kathleen Gleiser from Milwaukee, Wis.

Nursing professor Mae Belle Kessel said evaluating departments for re-accreditation is not the panel's full-time job, although they do receive special training from CCNE in order to do so.

Previous to their visit, the panel read a 100-page self study submitted by the nursing department.

The panel then stayed at the uni-

versity, and met with students, clinical agencies and various groups from the nursing department to validate the contents of the report, Kessel said.

The evaluations were based on four standards set by CCNE. The panel found that the nursing department met all of these standards needed to qualify for re-accreditation.

The first of these standards was the mission and goals of not only the college of nursing but also the university in general, Head of the NMU School of Nursing Kerri Schuiling said.

"They looked at whether the mission, program and goals of our program also fit with the university's goals," Schuiling said.

Secondly, the department was critiqued on institutional commitment and resources. Under this standard,

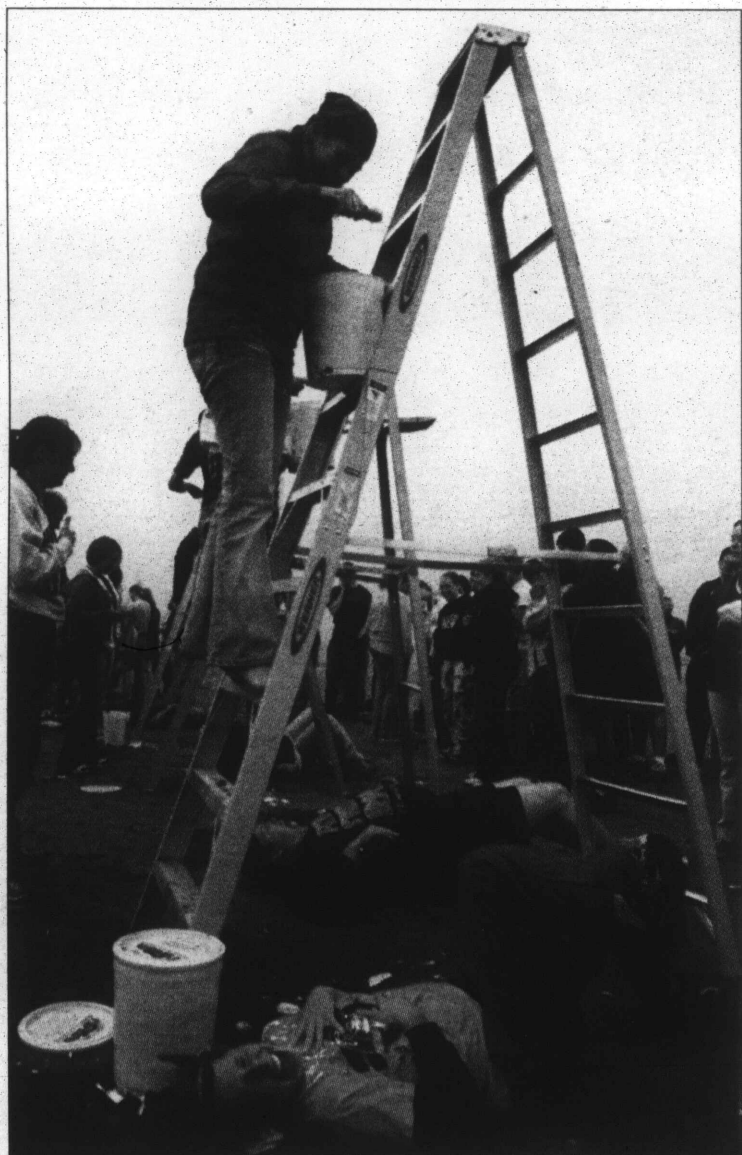
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I scream, you scream



Eryn Kovach/NW

Sophomore criminal justice major Desirae Faulkner misses her target, sophomore sports science major Katy Deneau's mouth, at the ice cream scoop event during the Dead River games on Sept. 29.

Federal accreditation application complete

BY MATT SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University is moving closer to accreditation as faculty and staff complete online surveys and the university prepares to submit its application to Academic Quality Improvement Project on Friday.

If NMU is accepted into AQIP, an alternative to the traditional federal accreditation process, it will be accredited until 2009, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Leonard Heldreth said.

The AQIP accreditation process allows colleges to focus on improving a handful of programs continuously over seven years, as opposed to the current accreditation process, in which the university must evaluate all its programs and make changes accordingly every 10 years.

The NMU administration has prepared a 15-page report which will be submitted by Oct. 4. Heldreth said NMU would find out by November or December whether or not the university will be admitted into the program.

"I would be surprised if we didn't get in," said Heldreth, chairman of the AQIP Steering Committee, which oversees the implementation of AQIP into NMU's accreditation process.

The university is already employing AQIP, and last week the faculty and staff were asked to take the AQIP Vital Focus Constellation, an online survey.

AQIP administrators will use the information gathered from the survey to lead a

strategy forum in the Superior Dome on Nov. 1 for faculty and staff.

The survey was only to be available through Sept. 29, but was put back up on the AQIP Web site on Tuesday, said Teresa Hunt, the accreditation coordinator under Heldreth.

"We had a good response, but since some people didn't take the survey and wanted to, we're extending the time," Hunt said.

The survey will be available online until 5 p.m. on Friday.

Students are not invited to the forum in November, but will be included later in the process through focus groups, Heldreth said.

ASNMU Assembly Chairman Greg Ragan is the student representative on the AQIP Steering Committee.

Ragan said that although students are not involved at this point in the process, it is still better than the accreditation process the university used before.

"In the past, students had no involvement in accreditation," Ragan said. "[AQIP] is a step up. The fact that they chose at least one student on the committee is pretty cool."

Both Heldreth and Ragan see the AQIP as an improvement on the previous system of accreditation.

"I think it's going to be the wave of the future in accreditation," Heldreth said. "I'm really encouraged by the response of faculty and staff and students. This is a much more proactive method of accreditation."

AQIP is a division of the Higher Learning Commission, which is a part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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NURSING

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Schuling said that the panel was observing whether the nursing program received ongoing commitment and support by the faculty at NMU.

The department of nursing was also evaluated on its curriculum and the effectiveness of its program. The key elements of this standard centered on student performance and faculty accomplishments.

"Another part of this standard was truth in advertising," Schuling said. "[The panelists] wanted to see if we presented an accurate picture of our program."

From these evaluations the panel composed a report that will be submitted to CCNE in consideration for re-accreditation in the spring.

Schuling said the main purpose of accreditation is to ensure outside stakeholders a bar of quality.

"It's an essence of quality assurance not only to students interested in our program, but to the patients they will be working with," Schuling said.

The panel approved almost every aspect of the four standards, however they suggested a few areas of possible improvement.

The panel also found nursing faculty salaries ranked low in a national comparison.

Heggi said they found the nursing faculty salaries modest for the

high amount of work the faculty is committed to.

However, Schuling said it is important to point out that NMU nursing faculty salaries are competitive regionally.

In addition, the faculty also found that more development was needed in the second and third years of the graduate program in the clinical setting.

"They suggested that the physical assessment course be moved closer to the time the graduate enters clinical," Schuling said. "But we were already working on changing that."

A positive aspect highlighted in the report was the evaluation of the curriculum.

Both graduate and undergraduate students were able to speak positively about the nursing program and faculty, and the panel was impressed with NMU's response to alumni and employer suggestions for improvement.

The report composed by the panel will be sent to the NCA next spring. The NCA will make a decision on whether or not to accredit the nursing program for the next 10 years.

Within 30 days of the NCA's final decision the school will be notified of the results.

"I feel that it went really well," Kessel said. "But you can never be sure until the final report comes in."

Candidate forum tonight

NMU students, faculty, staff and the Marquette community are invited to attend a candidate's forum tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Explorer Rooms in the University Center.

The forum, which is in conjunction with the U.P. Association Infant Mental Health Conference, will be moderated by Rochelle Riley, a nationally syndicated columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

Michigan politicians Jennifer Granholm, Dick Posthumus, Debbie Stabenow, Carl Levin, Bart Stupak, Mike Prusi, Dave Shoenow, Steve Adamini, James Hafeman and Laurie Stupak have been invited to attend.

Granholm, the Democratic Gubernatorial candidate, and Posthumus, the Republican Gubernatorial candidate, are not yet confirmed to appear.

Sen. Stabenow (D-Clare), Sen. Prusi (D-Negaunee), Rep. Schoenow (R-Manistique), Rep. Adamini (D-Negaunee) and Rep. Hafeman (R-Negaunee) have all been con-

firmed to appear.

Rep. Stupak (D-Menominee) and Sen. Levin (R-Detroit) will be represented by their regional staffs.

Each invited guest received the same five questions, which they are expected to answer in regards to their perspectives on Michigan policies affecting children three and under and their parents, including quality child care, welfare return to work requirements, school readiness and home visiting programs. Due to recent budget difficulties, Michigan has cut funding to these programs leaving several Upper Peninsula counties without these services.

The event is sponsored by the Upper Peninsula Association for Infant Mental Health, the Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health, the Upper Peninsula Chapter of the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition and the Upper Peninsula Community Coordinated Child Care 4-C and Early On.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Sept. 26 issue, the headline "Football gains first conference victory" for the story on Page 13 was inaccurate. The football team gained its first conference victory earlier in the year.

In the Sept. 26 issue, the headline "Former athletes honored" on Page 18 was inaccurate. Joe Blake was not an athlete, and James Donnelly continues to swim competitively.



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BRIEFS

Local

Storm rips through Dickinson area

IRON MOUNTAIN — Dickinson County declared a local state of emergency on Tuesday morning after strong storms and a possible tornado touchdown raced through the area on Monday evening. Roofs were torn off of several businesses and houses along with numerous downed trees. Wind speeds were estimated to be in excess of 100 mph. Flash flood warnings were issued by the National Weather Service Power outages from the storm caused school cancellations on Tuesday for the Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Niagara and Florence districts. Hail damage was reported throughout the Western Upper Peninsula and also in northern Wisconsin, where at least three tornado touchdowns were confirmed.

National

Man attacks bus driver, two killed

FRESNO, Calif. — A transient slashed the throat of a Greyhound bus driver on Tuesday, causing a crash that killed two other passengers. During the scuffle with the driver, the bus slid off Interstate 5 and flipped on its side before stopping in a field just off the freeway. There were 50 passengers in all on the bus when it crashed near Fresno, which was enroute from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Witnesses say the suspect, 27-year-old Arturo Martinez, attacked the driver with a pair of scissors, and the driver struggled to defend himself but lost control of the bus. Twenty-six of the passengers, along with the driver, were taken to area hospitals. Martinez is being held on two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder.

International

Indonesia helps anti-terror effort

JAKARTA — The Indonesian military is preparing to ease growing fears that their country could become a safe refuge for terrorist organizations, as officials have stepped up intelligence and counter-terrorism efforts. According to the Singapore Straits Times, Indonesia has invited the United States to send an investigative team to the republic to look at the possibility of al-Qaeda cells operating there. Indonesia is also sending a team of their own to interrogate a suspected al-Qaeda member currently being held prisoner in the United States. The suspect, Omar al-Faruq, reportedly confessed to U.S. authorities several months ago of using Indonesia as a base to plan attacks on U.S. embassies across Southeast Asia.

Weird News

Pig teeth grown in rat intestines

BOSTON — Doctors may be able to one day allow a person to replace a lost or missing tooth with an identical tooth grown from his or her own cells thanks to the success of a new experiment. Lab bioengineers took seeded cells from developing teeth of six-month-old pigs and then placed them within the intestines of rats. Within 30 weeks, small, recognizable tooth crowns containing enamel and dentin, a bone-like material found under the enamel, had developed. Researchers said they hope that within five years they will have developed techniques to grow teeth of a specific size and shape, and that within 10 years it will be possible to regenerate human teeth, thereby making crown, bridge and denture fitting obsolete.

— Compiled from news sources

Survey says



Patty Rader/NW

Junior elementary education major Katie Riling, senior elementary education major Ryan Brown and senior criminal justice major April Amestad participate in the tune-in game show in Jamrich 102 on Tuesday evening. The game show was part of homecoming week festivities.

Future of courses examined
Academic Senate discusses
Continuing Education issues

BY PHIL WENZEL
 STAFF WRITER

This week's NMU Academic Senate meeting was held to discuss issues of the Continuing Education enrollment and a new possible minor for elementary education program.

The meeting, held on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in the University Center, was largely comprised of Director of Continuing Education Paul McKelvey's presentation on NMU's Continuing Education enrollment.

According to McKelvey's study, NMU is beginning to fall behind other state-supported universities in Continuing Education enrollment because it is not promoting itself enough in the area.

Continuing Education is a combination of independent study courses, which include correspondence as well as print and Web-based courses and courses taught by NMU instructors in off-campus classrooms.

McKelvey said Continuing Education is a fast-growing educational field, especially in Web-based classes. Of the roughly 13 million college students in the United States, about 2 million are enrolled in a Web-based course.

McKelvey said most other state-supported universities are reporting double-digit increases in enrollment, but NMU continues to stay back.

"In my opinion we are falling behind," McKelvey said. "We have great programs but we are keeping them to ourselves."

McKelvey said print courses were defined as those that require students to read and do assignments on their own and interact with the teachers by telephone or fax. Web courses also have students working on their own but they interact with teachers primarily by use of the internet. McKelvey also said print and Web-based courses are leading to less transfer students from community colleges.

With the changing economy, more students are looking to stay closer to home, and these types of courses are making that easier.

NMU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal agreed with McKelvey.

"Continued Education opportunities can provide opportunities to meet the educational needs for students who can't be here," he said.

After the meeting, McKelvey

said NMU is doing a great job attracting traditional college students but it is not attracting enough non-traditional students, which is hurting Continuing Education. He said not enough attention is being paid to the non-traditional students.

McKelvey said one solution for Continuing Education was that NMU could do more to help local working people. For example, more weekend and evening courses could be offered to help them work classes into their schedules. He said more classes should be offered at sites off campus.

McKelvey also said NMU could boost summer enrollment by attracting more teachers from the Lower Peninsula and Wisconsin to take courses here. He said he realizes some Marquette residents may not want more visitors in the summer, but it could actually be beneficial to the area.

Senate members at the meeting approved a measure to allow elementary education majors to make German their minor. It was agreed by senate members that there is more demand for German teachers in elementary schools, warranting the change of policy.

The meeting was chaired by the Academic Senate's Vice Chairman Aura Syed, as Chairman Brent Graves was absent.

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Rain likely. High 55. Low 46. Chance of rain 60 percent.
- **Saturday:** Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the upper 50's. Low around 40.
- **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High near 60. Low around 30.

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Baileys, volunteers construct local home

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This Sunday will mark the third annual "Build With the Baileys," where NMU President Judi Bailey teams up with Habitat For Humanity to help construct a home for a needy local family.

NMU students are welcomed to participate in the project.

The location for this year's "Build With the Baileys" is at 2283 Center Street, found on the corner of Center and Ontario streets.

The project was organized by Habitat For Humanity and the NMU Volunteer Center.

Habitat For Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry with the goal of eliminating poverty housing in Marquette County. According to its informational brochure, the Marquette Habitat For Humanity organization builds and rehabilitates homes with volunteer labor, management expertise and tax-deductible donations of money.

Bailey will be joined by her husband, Physics professor Bren Bailey, from 1 to 4 p.m. in helping with the construction work.

Along with NMU student volunteers, they will be assisted by Northern Michigan Constructors, Director of Student Activities and

Leadership Dave Bonsall, and various NMU faculty and staff volunteers.

"There are things to work on for everyone," Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Rachel Harris said. "That's nice for people of various skill levels."

Volunteers have the opportunity to help with drywall, sodding, foundation work or things as simple as picking up and disposing of trash.

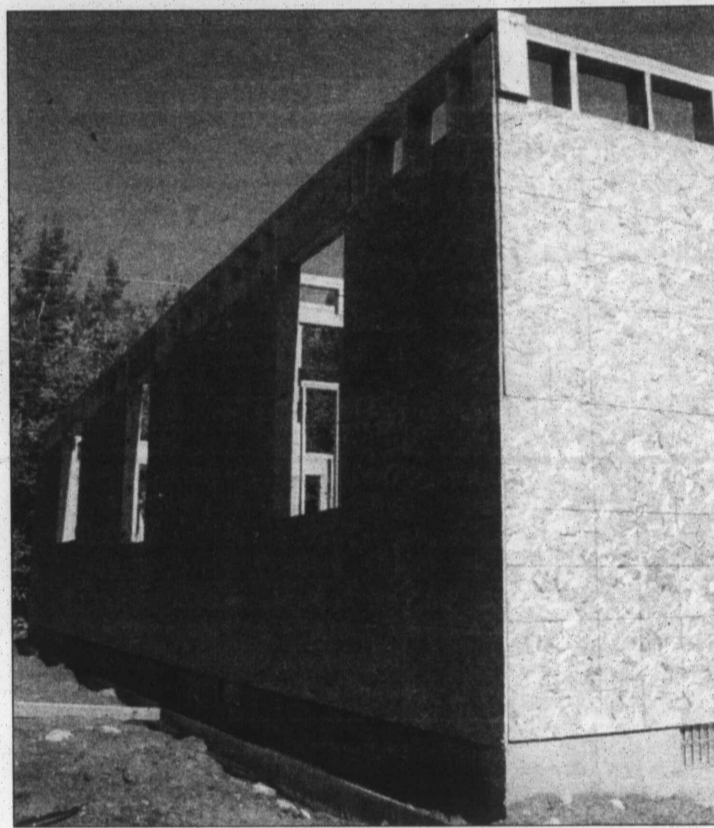
Every little bit of work helps, Harris said.

Bailey became involved with Habitat For Humanity three years ago after being asked to take part in a statewide Habitat build for all state university presidents.

She then joined Michelle Engler, wife of Michigan Governor John Engler, and Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich) in a National Women's Build for Habitat For Humanity.

Bailey said helping those in need and working with students are what she enjoys most out of the project. Bailey strongly encouraged students to volunteer for the Habitat For Humanity projects.

"All of us should volunteer to help others and strengthen our community," Bailey said. "In doing so we learn more about



Eryn Kovach/NW

The house being built for Habitat For Humanity is located at 2283 Center St. "Building With the Baileys," is scheduled for Sunday.

ourselves and each other."

NMU students from the social work, nursing and technology sciences have worked on the Habitat For Humanity and "Building With the Baileys" projects in the past. Harris said that

the number of student volunteers has been between 30 and 40 in the past two years, and event coordinators are hoping to increase that number for this year.

Volunteer Coordinator for

Habitat For Humanity Laurie Schmit said there are currently six houses throughout Marquette County being built this year, with three of them in the city itself. Last year, a total of three houses were constructed on Center Street by Habitat For Humanity volunteers.

"There are families living in deplorable living conditions," Schmit said. "It's great to have a community that helps out these families and also gets students involved."

Schmit said many students from the nursing, social work and the various construction and industrial arts programs have taken part in past "Building With the Baileys" events.

Previous locations for the projects were in Negaunee and on Longyear Street in Marquette.

Schmit also said it is a treat for the families to get the opportunity to meet the community members who are building their home for them.

"This project is a way to show the community that [the NMU] students are a wonderful bunch," Schmit said.

Those interested in the "Building With the Baileys" can stop by 1206 University Center or call 227-1771 for more information.

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Fall 2002 Forums

Students, Faculty and Staff
are invited to attend

1. Technology

Monday, Oct. 7th

JXJ 101

3-5pm

2. Future of Student Housing

Monday, Nov. 4th

U.C. Huron/Erie Rooms

3-5pm

3. Future of Michigan

Higher Education

Thursday, Nov. 21st

U.C. Pioneer A & B

3-5pm

New math exhibit on display at Seaborg

Area designed to illustrate the fun side of mathematics

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University recently opened a new exhibit on the first floor of the Seaborg Center aimed to bring out the fun side of math, as well as illustrate that it is found in all cultures and aspects of life.

Mathematical devices of all shapes and sizes are available for the public to play with, manipu-

late and perform calculations.

An abacus stands ready to add, subtract and multiply, as does an old-fashioned adding machine.

Also on display are a slide rule, computer and other forms of computation from around the world.

The exhibit is the third in a series sponsored by SBC Ameritech, a telecommunication company.

Seaborg Center Director and

exhibit organizer Peggy House said she thought the display adds to the community.

"We want to emphasize the fact that mathematics is [a part of] all civilizations and that it is more than just arithmetic," House said.

Multi-colored Tangrams, seven simple shapes that can be maneuvered to form almost any shape, are on display on a table as a part of the exhibit.

Over them is information regarding their origination in the Orient, rules of play and various examples of what can be formed.

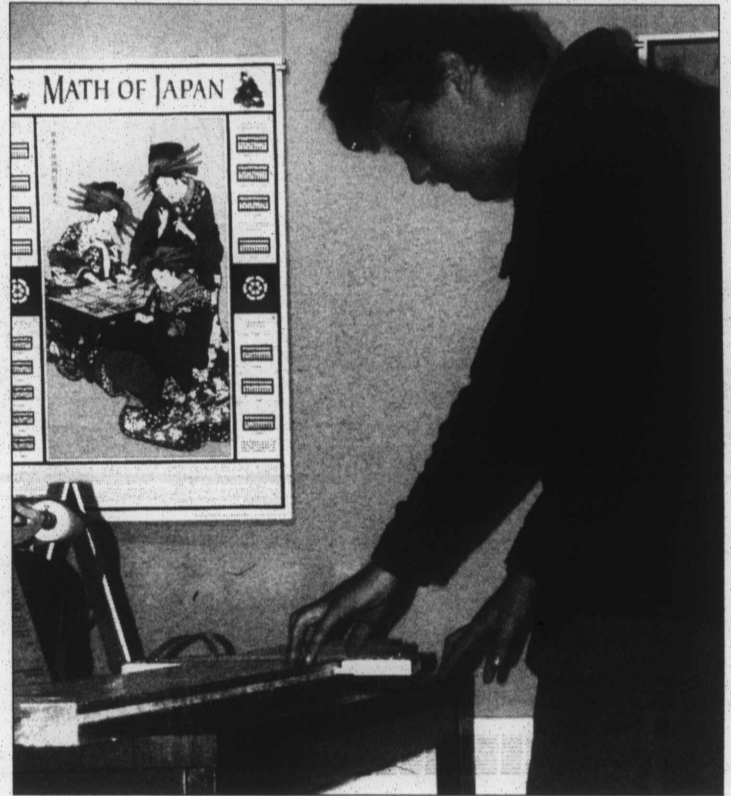
Two additional computers set up at the exhibit contain math-based games from all over the world, such as Mancala and Nine Men's Morris.

Animated characters interact with and play against participants or the games can be played against a friend.

Another computer is set up to help the visitor form tessellations.

Tessellations are repeating shape patterns that match up perfectly and can be found everywhere from the art of M.C. Escher to old-world quilts and Celtic knots.

The computer allows the user to draw anything they like, automatically changing the outline to



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Junior zoology major Tom Pedersen tinkers with the slide scale at the new exhibit in the Seaborg Center of the New Science Facility.



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Senior diagnostic genetics major plays with a shape display set up at the new exhibit. The exhibit is on display until Dec. 13.

form a symmetrical shape.

Then, with the click of a button, the amateur mathematician can see his or her pattern repeat into infinity.

"[Math] expresses a way of thinking, of organizing reality for all cultures," Seaborg

Coordinator of Publications and Computer Networking Stephen Hirst said.

The exhibit, which contains many more displays and activities, is open for free viewing every weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Dec. 13.

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EDITORIAL

TLC needs campus-wide assessment

The TLC program is still in infancy stages at NMU. Fully implemented in the Fall 2000 semester, every full-time student is now required to have a laptop. With over 7,000 students, faculty and staff participating, it is vital to gather feedback to assess the program's strengths and weaknesses — not only when it comes to issues concerning classroom use, but also the overall satisfaction with the program.

Recently, members of the Academic Senate denied a request to do a university-wide assessment of the 2-year-old program as a whole, and said it will be examined solely by academic departments, which will individually evaluate the effectiveness of laptops in their respective programs, and analyze how — and if — they are being used.

While it's crucial to collect feedback from individual departments to see how the program is meeting the needs of students with different majors, it's equally as important to assess the program campus-wide. The process of evaluating the initiative has been an ongoing one, but it is time to come to a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the program. It is our tuition dollars being put to use; students should be able to evaluate the TLC program's overall success and have input about potential improvements.

The ANMU-appointed student TLC committee surveyed students last year about the laptop program to find out what students from different departments liked and disliked about the TLC initiative. But the survey was given to only a sample portion of the student population. To accurately assess the laptop program, more surveys must be given and feedback must be received more frequently.

Suggestions and comments about the laptop program need to be taken seriously. Perhaps all is well and only minimal changes need to be made, but there are always things to tweak. But being the nation's largest public university with a laptop program is a futile title if students are not gaining the valuable experience that could be gained from a truly "connected learning community."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War consequences need more scrutiny

I am writing this letter in response to the two letters that appeared in The North Wind on Sept. 19 that advocated a war against Iraq for the purpose of unseating Saddam Hussein.

Although a noble goal in many ways, I do not feel that it is feasible at this time, and any attempt to do such shall lead to only greater troubles more America in the future.

To deny that Saddam Hussein is evil, would be a foolish and empty gesture. There is simply no way to look at his actions in the past and judge him righteous.

Sadly, if a leader's morality were the only criteria for invasion, the United States would have long ago been involved in a costly war against the USSR to remove Stalin, again Cambodia to dislodge Pol Pot and so forth.

When one looks at the international stage, they will see that a war against Iraq would be a disaster.

World opinion is stacked heavily against the United States as it is and any attack which can be viewed as pure unreasoned aggression, whether this is the case or not, shall only worsen our relations with the nations of the world. We also stand a fair chance of destabilizing pro-American governments like Turkey, Pakistan and Egypt.

We must also keep the economy in mind. There are those who claim that President Bush is only using a war as a way to draw attention away from domestic problems. The national economy is already unsteady, and the world economy even more so; it stands to reason that a war now may only make investors even more nervous about the possibility of a backlash by the Middle Eastern states within OPEC.

Many who propose war do so due to the possible presence of weapons of mass destruction. Many fail to see that by attack-

ing Iraq we will effectively put Saddam in a position where he may feel he has to use these weapons on American targets.

I believe that those who support a war with Iraq do so under the conception that it shall be an easy war, and it very well might. However, there is also the possibility that it could turn into a situation where the American military becomes bogged down.

Before we send American troops into harm's way, we need to make sure that the benefits outweigh the cost.

In my mind, they simply do not.

Dan McCollum
junior,
secondary history education

Director thanks VA run/walk volunteers

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for my residents in Van Antwerp Hall. On Sept. 28, VA organized and facilitated its first Wellness Run/Walk.

This was fundraiser for the Marquette General Hospital's Specialty Clinic that serves the needs of children with cancer and other life-changing disabilities. We prepared for five months for the event.

Many students were awake by 6 a.m. Saturday and working to get the race route and services online by the time registration began at 8:30 a.m. and the race at 10 a.m. We also received help from Linda Freeman and Amanda Bustillo, both former VA residents.

Van Antwerp raised \$2,430 coming from donations of various businesses and registration fees.

After paying for the operating costs of the race, VA is cutting a check for \$1,200, which will purchase a new machine for the specialty clinic.

These groups of students and all those who I have come to meet in VA put a smile on my face because of their kind hearts, initiative to help one another and

self-less attitude.

Thank you!

Charles "Chaz" Pelky
Resident Director, Van
Antwerp Hall

'Under God' facts examined by writer

In response to Travis Margoni's articles "Pessimism creates happiness" and "Under God' Unconstitutional," I would like to first point out that the words "separation of church and state" do not appear anywhere in the constitution.

The first amendment, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof," may or may not mean something different.

My personal interpretation of this is that the federal government shall not force anyone to follow any particular faith, or prohibit the practice of the other faiths.

There are phrases found in the Declaration of Independence that contain the words "Creator" and "Nature's God," or "The Blessings of Liberty" found in the Preamble of the Constitution. This clearly shows that the founding fathers did not intend the First Amendment to require total denial of the existence of spiritual beings.

The mere acknowledgement of some supreme being doesn't constitute a particular faith being forced upon others.

It also does not show ignorance or intolerance of other beliefs, as is commonly believed.

Faith and religion cannot be blamed for ignorance and intolerance in the world. Religion is simply used by clever people to rationalize their delusions of grandeur and to win the support of unsuspecting ordinary people who are more willing to support a cause when it is noble and honorable.

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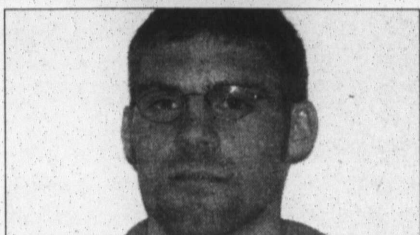
Unique opportunity exposes need

I had the opportunity this week to see the campus through the eyes of others. Never having used crutches before, I realized campus is not very crutch friendly. I became aware of one of the hardships physically disabled people face.

When I leaned over the hot food section in the Marketplace, I realized I couldn't do it. There was no imaginable way I could balance a tray full of food while walking on crutches. I left the Marketplace and started my first day ever on crutches without my usual breakfast. Disappointed and hungry, I bought Pop-Tarts from a nearby vending machine and headed to class.

Knowing going into my day that crutches would add an element of difficulty to my until-now monotonous Thursday routine, I looked to use as many amenities as campus offered. Beginning my day at the PEIF, I crutched my way from the Quads towards the LRC to catch the shuttle. By the time I got there, sweaty, out-of-breath and tired, I wondered how I would make it through the rest of the day. I never knew there was so much to simply entering a building. Opening a door and walking through was a balanc-

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BY DAVE MOSS

ing act unless I could find a handicap switch or was lucky to have someone hold the door for me. Once inside, I slipped multiple times as my shoes, wet with rain, would not grip the tile in most university buildings. Although I maintained my balance, it usually involved putting weight on my sprained ankle. Pain would shoot through me, but I would wince and move on.

My normal routine involves going from Bookbinders to a class on the second floor of Jamrich. On any normal day, I would climb the stairs up from the first floor of the LRC and head outside. I would cut through the academic mall to Jamrich, head upstairs and go to class. On crutches, I had to think about things like elevators, and cutting across

the academic mall would certainly cause slippery entry into the building. I opted to take the tunnel to West Science where I could take an elevator to the third floor and the skywalk to Jamrich.

Elevators were hard to find and generally lacked convenience for me. Jamrich has one elevator. If I would have cut across the academic mall, I would have had to go halfway around the first floor to the elevator and halfway back around the second floor to my class.

After my last class in West Science, I could have taken the elevator straight down and out the north end of the building and walked outside back to my hall. Instead, because of rain, I went in search of an elevator closer to the residence halls down campus. I couldn't find one. Giving up, I took the stairs. Nimble working my way down on crutches and gasping each time I accidentally put weight on my right leg was the hardest part of the day.

Now I am off of my crutches. It may be a few more days before I will jump on it or run, but that day will come too. My short stint on crutches did make me more aware of the hardships physically disabled people struggle with every day.

I get to put my crutches down.

Some people never will.

I found difficulty in getting around and finding amenities on campus. I learned that dealing with a handicap requires inner strength and perseverance. People I never met before opened a door for me or saw me resting partway through the tunnel and asked if they could help me. I found friends that were willing to make sure I got food and would help me do things I otherwise couldn't. NMU offers a community of helpful people who, after only one day of crutches, I am thankful for.

I hope more students, faculty and staff members will be aware of the needs of the physically disabled. Handicapped access needs to be taken into account with future changes. Those who design such renovations need to look through the eyes of a physically disabled person and add more amenities than just those required by law.

Also, the campus community should continue to show the helpfulness to others that they showed to me.

Editor's Note: Dave welcomes reactions to his columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

Parking problem easily solved by feet

One issue I hear people griping about every single day on this campus is parking. But is there really a parking problem? I would venture to say no. Students are constantly saying there aren't enough parking spaces. Yet I have never once come to this campus and not found an empty spot. Yes, it may not be in the main lot, but there are plenty of spots open in the "dirt lot."

The parking issue has a solution and you're standing on them — your own two feet. With a little bit of willingness to walk, there is always a spot open. The parking problem so many people refer to is a lack of spots directly in front of their respective classroom. That is a

problem that just can't be fixed. There can only be so many spaces right next to the main academic mall. So lace up your Nikes and take a short walk. There is not a single spot on this campus that isn't a relatively short walk to classes.

The other parking complaints come from freshmen about the remoteness of their lot. Well, guess what? You're freshmen. It comes with the territory, and every other student on campus has dealt with the same issue, so don't expect sympathy.

You should be thankful that you are allowed to bring a car at all; on most campuses you wouldn't be. And your lot really is not very remote in comparison to other campuses in Michigan

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BY KYLE ORTIZ

where students sometimes have to park miles away and take buses to their destination.

The parking issue is more an issue of students' laziness. Walking isn't too much to ask; in fact it isn't too much to ask local off-campus students to walk from home on nicer days and leave the car behind all

together. There are countless benefits to strutting it to school, such as your own fitness (you'd be shocked at what an extra little walk each day can do for you), and the benefits to both the environment and your checkbook by the gas saved. Further, walking is an effective stress reliever. Also you're helping to alleviate campus traffic between classes.

Now, many of you may be thinking, "Well, I just don't have time to walk from a distant lot or from my house." Well, that is a sad cop-out. In the time it takes you to wait to get into one of the main lots, slowly move through the lot and then go round and round until a spot opens, you could easily have parked in the dirt lot and walked

to your class. As for local off-campus students, time is not a valid excuse. I live all the way down at Front and Baraga and I walk to class in about 20 minutes. Come winter, those short walks become a bit more daunting, but if you familiarize yourself with the campus, you will find you can get pretty much anywhere with minimal time outdoors utilizing some mighty effective hallway shuffles.

Until you're a CEO with your name on a sign, you can't expect to get the best spot in the lot every time. Until then, take a hike. You might just enjoy it.

Editor's Note: Kyle welcomes reactions to his columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

SOUND OFF

Did you participate in homecoming activities? Why or Why not?



David Burrows
sophomore, biology/chemistry
"Ya, I did! Because I wanted to go to Dead River to play in ice cream and watch the slip and slide wet T-shirt contest."



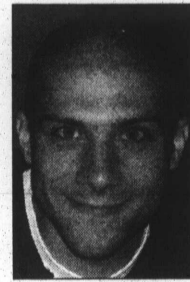
Jennifer Fish
freshman, education
"No, because I didn't know about any of them and lack of time."



Phil Molnar
sophomore, marketing
"No, I thought about going to the Dead River games, but I didn't."



Wendy Tass
freshman, cosmetology
"No, because we didn't know where they were and didn't know when."



Andy Forbing
senior, public relations
"Yes. My 'school spirit' is heightened by participating in activities with the NMU Crew."

—Compiled by Eryn Kovach

More volunteers needed

Students invited to register for Make a Difference Day

BY NICK YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Over 25 service requests have been received from senior citizens inquiring about available volunteers for this year's 12th Annual Make a Difference Day on Oct. 19.

Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest day of helping others, and is nationally sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine in participation with the Points of Light Foundation. Last year 2.2 million people participated in this event.

Senior physiology major and Volunteer Center Coordinator Carissa Villa said that currently 14 groups have signed up in the NMU Volunteer Center to participate, however Villa said that more volunteers are still needed.

"Most people seem to bring stuff in on deadline," Villa said. "So we're not too worried."

The deadline to register for Make a Difference Day is 5p.m. on Oct. 4.

In Marquette County, the NMU Volunteer Center and the United Way Volunteer Center are working together to organize this annual affair.

This year the day of community service will be dedicated to former Marquette resident Kip Taylor, who died in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

This is part of the USA Initiative (Unity in the Spirit of America), an act passed by Congress in January where community service projects are con-

ducted in remembrance of Sept. 11th victims.

The act is designed to help communities "remember, respond and rebuild" after last year's tragedy.

Volunteers are asked to form teams, but individual volunteers are also greatly appreciated by event organizers.

Volunteers can expect to do some raking, clean-up, hauling, errands or simply visiting with a senior citizen or person with a disability.

"We have some volunteers working two different projects and in past years they have had to extend the volunteering into the following weekends," said Susan Minckler director of Make a Difference Day at the United Way Volunteer Center. "The number of volunteers has increased over the years, and so has the number of requests for volunteers."

Make a Difference Day will begin with breakfast at the Marquette Senior High School. Volunteers may come at 8:30 on the morning of Oct. 19 to enjoy a bagel or muffin, receive a Make a Difference Day T-shirt and listen to some words of encouragement and inspiration from Kay Taylor, mother of the late Kip Taylor, and Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.).

Villa said that this year they are going to have a bigger breakfast to accommodate more people.

"This year [Make a Difference Day] just seems more important

and more structured," Villa said.

In structuring the day around the USA Initiative, Villa said the event seems more official this year.

"(It seems more official), especially since we are going to have Sen Stabenow there," Villa said. "She initially wrote the USA Initiative."

Those who wish to volunteer are asked to register so the Volunteer Center can have an accurate number of how many individuals are being helped in the area, which will be reported to the national Make a Difference Day organization.

Volunteers who already have a particular senior citizen picked out to assist will still be asked to register.

Those who wish to make a difference without volunteering are encouraged to take part in the food drive for the Harbor House Women's Shelter put on by WE Energies.

For each donation, WE Energies will provide a cookbook, "Desserts for All Seasons."

Minckler said donations of non-perishable food items, baby formula and paper products can also be dropped off at the United Way.

People requesting help with projects are asked to contact the United Way Volunteer Center at 228-9111 and ask for a service request form or e-mail the United Way Volunteer Center at connect-mqt@uwmqt.org.

To receive more information about volunteering for Make a Difference Day, call the NMU Volunteer Center at 227-2466 or visit the national Make a Difference Day Web site at www.makeadifferenceday.com.

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Political conference held

BY NICHOLAS GORIESKY AND
MARY ANN CANCELLA
STAFF WRITERS

Northern Michigan University students were able to participate in a unique opportunity to speak with lawyers in Washington D.C. on the subject of balancing homeland security and civil liberties through a video conference held in the West Science Mead Auditorium at 5 p.m. on Monday.

The video conference was the first in a series of three planned for the month of October, sponsored by NMU and national law firm Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelsa Meed LLP.

Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelsa Meed LLP is a large firm in which the D.C. branch is focused on public policy issues.

Access was granted to NMU by alumnus Mark Ruge, a partner at the firm.

Political science professor Robert Kulisheck moderated the debate that began by addressing the issue of civil liberties and how our government has changed and extended its powers to deal with the terrorist threat since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Each speaker was asked to respond to five questions on how to enhance homeland security and protect and maintain civil liberties. Speakers were also asked how the Patriot Act, in particular, effected these issues.

On Oct. 24, 2001, the Patriot Act was enacted by congress extending the powers of law enforcement to enhance their abilities to fight terrorism in the United States.

Parts of the act gave specific enforcement agencies rights to do engage in roving wiretaps, extended surveillance of non-U.S. person cases and authorized \$100 million be granted to improve Immigration and Naturalization Service and customs technology and additional equipment for monitoring the northern border of the United States.

"There has been a great national need suggested to change some of the rules in order to protect ourselves because circumstances have changed," Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelsa

Meed Partner Mike O'Neil said. Because circumstances have changed, O'Neil said he feels that the rules should change also. However, O'Neil said there should be reasonable justification for changing the rules.

Preston Gates Ellis and Meed partner Rick Valentine said that many of the provisions in the Patriot Act are simply an expansion of existing authorities already in place in law enforcement.

"Many of the provisions were proposals that the justice department and other agencies had been seeking for quite some time," Valentine said.

O'Neil said that he was concerned about the haste in which the act was drafted.

"What I considered troubling about the statute was the way it was drafted — it leaves open a number of issues," O'Neil said.

Both speakers addressed issues pertaining to the differences between criminal and intelligence wiretaps established in

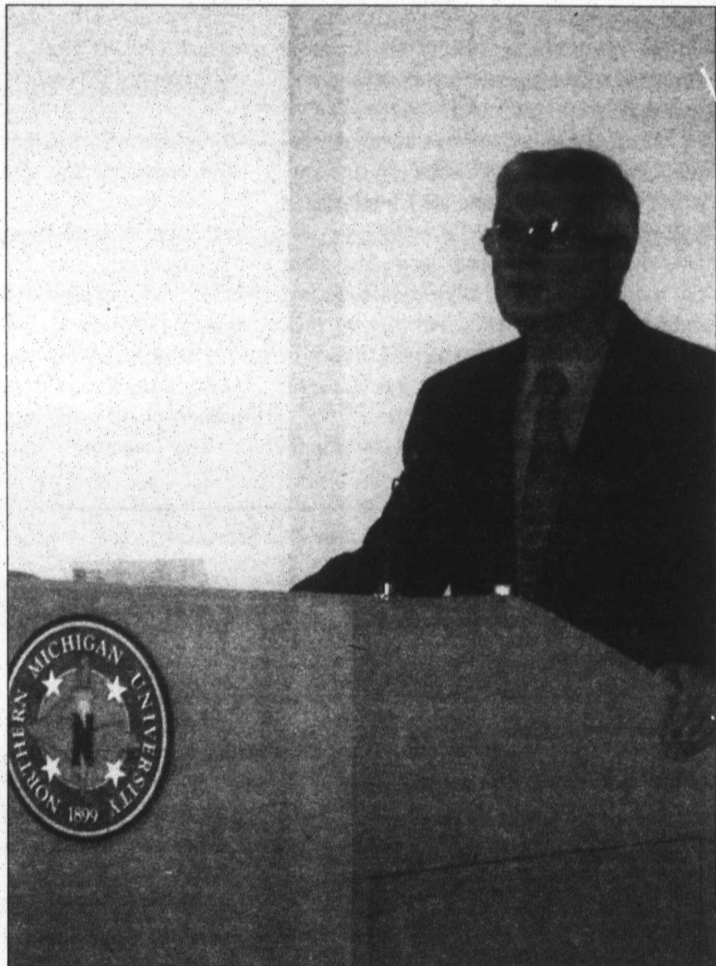
the Patriot Act. "Intelligence taps can go on for months and take less evidence to get, whereas criminal taps are harder to obtain and last only a few days," O'Neil said.

The debate continued, examining several other subjects such as military tribunals, whether the war on terrorism infringes on the rights of Arab Americans and closed with an opportunity for the audience to ask the speakers questions.

There are two more video conferences scheduled to take place on Oct. 21 and Nov. 18. The first is to address the issue of government reorganization and the Department of Homeland Security and the second is titled, "Homeland Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction."

Both of the video conferences are scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the West Science Mead Auditorium.

All of the video conferences are free of charge and open to the public.



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Political Science Professor Robert Kulisheck addresses the audience during a videoconference in the Mead Auditorium on Monday.

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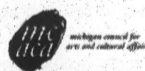
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Play: "The Laramie Project" begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Film: "Ouch" (NR) begins at 10 a.m. in JXJ 102.

Friday, October 4

Activity: The homecoming parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

Play: "The Laramie Project" begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Activity: The homecoming bonfire begins at 9 p.m. in the Halverson Field.

Meeting: Superior Nights is hosting a Role-Playing, Impromptu acting, student organization that will meet at 5 p.m. in the UC. Call Walter at 228-6638 for details.

Activity: "Structure Function Studies on Glyoxalase II, an Enzyme involved in Chemical Detoxification, or is it?" by Chris Makaroff, Ph.D. begins at 3 p.m. in NSF 3202.

Activity: Budo Taijutsu (Japanese Martial Art Class) will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the PEIF Dance Studio.

Saturday, October 5

Athletics: The Wildcat women's soccer team hosts Gannon at 11 a.m. at the soccer field behind the Superior Dome.

Activity: The homecoming tailgate party begins at 11 a.m. at the Superior Dome.

Athletics: The Wildcat football team hosts Hillsdale at 1 p.m. in the Superior Dome for this season's homecoming game.

Play: "The Laramie Project" begins at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Forests Roberts Theatre.

Film: "Lilo & Stitch" (PG) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Activity: The Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve is sponsoring a fall color hike along the Yellow Dog River at 9:30 a.m. Meet at Cram's General Store in Big Bay. Call Wendy at 345-9223 for more information.

Activity: The Black Student Union presents "Rumble in the Jungle" Homecoming Party from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. in the Gant/Spalding Basement. Call Jamie or Rebecca at 227-3625 for more information.

Activity: Citizens Opposed to War with Iraq will hold a peace rally at the Marquette Post Office from 11 a.m. to noon.

Athletics: The women's rugby club team hosts Grand Valley at 11 a.m. on the corner of Lincoln and Wright streets. The men's rugby club team plays at 1 p.m. on the corner of Lincoln and Wright streets.

Sunday, October 6

Athletics: The Wildcat women's soccer team hosts Mercyhurst at 1 p.m. at the soccer field behind the Superior Dome.

Film: "Lilo & Stitch" (PG) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Monday, October 7

Meeting: OUTLook will meet at 9 p.m. in Pioneer B, of the UC. Call Nick at 227-1554 for more information.

Deadline: The registration deadline for Oct. 13 ORC McCormick Track Wilderness Hike.

Activity: "Perspectives in Contemporary Geography"

begins at 7 p.m. in the West Science 3710.

Meeting: Caregivers Support Group will meet at 5:15 p.m. in Room B in the Marquette Senior Center. Call 228-0456 for more information.

Activity: Budo Taijutsu (Japanese Martial Art class) will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the UC.

Tuesday, October 8

Speaker: Maya Angelou will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

Activity: ORC Tuesday Night Mountain Bike Ride.

Activity: Peter White Public Library is holding a drop-in storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The series theme is "All About Me." Call 228-9510 for more information.

Meeting: Diversity Student Alliance will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Pioneer B in the UC. Call Candra at 227-1554 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Activity: The NMU International Dance Club hosts dancing from around the world. Meet from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC.

Wednesday, October 9

Deadline: Registration deadline for intramural bowling.

Meeting: The Native American Student Association will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the West Hall TV Room.

Meeting: Black Student Union will meet at 8 p.m. in the Hunt/VA Lobby. Call Rebecca or Jamie at 227-3625 for more information.

Activity: Budo Taijutsu (Japanese Martial Art class) will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the UC.

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Soccer team plays well despite losses

BY SHANE STOUT
STAFF WRITER

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the defending GLIAC champions Ashland University were too much for the NMU women's soccer team to handle last weekend.

On Sept. 26, UW-Green Bay (3-6 overall) defeated the Wildcats (3-8 overall), 5-1.

During the first half of the game, Wildcat goaltender Caroline Bonyge had 10 saves on goal, allowing four goals to get past her.

During the second half, Bonyge stopped five out of six shots on goal, allowing only one shot in.

"We were a little scared the first half," head coach Carl Gregor said. "UW-Green Bay is a D-I school, and it was their homecoming. They got off 14 shots and scored on four of them."

Gregor said his team came out in the second half and played its best soccer this year.

"We scored in the first 15 minutes of the second half and had more corner kicks than Green Bay," he said.

The 'Cats also allowed only one goal in the second half, dominating the passing game.

Sophomore defensive midfielder Rachel Vilders scored her fifth goal of the season unassisted with a direct kick into the goal during the second half.

On Sunday, NMU opened the GLIAC Conference against defending GLIAC champions Ashland University (1-0 GLIAC, 6-1 overall).

Ashland shut out the Wildcats, 4-0.

"We played our best game of the year," Gregor said. "The final score should have been 1-0. We let in some weak goals. We are also having some problems with goal-tending."

Bonyge had five saves.

The 'Cats changed goaltenders in the middle of the game, allowing goalkeeper Kristen Boyer to have five saves also.

The 'Cats stacked up nicely against Ashland, with both teams recording 14 shots on goal in the game.

"We were pretty even with Ashland throughout the



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman midfielder Michelle Gillespie protects the ball against Ashland senior defenseman Mary Frazer. The 'Cats fell to Ashland in a 4-0 shutout. Head coach Carl Gregor said the team played its best soccer against AU.

game," Gregor said.

NMU will continue its season against Gannon (Pa.) at 11 a.m. on Oct. 5 in Marquette, and against Mercyhurst at 1 p.m. on Oct. 6.

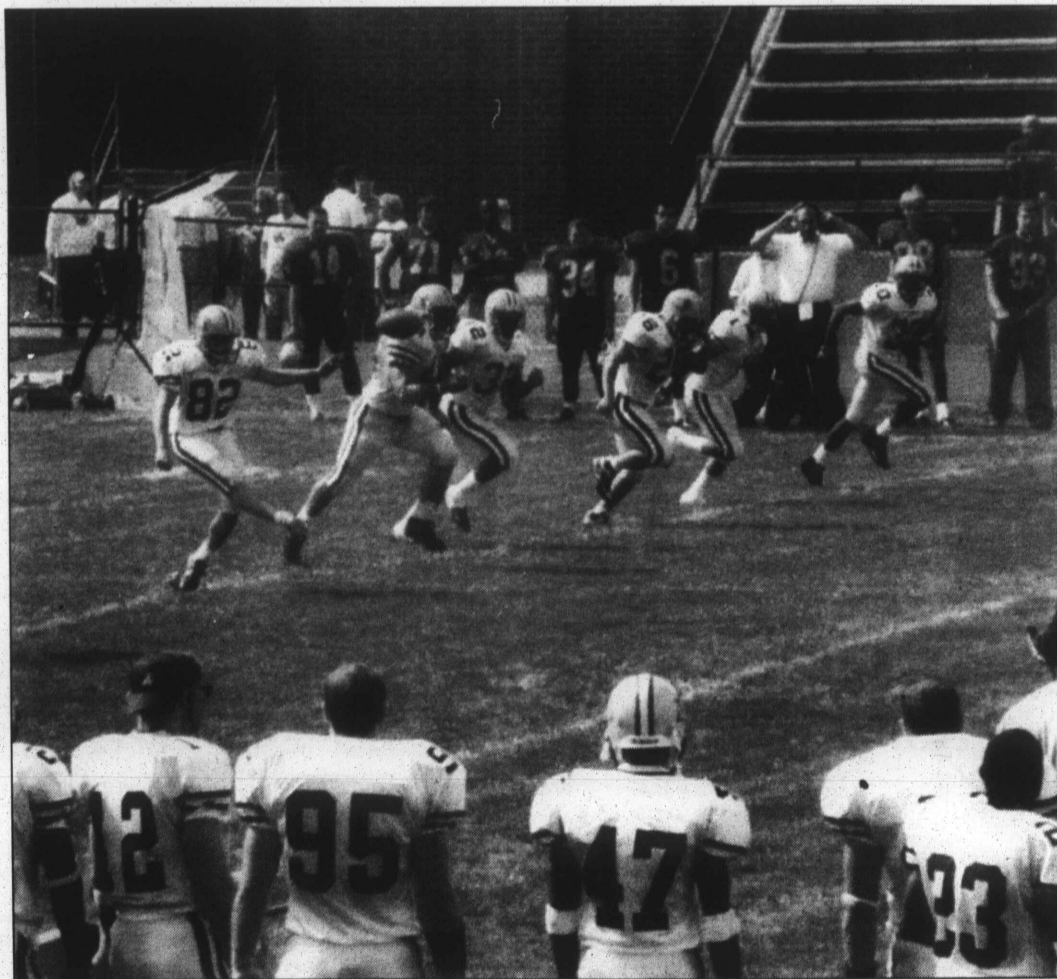
Both Mercyhurst and Gannon are currently ranked above the 'Cats in the GLIAC.

Mercyhurst is ranked No. 5 in the standings with a 0-0 GLIAC record and 6-2 overall record. They are led by seven seniors.

Mercyhurst is coming off a tie against Edinboro. They will meet with Northwood University before traveling to Northern.

Gannon is ranked No. 8 in the standings, and has not faced any GLIAC competitors so far. Its overall record is 3-7.

Gannon has a young team and is led by three seniors. The teams is coming off a 2-1 win on the road over Salem International.



Courtesy of Sarah Breen

The football team looks on as freshman kicker Kyle Marotz kicks off at Indianapolis. The Wildcats went on to beat Indianapolis, 24-10. NMU remains undefeated in the league and is tied for first.

'Cats share top spot in GLIAC

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The NMU Wildcat football team remains undefeated in the GLIAC after a 24-10 win over the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds (2-1 GLIAC, 2-2 overall) last Saturday.

Northern continues to share first place in the GLIAC.

NMU head coach Doug Sams said that this was an important victory for the Wildcats (3-0 GLIAC, 3-1 overall) for a number of reasons.

"It's been about a year and a half since the last road win, and about 12 years since we won down in Indianapolis," Sams said. "It was a great feeling to go down there and come away with the victory. It made the bus ride home a lot easier."

The Wildcat defense continued to shine by coming up with three turnovers and allowing

just 59 rushing yards.

Senior linebacker Ben Laarman said that the key to coming up with turnovers is hustle and pursuit.

"We've had a lot of turnovers where the ball was deflected, and we have people hustling to the football," Laarman said.

Although Laarman said that the defense didn't play as well as they had in the past two weeks, they were still able to play well enough to win.

"We made big plays when we had to and that was really the key," Laarman said. "We really stepped up and made the plays which kept them out of the end zone."

While the defense did their job for the third straight week, the offense continued to make plays and score points when needed.

Junior quarterback Kyle

Please see FOOTBALL on Page 16

NMU volleyball extends weekend play

BY KATHIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

Due to a schedule mix up, the Northern Michigan University volleyball team had an extended weekend against two conference competitors in Erie, Pa.

The scheduled game with Gannon University (8-5 overall) on Sept. 28 was played the evening of Sept. 30, after NMU failed to show up in time for a 1 p.m. game.

Interim head coach Tracy Hruska said she takes full responsibility for her team not showing up to play on Saturday.

"Normally Saturday games are played at 4 p.m.," she said. "I should have checked, but I didn't even think about it."

Hruska also said that with all the administration aspects of a head coaching position, some things can get overlooked.

Another reason for the mix up was Hruska had not been the head coach at the time when the contract for the game with Gannon was signed.

Luckily for the 'Cats, officials did not hand them a forfeit, partly due to Hruska's status as interim head coach.

Instead, a rematch was scheduled for Sept. 30.

Northern lost the match to Gannon in four games, 30-18, 30-26, 14-30, 30-24.

"We physically and athletically out-matched them but sometimes we go through the motions," she said. "(Gannon) just wanted it more."

Hruska said they were very close games.

A major loss for the 'Cats during the weekend was senior middle blocker Beth Lavean, who was sidelined with a knee injury.

Hruska said that the injury affected the team atmosphere.

"We lacked experience and leadership this weekend," she said.

Key players for the game were three non-starting freshmen middle blocker Liz Kohn, middle blocker Holly Greenamyre and outside hitter Andrea Smith.

"(Kohn) really stepped in and made some good things happen," Hruska said.

She also said that Greenamyre, played an important role in Northern's offensive unit and Smith filled the role in the middle. Greenamyre led the team with 16 kills, while Sophomore setter Kelli McCune had all 41 of the 'Cats assists.

Northern also played on Sept. 29 and lost a 4-set match to Mercyhurst College (13-3 overall).

After dropping the first game 24-30, Northern rallied winning the second in a 30-28 nail-biter, but Mercyhurst came back strong and put the Wildcats away in the next two games 21-30 and 28-30.

Sophomore outside hitter Jennie Little led Northern with 15 kills, while sophomore middle blocker Aimee Dewitte was a major contributor with 12.

Other key contributors to Northern

included junior setter Anne Kinsella who recorded 23 digs for the match, McCune with 50 assists and four block assists, and Greenamyre with eight block assists.

Mercyhurst was led by Lyndsi Hughes, who put up 19 kills against the Wildcats.

Other contributors for Mercyhurst were Carrie Borowski with 28 digs and Kari Clapham with 40 assists.

Hruska said instead of playing to win, they played not to lose.

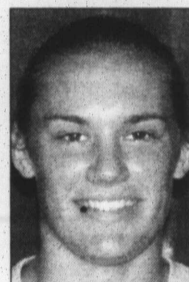
She also said the 'Cats just could not get it done mentally.

With the weekend's matches, the Wildcats are now ranked fourth in the GLIAC North with a record of 1-4. The teams overall record falls to 6-9.

Grand Valley State and Ferris State are tied for first in the GLIAC North with 5-0 conference records.



Kohn



Smith

Wildcats clinch berth

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

NMU's tennis team rose to the challenge and defeated all three of its opponents at home last weekend.

The team defeated Findlay, 5-0, in a shortened game on Sept. 26.

Friday, they defeated Hillsdale, 9-0, and on Saturday morning, the 'Cats won, 7-2, against Wayne State.

Thursday's game was played inside the PEIF due to weather conditions.

"I don't think that playing inside the PEIF made a whole lot of difference in our game or in Findlay's (game)," senior Brooke Aronin said. "The only major difference in playing inside as opposed to playing outside was the overall game took longer because we could only play on one court. But we still took care of business."

Aronin said the team was nervous going into the game.

"We knew they were a tough team and we knew that this game was an important game to win," she said. "We had our No. 3 person injured and they had their No. 3 person injured so it worked out that we got to play this game straight up. It was another good win for us."

This weekend the girls head off to Indianapolis to play in the ITA Midwest Regional.

The regional is a singles tournament. Each girl will be playing as an individual against other teams from across the Midwest.

"This weekend should be a lot of fun because everyone will be less tense," Aronin said. "We know that it's important, and we still want to do our best, but this weekend we won't be worrying about what will happen to our team's record. There's just a lot less pressure involved."

NMU is ranked No. 1 in the GLIAC with an undefeated record of 9-0.

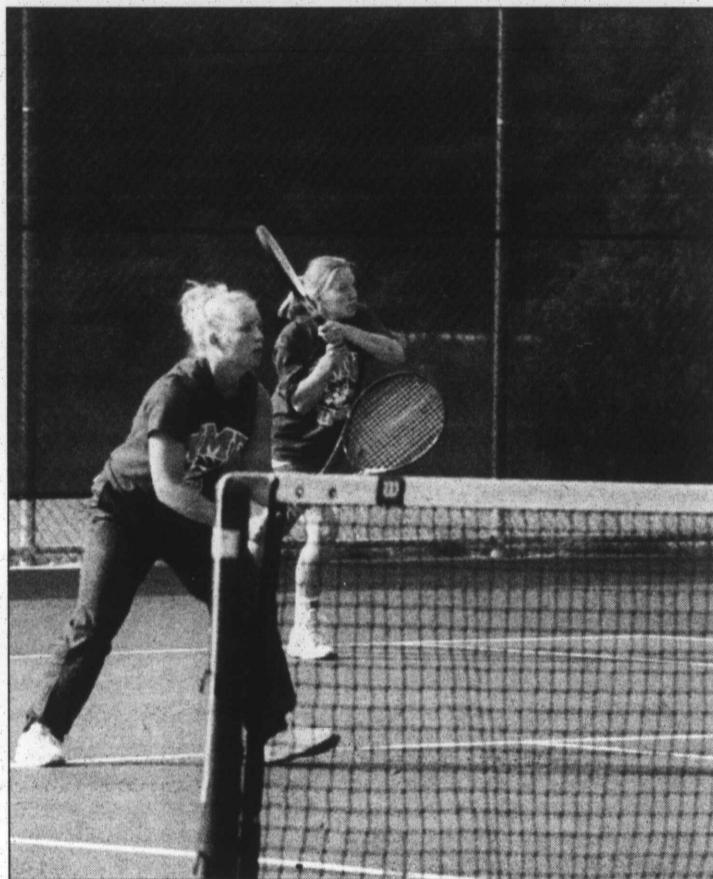
They have already clinched a berth into the GLIAC tournament held at the end of October in Midland.

"Our goal for the season is still to win the conference and then take No. 1 in the conference tournament," Aronin said. "We still have two more teams to play, but I think we should still go into it as a No. 1 seed."

Sophomore Sabina van den Bor still remains injured with a hurt meniscus.

She said she hopes to be back by Oct. 25, but will know more after she has her MRI done.

The team's next home game will be Oct. 12 against Michigan Tech.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior Heidi Ehlers stands ready during doubles action against Hillsdale College. The 'Cats hosted HC and Wayne State last weekend. The tennis team remains undefeated in the GLIAC.

Cross country team wins fourth straight

BY RACHEL GRIFFIS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU cross country team went up against the greatest competition it has seen all season and came through with 60 points as it won the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn. on Sept. 28.

Wartburg College took second place with 128 points.

The Wildcats, who have won all four meets they have ran in this year, had three runners in the top 10.

Junior Jordan Seethaler took third place with a time of 18:16.4 and senior Caitlin Compton followed with fourth place in 18:20.8.

Junior Jennifer Lahr took ninth place with a time of 18:38.7.

Northern's next four runners also claimed points for the team.

Senior Katherine Huemmer took 17th place, senior Liza Gorkiewicz was 27th, freshman Maria Stuber finished 32nd and freshman Stephanie Howe followed in 33rd.

They competed against approximately 25 teams and over 200 girls.

Huemmer said she was excited to run in St. Paul, which is her hometown. She set a personal record with a time of 18:54.

"Last year my goal was just to break 20 minutes," she said. "Now I've broken 19."

Huemmer said that most of the course is accessible to spectators and that it was full of people encouraging the runners.

"I knew there would be a lot of support out there," she said. "It was really fun."

Lahr's goal was to better her time from last year at the

Roy Griak Invitational. She improved by 15 seconds.

She said she was also very proud of the team.

"We ran really strong and worked together," she said.

After anticipating competition this weekend against North Dakota, NMU raced ahead of them as UND came in third place.

UND was two places ahead of Northern last year at Nationals.

"They did well, we just did better," Huemmer said.

Now that the 'Cats have won their first four meets, they are preparing for the U.P. Championship, which will be held in Marquette on Oct. 18.

Looking ahead in the season, Huemmer said she expects that the team will continue to meet the competition they face and return victorious.

"We are all improving," she said. "Our times are only going to get faster. This is just the beginning."

Confidence key for NMU on road

BY KATHIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

The Northern Michigan University volleyball team will travel for yet another weekend to meet with two conference competitors.

Its first stop will be University Center where they will play Saginaw Valley State University (0-5 GLIAC, 4-13 overall) on Friday and then on to Midland where they will play Northwood University (3-2 GLIAC, 15-3 overall) on Saturday.

Head coach Tracy Hruska says that she hopes the team will bring some confidence with them this weekend.

"They understand the next step they need to take in meeting our goal of the conference tournament," she said.

Saginaw Valley State is a team struggling to win their first GLIAC game of the season.

They are 0-5 in GLIAC standings with a record of 4-13 overall. They are ranked last in the division.

The team is lead by senior defensive specialist setter Jamie Reed who recently broke Saginaw's all-time dig record with 1,225.

Hruska said that Saginaw Valley is a good team.

"They are led by seniors that know how to get the job done," she said.

Northwood is currently ranked third in the division with a record of 3-2 in GLIAC and 15-3 overall.

Key players for Northwood are junior outside hitter Laura Zaskowski and senior setter Amy Gruszynski.

Zaskowski had the team high of 431 kills and recorded the second-highest total digs with 306 last season.

After last season, Gruszynski was third in all-time career assists at Northwood with 3,769.

Hruska said that Northern has nothing to lose against Northwood.

"We can beat anyone if we really want," she said.

Northern is ranked fourth in GLIAC with a record of 1-4 and 6-9 overall. GVSU is currently No. 1 with an undefeated GLIAC record.

'Cats to face Hillsdale for homecoming game

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Under the direction of head coach Doug Sams, the NMU football team remains undefeated in the GLIAC.

It's the fourth week of the GLIAC season and the Wildcats are tied for first place with three other teams.

This weekend, the football team will be welcoming the Hillsdale Chargers to the Superior Dome.

The Wildcats will have some extra momentum for this game because it is homecoming week.

NMU junior quarterback Kyle Swenor said that this game is very important because of the homecoming festivities and because the Chargers are one of the toughest teams that the Wildcats have seen thus far.

Swenor said after looking at film of the Chargers, they appear to be a talented team, despite their losing record.

"They played No. 1 Grand Valley real tough for three

quarters," Swenor said.

The Chargers are coming off a 44-19 defeat at Grand Valley State. The score was close until GVSU showed their dominance in the last quarter.

Hillsdale is currently ranked last in the GLIAC South division.



THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L	HC
3-1		1-3
OFFENSE		
23.8	Pts. (Avg.)	23.5
68	First Downs	71
79.5	Rush (Avg.)	130.0
264.2	Pass (Avg.)	154.5
29:56	Time of Possession	27:37
6	Rushing TDs	7
5	Passing TDs	4
227	Penalty Yards	126
4/5	FGA	4/6
DEFENSE		
16.2	Pts. Allowed (Avg.)	27.0
79	First Downs	78
103.5	Rush (Avg.)	154.0
226.8	Pass (Avg.)	192.8
11	Sacks	3
8	Interceptions	4

They have a GLIAC record of 1-4 and an overall record of 11-7.

The Chargers average over 23 points per game and 130 yards per game.

Charger tailback Kevin Clive has averaged over 100 yards per game against some tough opponents.

The Wildcat defense has been strong in the last three games and the offense, though they have struggled at times, is getting the job done.

"We're always trying to improve," Swenor said. "The lack in our offense has been us shooting our selves in the foot. If we eliminate even half of our mistakes, that's a lot more points for us."

The Wildcats are in a tie for first place and undefeated in the conference, but Sams said that he will not let winning go to the players' heads.

"We take it one game at a time," Sams said. "Each week we go out there like it's the first game of the season — short term goals."



On-Campus Interviews

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Cougar sightings in U.P.

I'm quite sure that every hole-in-the-wall town has a story. Everyone hears the stories about the Ether Bunny, or the famous urban legend about pre-med students who cut out kidneys and leave victims in a tub of ice. And then throw in the stories about the Abominable Snowman, and of course, the Lockness Monster.

All of these have one particular trait in common. No one has ever caught, trapped, run-over or accidentally shot one. And I am quite proud to say that we in the U.P. have added a new one.

Last week, a cougar sighting occurred in the Copper Country in the Houghton/Hancock area. The animal was spotted about a block from an elementary school in town. Cougars have also been implicated in killing several horses and livestock near Kalkaska.

This is not the first sighting, and it will not be the last. Even though it was confirmed by several people, the DNR insists there are no cougars. It is waiting for one to get trapped, run over or accidentally shot. When there is physical evidence that cougars exist, the DNR will begin plans on how to deal with the animal.

I'm wondering if a shredded body could be considered good,

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BY BUCK WICKSTROM

hard physical evidence.

Apparently, the adolescent animal that was spotted has no fear of people. I realize that a logical person would have to be in charge of wildlife control and investigation, but wouldn't it make more sense to act on a potential problem now, before it becomes a problem?

Admission of the existence of the cougar would be the first step, then action to inform and educate the public. Then again, reason and logic has no place in government, or bodies therein.

The cougar "sightings" have been going on for a few years now. In fact, I remember one particular story from my high school days of a friend who was out hunting. He was temporarily confused (never lost, just confused) in the woods, walking in one

direction knowing that eventually he had to cross something.

Sure enough, he came out to a two track four-wheeler trail with a four-wheeler sitting in the middle. He yelled until the hunter came and gave him a ride back.

His brother was looking for him, found his tracks, and almost stride for stride, drifting back and forth were cougar tracks. About 75 yards before the two track, the tracks went off into the woods and never returned. The only solution is that the cougar stalked him until it became skittish of either the four-wheeler starting or the voices, and made a silent exit.

And still, cougars do not exist.

Hunting begins in a few days, and the seasons will probably carry through without a hitch, except for the few idiots who will shoot their friends because they looked like a big orange deer coming through the brush.

Eventually someone turns up missing. The shredded body is discovered, and it is determined that a cougar is the culprit. But cougars don't exist in the U.P., so when you thumb through the papers and the headlines read "Pre-Med Students Slaughter Another," just remember, Nessy only poses for blurry pictures.

FOOTBALL

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Swenor completed 26 of 35 passes for 202 yards and did not throw an interception.

The Wildcats gained the lead in the first quarter off of a four-yard touchdown run by junior tailback Terrell Goldsmith.

The wildcats led the game the entire way after that.

In the second quarter Goldsmith punched the ball in from 1 yard out capping a 16-play 80-yard drive.

As a team the Wildcats ran the ball 31 times for 103 yards and all three touchdowns.

The Greyhounds got on the board at the end of the half with a field goal, making the score 14-3 at halftime.

NMU red shirt freshman Kyle Marotz kicked a 39-yard field goal in the third quarter boosting the 'Cats' lead back to 14 points.

At 8:31 of the fourth quarter, the Greyhounds attempted to make a comeback by scoring their first touchdown.

But the Wildcat defense held them off and freshman tailback Abram McCoy scored on a 28-yard touchdown run with a little over a minute left, putting the game out of reach for the Greyhounds.

"We played hard and made the plays when we had to," Sams said. "Because it was a conference game on the road, it had a lot of meaning. The road is where we haven't played as well. This week we got the job done and that's all that counts."

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NMU heads to Houghton

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Before beginning their season against rival Michigan Tech this Saturday in Houghton, the NMU men's hockey team gave their fans an early glimpse of the 2002-03 squad.

The Wildcats divided into two teams and held their annual Green and Gold Intrasquad scrimmage game on Sept. 28 at the Berry Events Center.

The Gold team (wearing the NMU white home jerseys) came out on top, beating their teammates 3-1 in two 25-minute halves. The scrimmage featured nine new freshman and two transfer students, but all of the goals were scored by returning Wildcats.

Senior forward Terry Harrison, sophomore forward Ryan Moderson and senior defenseman Peter Michelutti all scored goals for the gold team.

Senior forward Bryce Cockburn scored the lone goal

for the green squad.

With their last tune-up behind them, the Wildcats focus on the Michigan Tech Huskies.

"I'm excited to get a chance to play Tech early and get a couple of games under our belt before we have our home opener," Kyle said.

Kyle, a two-time NMU lettermen in 1980 and 1981, was an assistant coach for 10 years, including in 1991 when NMU won the National Championship.

After spending the last two years as an assistant with the New York Rangers, he will make his NMU head coaching debut against the Huskies.

The Wildcats will take on a Tech team that is coming off of a poor season. The Huskies went 8-28-2 (4-22-2 WCHA) and finished last in their conference last season.

This year may be another rebuilding year for the Huskies. They welcome back only three seniors and five juniors, but have 11 freshmen on their roster.

The Huskies will return last year's two leading goal scorers; junior right wing Brian Englehardt and junior center Jon Pittis. They will look to senior Greg Amadio and junior Justin Brown to lead a defense that will have a mix of experienced and young players.

The goaltending situation is also up in the air for MTU. Last year's starter, sophomore Cam Ellsworth, and freshman Marty Magers will battle for time in net.

Last year, the Wildcats split a home and home series with the Huskies, losing a 5-3 contest in Houghton and then returning home for a 6-1 victory the following night.

Cockburn said his team would not look past any opponents.

"We're going to take it one game at a time," he said. "Hopefully we'll get a win against Tech and then we'll just keep going from there."

The opening face-off is set for 7:35 p.m. at the Student Development Center in Houghton.



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The Gold team goalie saves a shot by senior forward Bryce Cockburn. Sophomore defenseman Neil Gidney and sophomore forward Marc Norrington skate down ice to help clear away any rebounds.

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PERSONALS

Scruffy and Sweebie - How about dinner with Frankie and candlelight Saturday Night? - Love Princess and Angel

Bree - Play your heart out against Grand Valley - Love, Chuck

Kevin and Mike - Good luck against Tech. Kick some butt! - The girl downstairs

NW Staff - I finally got some papers. Love the color! Keep up the good work - Former News Editor

G.I. Girl - Thanks for all the help this week. Maybe next week I'll get to see you sometime - Rob

Curse - Feel better soon. I'm doing what I can from here, but it must not be working - your favorite witch

Angie - Thanks for taping Dawson's Creek for me. You rock. Let's go downstate already! - Melanie

Marla - I'm not really on yahoo. Stop sending me messages and bring the hot boys out here! - Sabrina

Men's Rugby - Squash Grand Valley. Prove who's the best! - Twinky

Captain - Come visit! We have a "gentleman's club." They crack them outta the mold too! - Jessie

Hockey team - Hope you like the insert. You better beat and embarrass all those guys in Houghton - The sports editor

Ruff Ryder - Happy freakin' birthday (present coming soon). The bar is calling us - K-Lo

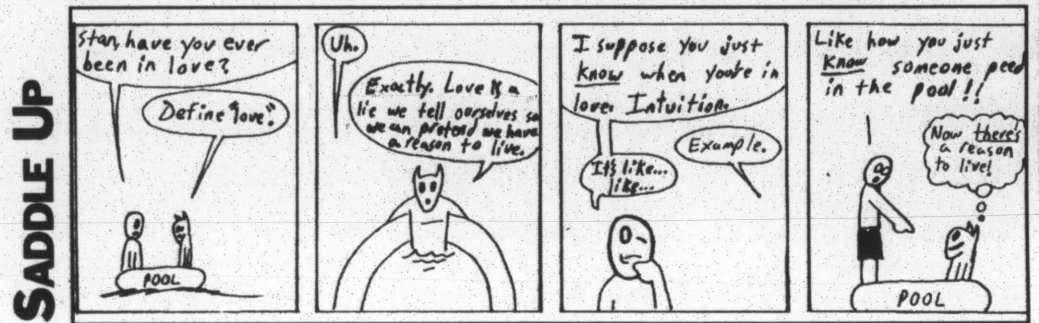
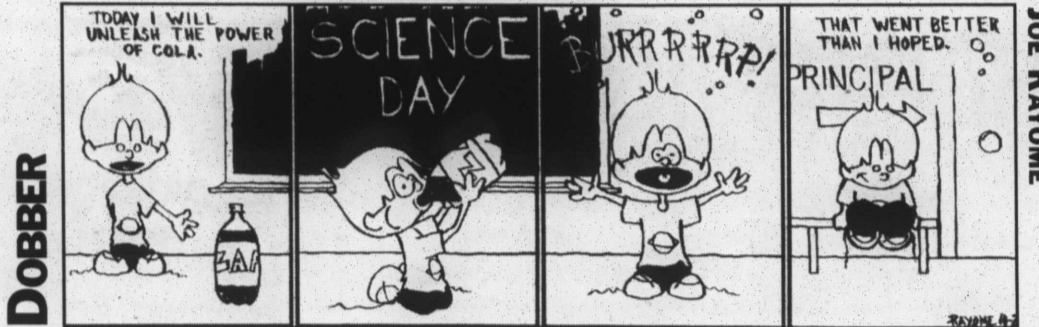
Lil' sis Amanda - Thanks for the nosedive - Shelly

Matt - It wasn't me. (You know who you are and what "it" is) Love is foolish, but we should try it sometime (different week, different attraction) - Scooby

Marla - Thanks for all your help. Let's go play in the maze - Curse

Dad - Happy Birthday! Have a great day - Mary

Food donor - You picked our favorite tonight. Thank you, thank you, thank you - Staff



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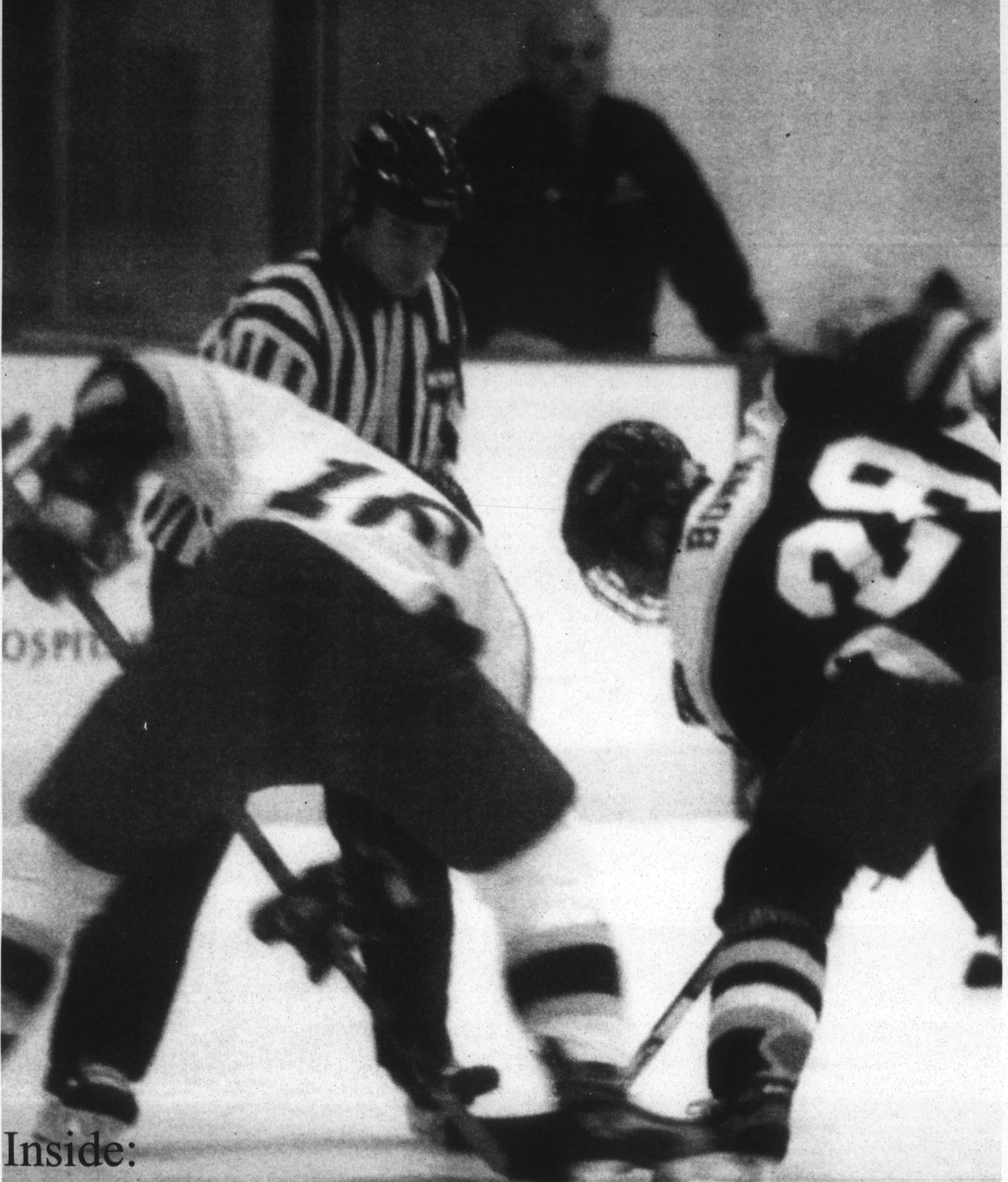
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Meet the Wildcats

This year the Wildcats return with seven seniors and a solid base of upperclassmen. The team also welcomes nine freshmen and two transfer students. After losing only four players to graduation, head coach Walt Kyle said his team is led by a group of experienced forwards and quality goaltending. While NMU may have some young players on defense, the nucleus of the team remains strong.

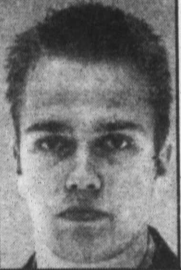


JUNIOR
5-9, 180 LBS

GOALIE

Last season, Craig started in 35 games. He had a 2.35 GAA with a .965 save percentage. He was named the CCHA Defensive Player of the Week three times.

CRAIG KOWALSKI 33
Clinton Township, Mich.




SOPHOMORE
6-4, 212 LBS

GOALIE

Last season, Tuomas appeared in four games and started three of them. He had a 2-1 record with a 2.48 GAA and a .914 save percentage.

TUOMAS TARKKI 35
Rauma, Finland




FRESHMAN
6-1, 178 LBS

GOALIE

Last season, Joe played for the Bozeman Icedogs in the AWHL. He played in 49 games and went 35-9-0 with a 2.46 GAA and a .913 save percentage.

JOE TUSET 1
Eagan, Minn.




FRESHMAN
5-10, 175 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, John played for the Bozeman Icedogs in the AWHL. He played in 45 games, and also played in the United States Top Prospects Tournament.

JOHN MILLER 2
Lansing, Mich.



SOPHOMORE
6-3, 195 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Neil played in 14 games. His only goal of the season came against Michigan Tech. Previously, he skated for the South Blues of the MJHL.

NEIL GIDNEY 3
Winnipeg, Man.

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FRESHMAN
6-4, 210 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Geoff skated for the Kindersley Klippers of the SJHL. He was a two-time all-star and First Team All-League. He played in 62 games.

GEOFF WAUGH 4
Winnipeg, Man.


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FRESHMAN
6-3, 210 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Juha played for the Soo Indians in the NAHL. He was named as the captain for the Team Universal Players in 2001.

JUHA ALEN 5
Tampere, Finland




SOPHOMORE
5-11, 188 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Jesse skated in 39 games and earned his first letter. He was named the CCHA Rookie of the Week in the series against Alaska Fairbanks.

JESSE BARANIUK 6
Thunder Bay, Ont.

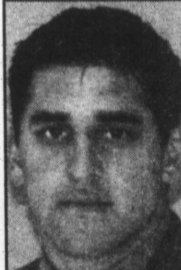


FRESHMAN
6-0, 200 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Nathan played for the South Surrey Eagles in the BCHL. He played in 50 games and was named MVP and top defenseman of the team.

NATHAN OYSTRICK 7
Regina, Sask.




SENIOR
5-9, 180 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Peter played in 37 games and earned his third letter. He had 17 assists and 18 points. He was named to the CCHA All-Academic Team.

PETER MICHELUTTI 9
Sudbury, Ont.




FRESHMAN
6-0, 200 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Jamie played for the Soo Indians in the NAHL. He was named the NAHL Rookie of the Year and Outstanding Defenseman.

JAMIE MILAM 15
Lake Orion, Mich.




SENIOR
6-0, 195 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Jimmy skated in 37 games for his third letter. He missed three games because of an injury. He had 15 points and 13 assists.

JIMMY JACKSON 18
Marquette, Mich.




JUNIOR
6-1, 170 LBS

DEFENSEMAN

Last season, Justin played in 38 games and earned his second letter. He had two goals, nine assists and 12 points. He has a career total of 17 points.

JUSTIN KINNUNEN 39
Negaunee, Mich.

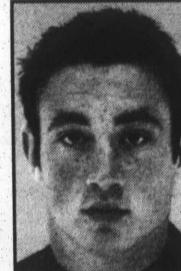


SENIOR
5-9, 175 LBS

FORWARD

Last season, Chris skated in 38 games for his third letter. He was second on the team with 19 goals and 19 assists. He was third in points with 38.

CHRIS GOBERT 27
Marquette, Mich.





JUNIOR
5-11, 192 LBS

FORWARD

Last season, Matt played in 26 games and earned his second letter. He had two game-winning goals against Lake State and Alaska Fairbanks.

MATT HUNTER 8
Edmonton, Alta.




SOPHOMORE
5-9, 175 LBS

FORWARD

Last season, Alan skated in 38 games. He had 11 goals, six assists and 17 points. He was awarded the Don Waddell Best Freshman Award.

ALAN SWANSON 10
Marquette, Mich.




SENIOR
5-11, 185 LBS

FORWARD

Last season, Terry played in 25 games. He suffered an injury against MTU and missed the next 15 games. He had six goals, nine assists and 15 points.

TERRY HARRISON 11
Winnipeg, Man.




SOPHOMORE
5-9, 181 LBS

FORWARD

Last season, Ryan skated in 24 games to earn his first letter. He had one goal, five assists and six points. He had the game-winning goal against Miami.

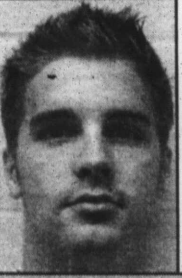
RYAN MODERSON 12
Ironwood, Mich.



JUNIOR
6-2, 210 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Jordan skated his second season for the University of Denver. He played in 59 games and went 2-12-14.


JORDAN BIANCHIN 14
Nanaimo, B.C.



FRESHMAN
6-0, 177 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Dirk skated for the Lincoln Stars of the USHL. He played in 64 games and went 23-27-60. He was named Rookie of the Year for the Stars.

DIRK SOUTHERN 16
Winnipeg, Man.



FRESHMAN
6-2, 200 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Patrick skated for the Newmarket Hurricanes of the OPJHL. He played in 48 games and had a personal record of 11-21-32.


PATRICK MURPHY 17
Aurora, Ont.



SENIOR
6-2, 215 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Mike played in all 40 games. He had 16 goals, 17 assists and 33 points. He earned the Ed Ward Most Improved Player Award.


MIKE STUTZEL 19
Victoria, B.C.



SENIOR
5-10, 195 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Dan played in all 40 games. He had five goals, nine assists and 14 points. He won the Jim Mussatto Memorial Endurance/Fitness Award.


DAN DONNETTE 20
Anoka, Minn.



SENIOR
6-0, 202 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Bryce skated in 38 games. He led the team with 20 goals, tied for second with 19 assists and was second on the team with 39 points.


BRYCE COCKBURN 21
Campbell River, B.C.



FRESHMAN
6-1, 180 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Andrew played for Lake Superior State. He also played for the Green Bay Gamblers and played in the USHL All-Star Game.

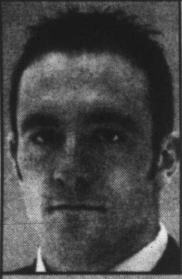
ANDREW CONTOIS 22
Marquette, Mich.



JUNIOR
6-0, 195 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Alex skated in 31 games to earn his second letter. He had seven goals, six assists and 13 points.

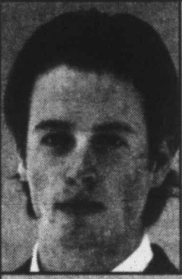
ALEX SAWRUK 23
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



SOPHOMORE
6-0, 185 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Marc skated in 11 games. He had one goal, one assist and two points. He had his first career goal against Lake Superior State.


MARC NORRINGTON 24
Grand Blanc, Mich.



SOPHOMORE
6-2, 190 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Kevin played in 30 games. He had one goal, three assists and four points. He made the game-winning goal against the University of Michigan.

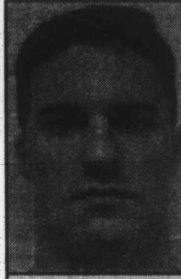
KEVIN GARDNER 25
Edmonton, Alta.



SOPHOMORE
6-0, 185 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, David appeared in 31 games. He had five goals, seven assists and 12 points. He scored his first career goal against Notre Dame.

DAVID BONK 28
Brandon, Man.



FRESHMAN
6-1, 190 LBS
FORWARD

Last season, Matt played for the Sioux City Musketeers in the USHL. He recorded three hat tricks. He was named USHL All-Star.

MATT CIANCO 26
Havertown, Pa.

Kyle returns home to lead program

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

After a 10-year absence, new NMU head hockey coach Walt Kyle is happy to be back at Northern Michigan.

"This is home," Kyle said. "To be able to get this opportunity is great. I feel real comfortable in the Marquette area."

Kyle played for NMU in 1980 and 1981 and became an assistant coach under former head coach Rick Comley in 1982.

He was the assistant coach for 10 years, including the year NMU won its only hockey National Championship in 1991.

"Northern Michigan hockey has always been a big part of my life," Kyle said. "I'm really happy to be back here."

Since his days at NMU, Kyle has held various professional and semi-professional assistant and head coaching positions.

He was an assistant coach with the NHL's New York Rangers for the past two seasons.

Kyle's other coaching experience includes being an assistant coach with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks (1996-98), and being the head coach of the

American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs (1998-2000).

He also has experience with the AHL's Baltimore Bandits (1995-96), the International Hockey League's San Diego Gulls and the Western Hockey League's Seattle Thunderbirds (1992-94).

Kyle is originally from Waterloo, Iowa. He graduated from NMU in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Kyle has two children, ages 10 and 7. He said the NHL lifestyle was hard on his family, which has always lived in the Upper Peninsula during the off-season.

"My family is real happy to be back to what we consider home," Kyle said. "I'm looking forward to starting the season."

Kyle is only the second head coach in NMU hockey history. Comley held the position for the first 26 years of the program before leaving to be Michigan State's head coach.

Kyle played for Comley in his years at NMU as a student athlete and stood

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Kyle



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Sophomore goalie Tuomas Tarkki looks left for stray pucks as his teammate races around the net. Tarkki is one of two goalies backing up junior Craig Kowalski.

With an upperclassmen led line-up, head coach Walt Kyle has dreams of a league championship. After a ten year drought, a CCHA crown would be the perfect way to start

A New Era

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After spending its first 26 years under the leadership of Rick Comley, the NMU hockey program will begin a new era as former player and assistant coach Walt Kyle takes over the head coaching position.

Kyle's team features a strong nucleus of returning players, nine freshmen and two transfer students.

After losing only four seniors to graduation, the Wildcats were predicted to finish third in the CCHA by both the coaches' poll and media poll at the CCHA media day at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena on Sept. 17.

NMU was also ranked 11th in the nation by the preseason USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll.

Kyle said that the pre-season rankings do not matter much to him.

"The puck drops in October and people have to earn their positions," he said. "I think (the rankings) show that the league has respect for the guys that (Comley, associate coach Dave Shiyak and assistant coach Brian Renfrew) have brought in here."

Last year, the Wildcats finished

26-12-2 (16-10-2 CCHA) and ended up third in the CCHA during the regular season.

In the CCHA playoffs, NMU beat Miami (Ohio) 2-0, in a best of three series in Marquette and then defeated Notre Dame, 3-1, in a single elimination game at Joe Louis Arena in the first round of the CCHA Super Six.

The Wildcats season ended when they lost a 2-1 decision to Michigan State in the CCHA semi-final playoffs.

NMU came up just short of getting an at-large invitation to the NCAA tournament.

Shortly after the loss to MSU, Comley joined the Spartans, and the Wildcats will now contend for a conference title against their old coach.

Comley will return to Marquette for a weekend series on Oct. 18 and 19 when his Spartans take on NMU.

The game on Oct. 18 will be televised by Fox Sports Detroit.

It will be the Wildcats' only live telecast of the season.

At the CCHA media day, Kyle said that he felt fortunate to be able to take over his former coach's program.

"Over the years, both as a player and coach, I have learned from Rick (Comley) and I can tell you that I don't plan on changing very

much of what Rick did," Kyle said.

He will be joined on the bench by Shiyak, who will be coaching with the Wildcats for his eighth consecutive year, and Brian Renfrew, who will be in his second year with the Wildcats.

NMU hockey's last conference title was in 1990-91 when they took the WCHA conference crown.

Either U of M or MSU has won the CCHA conference title the last six years.

Despite these streaks, Kyle said that he believes his team has a realistic chance of bringing home a league championship.

"We have seven seniors and a lot of upperclassmen in the line-up," Kyle said. "These players have shown a degree of success in college hockey and in the CCHA, and I would think that (a league championship) is a realistic goal."

Forwards

The NMU offense will be powered by 12 returning forwards, including five seniors.

Last year's team ranked third in scoring in the CCHA, averaging 3.38 goals a game.

The Wildcats lost only one forward to graduation from last year, but it was their leading scorer, cen-



Scott Salisbury/NW

Sophomore goalie Tuomas Tarkki prepares for a shot on goal from the gold team during the Green and Gold Intrasquad Scrimmage on Sept. 28. Head coach Walt Kyle said that junior goalie Craig Kowalski and senior defensemen Jimmy Jackson and Peter Michelutti would lead a Wildcat defense that includes five freshmen. The scrimmage helped prepare the team for their season opener at Michigan Tech on Saturday.

ter Chad Theuer.

Theuer was named team MVP and led the Wildcats and the CCHA in overall scoring with 16 goals, 39 assists and 55 points.

While his absence will be noticed, the 'Cats return their next six best point scorers, including last year's leading goal scorer, senior Bryce Cockburn.

"We've got a bunch of great guys here and a bunch of great forwards so hopefully we'll have a

good season," Cockburn said.

Cockburn, a powerful forward with a hard shot, scored 20 goals last year, placing him fourth in the conference. He also added 19 assists and was voted the team's best forward.

Cockburn said that individual accomplishments were not very important to him.

"I just want to win hockey games," he said.

Senior forwards Chris Gobert, Mike Stutzel, Terry Harrison and Dan Donnette are also expected to lead the offense for the Wildcats.

Gobert was second on the team last year with 19 goals. He also had 19 assists and led the team with five game-winning goals.

"We've got a good team going into the year," Gobert said. "Coach Kyle has had us concentrating on pressuring the puck more in practice. We need to create more turnovers which will lead to more scoring chances."

Stutzel was named the team's most improved player after scoring 16 goals and 17 assists last year. This was a significant improvement from the 2000-01 season, when he played in only 16 games and scored three goals.

Last year, Harrison missed 15 games after breaking a bone in his upper leg. He is expected to have an increased offensive role on the team after scoring six goals with nine assists in limited action last year.

Donnette is another senior that will look to help lead this team. Despite scoring only five goals and nine assists last year, Donnette was awarded the team's unsung hero award for his great work ethic and

hustle last season.

Junior starting goaltender Craig Kowalski, said that his team had the offensive talent to go farther than last season.

"Hopefully we can go all the way," he said. "We stopped a little short last year, but we got a lot of great returning players. (Many) of our top leading scorers are back so we should have a lot of firepower up front."

The offense will also count on support from junior forwards Matt Hunter and Alex Sawruk and sophomore forwards Alan Swanson, Kevin Gardner, Dave Bonk, Marc Norrington and Ryan Moderson.

With 11 goals and six assists, Swanson was given the best Freshman award last year.

This season's crop of freshman forwards consists of Dirk Southern, Patrick Murphy and Matt Ciancio. They are all expected to compete for playing time.

Also joining the Wildcat forwards are transfers Jordan Bianchin from Denver University and Andrew Contois from Lake Superior State.

Both will be ineligible to play until the second semester.

Defensemen

The Wildcat defense will feature a few key returners and several talented freshmen who will see immediate playing time.

NMU ranked third in the CCHA in average goals allowed last year, allowing 2.45 a game.

Last year's top two defensemen, former captain Sean Connolly and team defensemen of the year Sean

make an immediate impact at NMU.

Freshman Nathan Oystriick was chosen in the seventh round of the NHL draft by the Atlanta Thrashers.

He comes to NMU after skating for the South Surrey Eagles of the British Columbia Hockey League where he was named the top defenseman.

Freshmen Juha Alen, John Miller and Jamie Milam will also compete for playing time.

Alen is one of two Wildcat players who was born in Finland. The other is goalie Tuomas Tarkki.

Gobert said that Jackson and Michelutti have done a good job of helping the younger defensemen in practice.

"It may take some time, but all of (the freshmen defensemen) are capable of playing," he said.

Even with good senior leadership, Kyle said that defense would be a concern early on in the season.

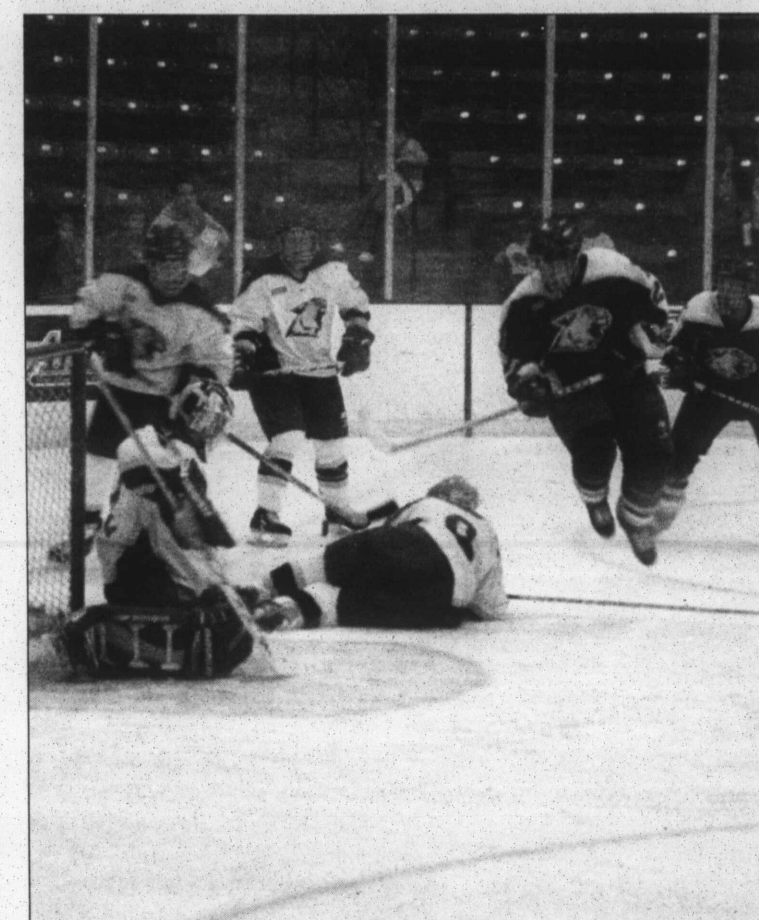
"Over time, (defense) won't be a concern at all, but early in the year we could be playing four or five freshmen at that position," he said. "It's a position where experience is very important and these guys are going to have to learn early and grow up quickly."

Goalkeeping

For the second year in a row the Wildcats' goaltending duties will primarily rest on the shoulders of junior Craig Kowalski.

Last year Kowalski ranked third in the CCHA with a 2.35 goals against average. He had a .916 save percentage and posted four shutouts for the 'Cats.

Kowalski, who was drafted in the eighth round of the 2000 NHL



Scott Salisbury/NW

Gold team defenders group around the goal crease to block shots from the green team. The gold team defeated the green team 3-1.

draft by the Carolina Hurricanes, has a 31-19-6 career record with the Wildcats.

With freshmen in the defensive lineup and returning players adapting to new roles, Kowalski said the 'Cats would have to learn early in the season.

"It's going to be tough the first couple games with the younger guys but it's part of learning," he said. "We'll have to throw them out in the mix and see how they do."

Kowalski will be backed up once again by sophomore Tuomas Tarkki.

Tarkki is seven inches taller and 30 pounds heavier than Kowalski and adds size to the goaltending position. He played in four games last year and had a 2.48 goals against average.

Freshman Joe Tuset will also compete for time in the net.

Kowalski said that a unified team defensive effort and good decision making would be a key to keeping the puck out of the net.

"We've got to play smart in our own zone and not give up easy goals or great chances in front. We've just got to get the puck out and make smart decisions," he said.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman defenseman Jamie Milam takes a shot at the green team's net through a crowd of players. Milam is one of nine freshmen currently on the NMU roster. After losing only four seniors from last year's team, many freshman will be competing with upperclassmen for ice time.



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Junior forward Jordan Bianchin awaits a pass in front of the net. Bianchin, a transfer student from Denver, is one of two transfer students on the team. These players will be eligible second semester.

Wildcats face strong CCHA opposition

BY ROB HAMILTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Here is a look at the competition the Wildcats will face this year in the CCHA conference.

Alaska Fairbanks

The Nanooks were one of the biggest surprises in the league last season, finishing fourth and going 22-13-4 (15-10-3 CCHA).

Head coach Guy Gadowski returns for his fourth season behind the bench. His team will be without last year's leading scorer and captain, Bobby Andrews, but the team only lost two other players to graduation.

The Nanooks will look to junior goalie Lance Mayes, junior defenseman Felipe Larranaga and junior forwards Ryan Cambell and Cam Keith to lead their team.

Bowling Green

The Falcons will be under new leadership this year as Scott Paluch takes over as head coach.

Last season the team struggled, finishing 9-25-6 (7-18-3 CCHA) for 11th place in the conference.

BGU lost seven seniors to graduation including top scorer Greg Day. Junior forward D'Arcy McConvey and senior goaltender Tyler Masters are the Falcons top returning players.

Ferris State

The Bulldogs will be led by a powerful offense including last year leading goal scorer in the CCHA, senior Chris Kunitz.

FSU went 15-20-1 (12-15-1 CCHA) last season and finished ninth in the conference. Bob Daniels returns for his 11th season as head coach. He will be without last year's leading point

scorer Rob Collins, who graduated at the end of last season.

Sophomore forwards Jeff Legue and Derek Nesbitt and junior forward Derrick McIver will look to step up in his place.

Lake Superior St.

The Lakers will continue to try and rebuild their program under new head coach Frank Anzalone, who is returning for his second tenure with LSSU.

Anzalone helped build the program in the 1980s and led LSSU to its first National Championship in 1988.

Last season LSSU finished last in the conference and went 8-27-2 (4-22-2 CCHA).

The Lakers return last year's leading scorers, senior forwards Jeremy Bachusz and Aaron Davis. Junior defenseman Chris Dahlen and junior forward Adam Nightingale are also back with the team.

Miami (Ohio)

The Redhawks are trying to build up its program under fourth-year coach Enrico Blasi.

After finishing second in the conference in the 2000-01 season Miami finished 10th last year, going 12-22-2 (9-17-2 CCHA).

The Redhawks lost eight players from last year's team, including leading scorer Jason Deskins.

Senior forward Nick Jardine and junior forwards Mike Kompon and Greg Hogeboom are expected to lead this year's squad.

Michigan

After winning the CCHA regular season title and making a trip to the NCAA Final Four last season, the Wolverines are hoping to continue to be a powerhouse in college hockey.

Last year Michigan finished 28-11-5 (19-5-4 CCHA). The conference championship was head coach Red Berenson's seventh in his 19 years at Michigan.

U of M lost four year starting goalie Josh Blackburn to graduation last year. 17 year-old freshman goalie Alvaro Montoya is expected to step up in his place.

The Wolverines lost only four players from last year's squad and will have senior forwards John Shouneyia and Jed Ortmeyer back with the team.

Michigan State

After 23 years with the program, Ron Mason, the winningest coach in college hockey history, has stepped down to become the MSU athletic director.

New head coach Rick Comley will take his place after 26 seasons with the NME.

The Spartans will also be without 2001 Hobey Baker award winner and two-time player of the year, goalie Ryan Miller, who opted to skip his senior season to sign with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

After finishing second in the conference and going 27-9-5 (18-6-4 CCHA), the Spartans will look to senior defenseman John-Micheal Liles and senior forward Brian Maloney to lead the team.

Nebraska-Omaha

The Mavericks will play their fourth year in the CCHA and sixth under head coach Mike Kemp.

Last year, the team went 21-16-4 (13-11-4 CCHA) and finished fifth in the conference. The Mavericks lost last year's leading scorer Jeff Hoggan to graduation and will have 10 freshmen on the team. They will return junior goalie Dan Ellis, junior forward

Andrew Wong and senior forward David Brisson.

Notre Dame

The Fighting Irish look to continue the success they experienced at the end of last season when they won seven out of their last nine games.

Eighth year head coach Dave Poulin leads a squad that went 16-17-5 (12-12-4 CCHA) and finished eighth in the conference.

The Irish only lost three skaters to graduation and will return leading scorer senior forward Conner Dunlop, junior forward Rob Globke and sophomore goalie Morgan Cey.

Ohio State

The Buckeyes will be led by a strong junior class and return

their top four leading scorers.

OSU finished seventh in the conference last year with a record of 20-16-4 (12-12-4 CCHA).

Head coach John Markell returns for his eighth season. Junior forwards R.J. Umberger, Paul Capompoli, Scott May and Daymen Bencharski are back for the Buckeyes.

Western Mich.

The Broncos are coming off of a sixth-place finish with a 19-15-4 (13-12-3 CCHA) record.

WMU lost seven seniors to graduation, including goalie Jeff Reynaert. Fourth year head coach Jim Cuhane will welcome back junior forwards Jeff Campbell and Dana Lattery and senior defenseman Dave Cousineau.

2001-2002 WILDCAT HOCKEY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 5	at Michigan Tech	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 11-12	Ice Breaker Tournament	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 18-19	Michigan State	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 25-26	at Miami	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Lake Superior State	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 2	Lake Superior State	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 8-9	Western Michigan	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 22-23	at Nebraska-Omaha	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 6-7	Michigan	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 13	Michigan Tech	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	Badger Showdown	TBA
Jan. 10-11	at Bowling Green	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	at Ferris State	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 24-25	Alabama-Huntsville	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Alaska Fairbanks	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 7-8	at Michigan	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 14	Lake Superior State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Lake Superior State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 21-22	at Michigan State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 28-March 1	Ohio State	7:05 p.m.
March 7-8	Notre Dame	7:05 p.m.
March 14-16	CCHA First Round Series	TBA
March 20	CCHA Quarterfinals	TBA
March 21	CCHA Semifinals	TBA
March 22	CCHA Championship	TBA

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COACH

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beside him on the bench during his years as an assistant coach for the Wildcats.

"These guys have been coached very well in the past," Kyle said.

Kyle will face Comely when NMU plays MSU at home Oct. 18 and 19. NMU fans have already dubbed the game, "Mentor vs. Mentee."

Kyle said a league championship would be a realistic goal in his first year as head coach.

"You need to have high expectations," he said. "Our goal every year will be to compete for and win a championship."

Junior goalie Craig Kowalski said Kyle has done a great job so far.

"I'm really looking forward to opening the season," Kowalski said.

Kyle's first game behind the bench will be at Michigan Tech on Saturday.

The team will then travel to Madison, Wis. for the Ice Breaker Tournament next weekend before coming home for the highly-anticipated series against Michigan State.

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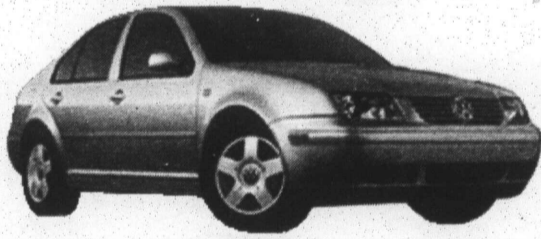
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