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Student arrested for home invasion

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Two Marquette men and one NMU student were arrested on Jan. 28 for first degree home invasion and attempted robbery, and all three are currently housed in the Marquette County Jail, pending bond.

Senior business and computer information systems major Michael Poley was charged with home invasion, first degree.

Gary Winston Seaman, 20, of 2001 W. Fair Ave. is being charged with home invasion, first degree, and assault with a dangerous weapon and assault with attempt to rob while armed.

Steven Nicolas Dyson,

19, of 1204 Lincoln Ave. is also being charged with home invasion, first degree and assault with intent to rob while armed.

At 2 a.m. on Jan. 21 the three men attempted to rob two residents of a house located at 801 Lincoln St.

The police are not releasing the names of the residents of the household at this time.

The arrests were a result of an investigation that followed a call from one of the two residents of the household.

Detective Cpt. Mike Angeli of the Marquette Police Department said the complaint originated when one of the residents answered a knock on the

door and was confronted by two men wearing masks and carrying empty beer bottles.

He said one assailant entered the apartment and assaulted the occupants, attempting to rob them while the other suspect stood at the door.

"One of the suspects whacked one of the occupants on the head with an empty beer bottle," Angeli said.

Detective Lt. Gordon Warchock, also of the Marquette City Police Department said the occupant received a minor injury to the head after being struck with the bottle.

He said the police answered a knock on the



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Two local men and one NMU student are accused of first degree home invasion and attempted robbery after an incident took place at 801 Lincoln St. on Jan. 28.

NAE confirms Ludacris, Counting Crows visits

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
AND ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF WRITERS

Hip-hop artist Ludacris and the modern rock band Counting Crows are among the acts that will visit NMU before the Winter 2003 semester is complete.

Northern Arts and Entertainment, an on-campus

organization which brings musical acts, speakers and other artists to NMU, has confirmed that Ludacris will play on March 21 while Counting Crows will perform on April 14.

Both performances will take place at the Berry Events Center, although opening acts and the show times are still being discussed.

Ludacris has released two albums, "Back for the First Time" and "Word of Mouf." Among his hit singles are "Southern Hospitality," "What's Your Fantasy" and "Roll Out."

Ludacris tickets will go on sale for NMU students on Monday at a cost of \$24. Tickets for the general public will begin

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Becky Compton/NW

Members of NAE gather Wednesday night in the University Center to discuss details for upcoming performances, including Jamie Kennedy, rap artist Ludacris and the rock group Counting Crows.

Charges filed against Brown

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

states that there was genital contact involved in the crime.

Former NMU student Charles Brown attended a preliminary exam hearing on Jan. 24 where he was charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct in the first-degree, three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second-degree and nine counts of home invasion, first degree.

It was found by the court at the exam that these crimes were indeed committed and that there was reasonable evidence to prove that Brown committed them, Public Safety Investigator Vic Laduke said.

Brown is now bound to the Circuit Court until his next hearing scheduled for Feb. 14.

Currently, Brown is being held in the Marquette County Jail until the time of his next hearing.

Criminal sexual conduct in the first degree means the victims were penetrated while criminal sexual conduct in the second degree

If found guilty, Brown could face a maximum of life in prison for criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and additional sentences of 15 years for each count of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, Laduke said.

He said nine victims are involved in the case against Brown and if the case goes to trial they will have to testify in court against him.

The case would take place in the Marquette Circuit Court because the crimes committed are felonies, Laduke said.

Brown declined to comment on the case.

Marquette County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wiese said Brown has chosen to enter a plea agreement to plead guilty on one count of home invasion and one count of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree.

He said home invasion Please see CHARGES on Page 2

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department has dealt with many cases where either empty or full beer bottles are used as weapons.

Warchock said nothing was stolen from the residence, but the assailants were searching for money.

"There was a struggle, and one of the occupants pulled off the mask of one of the assailants," Angeli said. "The resident was able to identify the assailant because he was an acquaintance."

Angeli said detectives from the Marquette Police Department, with assistance from UPSET, were able to make arrests after obtaining search warrants for Dyson's residence at 1204 Lincoln Ave.

He said during the search police recovered two of the masks used in the robbery and beer bottles matching the description of the bottles used in the incident.

Warchock said the individuals were arrested in different locations after turning themselves into the police.

"They were all very cooperative with turning themselves in," Warchock said.

All three suspects are being held in the Marquette County Jail: Seaman in lieu of \$6,000 cash bond, Dyson in lieu of \$5,000 cash bond and Poley in lieu of \$2,500 cash bond.

Angeli said home invasion is a felony punishable by 20 years and/or a fine of \$5,000, while assault with a dangerous weapon is a felony punishable by four years and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Assault with intent to rob is a felony punishable by life or any term of years, Angeli said.

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selling on Feb. 17 at \$30.

Counting Crows have remained a popular recording and touring act since the breakthrough of their 1993 debut album, "August and Everything After." Since then, singles such as "Mr. Jones," "A Long December" and "Hangin' Around" have received substantial radio airplay.

Their most recent album, "Hard Candy," was released in July 2002.

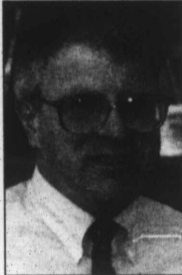
Tickets for Counting Crows will go on sale on Feb. 19 at \$18 for students, while tickets for the general public will go on sale on Feb. 26 at a cost of \$22.

NAE decided which bands to book through an e-mail survey sent out last semester. Twenty-five hundred students responded.

Singer/songwriters Ben Harper and Jack Johnson were at the top of the list, but they will not be on tour until May, so NAE was not able to book them, NAE Adviser Dave Bonsall said.

After choosing the bands, NAE places bids on the performers they would like to book, Bonsall said.

To "place a bid" is a process in which the NAE tells their agent, the middleman who talks to the bands' agents, the dates they have available and the amount they are willing to pay. The agent then gives the act the proposal and the act decides if they want to play.



Bonsall

"It is extremely difficult for us to book concerts here because we are in a remote area, we have small venue sizes and a small population," Bonsall said.

Even so, NAE hopes to bring a wider variety of entertainment to campus.

"We want to bring bigger names to campus," NAE chairwoman Erin Spencer said.

Among the other acts being brought to campus this semester by NAE include actor/comedian Jamie Kennedy and comedy group Second City.

Tickets are already on sale for Jamie Kennedy, an actor, comedian and host of TV's "The Jamie Kennedy Experience." He is scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Tickets cost \$2 for NMU students and \$6 for general public.

Second City will perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 14 and 15 in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$6 for students.

The tickets are available at a reasonable price due to the Student Activities Fee that students pay at the beginning of each semester, Bonsall said.

Last year, the students voted to increase the Student Activity Fee from \$21.30 to \$30.

"Part of the reason students voted for the increase is that they wanted to see larger acts," Bonsall said.

NAE is allotted a certain amount of money each semester.

This semester they received \$4.35 per student, totaling \$31,159.05, Student Finance Committee chairman Travis Margoni said.

CHARGES

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carries a maximum sentence of 20 years, while criminal sexual conduct in the third degree carries a maximum sentence of 15 years.

"Halfway through the hearing he decided to not contest the charges," Wiese said.

Wiese said he anticipates that when arraigned for the



Wiese

charges brought against him on Feb. 14, Brown will plead guilty on two counts.

If Brown were to plead not guilty, the case would go to trial, Wiese said.

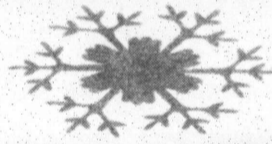
He said that if Brown is convicted on the count of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, the maximum sentence is life in prison, however, after 10 years he would be eligible for parole.

"If he pleads guilty on two counts, his sentencing could range anywhere between five and 20 years," Wiese said.

Negaunee Attorney Robert Juidici is representing Brown.

Wiese said he anticipates that Brown will serve a prison sentence.

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BRIEFS

Local

High school bus crashes, five hurt

GLADSTONE — Five Marquette Senior High School hockey team members were injured on Tuesday evening when the school bus the team was riding in went off the road and hit some small trees. The incident occurred at approximately 10:02 p.m. on M-35, about one mile north of Gladstone Public Schools. Authorities said the bus driver started choking, possibly while drinking a cup of coffee, and then lost control of the bus. Scott Taylor, 16, suffered a broken leg and was taken into surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, but no other serious injuries were reported. The Marquette Senior High hockey team was returning from a game in Escanaba when the crash occurred.

National

Americans support Bush, polls say

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Following his State of the Union speech on Tuesday night, various polls indicate that more Americans find Bush's argument for war against Iraq to be convincing. According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll of people who viewed Bush's speech Tuesday night, 67 percent believe he has made a strong case for military action to disarm Saddam Hussein, while 30 percent do not. Prior to the speech, 47 percent of the same viewers thought Bush was convincing in his argument for war, and 52 percent didn't. On the economy, 49 percent of respondents to the CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll said the economic program Bush laid out in his speech would move the country in the right direction; 43 percent said it would not.

International

Iraqi scientists refuse interviews

BAGHDAD — On Tuesday, United Nations weapon inspectors said they once again failed in interviewing an Iraqi scientist concerning the possibility of his country's weapons program. The scientist had insisted on having an Iraqi witness with him during the interview. A U.N. official said the U.N. Monitoring Verification and Inspection Commission had requested interviews with 16 Iraqis, but to date none had taken place. U.N. experts had proposed to use tape recorders to make Iraqi scientists feel more secure. Hans Blix, the executive chairman of UNMOVIC, delivered a report on Monday to the Security Council which criticized Iraq's cooperation in detailing its past arms programs and testing new illegal long-range missiles.

Weird News

Court rejects Barbie 'Bimbo' doll

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Monday, toymaking company Mattel lost a U.S. Supreme Court appeal over a mocking dance-pop song that called the iconic fashion doll Barbie a "blonde bimbo." Mattel Inc., which receives over \$1.5 billion annually in Barbie sales, complained that an MCA Records, Inc. advertisement for the 1997 hit song "Barbie Girl" by the Danish group Aqua, ran during Saturday morning cartoons and that MCA even wanted to sell the recording at toy stores. Lawyers from Mattel claimed the preteen girls who buy the dolls were misled by thinking the advertisement was for the Barbie doll or Mattel's official line of Barbie products. MCA has sold approximately 1.4 million copies of the "Barbie Girl" single to date.

— Compiled from news sources

Places and names



Kelly Adams/NW

Dr. John Anderton answers questions from sophomore environmental science major Matthew Bolt during a session on perspectives in contemporary geography. The session was held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 in West Science Room 3710 and sponsored by the department of geography.

Winter weather chills U.P.

ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It may be the winter of El-Niño bringing with it supposedly milder temperatures, but don't bother telling that to NMU students or members of the Marquette community.

Since Jan. 10, mean high temperatures in Marquette have been around 10 degrees below normal, averaging in the low- to mid-teens, said Greg Michels, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Negaunee.

Although no class days at NMU have been cancelled due to poor weather conditions, the unseasonably cold air has caused several sporting events to be called off and made going out-of-doors treacherous at times.

"The cold winds were vicious last week," junior industrial arts major Tim Mitchell said. "Even if you were just walking five minutes to class, you'd feel numb once you got there. I was almost wondering if classes would be cancelled or something because of the wind chill."

Students commuting to campus and between classes have also run into typical cold-weather pitfalls.

"It's been a pain getting to and from classes at times," senior hospitality major Neil Parker said. "I have 10 minutes to get to the Jacobetti Center from another class in Jamrich and my truck won't always start right away when it's so cold out. So I'm often late for class."

The string of cold days can be partially blamed for the unusual storm pattern of the last two weeks, Michels said.

Michels said typical El-Niño winters bring warmer than normal air to Michigan, but this year that has not been the case.

"There have been years where El-Niño has caused temperatures to be colder overall," Michels said. "This year appears to be one of them."

Michels said the jet stream pattern has kept most of the larger storm systems to the south along the Central Mississippi Valley, allowing for colder Arctic winds to flow from Canada into the Upper Great Lakes region.

Although temperatures in Marquette have been well below average for the month of January, the snowfall total so far this season is also nearly 20 inches below normal.

The cold weather and wind chill factor caused the NMU women's cross country ski team to cancel one of their ski competitions at the St. Olaf Invitational in Ironwood, Mich. on Jan. 26.

Women's cross country ski coach Sten Fjedheim said the temperature that morning was between 10-

and 20-below zero with the wind chill factor.

Fjedheim said the race had to be cancelled due to the dangers of skiers exerting themselves in sub-zero degree air, which can lead to damaged lungs and frostbite.

"The last 10 or 12 days have kind of stifled skiing," Marquette Mountain General Manager Vern Barber said. "It was clearly obvious that the number of skiers from this week and last weekend was down."

Barber also said that several ski events had to be cancelled at Marquette Mountain during the week of Jan. 20 due to the wind and cold. Wind chills of up to 35-degrees below zero were reported in Marquette and Negaunee last week, Michels said. Those looking for greater snowfall amounts and milder temperatures for the remainder of the winter may be disappointed.

Michels said temperatures will rebound this weekend into the low to mid-30s before another system of cold air arrives from the north, knocking high temperatures back into the teens for next week.

It appears as though the cycle of shorter mild spells followed by longer periods of cold weather may remain for much of February as well, Michels said.



Eryn Kovach/NW

Junior media production and new technologies major Bucky Marklein shovels the sidewalk in front of his home on Longyear Ave. on Jan. 27.

FORECAST

• **Friday:** Partly cloudy with snow showers possible. High around 32. Low around 20.

• **Saturday:** Partly cloudy. High around 30. Low 18.

• **Sunday:** A chance of snow showers. High around 33. Low around 23.

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Volunteers await Spring Break, Georgia

Twenty-nine students to participate in building for Habitat For Humanity

BY NICK YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-nine NMU student volunteers will be traveling to Albany, Ga. on March 1 to assist Habitat for Humanity in the construction of two different homes in the area the less fortunate.

The students will be staying at a nearby Boy Scout camp in Albany for six nights, and working on the Habitat for Humanity Projects for five full days.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the students involved to get out there and see the world and really make a difference in the lives of people in need."

— Carissa Villa
Volunteer Center Coordinator

The students, along with other volunteering students from around the nation, will be working under the supervision of the Flint River Habitat for Humanity in Albany.

The trip is being coordinated by senior biology major Carissa Villa and junior marketing and French major Layla Khoury-Hanold.

Villa is the volunteer center coordina-

tor, while Layla Khoury-Hanold is the assistant volunteer center coordinator.

Both will be attending the trip and said they have high hopes for what they will accomplish.

Once the students are on one of the two sites they will be doing a variety of different jobs to aid in the completion of the homes.

"We don't know what [our exact duties] will be, but we will find out when we get there," senior secondary mathematics education major Jennifer Ford said.

Students are still working at raising more funds for the trip, but they are working in various ways to attain the necessary amount.

During the holidays they participated in project gift-wrap at the Westwood Mall.

They have been collecting bottles and cans and have been writing letters to local business asking for donations to help fund their trip.

Ford said that hopefully funds will be met, but in the event they are not, the participating students will be covering the difference out of their own pockets.

She said fundraising will continue all the way until the group leaves for break.

"I expect to have a lot of fun, and also to accomplish something that will benefit someone else or the community," Ford said.

Unfortunately for those interested in joining the volunteer project, all spaces have been filled.

However, there is a waiting list that is beginning to take names, and if someone backs out they will be replaced by those on the list, Villa said.

The roster of students wishing to participate has been established since late October, she said.

"This is an incredible opportunity for

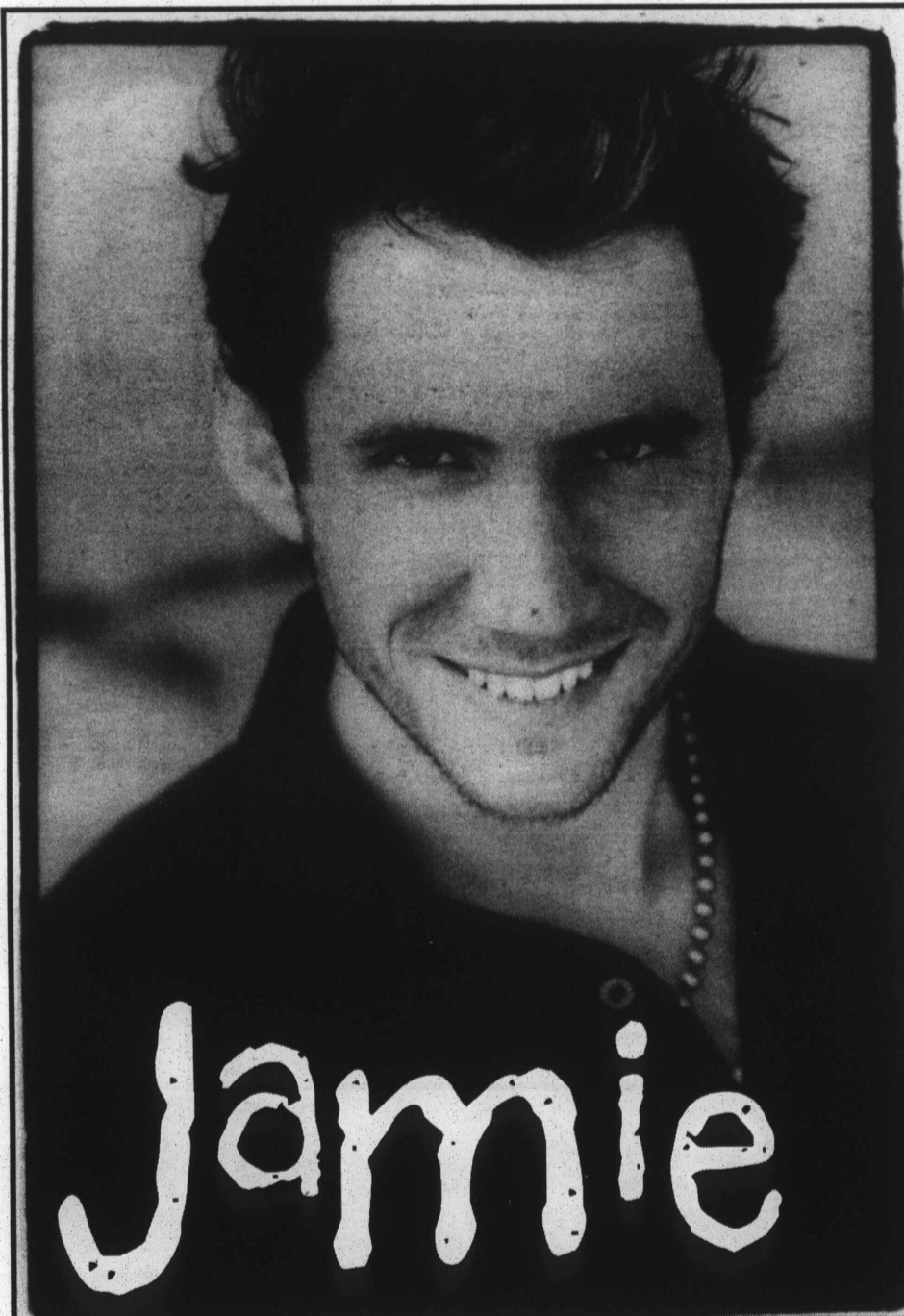
the students involved to get out there and see the world and to really make a difference in the lives of people in need," Villa said. "We would greatly appreciate any help in funding this extraordinary trip."

If you are interested in donating to aid in the funding of this trip, or would like to be placed on the waiting list, you may do so by contacting Villa or Khoury-Hanold at the volunteer center at 227-2466, or e-mail volctr@nmu.edu.



Adam Westhouse/NW

Undeclared major Erin Webb, sophomore business management major Jeremiah Shutty and junior environmental conservation major John Campbell discuss plans for their spring break trip on Jan. 27 in the Back Room in the University Center.



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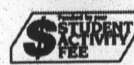
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MS Walk held at dome

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

The Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society is currently looking for volunteers to coordinate Marquette's area MS Wal, on April 27 in the Superior Dome.

The MS Walk is a national fundraiser held annually in cities nationwide to benefit the MS Society.

The MS Society is a national organization that promotes awareness and raises money for research to support sufferers of MS.

According to the Michigan Chapter of MS Society Web site, MS is a debilitating disease of the central nervous system in which people begin to lose control of their motor functions causing a loss of coordination, paralysis, blindness and several other symptoms.

Currently there is no cure, and no known cause.

All money raised by the MS Walks go towards research of the disease to try to find not only a cause, but possibly a cure.

The Web site said nearly 15,000 people within the state region have been identified as having MS.

The Web site also said that in 2001, \$747,878 was raised in the state-of-Michigan in support of research on the disease.

In 2002, \$0.90 of every \$1 raised went directly to research programs.

For the past two years, Donna Phillips, Marquette resident and sufferer of MS, has coordinated the event in Marquette.

Due to her busy schedule, Phillips said she will not be coordinating the walk again this year. Phillips, along with the assistance of the NMU Volunteer Center is hoping to find a person or organization who would like to organize and coordinate this year's event, Volunteer Center Assistant

Coordinator Layla Khoury-Hanold said.

She said responsibilities for the event include securing food, sending brochures to schools and businesses and getting door prize donations.

Phillips said she has been contacted by one individual and a few groups interested in the project, however at this time no one has taken over the responsibility.

"The walk would just be too much work for me this year," Phillips said. "It was too much for me last year."

Phillips said she still plans to participate in the event.

Khoury-Hanold said although the Volunteer Center is not directly involved with the MS Walk, they are more than willing to help Phillips find a replacement for the Walk this year.

"I am all for promoting awareness and getting people involved in the event," Khoury-Hanold said.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help coordinate this year's event may contact the NMU Volunteer Center at 227-2466 for more information.

Facts about MS

- Most common chronic neurological condition affecting young adults in North America and Europe.
- Affects over 350,000 people in the United States and an estimated 1.5 million worldwide.
- Nearly 10,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.
- MS usually occurs between the ages of 20 and 40.
- Symptoms include vision problems, loss of balance, difficulty walking and paralysis.
- MS is not contagious.
- No cure has been found.

Students win national awards

Two NMU students have recently won national awards to study abroad this semester.

The two students are Brooke Dyer of Roscommon, Mich. and Ross Wirtanen of Marquette.

Dyer, a senior secondary education major is the winner of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, worth up to \$5,000 for United States citizen undergraduates that attend two- and four-year institutions.

The awards are given to students who wish to pursue semester or year-long study opportunities abroad.

Students are awarded based on their academic performance, potential impact, field of study, country distribution, among other things.

The scholarship is sponsored by the United States Department of State.

Dyer is in the College Consortium for International Studies program in Orsmkirk, England.

She has also received a William and Margery Vandament Scholarship.

Wirtanen is a junior art and design major. He is the winner of the Freeman Award for \$5,000.

The award is part of Freeman Awards for study abroad in Asia. The awards are administered by the Institute of International Education.

Winners are expected to share their experiences with their home campus to encourage studying abroad to others.

Upon returning to the United States, Wirtanen will have six months to submit a final report of his travels to IIE.

Wirtanen is at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, which is sponsored jointly by all public universities in the state.

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EDITORIAL

Missed opportunities

"Unite Tonight," an open mic night scheduled for last week as part of Martin Luther King week, was cancelled due to a lack of interest. The cancellation of the event, intended to be a talent showcase for the campus community, is indicative of an alarming campus-wide trend.

Turnout for speakers and guests on campus has been alarmingly low this year.

Student announcement e-mails flood inboxes. It's difficult to walk anywhere on campus without seeing some sort of advertisement for an on-campus event to be held in the near future.

Last year, we voted to raise the student activity fee so we could bring more programming to campus. Yet for some reason, no one is showing up.

There has been a sea of empty seats at basketball games, even though both our men's and our women's teams have winning records this year and are very exciting to watch. Attendance for the women's games has averaged fewer than 300 people.

More than 2,200 fans showed up in Houghton when our men's team played at Michigan Tech.

At our home games, the men's team is averaging approximately 450 fans per game. Those numbers are absurdly low, especially if you consider that students make up only a portion of those small figures, and there is no at-the-door cost to students.

Sure, it's been cold — students must be hibernating for the winter. But the Berry Events Center and the University Center are just a short walk across campus. Most students pass Jamrich, another place for speakers and events, everyday. And there is parking available for commuter students near each of these venues.

With each passing event, it's becoming more evident that we are truly generation-MTV and very content sitting in front of a television or a laptop. In that case, perhaps attendance will be good when Real World cast member Chris Beckman visits NMU this semester.

It's going to take an act like Ludacris or Counting Crows to get students to attend an event.

That is, unless they show the concerts on TV.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Racism still found in local bar

On a recent Friday night at a local bar, I observed the most disgusting display of racism that I have seen in a long time.

An older male, whom I will not refer to as a gentleman, felt the need to verbally attack an African-American gentleman. The older man was so angry simply because his racist mind was so filled with hatred for another human being.

There was absolutely no reason to provoke the gentleman, who maintained himself in a manner that would've been difficult for most people under the same circumstances.

I guess we would like to believe that as people grow older, they would also grow wiser, but unfortunately this is not always the case.

This racist lost my respect as well as the respect of most people in the building. There certainly is no place for that kind of behavior, and I'm proud that so many people expressed that sentiment as the older man was unceremoniously ejected from the premises.

I would like to say "Thank you" to the gentleman who maintained his dignity and respect in the presence of such an angry and hateful man. You certainly have my respect and admiration.

Bruce Gustafson
 Marquette resident

Legalized abortions still not safe

After reading the column "Make Abortions Safe," thinking that a woman went through that and is still most likely experiencing the emotional and physical scarring that comes with abortion, concerns me.

The columnist stated,

"Somehow this could have been avoided had my friend had better treatment."

In response, I have news for our campus, community, and nation — the nightmarish situation could have been avoided entirely, had this woman considered options and consequences.

What pro-choicers don't tell us is the awful aftermath of abortion and who it affects.

The Heritage House states, "You have the right to know all of the risks and consequences of abortion otherwise, it isn't a choice."

The Elliot Institute (www.w-cpc.org/abortion/physical.html) found that common complications occurring during an abortion include: uterus rips, excessive hemorrhaging, second degree burns, cervical injury, convulsions and many more.

Studies prove that post abortion patients are likely to suffer depression, suicide and new evidence proves a sharp increase in breast cancer.

Pro-choicer Dr. Janet Daling received worldwide publicity in 1994 by finding over thirty studies indicating that women who abort their first pregnancy have a much higher risk of developing breast cancer.

Dr. Daling quoted, "Our research is rock solid, and data is accurate. It's not a matter of believing, it's a matter of what is."

The fact of what is, is that life begins at conception.

Days 20 and 21, foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are established and the heart begins beating.

Day 28, arms, legs, ears and eyes are showing.

Day 40, brain waves are detected.

What is a person without a beating heart and active brain waves?

Also take into consideration that this living child has the same characteristics as you and I — 46 chromosomes, identifying

it as human — a separate, unique chromosomal structure.

Day 45, movement begins.

Day 56 all body systems are present and react to pain.

The many times that I have discussed this with pro-choicers, rape or incest always surfaces.

Consistent statistics found in multiple sources stated .06 percent of abortions are due to rape, one percent to incest, and .06-1 percent threaten the mother's life, total of all combined account for only two to three, at most five percent of all abortion cases.

These three issues aren't justifiable to the 41 million babies killed over the past 30 years.

"Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born" (Ronald Reagan).

Take the time to look at Norma McCorvey's (Roe from Roe vs. Wade) quote of regret stating "I stand with those who honor the worth of every unborn child" at www.precious-life.com/interestingquotes.htm.

May this small amount of information help you realize that no abortion is safe, no matter the circumstances.

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love but to use any violence to get what they want" (Mother Theresa, Feb. 3, 1994).

Stefanie L. Scovill
 senior, early childhood

Letters to the Editor

The deadline for letters to the editor is 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the date of publication. You may submit your letter via e-mail at opinion@thenorthwind.org or drop it off at 2310 University Center.

William Holland
 opinion@thenorthwind.org



Convenience attracts consumers

It is easy to blame Wal-Mart for the death of small town local businesses but maybe local businesses should try taking a look at what Wal-Mart does different.

The big thing is convenience. I don't expect a local business to stay open 24 a hours day, but I do think they could pay a little more attention to what times consumers have available for shopping.

I made quite a few calls to area businesses last Sunday and discovered an alarming trend: endless ringing.

It was still hours til' the big game (which wasn't something I was terribly interested in anyway because, by some misfortune, my beloved Bears weren't involved) and I was looking for something to do.

My first instinct is always to find something outdoors to do. But one quick glance at the thermometer with its mercury chilling at zero, and I decided that this was not a good time to call

up a buddy to play catch.

I guess there are outdoor activities for the winter lover, like ice fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing and many other insane snot icicles hanging from your nose type activities.

But I am not a native Yooper so these activities have about as much lure for me as self-mutilation. Come to think of it, I don't really see a difference between the two.

I was forced to find a suitable indoor activity to pass my time away.

I thought about going to the movies but I've already seen all the movies in the theater right now, (apparently this is a dilemma I've found myself in before) and I owe Blockbuster a considerable amount of money.

Drinking was out of the question. It's just not something I do, again showing that I'm not from the area.

There are two things that could easily fill my day: either a

new book or a new guitar. So I decided to go and get one of the two. That's when I started making calls to get the location of music and book stores.

Twenty minutes and 12 calls later, I found myself with no more information then I had before I picked up the phone. Apparently not one of the businesses I called were open.

The fact that none of these places were open at noon on a Sunday was shocking enough.

But even more shocking was the lack of any kind of recording informing a potential consumer, when the establishment might be open.

Instead they had a constant ringing to kindly greet their customers.

Now I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't do a whole lot of shopping from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday though Friday.

Yet in the Marquette area, very few businesses have hours

STAFF COLUMN



BY KYLE ORTIZ

beyond that and an extraordinary amount of establishments are closed the whole day Sunday.

Maybe no one has informed them that the circa-1800s habit of spending the entire Sabbath day in church is a bit archaic.

These businesses need to do a little more in order to compete. For starters, they could actually stay open on both of the days people traditionally have off work.

This doesn't mean they have to do more hours of business, rather just different hours.

If they are open 7 a.m. to 5

p.m. they could shift to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or even 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., giving themselves a few more hours when people actually have the time to shop.

With their current business hours they are creating a system where the consumer has to work around their schedule to find time to visit a vendor.

This inconvenience often leads consumers right into the welcoming arms of the infamous Wal-Mart greeter.

If the businesses built their hours around when the average consumer is available they may find a lot more customers filing through their doors.

If they want to stay in business maybe they should think about replacing the endless ringing of a phone on Sundays with the infinitely more profitable ringing of a cash register.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kyle welcomes reactions to his columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

Mystery meat might mean miracles

Could I kill a man?

Other than Gilbert Godfried or Carrot Top, that is?

I've been thinking about this a lot. And not just because of all the wonderful ulcer-inducing tension that is collecting around the world like hair in a shower drain- you know the really thick, curly hairs that no one really wants to think about.

Where was I?

Ah yes, killing.

No, it isn't only the threat of war, nor the crime that always seems to be rising on the news shows and falling in state surveys nationwide.

It's not even the large amount of action movies I have seen, or my love of gory, parent-hated games like "Grand Theft Auto" and "Soldier of Fortune."

No, the main thing that makes me question my inability to kill

STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

another, be it in rage or cold blood, is the fact that those little tins of Vienna sausages continue to exist.

Why in all the names of all the gods in all the heavens, hells and earths, do they yet persist?

Does anyone actually like them? Who in their right mind eats canned meat?

Meat that is stored at room temperature for years. Meat that is considered "nonperishable."

It's meat, for crying out loud. I like my canned beans as much as the next fellow, but if you leave beans out (far from the reach of stray dogs and underclassmen who have yet to effectively use their meal plan) all that happens to them is that they get moldy, more plant-like things growing out of its original plant-like matter.

But meat, meat has more animal-like things that grow on it. Wiggly little cute fly babies, that admittedly look like rice, but would make terrible cakes or crispy treats.

Meat in a can.

Meat in any can, in any form is just wrong. This from a recovering sardine addict.

Not that I am imagining say, meat in a carton or meat in a tube (no jokes please) to taste any better. It just simply seems

inherently wrong, like polka music, paisley or pickled beets.

I don't even know why it enrages me. I like jerky, those delicious strips of leather, hardened so that the real man has to work to get his meal.

The kind of jerky you tear at until you think your gums will wave little white flags, surrender and move to some small California town with a suggestive name. Delicious jerky.

Maybe it's because canned things have some kind of taboo about them, some kind of social stigma.

We order beers, I mean sodas, in bottles when we can, avoiding cans at all cost.

Ideally we like our foods the way we like our lovers: fresh, ripe, tender, delicious and able to be baked into a pie. Er, not that last one.

Why? Is it the flavor?

No, really, is it the flavor?

I can't tell; I don't have such a good sense of smell or taste. (Long story involving frequent nosebleeds and a cure of acid being applied to my nasal cavities). Ah, modern medicine.

Hmm. Maybe I'll go buy me some Vienna sausages, dripping in oil. Won't be hard to get, can't imagine they would be a high demand item.

Maybe they are scrumptious. Maybe they can cure the gout. Maybe I will acquire othe worldly powers. Maybe I will be poisoned. Maybe it will kill me.

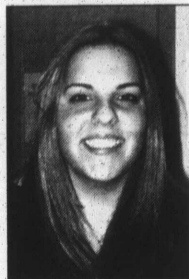
And like all gourmet foods, it is available at your local friendly gas station.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeremiah welcomes reactions to his columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

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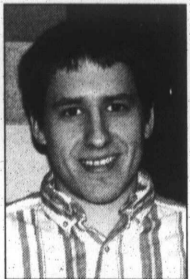
Aside from the president's salary where do you think money could be cut from the NMU budget?

— Compiled by Becky Compton



Tina Paolinetti
sophomore, undeclared

"The landscaping because it's always winter anyways."



Kevin Cardoni
senior, computer information systems

"Sports. I don't have time to play or watch any so I don't want to have to pay for other students entertainment."



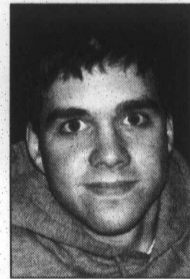
Phillip Sutter
sophomore, liberal arts

"Vice president's salary."



Rebecca Piippo
senior, clinical laboratory science

"Above ground and underground walkways. We come here for nature. Quit trying to protect us from it."



Jesse Roberts
freshman, electronic technology

"Money could be cut from the faculty by cutting jobs that wouldn't affect the quality of student's education."

Donated clothes benefit Harbor House

Volunteer Center collects goods to benefit Marquette women's shelter

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

The NMU Volunteer Center is holding a clothing drive on campus through the afternoon of Jan. 31 to collect goods to benefit the Harbor House of Marquette.

Harbor House is a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Volunteer Center Coordinator Carissa Villa said they chose this organization because the Volunteer Center has donated to in the past.

"[Harbor House] doesn't get as much attention [as they should]," Villa said. "By hosting the clothing drive we are relaying the message to the public that volunteering is as easy as dropping off a bag of clothes."

Villa said the center hosted the clothing drive to coincide with the Martin Luther King, Jr. week on campus.

The clothing drive began on Jan. 20. Villa said the Volunteer Center contacted Harbor House to request a needs list.

"We are asking for more than just clothes," she said. "We are also collecting school supplies, toiletries and household items."

All of the clothing and items donated to

"A lot of times our clients come in with nothing. We are grateful to students who are putting stuff together."

— Cheryl Lorge
Harbor House Client Advocate

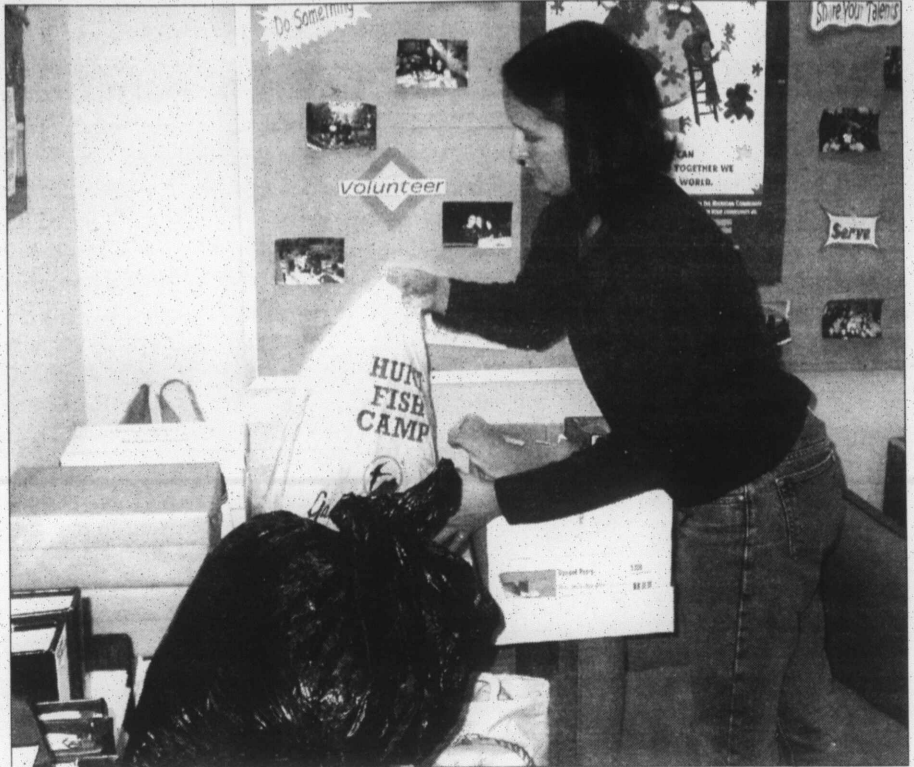
the Harbor House will be distributed free of charge to clients as needed, Harbor House Client Advocate Cheryl Lorge said.

Drop boxes for clothes are located in the lobby of Cohodas, the University Center and all residence hall lobbies.

Villa said the boxes have been filling up quickly and the Volunteer Center is hoping to exceed last year's collected amount of 60 bags of clothes. She said people have donated mostly clothes, shoes, purses and baby wipes so far.

"The Harbor House needs a lot of sweaters and [clothing items] in larger sizes," Villa said.

Lorge said the Women's Center appre-



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Volunteer Center Coordinator Carissa Villa reorganizes clothes, shoes and other items donated to the clothing drive, which ends Jan. 31. The drive is being held to benefit Harbor House, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Places to volunteer

- NMU vs. MTU blood drive, Feb. 6, 227-2466
- U.P. 200, Crowd Control, Feb. 14, 228-8738
- Younkers Benefit Sale, ticket sellers, March 1, 227-2466
- March of Dimes Walk America, April 26, 228-6942

ciate any help and support from the community.

"A lot of times our clients come in with nothing," Lorge said. "We are grateful to students who are putting stuff together."

She also said that students usually tend to donate more near the end of the school

year as they begin packing things up to leave school.

Lorge said anyone interested in donating any clothes or items to Harbor House may stop by or call 226-6611.

Students will be able to make donations until late afternoon on Jan. 31, Villa said.

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University prepares for strategy forum

BY RYAN CHARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Trustees is preparing to attend a strategy forum in late February to further consider propositions for the AQIP accreditation process.

The AQIP accreditation, concerning the academic improvements of NMU, will be held from Feb. 26 to March 1 in Chicago.

"The AQIP process is exciting and is a very important process with the recent adoption of the AQIP accreditation," Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said.

The forum will include five other

schools: Principia College of Illinois, Cowley Community College of Kansas, Northeast Iowa Community College, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College and Madison Area Technical College of Wisconsin.

The meeting of the schools at the forum provides each of the colleges a chance to seek new and possibly better ways to operate their institutions.

"NMU's Board of Trustees has been attempting to condense and refine 79 propositions already being considered," said Leonard Heldreth, associate provost of academic affairs.

The Board of Trustees, along with the

help of the other institutions, will further condense the propositions at the forum in Chicago.

Board of Trustees members that are planning to participate in the forum include; Joyal, Heldreth, NMU President Judi Bailey and Vice President of Financial Services Gavin Leach.

"It allows colleges to meet other schools who are going through the same

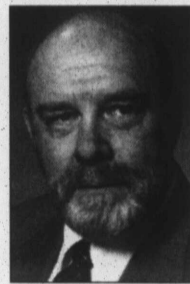
things and who are considering some of the same projects that we are considering too," Joyal said.

The Board has set a goal of narrowing the prospective projects down to three along with two back-up projects.

They plan to have the final projects chosen by April or May of 2003.

The projects are what the university will decide to work on improving over the next few years as a part of the AQIP accreditation process.

For more information on the AQIP accreditation process or NMU's 79 propositions, click on the link located on the NMU homepage.



Heldreth

Student teachers travel, learn overseas

NMU has recently expanded its study-abroad program especially designed for prospective teachers.

The new locations included in the international training opportunities include, England, Ecuador and New Zealand.

"The experience allows [student teachers] to develop new perspectives and new ideas and ways of doing things they can share with others when they return to the United States," School of Education Professor Rodney Clarken said.

NMU has negotiated agreements with foreign institutions that have academic standards like Northern's.

"We share our expectations with these institutions," Clarken said. "They send formal evaluation reports to us, which we keep as part of a student's teaching record."

The new program in New Zealand was started last fall.

Junior elementary education major Janet Swanson spent 13 weeks in New Zealand teaching in Pakuranga, a suburb of

Auckland in New Zealand.

"It was the best experience of my life," Swanson said. "I gained so much more than I think I could have in an American school."

Swanson said she learned how to teach English to non-English speaking students.

She also said she encourages everyone to try to experience life outside the United States.

Clarken said that adding a dose of international flavor into teaching has the potential to students understanding and abilities.

"My general experience is that

most people will perceive it as a very positive thing," Clarken said.

He said the experience allows students an opportunity to bring unique ways of thinking about education to the schools they will teach in.

Eight students began their training overseas this semester, four in New Zealand, two in England, one in Ecuador and one in France.

Clarken said he anticipates that the number of participants in the program will grow steadily in

the future.

He said he feels this way because NMU will continue to promote available opportunities and that more students will become aware of the benefits they may gain from teaching overseas.

"[Students] might be able to add new information to discussions about education that probably would not surface otherwise," Clarken said. "I think employers would value that."

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Campus reveals new Web cam

Northern Michigan University now has a Web cam that offers live streaming video of a bird's-eye view of the academic mall on campus.

The Web cam is a digital camera attached to a computer. It is located on top of the Harden Learning Resource Center and is maintained jointly by the learning resources division and academic computing.

The learning resources division maintains the camera while academic computing maintains the server.

The Web site www.acs.nmu.edu/webcam.htm was previously linked to Web cams that used a still-image format.

In order for the images to change, someone viewing the Web page would have to refresh or reload the page.

The page has links to images taken from cameras in the student commons lounge area in the LRC and Superior Dome, which are still using still-image format.

With the new live streaming video Web cam, a link on the page opens Windows Media Player on the viewer's computer. This new feature was unveiled on Jan. 16.

"It gives people more of a sense of what [Northern] really looks like," said Eric Smith, the director of production and AV systems in the learning resource division.

He said a high-speed connection is best for the streaming video and that although a dial-up modem will work, the images may be jerky.

Any operating system, including Macintosh computers, can access the streaming video as long as it has Window Media Player installed.

Smith said that the Web cam allows alumni to see the campus and stay connected.

— NMU press release

BSU presents soul food

Members of NMU community invited to attend ethnic dinner

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

Members of the Black Student Union are giving students, faculty and staff the opportunity to enjoy a home-cooked "soul food" dinner from 2 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the Jacobetti Center.

"We are trying to promote a family atmosphere on a larger scale," said Jamie Brisco, a junior sociology and liberal arts major and president of BSU.

Brisco said the group has been planning the event since October.

"We want to show what we do on Sundays and hope that we can introduce foods that people have never tasted before," Brisco said.

Members of BSU hope this will be a learning experience for members of Northern's campus.

"I think it's important because it celebrates Black History Month," said Yvonne Baxter, a junior environmental conservation major and secretary of BSU. "People are not aware of black culture in the Upper Peninsula and it's a way to have fun and unite."

Brisco said she feels this is an

important event to help bring diversity to Northern.

"As far as programs go on campus, you don't see a lot of diversity," Brisco said.

Baxter said they plan on having table and wall decorations that will focus on important black historical information.

Baxter said there will be home-cooked food such as collard greens, hamhocks, banana pudding, mashed potatoes and gravy, smothered pork chops and corn bread.

"We are cooking food from family recipes," Brisco said. "Members of the group have been calling their moms, e-mailing family members and collaborating."

Brisco said the members of BSU along with culinary arts students and other people have volunteered to cook for the occasion.

She said the group has pre-cooked some of the food and are going to be cooking for about 300 people.

Brisco said that along with food, there will also be raffles and a showing of the movie "Soul Food."

Many people who are planning on attending the soul food dinner have shown interest in tasting the variety of food on the menu.

"I'm very interested to go because I like all types of ethnic food," senior parapro for the Gateway Academic Program Grace Chailler said. "I used to live in Chicago and I had a girlfriend that cooked all types of food. In Marquette there's not that much of an opportunity to try new foods."

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— Yvonne Baxter
BSU secretary

Parapro's are mentors that work in the GAP office.

The event is \$5 for students, \$10 for non-students and \$15 for non-student couples.

For more information about the dinner, contact the Diversity Student Services office at 227-1554.

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German film series planned

NMU's department of modern languages and literatures presents a German film series, "Surviving the Odds, Resistance and Return in the 1940s."

The series is composed of five films with English subtitles.

The first will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Emma Joe's Coffee House on Presque Isle Avenue. The 1983 film is "A Love in Germany," directed by Andrzej Wajda.

The second film, "The Murderers are Among Us," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 in Jamrich 203. This film was directed by Wolfgang Staudte.

"Stalingrad," a 1993 film directed by Joseph Vilsmaier, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 at Emma Joe's.

The fourth film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on March 12 in Jamrich 203. The 1989 film, titled "Europa, Europa," was directed by Agnieszka Holland.

"Germany, Pale Mother," will be the final film in the series.

The showing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 26 at Emma Joe's.

There is no admission fee to attend any of the films.

For more information contact Carol Strauss Sotiropoulos at 227-1201.

Police academy meeting set

The NMU Regional Police Academy will be holding two informational meetings for those

interested in pursuing police work.

The first meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 2 in room 132 in the Jacobetti Center on Sugarloaf Ave.

The second will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the same location.

Topic areas will include Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards requirements to enter the academy, NMU requirements to enter the academy, overviews of the NMU Regional Police Academy and a question and answer period.

For more information regarding entry into the NMU police academy, call Ken Chant or Mike Bath at 227-1408.

Library to hold concert event

The Peter White Public Library Chamber Music Series begins its 2003 season with "A Celebration of Valentines Day," at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 in the library's Community Room.

The concert will feature soprano Sheila Grazulis, baritone Stan Wright and tenor Jim Fogle performing songs from all eras and styles ranging from Gay 90s, opera, musicals and operettas, to country and western, Latin, swing and rock.

There is no admission fee to attend the concert.

The concert series is sponsored by the Caroll Paul Memorial Trust Fund of the Peter White Public Library.

For more information about any of the upcoming concerts, call 228-9510.

Sheriff looks into break-ins

The Marquette County Sheriff's office is currently investigating several camp breaking and enterings that occurred between mid-December 2002 and mid-January 2003.

The camps are located between South Republic and the Marquette/Dickinson County line along M-95.

Anyone with information about these break-ins is asked to call the Marquette County Sheriff's Office at 225-8435.

Campus site for video awards

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters and the Michigan Association of Public Broadcasters is holding a joint statewide meeting, the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference, from Feb. 17 to 19.

NMU faculty, students and staff from WNMU-TV/WNMU-FM will be in attendance at the conference.

As a part of the conference, awards will be made for Best Video production in each of 12 categories for both high school and college applicants.

A total of 423 entries were made in the video categories this year.

NMU has been the site selected to judge the public service entries in the video competition.

Winners will be awarded on Feb. 18.

For more information, contact the news station at 227-9668.

ROTC features food fundraiser

The Northern Michigan University Army ROTC Ranger Club will be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti feast to support participation in the Bataan Memorial Death March this spring.

The fundraiser is scheduled from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 30, at the Richard M. Jopling American Legion Post #44 at 700 W. Bluff St.

The marathon-length march in New Mexico is dedicated to the more than 10,000 Americans and Filipinos who were forced to march with no food and water in blistering heat for five days from morning until late at night during World War II.

Most of them lost their lives during the march or later in the Japanese prisoner of war camps.

Donations for the meal are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 12. There is no charge for children under 5.

Takeouts will also be available.

For more information, call 227-2236.

NMU to host lacrosse meet

The first lacrosse tournament ever hosted at NMU will take place from Jan. 31 to Feb 2.

Events will start Friday evening, run all day Saturday, and finals will take place Sunday morning.

Teams participating include Central Michigan University,

University of Michigan-Dearborn, Grand Valley State University and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

For more information about the lacrosse tournament, including the game schedule, call 228-8846.

Ticket sellers needed for sale

Collegiate Challenge students are currently selling tickets for the Younkers Spring Benefit Sale and need volunteers to work shifts the day of the sale, March 1.

Possible shifts are 6:45 to 10 a.m., 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., 12:45 to 4 p.m., or 3:45 to 7 p.m.

Name tags and refreshments will be provided. Duties include helping with the refreshment table and assisting with bagging merchandise.

For more information or to sign up, call the NMU Volunteer Center at 227-2466.

Resident seeks volunteer help

Jay Presco, a local Marquette resident and legally blind man, takes used computers, fixes and reformats them.

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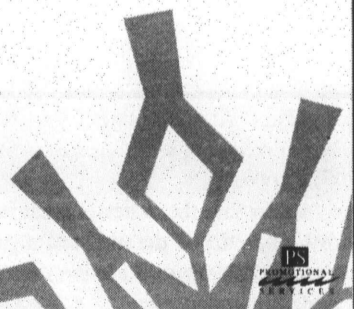
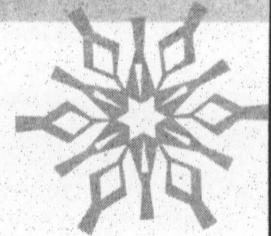
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Tuesday, February 11
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Deadline Reminder!

**Event entries due
Friday, January 31,
by 5:00 p.m.**

Entries should be turned in to the
Student Activities and Leadership
Programs Office, 1206 UC.



Cynic: Spring break is dumb

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

We all have images etched into our minds of what spring break should be — a hot sun, men and women dressed scantily with perfect tans, limes in Coronas and a teal sea stretched across white sand. Well, I'm tired of seeing students feel guilty about not experiencing these images on spring break.

A break filled with beaches, booty and booze is real for some college students. CBS News estimated last year that over 500,000 college students crowd the Gulf of Mexico at various locations on spring break. Panama City Beach, Fla., chugs nearly \$300 million from spring breakers each year.

I think students will regret their hasty decisions to have fun once melanoma sets in.

Some may accuse me of being bitter because I have not traveled or spent time on beaches with friends over spring break before. Well, accusers, you are wrong because I've gone on two spring break trips. Both times I spent three days in tropical Minneapolis ... on a beach in 95-degree heat with illegal immigrants serving me fruity mixed drinks kept cold under little sun umbrellas.

Never been there on spring break? Let me tell you, Minneapolis in March is pretty crazy. You can catch footage of all the festive chaos on the Midwest spring break edition of College Girls Gone Wild.

I think I'll take this year off, though. I'm a seasoned spring break veteran looking to settle down now. There are only so many tanning beds around Marquette, anyway, and having a nice fake tan is a requirement to be granted access to beaches in both Mazatlan and Cancun.

Many students say these vacations allow them to relax and live stress-free for five or six days — ah, but then they return broke and behind in their classes; some even use the week after break as recovery time.

I bet the grade-point averages of students who do not travel for spring break are generally higher than those who do decide to drop \$1,000 or more to experience the dreamy break that MTV has branded on our brains. I'm sure the guilt that students feel from asking mom and dad for money for April's bills is easily overridden by the deep-sea diving experiences that students forget in a bottle of Jose Cuervo.

When managed properly, the spring break week offers an opportunity to catch-up or get ahead in classes. However, delusions of Daytona Beach can turn a brain lame long before the break actually starts. Most spring breakers are paralyzed for at least a week before their trips begin as they daydream in classes and gaze at themselves in the mirrors at the PEIF like 13-year-old girls at a Justin Timberlake concert. Blink, for sight's sake.

One week later, frosty-haired, muscle-bound beer guzzlers will chase temporary-anorexics who won't find their way into the PEIF for 10 months after their spring break expeditions. At least I have access to a treadmill for most of the year.

Meanwhile, some students will be working for slightly more than minimum wage. I'm not bitter, though, because I'll also be saving money by not traveling. I'll find more enjoyment in handing rent money to my landlord than anyone could find on some lame coral reef or white-sand beach. Hell, I don't even like the smell of suntan lotion or sunblock.

So, the Upper Peninsula will be my haven for spring break ... not that I'm into winter sports or anything. But for those who are, many Colorado resorts offer various ski packages for spring breakers. Yuppie-dodging on a snowboard in the Rockies is nearly as enjoyable as picking that damned sand out from between your toes.

I hear that the water is great in Mexico, so don't hesitate to drink heartily in the midst of a good hangover.

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

Travelers get tips on last minute trips

BY JOSH JOHNSON
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

Warm, sandy beaches and salt-rimmed margaritas may seem like a lifetime away for students slaving away in the bitter cold of a winter in Hooperland.

Though spring break is nearly a month away, many options still exist for students to travel to a tropical paradise, if the price is right.

Local travel agencies offer a variety of packages that cater to students in many exotic locales.

Cancun, Mexico continues to be the most popular destination, said Linda Van Beek, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

She said Florida is the second most popular destination, followed by Hawaii.

Van Beek said with attractions such as the Cancun Flamingo, the Costa Real and Señor Frogs, Cancun allows students to be close to some of the popular spring break hot spots.

An alternative spot for a spring break getaway is the Riviera Maya, Van Beek said. Van Beek said this area just south of Cancun has more of a laid back atmosphere where students can observe culture from Mexico's past.

Amidst the sea of offers which travel agencies direct towards students, many have hidden costs which aren't noticed until arrival at the destination, said Marcia Dion, an agent with AAA Travel Agency.

Anita Johns, president of Holiday Travel, agreed that travelers need to be aware of travel package deals with hidden costs — especially on the Internet — such as taxes that are charged when returning to the United States.

Some packages don't include departure taxes which are assessed when leaving a country to enter the United States, Dion said.

Many package deals in themselves vary from place to place, Dion said.

Some basic packages include hotels, airfare and some meals.

All-inclusive packages feature hotels, airfare, all meals, any taxes or fees, drinks and a variety of non-motorized water sports, Van Beek said.

Van Beek said motorized sports are not covered because of liability issues, but students still have



Jason Metevia/NW

Senior liberal studies major Brad Chaimson speaks to travel agent Joan Leclair at Holiday Travel about possible spring break vacation packages. Although spring break is fast approaching, local travel agencies say there are still many last-minute, all-inclusive packages available for interested vacationers.

access to activities like snorkeling, kayaking and windsurfing.

Prices vary because of location, but Johns said the price range varies from \$800 for a basic package to \$1,500 for a deluxe all-inclusive package. Johns suggested to travelers to always bring a credit card.

Johns said using a credit card to pay for a trip is a fail-proof method to ensure problems don't occur between you and your travel agency.

Though availability is still fairly good for spring break flights, Johns said many charter flights out of the Midwest are filling up fast and many agencies offer last minute promotions during the last two weeks before spring break.

Van Beek said flight availability is much better out of Green Bay, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit or Minneapolis, and most flights out of Marquette are already booked.

Though some deals may seem alluring to a student on a budget, many offers may be too good to be true. "Students need to be very cautious of what they're paying for," Dion said.

Students who research trips and look for ways to save money often find alternatives to conventional

travel such as staying in a hotel the Saturday before a flight or driving further to a larger airport, Van Beek said.

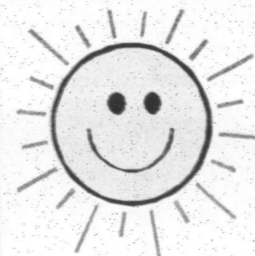
Besides value, safety is another issue that students should consider, Dion said. Bring an official birth certificate if leaving the country, she said, and be wary of health standards which are often lower in other countries.

Dion said for all of the planning and preparations that occur, the most important issue when traveling for spring break is to not let anything impede the experience.

"Everybody needs a break and a stress relief," Dion said.

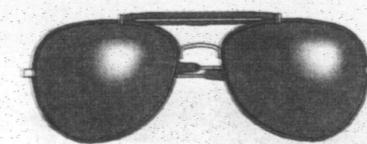
With the right amount of planning and an eye for value, students can have a spring break to remember without taking it up the proverbial tailpipe.

Top travel destinations students choose to spend spring break (according to Holiday Travel and Cruise)



Key West
Fort Myers
Myrtle Beach

Jamaica
Hawaii
Padre
Islands



Puerta Vallarta
Cancun
Cozumel



Jason Metevia/NW

Some students choose local travel agencies to book vacation spots such as AAA Insurance and Travel.

With spring break less than a month away, students are already beginning to look forward to ...

Rest and relaxation

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

Imagine fleeing the frigid cold of the Upper Peninsula and basking in 80-degree weather on a sandy beach along the ocean.

As you gently close your eyes and sip on a refreshing, fruity drink, reality suddenly hits and you realize you're still in the frosty winter weather of the U.P.

With one month to go before spring vacation, students are already looking forward to their week off in March in hopes that the scandalous stories and dreams of "Girls Gone Wild" adventures will come true for them on their spring break trips.

Senior hospitality management major Scott Fluette said he's going to Negril, Jamaica for a week with a group of friends.

"My friends and I decided we were going to go to Jamaica towards the end of last school year and since one of the guys we're going with has been there before, we decided to go."

Fluette said one of the people in their group booked their trip through a local travel agency in Marquette. The trip came with an all-inclusive package which includes airfare, a week's stay at a nice resort, all premium drinks and food at the resort, plus activities such as snorkeling and scuba diving.

"The trip was \$1,850," Fluette said. "I don't think its that bad, its like \$233 per day and its a really nice resort, with a lot of things to do — and its Jamaica."

Although Fluette booked his trip at the end of last school year, many students are still scrambling to plan last minute spring break trips.

"I want to go somewhere for spring break, but it seems like time is beginning to run out and I don't know what my friends are going to do or if I'm going to have enough money to go anywhere," senior business CIS major Crystal Newton said. "It's my last year, so I definitely want to do something fun and go somewhere where I can be out on the beach wearing my bathing suit and relax."

Not all students who are going on spring break trips go to solely have fun.

Members of the wrestling team and other USOEC athletic teams will be traveling overseas to attend athletic competitions.

"The wrestling team is going to Bulgaria for a tournament," junior computer science major and USOEC wrestler R.C. Johnson said. "We get some of the nights off where we can go around the city and check things out and be on our own a little bit."

Johnson, who went on the trip last year said he's looking forward to the trip.

For more information on spring break trips, refer to page 4 to find out how students are volunteering in Albany, Ga. to build homes for the less fortunate to help Habitat for Humanity.

"I went there last year and I liked the markets there," Johnson said. "They sell rotisserie chicken and loaves of bread — they're great."

Another incentive Northern students find appealing about spring break is that they get away from the cold U.P. weather for a week.

"I am really excited," Fluette said. "It's going to be a nice change from the weather up here, since its almost always 85 degrees there everyday and I have never been out of the country before, except for Canada."

However, not all students are venturing out of the Upper Peninsula this year for spring break, junior marketing major Tanner Meyers said he's going to vacation in the Upper Peninsula for his spring vacation.

"I am staying at the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Mich., for the entire duration of the break," Meyers said. "I am going to stay in one of their presidential suites."

Not all students agree with Meyers and want to spend their spring vacations in the U.P.

"If I don't go anywhere, I'm definitely going to go back home for the week to relax," Newton said.



Yonika Willis/NW

Although Northern students, faculty and staff still have close to a month before spring break, many have already booked their vacation destinations through local travel agencies. Some places people have decided to visit are relaxing warmer climates such as the Hawaiian Islands where they can see scenic spots such as waterfalls and beaches.

MUSIC REVIEW ZWAN

Zwan's new album not far from 'smashing'

Mary Star of the Sea
"Zwan"



Grade: A-

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Singer and guitarist Billy Corgan and drummer Jimmy Chamberlin dissolved Smashing Pumpkins in December 2000, but now, a few years later, they're back to see if they still have chart-smashing power.

Their new band, Zwan, took to the stage in 2001, just a year after the disbanding of Smashing Pumpkins, to perfect its material. After performing live for two years with a back catalog of more than 35 songs, Tuesday marked the release of Zwan's debut album, "Mary Star of the Sea."

Zwan's diverse sound, ranging from inspirational to ballad, classic rock to instrumental, makes for an enjoyable and interesting album. Zwan's sound is difficult to classify into any one genre, but variance is part of its attractiveness.

Zwan is sure to draw some compar-

isons to the Smashing Pumpkins, with two members of the highly successful band on its roster.

However, with the addition of guitarists David Pajo and Matt Sweeney and bassist Paz Lenchantin, this is more than a Pumpkin's spin off — it is a talented group of musicians making their own niche in the music world.

Where the Smashing Pumpkins relied mostly on Corgan's vocal power alone, Zwan features strong back-up vocals, evident on the first single, "Honestly." The simple love lyrics are straightforward, yet genius when flowing from Corgan's lips with his recognizable nasally sound.

The album begins with the line, "Here comes my faith to carry me on," in the opening track, "Lyric." Yet it's obvious after one listen to the lyrics that Corgan and company won't have to rely much on faith to carry this album; the musical aptitude captured on "Mary Star of the Sea" speaks for itself.

"Lyric" sets the stage for a deeply emotional and religious album with an almost evangelical feel at times.

In "Declarations of Faith," Corgan sings "I declare myself/I declare myself of faith." But it's unclear whether he's declaring faith to God or a lover. "This boy you chance, this man you'll find/will dry the tears behind your eyes/so stop laughing and play the muse."

"Settle Down" has an infectious bass

line and strong percussion. The lyrics, coupled with the '80s-inspired new wave sound, make this a standout, and one of my favorite tracks on the album: "Never lose that feeling/Settle down, I'll settle down for you."

The upbeat rock song "El Sol" is an ode to a lover, but is a faster-paced song than the heartfelt ballads "Heart song" and "Of a Broken Heart."

In "Of a Broken Heart," a slow, swaying melody accompanies Corgan's lyrics, "I want you to climb with me/Until I die of a broken heart/Of a broken heart." Once again, the lyrics blend seamlessly with the back-up vocals and the gentle strumming of the guitars.

The use of three guitarists makes for a rich, full sound in each song. The album as a whole seems somewhat familiar, but the actual origin of the sound is difficult to place beyond the awareness of Corgan's voice.

The combination of elements, from pop sounds of "Baby Let's Rock" to alternative rock roots of "Endless Summer," make "Mary Star of the Sea" a diverse collection of work.

The album peaks with "Jesus, I/Mary Star of the Sea," a 14-minute rollercoaster of emotion and instrumental exploration. Corgan begins the song by repeating one line over a looped guitar riff. The song twists into a jam session of guitar solos halfway through, levels out with a mellow instrumental section, and

then finishes strong with more lyrics and powerful instrumental backing.

"Mary Star" culminates with "Come With Me," a folk-sounding track that sums up the entire listening experience in one chorus: "Come with me/Won't you come with me/Come with me again."

After one listen through, Zwan doesn't need to beg listeners to hit repeat — they'll do it automatically.

ZWAN AND ITS ALL-STAR CAST OF BAND MEMBERS

- **Guitarist Matt Sweeney**
Former Bands:
Chavez, Skunk
- **Guitarist David Pajo**
Former Bands:
Slint, Tortoise
- **Bassist Paz Lenchantin**
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MUSIC REVIEW COMMON

Rap album strays from common style

Electric Circus
"Common"



Grade: B

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Hip hop is changing and Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr., better known as the rapper Common, is looking into the future.

Despite his name, there's nothing average about Common's fifth album, "Electric Circus."

This album could very well have been called "Eclectic Circus" for the way it breaks the barriers of the genre, incorporating elements of rock, soul and a different approach of making music. However, the album's boundless creativity may turn off old fans.

While Common's earlier albums focused on his lyrical adeptness and ability, he caught the attention of the mainstream audience with his album, "Like Water For Chocolate." His single "The Light" earned him a larger fan base, and

a frequently-played video on MTV. But those days have long since past, and most of the mainstream attention Common will gain in the future will be due in large part to his willingness to lead rap music in a different direction.

With careful control of his delivery, Common can match any beat, regardless of how obscure. However, at times, his profound and conscientious rhymes are lost in the nontraditional beats.

Questlove of the Roots handles the bulk of the production on "Electric Circus." While Questlove is a genius producer in his own right, it's no surprise that two of the best cuts on the album come with the assistance of the hottest production team in hip hop, the Neptunes.

The album's first single, the Neptunes-produced "Come Close," is reminiscent of "The Light." Featuring Mary J. Blige, the song is one of the only traces of Common's earlier work. Most of the content on the new album deviates from his previous styles.

The other Neptune-produced song, "I Got a Right Ta," features a soulful harmonica riff over electric blues to make for another standout track. Common raps, "Hip hop's changing/You expect me to stay the same?" This album is clear evidence that Common plans to continue to modify his own style while he playfully changes the rules of hip hop

for current and future rappers.

On "Aquarius," Common expresses his unhappiness with the commercialism in the game as he tells other rappers, "You ain't supposed to rhyme/You better off with a clothing line."

One of the best acts in "Electric Circus" comes from Jill Scott on "I Am Music." The song features more of her smooth vocals than it does Common's rapping, but the combination of the two over trumpet and trombone swing is successful.

The concept of pushing the limits is admirable, but it doesn't always work out to Common's advantage.

The softer "Star '69 (ps With Love)," proves to be a weak track, even though it features Prince. This ode to phone sex isn't really a turn on; rather, it's a reason to hang up.

Other songs on the album are simply inexplicable. "Electric Wire Hustler Flower," with a name as confusing as the track itself, features Sonny from P.O.D. A full minute elapses before Common begins rapping.

The chorus, merely the repetition of the title yelled through a reverberating microphone, is somewhat hypnotic, but annoying.

"Jimi Was A Rock Star" is another exploration of instrumental solos, as two minutes pass before vocals are heard.

Common is nowhere to be found in

the eight-minute song; instead, Erykah Badu takes over and dominates the track. The layers of voices make for a somewhat disturbing but intriguing sound.

The result is a rock-funk blend different than anything I've ever heard, but it reminded me just how long eight minutes can be.

"Electric Circus" features many sideshow performers, but sometimes leaves the listener wondering where the ringmaster is. It is, after all, Common's album.

Another slew of guests — seven, to be exact — wrap up the album after Common speaks his rhyme for the first two-and-a-half minutes of the 10-and-a-half-minute long "Heaven Somewhere." This time, the result is a bit cleaner. The contrasting vocals of his guests blend smoothly.

"Electric Circus" can only be described as an innovative approach to hip hop. Common attempts to blend a number of musical elements into a unified whole, and for the most part, it works. Yet at times, there are too many sounds happening at once, causing the listener to lose interest.

This album certainly isn't for everyone, but when explored with an open mind, it is odd but enjoyable show.

There's no denying that this is visionary hip hop.

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Today, January 30

Event: Skill Builder: "Take A Stand: Social Issues in a University Setting," presented by Jeff Korpi, will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Back Room in the UC. Call 227-1771 to register.

Event: The ROTC will host a spaghetti dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Richard M. Joplong American Legion Post #44. Tickets donations are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Take-out available. Proceeds will support participation in the Bataan Death March. Call 227-2230 for more information.

Film: "Taxi Driver" (R) begins at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC.

Meeting: First Aid will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in Dining Room A. First Aid is an independent music coalition dedicated to bringing in regional entertainment. All suggestions/ideas welcome. Call Kory at 228-3197.

Meeting: Intersarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in Pioneer A and B in the UC.

Meeting: The NMU swing club will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Brule Room in the UC.

Friday, January 31

Meeting: Superior Nights, a role-playing, impromptu acting student organization, will meet at 5 p.m. in the UC.

Athletics: NMU Men's Hockey vs. Alaska-

Fairbanks at 7:05 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

Activity: The Black Student Union and Safari House are hosting "The Icebreaker" Welcome Back Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Gant/Spalding Basement. Call Rebecca at 227-3625 for more information.

Event: NMU Department of Chemistry is sponsoring a seminar by Dr. Gail Griffith, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, NMU. The topic is "Gulf War Illnesses: Depleted Uranium, Nerve Agents, and Burning Oil." The seminar will be held at 3 p.m. in West Science, Room 3808. For more information, contact Dr. Suzanne Williams at 227-1068.

Saturday, February 1

Deadline: The Spooner Research Grant are due. These awards are for graduate and undergraduate students doing research. For more information, please see the Guide to University Funding at the following url: www.nmu.edu/research.

Film: "Red Dragon" (R) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Athletics: NMU Women's Swimming and Diving vs. Grand Valley at noon.

Athletics: NMU Men's Hockey vs. Alaska-Fairbanks at 7:05 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

Sunday, February 2

Groundhog's Day

Film: "Red Dragon" (R) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: Outlook will meet up stairs in the

UC at 8 p.m. Call Nick or Randy at 227-1554 for more information.

Event: A soul food dinner will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Jacobetti Center. Transportation will be provided from Payne/Halverson lobby. For more information, contact Jamie at 227-3625.

Monday, February 3

Event: Skill Builder: Power Yoga. presented by Kelly Lawson will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Back Room in the UC. Call 227-1771 to register.

Event: Perspectives in Contemporary Geography begins at 7 p.m. in West Science, Room 3710.

Meeting: A new club, "Steppin' Out Dance Club," will host its first meeting and lesson of this semester from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Ontario Room in the UC. Call Jonelle at 227-2218 for more information.

Tuesday, February 4

Event: Let's Talk: President Bailey's informal chat session with students from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Payne-Halverson lobby.

Meeting: The Native American Student Association (NASA) will meet at 8 p.m. in the Superior Room in the UC.

Wednesday, February 5

Deadline: Registration deadline for intramural sports entries in foosball, bowling and pool.

Activity: Lab II - Student directed one-act plays begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Event: Skill Builder: "High Ropes Challenge," will be from 7 to 10 p.m. in room 150 in the PEIF. Call 227-1771 to register.

Event: The Seaborg Center will be hosting a presentation on winter wildlife of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium in the West Science building of the Seaborg Science Complex.

Meeting: Pagan Moon will meet at 9 p.m. in the UC. Check the schedule in the UC for room information. For more information, visit <http://paganmoon.altartools.com>.

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Women edge GLIAC foes

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team is on a four-game winning streak after victories over Northwood University on Jan. 23 and rival Michigan Tech University on Jan. 27.

The 'Cats defeated the Northwood Timberwolves, 66-62, at the Berry Events Center.

The game was tied seven times before senior center Elena Keranen hit a pair of free throws to give NMU a 61-60 lead with 1:54 remaining in the second half. The Wildcats then made five more free throws to clinch the win.

Junior guard Emily Samuelson and Keranen both contributed 16 points as the leading scorers for NMU. Keranen also led the team in rebounds with eight. Junior center Jessica Nohl also scored in the double digits, adding 10 points.

"It was a very good feeling for the team to win at home," freshman guard Tera Opperman said. "It's taken us awhile, but we're really starting to pull together as a team and to understand each other."

Northwood out rebounded NMU 46-31 and also shot better from the floor, shooting 44.6 percent to Northern's 38.7 percent.

Northwood is now 6-11 for the season and 2-7 in the GLIAC.

Northern had the weekend off before traveling to Tech on Jan. 27.

The Huskies had the lead, 43-37, going into the second half and held double-digit leads at times.

NMU battled back and with 18 seconds left in the game, sophomore



Scott Salisbury/NW

Sophomore guard Tiffany Grubaugh scored 27 points and hit the game-winning shot in the team's 76-74 victory over Michigan Tech on Jan. 27.

guard Tiffany Grubaugh hit a shot from the field to give Northern the 76-74 victory.

"We had the ball with 45 seconds left and no one was able to get open," she said. "I knew I had to shoot."

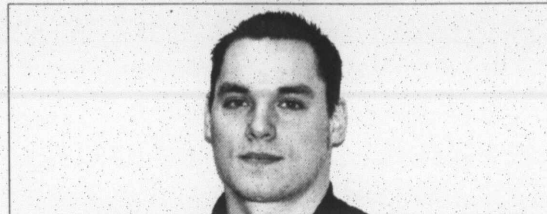
Grubaugh said she was as shocked as anyone when her shot made it into the net.

With the final shot, Grubaugh ended the night with 27 points and a career-high of seven three-pointers.

Grubaugh was followed by Nohl. Please see WOMEN on Page 20

Lions say goodbye to Morhinweg

STAFF COLUMN



BY TOM MURPHY

Hallelujah, Marty Mornhinweg is fired. Lions fans rejoice, let the winning begin. Not that the Lions won all that much before Marty "The Loveable Loser" Mornhinweg took over as head coach, but the past is behind us now. The losing is behind us now.

The new coach is going to erase the losing atmosphere and bring a winning attitude to Detroit. The next coach is going to be a winner, a man who has been to the Super Bowl and a man who knows how to develop young quarterbacks and mold men into champions. Wait a minute. Aren't those all the things that Mornhinweg was supposed to do? Isn't that what Bobby Ross was supposed to do?

Maybe it isn't the coach that is making this team lose. But there is no time to think about that because the future is here. The Lions are a new team. I just hope that the people in charge finally make a good decision and hire NMU's own Steve Mariucci.

I think Mariucci would be an excellent fit for the Lions for a number of reasons. First of all, he should not have been fired from San Francisco, but their loss could be the Lions gain.

Mariucci took over the 49ers when they were in shambles. He brought them from the cellar to winning their division; he knows how to rebuild a football team. His 49er teams were consistently one of the top offensive teams in the league. He also played a major role in the development of 49er All-Pro quarterback Jeff Garcia.

Can Mariucci turn the Lions around? Who knows. The Lions have been bad for so long. Since 1970, they have had more head coaches than playoff appearances. Bad teams can be turned around, however.

For a long time, the Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers were a terrible football team. The Green Bay Packers were awful for 20 years before returning to the Super Bowl. So teams have changed their losing ways before.

This Lions team is in great position to rise from the bottom of the standings. They have a franchise-type quarterback in golden child Joey Harrington and they have the second pick in the draft.

The pieces are there. The offensive line is decent and James Stewart is a good running back. The defense, although they were one of the worst in the league last year, is not that bad. The secondary is very young and they were decimated with injuries.

The front seven is very competitive. Chris Claiborne is a talented middle linebacker and has the potential to become a defensive leader. The defensive line is good, very good. And they are only getting better.

The key is that the Lions need someone to come in here and make good decisions. One could write a comedic novel of all the terrible decisions that the Lions have made in the past, from the owner William Clay Ford to the front office, to the coaches, to the players.

Losing is a disease. The Lions have been sick for almost 50 years, but turnaround can happen if everything comes together. Mariucci is the man to do it.

USOEC chosen to host World Cup skating event

BY KANDACE KOSTER
STAFF WRITER

The United States Olympic Education Center has been chosen by the International Skating Union to host the World Cup short-track speed skating competition in Marquette next October.

Nearly 150 of the world's best short-track speed skaters from 29 countries will be competing in the three-day competition, which will be held on Oct. 24 through 26 at the Berry Events Center.

USOEC director Jeff Kleinschmidt said Marquette was selected because of the reputation it has gained while hosting other smaller skating events.

"Marquette was chosen out of a hundred cities across the United States who bid to host the World Cup," he said. "There is a rich tradition of speed skating in this area

that gave Marquette an advantage in the opportunity to host this event."

The competition is the only one to be held in the United States next season out of the six speed skating World Cups that are held each year.

Two are held in Europe, two in Asia, and two in North America, with Canada hosting the other World Cup in North America.

"There is a rich tradition of speed skating in this area that gave Marquette an advantage in the opportunity to host this event."

— Jeff Kleinschmidt
USOEC director

"It'll be great to have the event in America, on my home ice and in the same town I graduated high school in," USOEC skater Shani

Davis said.

In addition to the 150 speed skaters, there will be approximately 100 to 150 coaches and officials participating in this event, as well as the parents and fans who follow athletes.

Participating skaters will have to qualify for the World Cup through the American Cup and other large skating events leading up to the World Cup.

Lynaye Stone, co-media coordinator for the USOEC, said skaters from Northern will most likely qualify for the event.

According to a USOEC press release, Marquette will be able to pull in an estimated \$500,000 to \$1 million from the visitors the competition will attract.

It will cost about \$60,000 to host the World Cup. The International Skating Union will

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'Cats sweep Chargers

Kowalski ties career shutout record, Harrison nets hat trick

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team proved it could win with both offense and defense as they swept the University of Alabama-Huntsville, 7-3 and 2-0, in a non-conference series on Jan. 24 and 25 at the Berry Events Center.

In the first game, the Wildcats (13-10-1) put on an offensive display, scoring four goals in the first period and jumping out to a 7-0 lead by the 15:28 mark of the second period.

Senior forward Terry Harrison led the way, scoring his first collegiate hat trick and adding an assist.

"I've been in a slump as of late," Harrison said. "It feels good to get it off my chest."

After a scoreless first 12 minutes of the game, UA-H senior forward Karlis Zirnis received a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for checking a Wildcat from behind into the boards.

NMU broke open the game on the resulting power play with three goals in less than three minutes. Freshman forward Dirk Southern scored the first goal of the game at 14:22.

Harrison added his 10th and 11th goals of the season before

the power play was over.

Sophomore forward Kevin Gardner added a goal in the final minute to give his team a 4-0 lead at the first intermission.

Senior forward Bryce Cockburn added two goals for the Wildcats in the second period before Harrison completed his hat trick with a power-play goal.

The Chargers (13-9-2, 8-1-1 CHA) came into the series with a 13-game unbeaten streak, going 11-0-2 since Nov. 23. They scored three goals in the final 21 minutes to finish the scoring.

Senior forward Mike Stutzel, freshman forward Andrew Contois, freshman defenseman Jamie Milam and Gardner all had two assists in the victory.

The following night, two goals from Gardner proved to be all the 'Cats would need as they stymied the Huntsville offense.

NMU senior goalie Craig Kowalski made 25 saves to record his third shutout of the season and eighth of his career, which ties the all time mark set by Dan Ragusett, who played

with NMU from 1997-2001.

"Everybody played a great defensive game," Kowalski said. "The D blocked shots, they got the puck out, and did a great job."

Kowalski said he thought Huntsville wanted to keep the game low scoring.

"I don't think they can match our firepower any night they play us," he said.

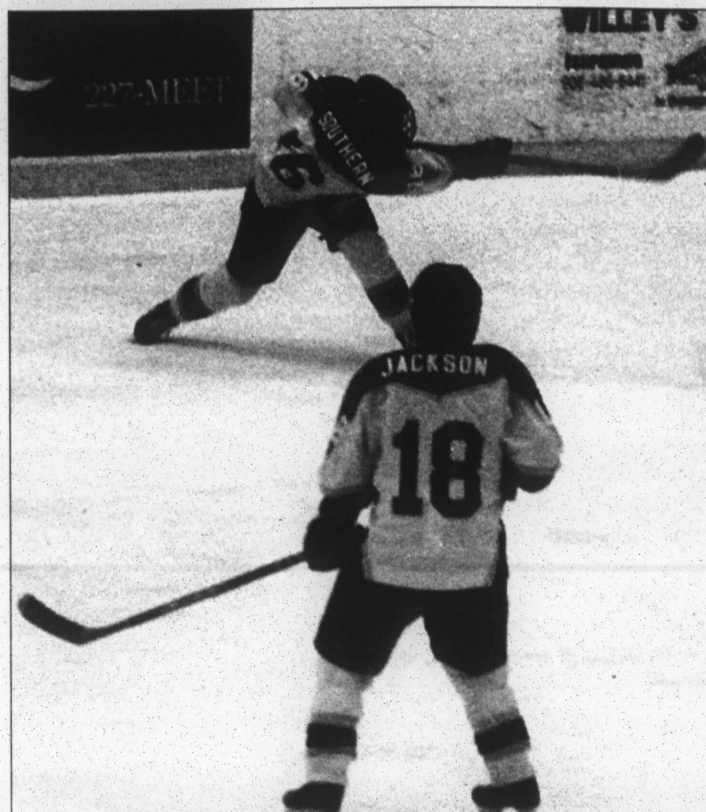
Gardner put the 'Cats ahead early, scoring on a rebound from a Harrison shot 55 seconds into the game. He was successful again at 11:06 of the second period when he knocked in another rebound, this time off a shot from freshman defenseman Nathan Oystriick.

"We didn't have a whole lot of shots," Gardner said. "But when we did have shots we had guys going to the net. I was lucky enough to jump on a couple of rebounds and pull out a couple of goals."

The Wildcats preserved the shutout by stopping UA-H on four power play opportunities in the third period. The Chargers went 1-12 with the man advantage in the series.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said that its always fun to score a lot of goals, but he would rather see his team play like they did in the second win.

"At the end of the year you've got to win games that are tight," Kyle said. "I'd assume be in 2-1, 1-0, 3-2 games all year because it helps at the end."

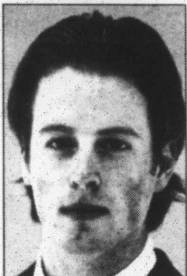


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Senior defenseman Jimmy Jackson (18) looks on as freshman forward Dirk Southern scores NMU's first goal in the team's 7-3 win over Alabama-Huntsville on Jan. 24 at the Berry Events Center.

WILDCAT HOCKEY SCORING LEADERS

No.	Player	G	A	Pts.	Shots	GP	+/-
19	Mike Stutzel	16	11	27	55	24	+1
27	Chris Gobert	7	19	26	46	19	+12
16	Dirk Southern	5	17	22	28	24	+3
11	Terry Harrison	11	9	20	31	23	+13
21	Bryce Cockburn	9	10	19	74	24	+2
5	Juha Alen	3	12	15	36	23	+6
15	Jamie Milam	2	13	15	43	21	+8
9	Peter Michelutti	3	7	10	33	24	+2
18	Jimmy Jackson	1	9	10	52	23	-1
23	Alex Sawruk	5	4	9	25	20	+3
20	Dan Donnette	5	3	8	33	24	-2
25	Kevin Gardner	4	4	8	11	10	+5



Gardner

Newly-formed line looks to spark offense



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman defenseman Juha Alen (5) celebrates after senior forward Terry Harrison (11) scores one of his three goals on Jan. 24. NMU shutout UA-H the following night.

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Sophomore forward Kevin Gardner had been scratched from the lineup and forced to watch most of his team's games this year.

But after the best weekend in his collegiate career, Gardner suddenly appears to be an important part of the Wildcats offense as they host the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in a CCHA series on Friday and Saturday.

Going into NMU's last series against Alabama-Huntsville, Gardner had played

in only eight of the team's 22 games and had seen ice time only once in the last nine contests.

However, when head coach Walt Kyle was looking for someone to help spark the offense against Huntsville, Gardner gave him the production he was looking for.

Gardner scored the game-winning goal in both games and had three goals and two assists on the weekend as the team swept the visiting Chargers.

"It's been a struggle up and down," Gardner said. "But coach gave me an opportunity and I made the most of it."

He centered a line between senior for-

ward Terry Harrison, who scored his first collegiate hat trick in the first game, and freshman forward Andrew Contois, who transferred to NMU in the fall and became eligible to play at the end of last semester.

"We were looking for some people who could score five-on-five," Kyle said. "They created a number of chances and I was really happy with that unit."

Gardner said he has continued to work hard all season to earn a role with the team.

"Coach has shown a lot of confidence in me at practice," Gardner said. "He keeps telling me to work hard and battle through it."

Kyle said he has been trying to rotate players in all season but it is difficult because there are too many players on the team.

"The guys that earn the opportunity and the jobs get them," Kyle said. "After (Gardner) going in there, nobody can question that he's earned the job."

With senior forward Chris Gobert and junior forward Justin Kinnunen both questionable this weekend due to injury, Kyle will look to Gardner's line once again this weekend against a struggling UA-F squad.

The Nanooks (6-10-4 CCHA, 9-11-4 overall) have played much of the season without one of their leading scorers, sophomore forward Aaron Voros, who was diagnosed with a bone tumor in his leg in early November. The team ranks 11th in the CCHA in team defense, allowing 3.71

goals per game, and has gone 2-4-2 in its last eight games.

"I think they're a team that's trying to find an identity right now," Kyle said. "They just lost two games at home last weekend, so they're going to be hungry for a win."

The Wildcats (9-7 CCHA, 13-10-1 overall) are currently two points ahead of Fairbanks and nine points behind division leader Ferris State. NMU is 8-2 at the Berry Events Center this season. Opening faceoff is set for 7:05 p.m. on both nights.

NMU		vs.	UA-F	
13-10-2			9-11-4	
OFFENSE				
3.38	Goals (Avg.)			3.12
144	Assists			118
225	Points			193
26.5	Shots (Avg.)			34.2
DEFENSE				
3	Shutouts			1
2.83	Goals Against (Avg.)			3.71
27.9	Opponent Shots (Avg.)			34.5
.904	Save Percentage			.892
SPECIAL TEAMS				
26.9	PP. Percentage			17.8
81.0	PK. Percentage			80.9
29	PP Goals			21
2	SH Goals			4
14.79	Penalty Minutes (Avg.)			11.42

Fourth-ranked Huskies halt comeback

Late run falls short as Wildcats attempt to erase 21-point deficit

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Despite a strong second half comeback effort, the men's basketball team lost to the Michigan Tech Huskies, 70-63, on Jan. 27 in Houghton.

"I was concerned about how we would respond early to the Huskies, especially on offense," head coach Dean Ellis said. "Tech is a very experienced team and we are a relatively young team. We were a little out of sorts in the first half."

The Wildcats shot poorly in the first half, making just eight of 26 shots from the field.

"Our plan was to pound the ball inside," freshman forward Marco Volcy said. "But they were playing great defense. They were forcing us to shoot from outside and we weren't hitting our shots."

The Huskies held a 40-19 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Wildcats began to chip away at

the lead and were able to get within seven points.

"This team has a lot of character," Volcy said. "We do not give up."

NMU outscored MTU by 14 points in the second half but it was not enough to knock off the No. 4 nationally-ranked Huskies.

"They are a very good basketball team," Volcy said. "They have played a lot of basketball together and it showed."

Junior forward Billy Hill led the Wildcats in scoring with 16 points with 12 of them coming in the second half.

"In the second half we were able to get the ball inside and score," Ellis said. "We did a good job with our full court press and hit some big shots. We did a good job fighting back."

Volcy said that this loss will be used as a lesson for the Wildcats.

"One game doesn't make a season," Volcy said. "So we can't let one loss get us down. One thing we know from the

way we played in the second half is that we can play with them. In the second half, we showed that we have what it takes."

More than 2,200 people attended the game in Houghton.

"It was rough out there," Volcy said. "But that kind of atmosphere is what college basketball is all about. That is what we live for."

On Jan. 23, the Wildcats beat the Northwood Timberwolves, 77-72, at the Berry Events Center.

The Wildcats shot 62.1 percent in the first half and went in to the locker room at halftime with a 45-35 lead.

NMU led the entire game but the Timberwolves would not go away.

Northwood was able to keep the score close with clutch three-point shooting, but every time the Wolves came close to the lead, someone on the Wildcats would step up and make a play.

The Wildcats were 14-20 from the free throw line and 9-20 from the three point line. The Wildcats were 27-52 from the field for the game.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman guard Antwan Holt put up seven points against Northwood and scored eight points against Michigan Tech.

Road wins critical for NMU

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The men's basketball team is in action tonight on the road against the Grand Valley State University Lakers.

The Lakers (4-6 GLIAC, 9-9 overall) are coming off a come-from-behind overtime victory against Saginaw Valley State University.

Junior center Milan Azanjac said that despite its losing record, LSSU is a very competitive team and this is going to be a tough game to win.

The Lakers have won six of their last eight games and are in third place in the GLIAC North behind NMU (7-3 GLIAC, 11-7 overall) and Michigan Tech (10-0 GLIAC, 18-1 overall).

"They are a fairly young team," head coach Dean Ellis said. "They have won some very good games and they have struggled at times."

The key match up in the game is going to be the battle for post supremacy between Azanjac and Lakers senior center Jason Bauer. Bauer leads his team in both points per game (12.6) and rebounds per game (8.7).

"Bauer is their main player," Azanjac said. "It is going to be a good battle in the post."

Azanjac averages 9.7 points per game and 5.5 rebounds per game.

"We have been doing a good job in the paint with help defense," Ellis said. "So (Azanjac) won't have to do

it alone, but who ever does win the battle in the paint will have a very good chance at winning this game."

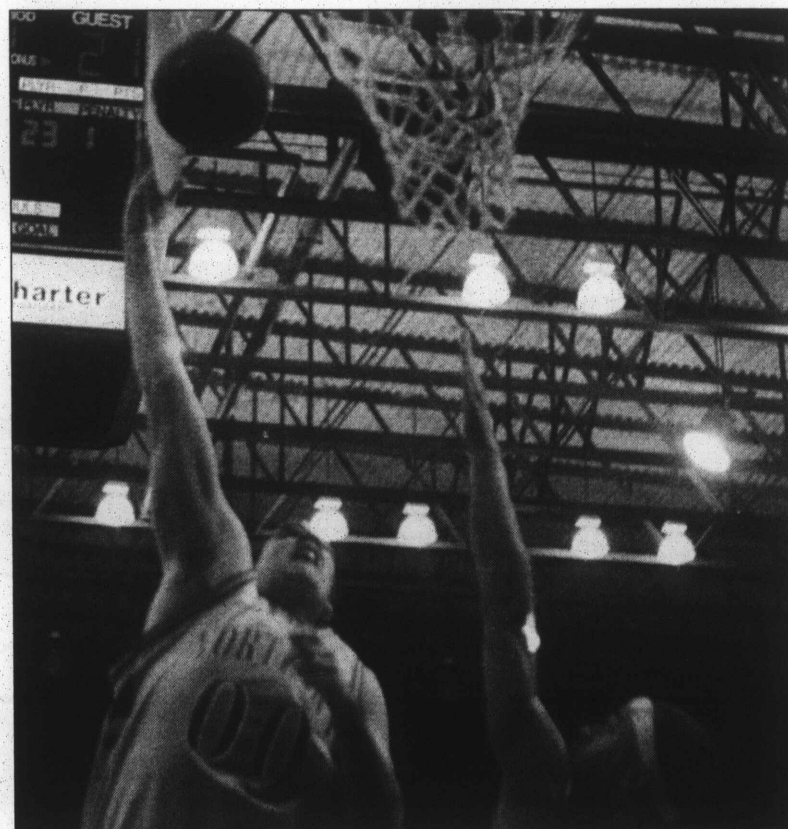
The Wildcats are coming off a loss against Michigan Tech. The team got behind early but made a strong comeback.

"If we play the way we did in the second half against Tech, we should win against Grand Valley," Azanjac said.

On Saturday, the Wildcats face the Ferris State University Bulldogs (3-7 GLIAC, 7-11 overall).

"These two road games are going to be very important for us," Ellis said. "This is a very critical time."

The Wildcats are currently in second place in the GLIAC North and are in position to have home court advantage for the first round of the GLIAC tournament.



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Six-foot-seven-inch junior center Milan Azanjac is the second tallest member of the men's team. He is averaging 5.5 rebounds per game.

Women ready for Lakers

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

After a close win over the Michigan Tech Huskies on Jan. 27, the women's basketball team is hoping to continue its four-game winning streak on the road as the 'Cats travel downstate to meet with Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University.

The 'Cats will face Grand Valley State tonight in Allendale, Mich.

The GVSU Laker's have only lost two conference games this season to Hillsdale and Lake Superior State. The Lakers are currently ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional poll and are ranked seventh in the national poll. They are 17-2 overall and 8-2 in GLIAC play.

"We are going to have to be very tough inside the paint and be ready on defense," freshman guard Tera Opperman said. "This is a very important game for us and would be a very big win."

Grand Valley State is coming off a 73-62 victory over Saginaw Valley State. The Lakers are led by two seniors, forward Jennifer Nielson and guard Laurie Rehmann.

From Allendale, the 'Cat's will travel to Big Rapids to go up against Ferris State University on Saturday.

The Bulldogs are 10-7 overall and 5-5 in the GLIAC. They are currently ranked No. 5 in the North division.

The Bulldogs are led by junior guard Lucy DeMartin who currently has an active 22-game double-figure scoring streak and has been FSU's leading scorer nine times in the last 16 games.

DeMartin put up 23 points against Lake Superior State on Jan. 25. The Bulldogs lost the game, 91-59.

Freshman Michelle Moard said her team was out in the gym on their day off between games, and they are ready to hit the road.

"We are feeling confident," she said.

Hiking trails enjoyed in winter

There is something special about experiencing the north woods in the winter.

Hogback Mountain (commonly pronounced Hogsback, but maps and trail signs label it without the extra S) is just one of the many outdoor opportunities near Marquette and available to students.

These opportunities provide an escape from everyday rigors of the college life found in classes and part time jobs. Even in the winter, places like Hogback should not be forgotten.

To make the best out of an experience such as this one, be well prepared. This includes dressing properly, planning an appropriate amount of time to complete the hike in daylight and sharing your plan with someone back home.

The hike begins north of Marquette off County Road 550. The trailhead I prefer is at the parking lot for Wetmore Pond on property owned by Mead Paper.

The entrance to this lot is on the left side of the road as you leave Marquette, not far past the large sign and parking area for Sugarloaf Mountain. It is marked by a very small white sign that says "Mead Wetmore Pond."

Dressed in warm layers consisting of a wool sweater and

polypropylene turtle neck, along with synthetic pants, winter hat and gloves, I embarked on a winter day hike of Hogback Mountain. The snow cover was not very deep, so I went on without snowshoes. With more snow, they would be very helpful.

The sky was a clear blue without hint of a cloud. It was about 20 degrees with calm winds, a good January day for such a hike, as I headed out in the early afternoon.

Hiking in the winter provides a rich experience different from summer hiking. The bare but snow covered trees seem to endorse the quietness and seclusion found in the woods.

All along the trail, there were telltale signs of deer as the snow cannot keep a secret. As I walked, my warm breath lingered in the air and my feet crunched along the trail.

The hike was just under two miles in each direction. The first portion of the hike was relatively flat over rocks covered with ice, which makes the trip much more treacherous than in the summer. Taking careful steps and using my hands for balance, the rocks were no more than a minor obstacle.

The last section of the hike was a noticeably steeper climb. The rocks just below the top of

OUTDOORS COLUMN



BY DAVE MOSS

Hogback proved to be harder to overcome. Their almost-vertical faces iced over made finding a footing or handgrip difficult. With a little careful maneuvering and traversing to find just the right spots, I overcame the rocks and made it to the windblown summit.

What made my trip successful was being prepared and dressed well. No, dressed well does not mean I had the complete Gap or Abercrombie wardrobe on. Instead, I turned to wool and synthetic materials.

There is a saying among outdoors people that "cotton kills," and it is true. While comfortable, cheap and readily available, cotton is terrible for outdoor uses. The problem is when cotton is wet it loses its insulating properties. Wool and synthetic materials, on the other hand, will keep you warm even when they are wet.

It is almost common knowledge that layers are important

to stay warm in the outdoors, but for many it is not yet common practice.

Many thin layers not only insulate better than one thick layer, but also give you the ability to take away layers during the more strenuous parts of a hike like Hogback, and to put them back on in the shady flat areas or while taking in the view from the top.

I also left at an appropriate time of day for this hike. A group was lost on the same hike for several hours last semester most likely because they did not plan ahead and leave early enough in the day.

By starting my trip around two in the afternoon, I had plenty of time to get to the top and back before the sun went down around 5:30 p.m.

There were also people back home that expected me back and knew where I was. They could get help for me if I did not return on schedule.

When nice days come to Marquette in the winter, take advantage of them. Many of us are not brave enough or dumb enough to venture outdoors when the wind chill is 20 below.

But when it is nice, don't forget about those favorite summer places. See what they offer in winter, and be prepared to have a successful experience.

WOMEN

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who had 18 points and Samuelson, who chipped in 16 points.

"Everyone was pumped," Opperman said. "We went out to win and we did. It was a great feeling for the team."

Freshman forward Michelle Moard said she felt Northern played well as a team.

"We pulled it together when we needed to," she said. "We passed the ball more then we ever have and we had fewer turnovers because of it."

NMU now ranks third in the GLIAC with a conference record of 7-3 and an overall record of 11-6. Tech sits at No. 4 with a record of 6-4 in the GLIAC and 11-8 overall.

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pay \$20,000, and the remainder will be raised through corporate sponsors, ticket sales and other local partnerships. University funds will not be spent on the event.

Salt Lake City will host the World Cup event being held in the United States this season, with NBC broadcasting the event. NBC may also broadcast the next World Cup from Marquette.

The USOEC is eager to work with any student organizations interested in assisting with this event. If interested, contact Jeff Kleinschmidt or Mike Fields at 227-2888.

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The deadline for nomination is Friday, February 28, 2003.

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Cold cannot chill skiers

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Despite the cold weather, head ski coach Sten Fjeldheim said his teams had one of the best meets in team history at the Saint Olaf Invitational on Jan. 25 and 26.

The 10-team invitational was cut short to just the races on Jan. 25.

Sunday's races were canceled due to the cold temperature and wind-chill factor.

Fjeldheim said the race was canceled because at the start time the temperature was about minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit with a wind chill factor of minus 30. The cut off for racing is zero degrees.

Saturday's events were the 5K freestyle for the women and the 10K freestyle for the men.

Both nordic teams took first place in their event.

The women were solid as they took second through sixth places with five skiers finishing within 10 seconds of each other.

Freshman Hillary Patzer finished second, junior Rachel Daw finished third, sophomore Tami Kochen finished fourth, freshman Maria Stuber finished fifth and sophomore Katherine Huemmer followed in sixth place.

The women's score was 84 followed by University of Alaska-Fairbanks with 81.

Patzer said it was a good course for most of the NMU skiers.

After the start, there was a climb that hurt the skiers' lungs because of the air temperatures.

The next section of the course was a downhill with a

quick turn before a gradual uphill section.

Patzer said the skiers climbed for about three kilometers before the last section of the course, which became fairly level.

"It is physically demanding course because there is no break on it," Fjeldheim said.

The men scored 83 points, with UA-F in second with 81.

Three seniors, Chris Cook, Jon Filardo and Hjalmar Westie, led the men's team. Cook won the 10K freestyle race with a time of 2:47.1. Filardo was third and Hjalmar Westie placed fifth.

Fjeldheim said it was the first time the NMU men were able to come out on top of UA-F in the freestyle races since the rivalry between the two schools took shape.

"I think the men's team had one of the best races as a program here," Fjeldheim said.

The cold caused problems for the racers other than their



Scott Salisbury/NW
Sophomore Adriaan Ostrander competed in the men's 10K freestyle race held on Jan. 24.

breathing at the beginning of the race.

"A lot of us got frostbite on our face and ears," Patzer said.

Due to the cold temperatures the classic races scheduled for Sunday were canceled about an hour before the women's race was scheduled to begin. Some of the racers wanted to race even after that call was made. Most of the women's teams were dressed and ready to go.

"Some coaches weren't too happy, but when the athletes' health is at risk, you have to write it off," Fjeldheim said.

This weekend, the Nordic skiers will host the NMU Invitational meet. The races will begin at 10 a.m. each day with freestyle events on Saturday and classic events on Sunday.

The races will be held at the Al Quaal Recreation Area.

The NMU teams have trained on the Al Quaal trails and will continue to train there this week in preparation for the event. The trails are new to the team however, as they have never had a competition there before.

"(This race) should be a test of our skills on a course we have not raced on yet," Fjeldheim said.

Nine teams including Saint Olaf, Michigan Tech and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay will attend. Fjeldheim expects an individual from UA-F to attend, although the rest of the team will not be attending.

The skiers who qualified for the under-23 Championships will not ski in this race as they will be headed to Italy for that event.

Training proves valuable in meet

BY RACHEL GRIFFIS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

NMU's swim team triumphed over GLIAC rival Wayne State 133-100 on Jan. 25 in Detroit.

Senior Kristy Vermillion, sophomore Dena Quick, sophomore Larisa Graham and sophomore Sam Pechek each captured a first place in their individual events, while junior Kathie Cole won the diving events.

Vermillion won the 200 free with a time of 1:58.06 and the 500 free in 5:18.99.

She also took second place in the 1,000 free with a time of 11:22.35.

Quick swam the 50 free in 25.19 to take first place. She also won the 100 free with a time of 54.84. Graham won the 200 breaststroke in 2:37.95.

Pechek finished first in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:17.48.

"It was nice to race again and see where we are at after the break," Pechek said.

In the one-meter dive, Cole took first place with a score of 252.90 and in the three-meter dive she won the event with 241.73.

Saturday's meet was the first time the 'Cats competed since Dec. 7 at the Notre Dame Invitational.

"It was a little rough," Quick said. "We won, but we were tired. We have been training hard for the conference."

Quick also said that after training began again on Jan. 1 with two practices a day and a weight-lifting workout, she felt a lot stronger at WSU.

Against Wayne State, NMU won two relay races.

In the 400 medley relay, Graham, junior Shelley Ruspakka, freshman Anna Herman, and senior Sarah Verbrugge took first with a time of 4:15.03. Pechek, Ruspakka, Vermillion and Quick swam to first place in the 400 free relay in 3:45.24.

The next meet for Northern is home against Grand Valley at noon this Saturday.

Quick said the team is looking forward to racing at home this weekend.

"We'll have some good races," Pechek said. "And if people come, we'll swim hard."

Pechek also said they hope to qualify more swimmers for Nationals this weekend.

Quick has already met the qualifying standard in the 50 free and Cole has qualified for the one-meter board.

"This weekend we want to improve our times and get our techniques down," Pechek said.



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WEEKEND CALENDAR

—TODAY—
 • The NMU women's basketball team plays Grand Valley State at 6 p.m. at Allendale, Mich.
 • The NMU men's basketball team plays Grand Valley State at 8 p.m. at Allendale, Mich.

—FRIDAY—
 • The NMU hockey team hosts Alaska-Fairbanks at 7:05 p.m.
 • The NMU club lacrosse team will host a tournament from 8-10 p.m. at the Superior Dome. It will continue Saturday 11-7p.m. and Sunday 10-1 p.m.

—SATURDAY—
 • The NMU hockey team hosts Alaska-Fairbanks at 7:05 p.m.
 • The NMU women's basketball team plays Ferris State at 1 p.m. at Big Rapids, Mich.
 • The NMU men's basketball team plays Ferris State at 6 p.m. at Big Rapids, Mich.
 • The NMU swimming and diving team will host Grand Valley at noon.
 • The NMU men's and women's nordic skiing teams will host the NMU Invitational at Ishpeming.

GLIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH DIVISION		
Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Lake Superior State	10-1	15-3
2. Grand Valley State	8-2	17-2
3. N. MICHIGAN	7-3	11-6
4. Michigan Tech	6-4	11-8
5. Ferris State	5-5	10-7
6. Northwood	2-8	6-12
7. Saginaw Valley State	0-10	4-14

NMU 76, MTU 74

N. Michigan	37	39	76
Wayne State	43	31	74

NMU (76)
 Tiffany Grubaugh 10-13 0-0 27; Jessica Nohl 8-17 2-5 18; Emily Samuelson 4-8 6-6 16; Michelle Moard 3-6 0-0 6; Tera Opperman 2-6 0-1 4; Elena Keranen 1-5 0-0 3; Shannon Boyer 1-1 0-1 2.
Totals 29-56 8-13 76.

MTU (74)
 Annie Madden 9-21 0-0 22; Andrea Novak 5-16 4-4 17; Amanda Sieja 5-9 4-5 14; Maria Schneider 2-6 2-2 6; Emily McClone 1-2 3-4 5; Chelsey MacNeill 1-1 2-2 4; Randi Miller 2-2 0-0 4; Jill Lehner 1-3 0-0 2.
Totals 26-60 15-17 74.

—GAME STATS—

THREE-POINT GOALS — NMU 10-18 (Grubaugh 7-9); MTU 7-17 (Madden 4-9).
REBOUNDS — NMU 31 (Keranen 9); MTU 33 (Lehner 7).
ASSISTS — NMU 12 (Keranen 6); MTU 15 (McClone 6).

GLIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH DIVISION		
Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Michigan Tech	10-0	18-1
2. N. MICHIGAN	7-3	11-7
3. Grand Valley State	4-6	9-9
4. Lake Superior State	4-7	10-10
5. Saginaw Valley State	3-7	9-10
6. Ferris State	3-7	7-11
7. Northwood	3-7	7-11

MTU 70, NMU 63

N. Michigan	19	44	63
Michigan Tech	40	30	70

NMU (63)
 Billy Hill 6-11 1-1 16; Milan Azanjac 4-6 1-3 9; Antwan Holt 4-6 0-2 8; Marco Volcy 4-12 0-1 8; Keder Hyppolite 3-7 0-0 8; David Noel 2-5 0-0 6; Steve Watts 2-5 0-0 5; Adrian Whitten 1-4 0-0 3.
Totals 26-56 2-7 63.

MTU (70)
 Josh Buettner 6-11 3-5 16; Matt Cameron

6-11 0-0 14; Jason Marcotte 4-8 2-2 12; J.T. Luginiski 4-14 3-4 11; Jeremy Resmer 4-9 0-1 10; Jeff McHenry 2-4 0-0 5; Keith Fogle 1-4 0-1 2.
Totals 27-61 8-13 70.

—GAME STATS—
THREE-POINT GOALS — NMU 9-25 (Hill, 3-6); MTU 8-22 (Cameron 2-5).
REBOUNDS — NMU 34 (Azanjac, Volcy 6); MTU 38 (Luginiski 8).
ASSISTS — NMU 13 (Volcy, Hill 3); MTU 11 (Marcotte 5).

Wildcat Hockey Scores

NMU 7, UA-H 3

Alabama-Huntsville	0	1	2	3
N. Michigan	4	3	0	7

—FIRST PERIOD—
 1. NMU Dirk Southern 5 (Bryce Cockburn, Peter Michelutti) PP, 14:22; 2. NMU Terry Harrison 9 (Jamie Milam, Kevin Gardner) PP, 14:41; 3. NMU Harrison 10 (Andrew Contois, Juha Alen) PP, 17:05; 4. NMU Gardner 2 (Jamie Milam, Harrison), 19:39.

—SECOND PERIOD—
 5. NMU Cockburn 8 (Mike Stutzel, Southern) 0:29; 6. NMU Cockburn 9 (Geoff Waugh, Stutzel), 8:24; 7. NMU Harrison 11

(Contois, Gardner) PP, 15:28; 8. UA-H Jared Ross 10 (Ryan Leasa, Craig Bushey), 19:12.

—THIRD PERIOD—
 9. UA-H, Jason Tinwick 1 (Tyler Butler), 6:28; 10. UA-H Jeremy Schreiber 5 (Ian Fletcher, Ross) PP, 16:48.

—GAME STATS—
SHOTS — NMU 36; UA-H 24.
POWER-PLAYS — NMU 4-7; UA-H 1-5.
PENALTIES — NMU 9-18; UA-H 9-29.
SAVES-SAVE ATTEMPTS — NMU Craig Kowalski 21-24; UA-H Scott Munroe 16-20, Mark Byrne 13-16.

NMU 2, UA-H 0

Alabama-Huntsville	0	0	0	0
N. Michigan	1	1	0	2

—FIRST PERIOD—
 1. NMU Kevin Gardner 3 (Terry Harrison, Geoff Waugh), 0:55.

—SECOND PERIOD—
 2. NMU Gardner 4 (Nathan Oystriick, Juha Alen), 11:06.

—GAME STATS—
SHOTS — NMU 22; UA-H 25.
POWER-PLAYS — NMU 0-5; UA-H 0-7.
PENALTIES — NMU 8-16; UA-H 6-12.
SAVES-SAVE ATTEMPTS — NMU Craig Kowalski 25-25; UA-H Scott Munroe 20-22.

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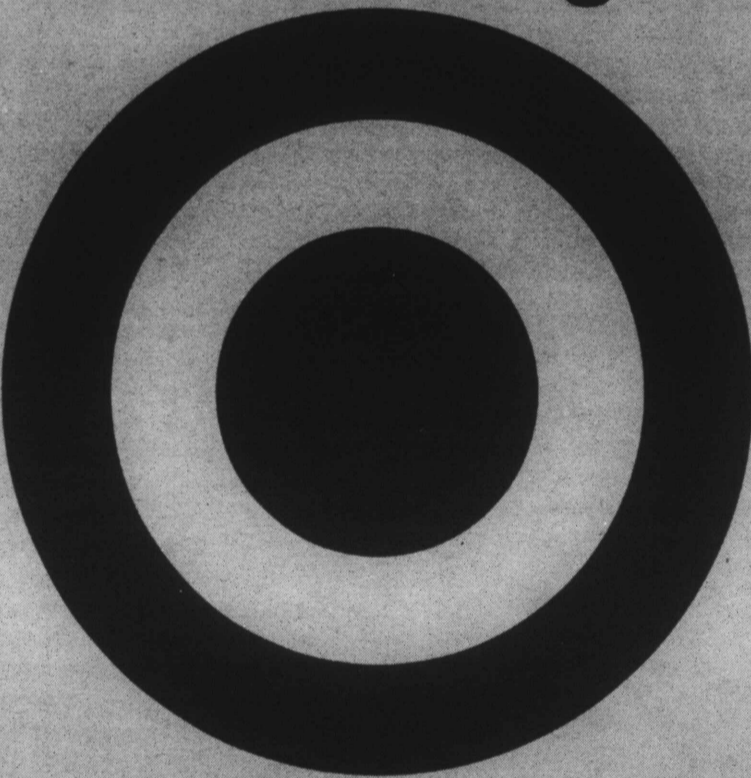
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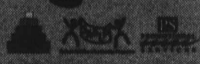
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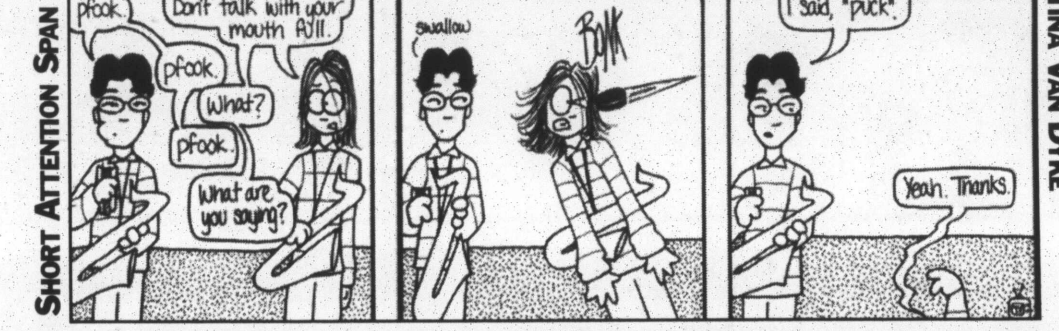
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