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A worker repairs pipes after they froze and leaked because of a heating system failure in the Jacobetti Center on Tuesday.

## Pipes leak after heating failure

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A failure in the heating system of the Jacobetti Center in the early morning hours of Feb. 10 caused water leakage from ceiling pipes and the cancellation of several classes in the building on Tuesday.

The failure is predominately due to extremely cold air temperatures, which were estimated to be 15 degrees below zero Tuesday morning, Plant Operations Director Dennis Cieslinski said.

The heating problem affected the north side of the building where the aviation, automotive, woodshop, robotic and mechanical repair shops are located.

Outside vents draw air directly into the building where it is then heated and piped

throughout Jacobetti, but in this case the air was too cold for the air system to handle.

The first discovery of a serious leak from the ceiling pipes was in the auto body repair area, Plant Operations Supervisor of Trades Esko Alasimi said.

After isolating the leak in the auto shop, numerous heating units froze up throughout the north side of the building, and once they began to thaw, water leaked from the ceiling pipes and onto the floors of the various repair shops, Alasimi said.

"We've never had a system failure like this before that I can remember," Cieslinski said.

He said there was little or no wiring or other property damage done to the building due to

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## Art museum receives donation of \$1 million

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 10 a joint contribution of \$1 million was made by the Dan and Pamella DeVos and Richard and Helen DeVos Foundations to fund NMU's Art Museum as a part of This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University.

This Decisive Season is a campaign to raise funds to sup-

port different aspects of the university such as facilities improvement and student success.

Both DeVos Foundations are located in Grand Rapids, Mich. Dan DeVos is a former Board of Trustees Member at NMU.

He said his family chose to help fund Northern's Art Museum because they are supportive and involved in the art scene in Grand Rapids and believed NMU had a nice plan

to develop the museum.

"I know NMU and all the good things [it does] and people involved felt this was a nice way to show our belief in what the university is currently doing," Dan DeVos said.

Head of the Art and Design Department Michael Cinelli said the endowment will primarily be used for museum programming.

NMU President Judi Bailey

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Kelly Adams/NW

Virginia Zinser, executive director of the development fund, and Kathy Frazier, director of development fund operations and donor services, plan in the Development Fund Office on Tuesday.

## Student charged for assault, illegal entry

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
NEWS EDITOR

Sophomore geography major Jason R. McCarthy was arrested by Public Safety officers on Feb. 10 on charges of domestic assault, illegal entry and attempted wire cutting-tapping in an incident in the Lincoln Street apartments.

McCarthy was arrested after public safety conducted an investigation of an incident that occurred on Feb. 9, Public Safety officer Ken Love said.

He said cutting-tapping is a new crime description used for suspects charge with cutting a phone line and/or tapping a phone line.

On Feb. 9, a 911 call was made to Public Safety in which a woman reported that she had been verbally and physically assaulted. During the phone call the line went dead, Love said.

He said the dispatcher on duty immediately notified officers and attempted to call the residence back, but was unable to. Love said both the name of the victim and the dispatcher are not being released to the public.

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the pipe leaks.

Plant operations workers are still determining if any other failures in the heating led to the overall shut down.

"The system was not completely shut down from the beginning because that same system supplies the [whole] building with water to run all building heating," Alasimi said. "Some unfrozen units were able to keep the affected areas from freezing, avoiding more problems."

Alasimi also said that the Facilities Department are asking faculty, staff and students to be patient if the weather plays a part in other inconveniences on campus in the future.

"With the extreme cold weather, all heating systems on campus are being used to the maximum, so we are trying to do the best we can," Alasimi said.

The cost for repairs has yet to be determined, Cieslinski said.

Cieslinski said a pre-heat coil for the main air-handling unit is being considered for future installation at Jacobetti. The coil would temper the air temperature moving through the vents even before the individual heating units would have to warm it up.

Alasimi said crews are quickly making repairs to the heating system and should be completed shortly.

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said the museum will be renamed the DeVos Art Museum at the completion of the East campus project, which includes moving the museum from its current location in Lee Hall to the Art and Design North building.

"It is a real privilege to have our name recognized at Northern," Dan DeVos said. "It is a great place."

The new museum will feature two art galleries — one for rotating exhibits, including student and community exhibits, and the other for NMU's permanent collection.

"The generosity of the DeVos Foundations will provide us with on-going funds that will enable Northern to bring

major exhibits to its art museum on a regular basis," Cinelli said. "This gift will also open up all kinds of horizons for the NMU art and design faculty and students."

The Art and Design North Building construction is scheduled for completion by the start of Fall 2004 semester.

"The NMU students, faculty, staff and alumni are thrilled to receive a gift of this magnitude for our art museum," Bailey said. "We are also pleased to have Dan, our former Board of Trustees chairman, his wife Pam, and Richard and Helen DeVos, honorary degree recipients, remain active members of the Northern community."

Dan was appointed by former Gov. John Engler to NMU's Board of Trustees in April

1995. Dan currently serves on NMU's Cisler College of Business Advisory Council.

Richard and Helen DeVos, founders of the Amway Corporation, were awarded honorary degrees from NMU in 1998.

Executive Director of the Development Fund Virginia Zinser said This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University is in its final year and close to reaching its goal of \$30 million.

She said this year alone, the campaign has raised approximately \$2 million.

For more information on This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University, visit the Web page by clicking on the link located on the NMU homepage.

## Domestic assault information

According to the Public Safety Web site, four incidents of domestic violence were reported in the past year at NMU.

Head of the NMU Counseling Center Tom Stanger said he doesn't see too many cases of domestic assault.

"The reason we don't see so many is because they are pretty secretive," Stanger said. "It's a real control issue."

Stanger said often times promises are made between partners and abusers.

"They promise they'll never do it again, but the assaults almost always involve repeated cases," Stanger said.

He said abuse may start out verbally and escalate into physical abuse, but is more psychologically damaging than it is physically.

"On the abuser's end, they often feel inadequate and by putting someone else down

they feel more power," Stanger said.

He said a lot of abusers were once themselves abused as a child, but that there are many exceptions. He also said that alcohol is often a factor but that it is not an excuse.

"Many people drink and don't get abusive," Stanger said. "But if there is a potential that somebody will be abusive, alcohol is more likely to bring it out."

He said the primary thing to do when dealing with domestic abuse is to find someone to talk with about it.

Stanger said he advises victims to report the incidents to the police, and then get somewhere safe.

Anyone seeking help, or more information may contact the NMU Counseling Center at 227-2981.

— Mary Ann Cancilla

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Love said the victim and McCarthy had previously been involved in a dating relationship.

He said the victim and McCarthy were not living together during the time of the incident but believes they may have lived together previously.

McCarthy was arraigned on Feb. 11 in the 96th District Court and sentencing has been scheduled for Feb. 27, Love said.

If found guilty, McCarthy could face one year in prison and/ or a \$500 fine for attempted wire cutting-tapping, 90 days and/or a \$100 fine for illegal entry and 93 days and/or a \$100 for domestic assault.

Love said alcohol was not involved in the incident.



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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Police investigate area break-ins

MARQUETTE — The Marquette County Sheriff's Office is investigating the breaking and entering of several child day care centers throughout the area. The Crayon Club, located on 1910 Werner St., and the Mister McGregor Garden Day Care Center at 510 N. McClellan Ave. were broken into on Nov. 21. Items reported stolen from both locations include AM/FM stereos and cameras. A Dell desktop computer and answering machine was also stolen from the Mister McGregor Center. Negaunee City Police are also investigating a Jan. 7 break-in at the Little Friends Day Care Center at 1025 E. Mass St. in Negaunee. Cameras, compact discs and a small amount of cash were reported stolen.

## National

## Air defense missiles placed in D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Air defense has been tightened around the nation's capital this week due to an increased risk of a terrorist strike against the United States. Avenger anti-aircraft missiles have been stationed around Washington, D.C., along with increased radars and Air Force-led combat patrols over the metro area. CIA director George Tenet warned that al-Qaeda attacks could occur as early as this week, defense officials said on Wednesday. The national terror level has been placed at "orange," the second highest level on a scale of five. Tenet also said that if given the choice, al-Qaeda will choose attacks that achieve multiple objectives, striking well-known landmarks, inflicting mass casualties and causing economic disruption.

## International

## NATO remains divided on Turkey

BRUSSELS, Belgium — On Wednesday, Germany, France and Belgium refused to endorse a U.S. proposal that would send American surveillance planes, patriot missiles and chemical and biological detection teams to Turkey in the event of war with Iraq. The proposal is designed to protect Turkey, NATO's lone Islamic partner, from a military strike by Iraq. Officials from Germany, France and Belgium have all said such actions would hurt efforts to win a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis. U.S. lawmakers harshly criticized the three European nations for their lack of support in approving aid for Turkey. French President Jacques Chirac did promise Turkey that France "would assume its obligations if Turkey were really threatened" by an aggressor.

## Weird News

## 'Dell dude' busted on drug charges

NEW YORK — New York City Police arrested Benjamin Curtis, also known as "Steven, the Dell Computer Dude," on Sunday night in a Lower East Side neighborhood after an officer on drug detail spotted the actor buying a small bag of marijuana. Curtis, a 22-year-old drama student at New York University, was arraigned the following day on a misdemeanor drug possession charge. The charge assumes the suspect is not carrying more than a "use amount" — enough to roll several marijuana cigarettes. Omar Mendez, 19, the suspect who reportedly sold the controlled substance to Curtis, also faces drug sale and possession charges. Curtis' case will be dismissed and his record expunged, if he avoids arrest during the next year.

— Compiled from news sources

## Kick out the jams



Scott Salisbury/NW

Grammy-winning pianist and Cuban musician Chucho Valdés locks into a groove with his backing band on Feb. 8 in the Kaufman Auditorium as part of the performing art series.

## Budget impact speculated

## NMU administration officials discuss tuition, fee increases

BY CHRIS VIOLANTE  
STAFF WRITER

NMU President Judi Bailey invited members of the media to an informal meeting on Feb. 6 to discuss how an anticipated decrease of 10-percent in state appropriations may impact the university.

Bracing for an estimated \$8.5 million cut from the Fiscal Year 2004 budget and \$4.25 million for 2005, Bailey said there will be tuition and fee increases, but by exactly how much is not known.

The Budget Alternatives Committee will make their recommendations to Bailey on March 1, when the governor's budget plan is released.

"We will eventually be at a point where we won't have any wiggle room," Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy said. "While looking at these difficult decisions, we want to keep small class sizes, focus on

improving technology and help students to graduate on time."

Roy, who is also co-chairman of the Budget Alternatives Committee, said the administration has received a lot of questions from students as to where the cuts will be, and also some arguments that campus renovation projects should be rethought considering the budget woes.

Roy said the money set aside for construction and renovations cannot be used in the operating budget, and progress cannot be stopped because of these problems.

Bailey said this money was awarded to NMU specifically for the use of construction, and by law cannot be used in other ways.

Bailey will make her recommendations to the NMU Board of Trustees at the May 2 and 3 meetings, who will then make their decision. The Board of Trustees decides what tuition rates will be in August.

"It is a matter of putting the pieces together, making changes," Bailey said. "There may be other ideas on how to adjust the budget. This period of discussion will not be long since we have to put in a recommendation."

The problems NMU is facing aren't new, Roy said.

He said during the early '90s, the university struggled through budget problems fed by locked-in salary increases and diminished enrollment.

By making adjustments, NMU was able to overcome these issues.

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"Our core mission is to protect the quality of education."

— Judi Bailey  
NMU President

rising costs in all areas of the university, there could be significant changes between now and her recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which might soften the blow of a budget cut.

"If you've heard something about our recommendations concerning the budget, it's rumor," Bailey said. "We haven't decided anything yet. Our core mission is to protect the quality of education."

Budget issues will be further discussed at three university forums scheduled later this semester.

They will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Brule/Cadillac rooms, March 20 in the Brule/Cadillac rooms and April 17 in Jamrich 102.



Roy

## New Trustees introduced

The NMU Board of Trustees will hold its annual retreat on Feb. 13 to 14.

Three new trustees appointed by former Gov. John Engler will be participating for the first time.

The trustees are: Alan Ackerman of Bloomfield Hills, Larry Inman of Williamsburg and Doug Roberts of East Lansing.

Among the topics discussed

will be the respective missions of both the university and the Board of Trustees, as well as other goals.

Other retreat session topics, as well as an agenda for the business session scheduled from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Friday, can be accessed at [www.nmu.edu/boardbook/Feb2003](http://www.nmu.edu/boardbook/Feb2003).

The NMU Board of Trustees will also be sponsoring a "Get Acquainted" reception from

5:30 to 7 p.m. tonight in the Explorer Rooms in the University Center.

The event is open to the public and free of charge.

It also presents an opportunity for both the university and Marquette communities to meet and talk with the trustees — three of whom are new appointees whose terms began Jan. 1.

— NMU press release

## FORECAST

- Friday: Partly cloudy. High around 18. Low around 0.
- Saturday: Partly cloudy. High near 15. Low around 8.
- Sunday: A chance of snow showers. High around 20. Chance of snow 30 percent.

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# NMU grads find success in job market

BY ROB HAMILTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

While national studies have shown a weakened job market due to current national economic conditions, a recent survey has shown that NMU graduates have been more successful getting jobs than these studies suggest.

Over the past five years, 81 percent of

responding NMU graduates have indicated they are employed in a field directly related to their degree within six months of graduation, an annual survey administered by the Communications and Marketing Office said.

Jobsearch Center Director John Frick said he was pleased with the survey's results, but not surprised to see Northern students doing so well.

"What employers have been telling us is that students from Northern tend to have a very strong work ethic," Frick said. "They are also very well prepared academically."

The survey also reported that 22 percent of respondents were continuing their education at either a full-time or part-time status, while 6.3 percent of graduates were unemployed.

Northern students are finding opportunity and success in all areas of the job market, but Frick said 73 percent are remaining in the state of Michigan.

Surveys by the National Association of Colleges and Employers and Michigan State University have shown lower percentages of college graduates being hired in their field. Employers are now recruiting less due to economic conditions, Frick said.

Frick said he encourages students to visit the Jobsearch center long before graduation to begin working on resumes, interviewing skills or look into part-time job opportunities and internships that relate to their career.

He said that finding success in landing a first job begins early at college and calls for extra effort in research work.

"It is important for students to realize that, especially given the way the economy is today, the earlier they start the better," he said. "We would love to see students in here sometime during their sophomore year just to get started."

Senior sociology major Alexis Gingrass

said she was given more employment ideas and set up with a job fair in Escanaba when she recently visited Frick for the first time.

"I had nowhere to look and my resume was horrible," Gingrass said. "He gave me an idea of what was out there."

Frick said he meets with about 600 to 800 students on an individual basis every year.

The Jobsearch Center also offers a career day in the fall, which about 60 companies attended this year, and job fairs to assist students in finding employment, Frick said.

*"It is important for students to realize that, especially given the way the economy is today, the earlier they start the better."*

— John Frick  
Director, Jobsearch Center

Because of NMU's geographic isolation from major cities, Frick said he is encouraging students to look into smaller businesses and look for jobs locally and regionally if the country continues to have economic problems.

"I think students realize that they have to work a little harder to get their material in the hands of prospective employers," he said.

For more information, contact Frick at 227-2800 or visit the Jobsearch Center at room 1102 in the University Center.



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Jobsearch Center Director John Frick looks over paperwork in his office on Feb. 12. Frick said he is pleased about the recent survey results which reveal NMU graduates to be largely successful in job opportunities and employer reviews.

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\*Newly appointed member

# Bailey offers expertise

## President to deliver speech to students on leadership goals

BY NICOLE GEARHART  
STAFF WRITER

President Judi Bailey will be giving a presentation to NMU students on leadership and decision-making in the Van Antwerp/Hunt lobby on Feb. 19.

The presentation is sponsored by Lost in Space, Van Antwerp's chemical-free house.

Junior land use planning major Jonathan Ringel, a Van Antwerp Hall resident and one of the organizers of the event, said topics will probably include ways that students can become leaders and stand out among their fellow students.

It may also include a discussion about ways that students can make decisions that can help them go farther in life and seize opportunities that may help them, Ringel said.

Bailey said the presentation will be an informal event.

She said her list of discussion topics will include the different types of decision-making, who is responsible for making various decisions and how it varies based on the issue.

The presentation will also include a question and answer period.

"President Bailey serves as an exclusive model of what can be accomplished with proper leadership and decision making skills," Ringel said. "I think she does a good deal of trying to get involved with the community and campus."

Van Antwerp Hall has participated in many educational presentations in the past, and organizers Ringel and sophomore nursing major Laura Rouch said they felt President Bailey's presentation would fit that theme.

Rouch is also the resident adviser for Lost in Space.

Ringel said they believe that education takes place on a variety of levels, not just an academic level.

"We feel that this would be a

great opportunity for our hall to have the President come and speak," Rouch said.

Charles Pelky, resident director of Van Antwerp, said the best thing about this project was how it came together and was organized.

"This project was spearheaded by Lost in Space as something they wanted to learn about — and who better to learn from?" Pelky said. "Obviously, Judi Bailey has had various experiences with leadership, and currently is a leader of a multi-million dollar university."

Pelky said this would be a good opportunity for people to ask any questions that they have, and to get a view of real world experiences in decision-making and leadership.

He also said he believes this presentation will help students think about their own goals, inspirations and dreams as they move through college.

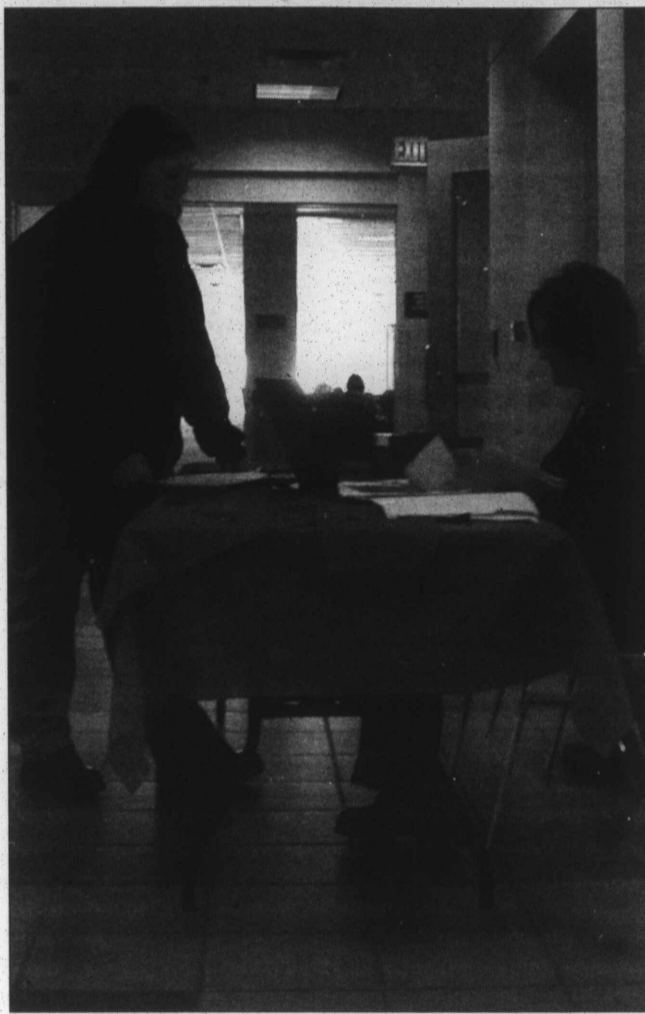
"They can learn how to achieve a goal, how to dream a dream and then live it," Pelky said.

For additional information on Bailey's leadership and decision-making presentation in Van Antwerp Hall, contact Rouch at 227-4218.



Rouch

## Lovelines



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Junior sociology major Jessica Creighton buys a poetry-gram for Valentine's Day from Sigma Tau Delta member and senior English major Kelly Westeen on Feb. 12 in the UC.



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EDITORIAL

Students voiceless

The university is preparing for an anticipated decrease of 10 percent in state appropriations, which equates to an estimated \$8.5 million from the Fiscal Year 2004 budget.

The Budget Alternatives Committee (BAC), comprised of deans, vice presidents and support staff, is planning possible ways to deal with our budget woes. The BAC will present its recommendations to President Judi Bailey on March 1, when the governor's budget plan is released.

Although students will be directly affected by the decisions made regarding the budget, there are no students on the committee.

Members of the BAC were chosen because they understand the budget. But even without knowledge of the ins and outs of the budget, students could provide valuable input.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Mike Roy said one reason students are not represented on the committee is because it would be difficult to depict the views of the student body through one delegate.

The views of over 8,000 students cannot be accurately represented by one person — but what about ASNMU? Its purpose is to act as the link between the administration and the student body. ASNMU members or an ASNMU-appointed student could represent some aspects of the students' views on the budget planning by taking student feedback to the committee meetings.

Students will be able to offer opinions at forums at the end of March. Forums are a good venue for students and administrators to interact and share ideas. However, they are worthless when they happen after a decision has been made, when the input received will not make a difference.

The forums seeking student input on how to deal with the budget — something that will affect every student — will come after the BAC proposes a solution.

If the administration is not willing to listen to us in the preliminary stages of problem solving, why should students believe their voices will be heard later?

Giving students an opportunity to speak after the decisions have been made does not satisfy our desire to be a part of the decision-making process at this university.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NMU's budget woes a blast of hot air?

With a state budget deficit of \$1.8 billion and an NMU state appropriations cut of \$1.4 million, I am curious why there are a dozen, or so, electric heaters running full blast in the overhead of the University Center entrance heating the outside air?

This must be costing hun-

dreds if not thousands of dollars a month.

It sends a message of excess and wanton disregard of energy resources and taxpayer money.

Why there is a need, even in good economic times, is a question that I would also ask?

This is Marquette, Mich. It is wintertime.

What are coats, hats and gloves for?

The small protection provided from door to curb can't possibly be justified against what the cost must be.

I would be interested to know if Ms. Bailey, Mr. Roy or Mr. Leach are aware of this situation and what comments they might make.

James D. McDougal  
Marquette resident

No winners in drug war

STAFF COLUMN



BY KYLE ORTIZ

If heroin were legalized tomorrow, would you go out and shoot up as soon as it hit the stores? I doubt you would. So why do we continue to fight this "drug war" that never can or will be won?

We have about as much chance of wiping out drugs as we do terrorism. The money used to wage this war would be better spent on drug education.

Here is what our high and mighty, moralistic war on drugs, after billions of dollars and sickening amounts of bloodshed, has accomplished: absolutely nothing.

I guess saying the war on drugs hasn't accomplished anything isn't fair. It must be admitted that the drug war has helped create vicious gang warfare, further tax expense due to overflowing prisons (over 1.5 million crowd our prisons each year charged with drug offenses), and worst of all, a bigger rift in race and class relations.

Despite the fact that drug use is found in all classes and races, only minorities and those in lower income brackets are being convicted of drug crimes regularly.

Although essentially the same drug, crack users get a worse sentence (felony, carrying minimum 5 year sentence) than coke users (misdemeanor, carrying a maximum 1 year sentence).

The difference is that nearly 90 percent of those convicted for

crack distribution are African Americans, while white people more traditionally use cocaine.

Further, drugs such as opium and weed have been used for centuries by the upper class, but drugs have only during the last 200 years been stigmatized, as they became increasingly a habit of the working classes.

If we legalized all drugs a slew of problems would be solved. First of all, a huge economic burden would instantly become an economic boost; drugs would go from being a \$147 billion vacuum for tax dollars to being a multi-billion dollar industry. Illicit drugs could, like tobacco, be heavily taxed.

Also our over-burdened prison system would be given a break, relieving the taxpayer of the burden of room and board of millions of inmates annually. Instances of overdose would drop immensely because the majority of overdoses are due to foreign agents that aren't supposed to be in a certain drug. With government regulation we

could ensure that these drugs are pure. And inner-city gangs would have far less to fight over.

Many are probably thinking, "Yeah right. If we did that, everybody would be doing drugs."

That just isn't true. If we invested a tenth of what is currently being spent on the war on drugs in positive education about drugs, it would be a vastly more effective program in halting drug use.

People who want to do drugs now have no problem doing so, and legalizing wouldn't suddenly make people decide to start "doing." Arrest is not the main deterrent for most people.

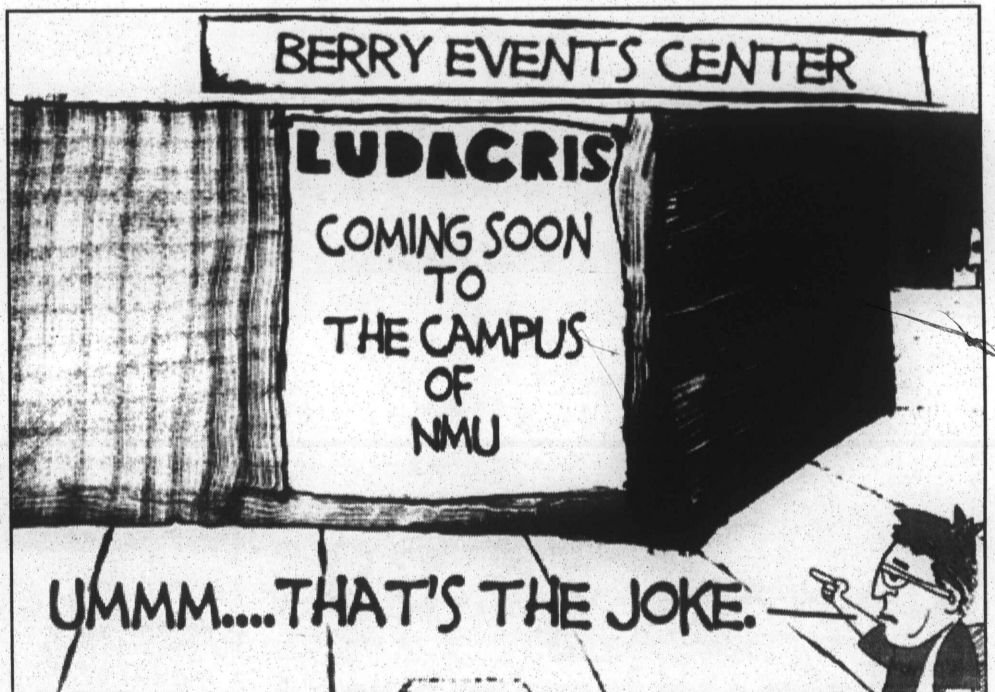
We have been at this war for long enough with no real progress. It's time to start fighting for a drug free America with education and not border patrols. Legalize drugs and put that money in drug education.

And while we're at it we should think about funneling some money from the war on terrorism to education of tolerance.

We have invested in guns throughout history, and drugs and terror still sneak through. It's time for a new approach. Last I checked it was our minds not our brawn that set us apart from the animals.

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

William Holland  
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# Bush is hot, bothered; Hussein ready, willing

There's no longer a need for sneaking into the "adult section" of the local video store, or paying outrageous fees for pay-per-view porn.

These days, you can get your fill of raunchy porn without paying more than your local cable bill.

*"Bush is talking about all the nasty things he's going to do to get this war on; he's ready to whip out the arsenal and show the world what he's working with."*

The nightly news is the hottest-selling sex show on television.

A showdown in Iraq is like a porno starring our president, George W. Bush, and Saddam Hussein.

Bush is the aggressor, the weak little nerd that no one would ever expect to get any action.

Bush's counterpart is played by Hussein, who is playing hard to get, but is not really making a huge effort to stop Bush's advances.

You know he wants it. Cue the cheesy music: Bush is ready to get it on.

Bush says he knows Saddam has weapons, but it's no match for his own mighty man-missiles.

He felt around the area for a moment, but Bush wants it quick and easy — he just wants to shoot his little soldiers all over Iraq.

## STAFF COLUMN



BY CHRIS MOSIER

The United Nations Security Council wants a little bit of conversation and foreplay before Bush goes all the way.

Bush just wants to get off and add another name to the list of countries America has screwed.

In the end, the American people will be the one to suffer from his promiscuity and willingness to jump into a situation all hot and bothered.

These troops are like condoms to our president — they're there to protect, but when it comes right down to it, they're disposable.

At this rate, it's just a matter of time before Bush ends up with an accident on his hands as a result of starting a war prematurely.

While it begins humorously enough, this porn is just like all the others in our nation's history.

It's the same positions, the same actions and the same outcome as we've seen in the past — only the actors are different.

Bush is talking about all the nasty things he's going to do to get this war on; he's

ready to whip out the arsenal and show the world what he's working with.

In the true nature of porn flicks, this show is not about plot and consequences of unprotected actions; it focuses on instant gratification.

The dialog is predictable — each talks dirty to the other.

With all the name calling and stroking of their own egos, we, the viewers, know it's only a matter of time before one of them blows.

This war stems from our fearless leader's issues with his own inadequacy. Bush is talking up the size of his weapons.

They say when one boasts of the size of his tools, he's probably bluffing.

But hey, who are we to bust Bush's bubble and deny the man a little pleasure?

The war we are about to engage in is obscene. Watching this sticky situation is far from a turn-on to any sensible American.

Ron Jeremy, he is not; but George W. Bush's sex-capades will forever stain American history.

At this point, it's not a matter of when he's going in, it's just a matter of how long it will last.

For the sake of everyone watching, let's hope Bush goes in and pulls out quickly and gets this war over with.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris welcomes reactions to her columns at [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org).

## SOUND OFF

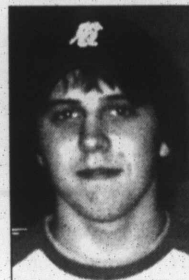
What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Lindsay Goodcourage  
junior, business

*"Whatever my boyfriend has planned!"*

Logan Watts  
freshman, construction management

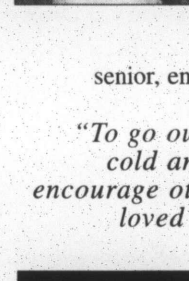


*"Going to MTU to get a Valentine."*



Cassiopeia Zeratsky  
freshman, art and design

*"I'm going to help with the U.P. 200."*



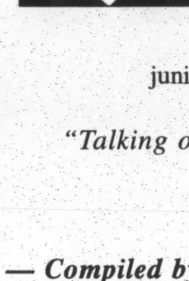
Dan Arvidson  
senior, environmental conservation

*"To go outside in the freezing cold and hug a tree, and to encourage others who are free of loved ones to do so also."*



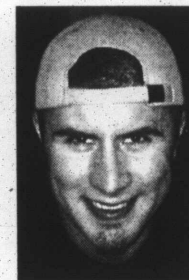
Katie Gagnon  
senior, English

*"No plans — I don't let Hallmark dictate my holidays."*



Jeff Domras  
junior, ski area management

*"Talking on the phone with my girlfriend."*



— Compiled by Becky Compton

# God bless those Hollywood politicians

Everyone seems to have an opinion on the war in Iraq, which is generally a good thing, considering it affects nearly all of us. Some people, however, due to the amplifying qualities of the limelight, have louder voices than others. This is often a bad thing.

Celebrities collect causes the way kids used to collect baseball cards; it seems to be a way of establishing oneself on the social ladder of Hollywood. They are all fantastically rich, attractive and popular, so what other yardstick do they have to measure each other with?

Members of Lynyrd Skynyrd are pro-war, Tom Cruise is pro-Bush and pretty much the rest of the screenees and radioettes are emphatically anti-war, anti-Bush and seemingly anti-American.

Well that's all well and good — they are exercising their right, their freedom of speech. What they aren't exercising is their responsibility.

Their responsibility that, as public figures, their words are taken for more than granted.

I contacted Sid Sokol and his son Ryan, the creators of the Web site [www.celiberal.com](http://www.celiberal.com) (a site "showcasing" the less than intelligent arguments of celebrity liberals) and asked them their opinion of this issue.

"[We] created this site because we feel that Hollywood "Stars" are afforded a luxury that most of us do not have, an immediate and attentive audience because of their celebrity status. We felt that many Hollywood "liberals" have exploited this audience and have brought forth opinions that are treasonous and dangerous. Further, we feel that they are ill-informed and unfactual. However, both Ryan and myself will defend their right to speak. This is America. What we won't do is support them in any way, especially financially. We won't see their

## STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

movies, rent their videos or buy their records."

I don't take such a hard-line stance, since I am neither liberal nor conservative. I like movies, as I find them a wonderful balm for reality and music is the only thing that keeps me relatively sane.

But, for much the same reason that I do not ask or care about George W. Bush's film critique of "Naked Lunch," I do not care what the celebrities have to

say about world issues. They have their movies to numb our minds; why dabble in activism and propaganda as well?

What I won't say is: "Let the movie stars have their movies, and leave the politics to the politicians."

The movie stars are citizens (no matter how often they denounce their country or "threaten" to leave), and as such, in this democracy of ours, their words hold just as much weight as any other person's. What they have to realize is that their often ignorant shouts sometimes drown out more intelligent whippers.

I'm relatively famous, look, there I am at left (not a political pun)! So, listen to what I have to say. I have to be right, I mean, you're reading this, aren't you?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeremiah welcomes reactions to his columns at [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org).

# Jamie Kennedy to visit campus

Actor, writer and producer Jamie Kennedy will visit Northern Michigan University on Feb. 16.

He will give a public presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Kennedy co-wrote and stars in the upcoming Warner Brothers film, "Mailbu's Most Wanted," which will be distributed in April.

His character is Brad "B-Rad" Gluckman, a white wannabe rap star from Malibu whose wealthy father (Ryan O'Neal) has him kidnapped by two gangsta actors (Taye Diggs and Anthony Anderson) and sent to Compton to scare the 'hood out of him.

Kennedy has also performed in Wes Craven's "Scream" and "Scream 2," for which he won a Blockbuster Award for Best Supporting Actor/Horror.

In addition, he starred in "Bait" with Jamie Foxx and David Morse; "Boiler Room" with Ben Affleck and Giovanni Ribisi; "Bowfinger" with Eddie Murphy, Steve Martin and Heather Graham; "Enemy of the State" with Will Smith and Gene Hackman; and "William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet" with Leonardo DiCaprio.

Kennedy also stars in his own television show on the WB, called "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment." The show has been described as a combination of "Candid Camera" and "Saturday Night Live."

Kennedy was originally slated to visit NMU last semester but cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Admission will be \$2 for NMU students and \$5 for non-students. For more information on Kennedy's visit to campus contact NAE at 227-2447.

— NMU press release

# Tournament aids charity

## Profits from weekend softball games help Special Olympics

BY ERIC TREADO  
STAFF WRITER

The 10th annual Superior Dome slow pitch softball tournament will be held from Feb. 20 to 23 to benefit the local Special Olympics chapter.

The four-day tournament is comprised of 28 teams from Michigan and Wisconsin battling in a double elimination format.

All proceeds of the tournament go to Special Olympics to support people with mental handicaps, tournament director Michael Campbell said.

The opening ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. on Feb. 23 in the Superior Dome where Marquette Mayor Jerry Irby will open the tournament with a welcome speech.

Superior Spectrum/Swick Plumbing from Marquette is the local team competing.

"Local sponsors helped us become the last team selected to compete and we are looking forward to make the best of it," team captain Dan Lancour said.

Prizes such as cash, trophies, and Midwest bragging rights

bring softball teams from all around, making for great games, Campbell said.

The softball tournament is a fine cause, raising money for the Special Olympic Chapter 36 of Marquette and Alger Counties, Campbell said.

"The tournament is a major fundraiser for local Special Olympics," Campbell said. "The money goes to train athletes and underwrites the cost of equipment and participation in the upcoming year."

Special Olympics believes that through sports people with mental handicaps can improve physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, Campbell said.

Campbell said he urges the public to support the cause by attending, buying raffle tickets and enjoying the concession stand. The raffle grand prize is a Yamaha four-wheeler along with various other prizes from local companies.

Kids will be able to enjoy the children's carnival, which will include putt-putt golf, a driving net and basketball.

Marquette Junior Chamber of

Commerce is sponsoring the tournament this year. Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are called Jaycees.

"The children's carnival is new this year," Campbell said. "We are trying to use it as a tool to recruit new Jaycees. It's great opportunity to build leaders of tomorrow."

The games will start after the opening ceremonies and continue until one of the 28 teams is crowned champion on Sunday afternoon.

*"The money goes to train athletes and underwrites the cost of equipment and participation in the upcoming year."*

— Michael Campbell  
Tournament Director

"This is the largest field we have had at this tournament," Campbell said. "Competition will be tough and there will always be a game going on."

The event is free to the general public.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation to this cause, contact Area Special Olympics Director Marie Martin at 228-3265.

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# BSU hosts events, dance

BY DESIRÉ COLUCCI  
STAFF WRITER

To celebrate Black history month, the NMU Black Student Union is hosting a free Valentine's Day Dance, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

There will be food, refreshments and a raffle. The raffle includes one free night at the Ramada Inn, and various gift bags. Music will be by DJ Damian, junior history major Damian Ramos and he will be playing hip-hop and R&B.

"We're trying to plan events throughout the year," said Jaime Brisco, junior sociology major and Black Student Union President. "This is a great paid event for NMU students. They can have fun and this gives students a cheaper way to celebrate Valentine's Day."

The dance is free to students and \$1 for non-students. The Student Finance Committee contributed \$700 toward the event and proceeds earned at the event will go to the Student Activity Fee.

"We would like everyone to know that Black history should be celebrated everyday of every

month, not just in February," said sophomore general business major, and Black Student Union Vice President Rebecca Thompson.

The next event the Black Student Union is planning along with Platform Personalities is "The Affairs of Race in America: A Conversation in Black and White," at 7 p.m. on March 12 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

It will feature two guest speakers who are descendants of Thomas Jefferson and his slave Sally Hemings. Shay Banks-Young, who is black, and Julia Jefferson Westerinen, who is white, will share their life experiences and views of race relations in America.

Other universities in the area are also hosting events to celebrate Black history month. Michigan Tech University is sponsoring events from Feb. 17 to 21. The Black Student Association along with the Outreach and Multi Ethnic Organization are including events such as a black invention presentation, guest speakers and a movie on slave narratives.

"We have been celebrating and having events for the past five years, and it seems to have a high impact on the students and faculty of Michigan Tech," said Betty Chavis, the outreach and multi ethnic organization coordinator. "We would encourage, welcome and enjoy students from NMU to attend our events."

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

- **Feb. 10** — Andrew Brimmer becomes first black to serve on Federal Reserve Board, 1966.
- **Feb. 11** — Clifford Alexander Jr. becomes first black secretary of the Army, 1977.
- **Feb. 12** — NAACP founded after riot in Springfield, Ill., 1909.
- **Feb. 13** — Joseph Searles becomes first black member of the New York Stock Exchange, 1970.
- **Feb. 14** — Frederick Douglass born, 1817.

# Performers to visit Kaufman

Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers, southwest Michigan's only professional modern dance company, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette.

Wellspring was founded in Kalamazoo in 1981. Its artistic director, Cori Terry, has choreographed more than 45 major works for the company. The Brooklyn native attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook before moving to New York City to complete her dance training.

Terry later joined the prestigious Erick Hawkins Dance Company, performing and teaching throughout the United States and Europe.

She moved to Kalamazoo as an artist-in-residence at Western Michigan University in 1980 and founded Wellspring a year later. Terry completed a bachelor's degree in dance from WMU in 1989 and occasionally teaches master classes at her alma mater, as well as throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

Wellspring's performances are filled with intensity and beauty with an eclectic appeal to audiences. A Kalamazoo Gazette reviewer wrote: "The heat generated by these dancers is almost palpable."

Michael Miller, a member of the company, will present a workshop for NMU dancers in advance of the public performance.

Tickets are \$6 for students, \$13 for NMU faculty and staff and \$14 for general admission. Prices at the door are \$2 more per ticket.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Superior Dome, Willy's Snak Shak in the University Center, Forest Roberts Theatre or online at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

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## Silent auction to aid NMU ROTC

NMU's Army ROTC Ranger Club will be hosting a silent benefit auction from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Marquette Days Inn.

The auction is being held to help support student participation in the Bataan Memorial Death March this Spring.

The march is being held on March 30 in commemoration of over 10,000 Americans and Filipinos who were forced to march with no water in blistering heat for five days during WW II.

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

Comfort Suites, Iron City Book Store, Getz's, Viking Sewing, Salon Salon, the Pasta Shop and other area businesses are all making donations for the auction.

Eight students from the Army ROTC program are planning to participate in this year's event in White Sands, N.M.

Assistant Professor of Military Science Brian Lantz said the students will be marching approximately 26.2 miles, while the actual Bataan Death March was 60 miles long.

"They recreate the conditions that the P.O.W.'s faced during WW II," Lantz said.

He said this is why they chose New Mexico as the location for the March.

The March is a worldwide event, and anybody may apply to participate, however only 4,000 are accepted, Lantz said.

"It is a competition," Lantz said. "But we do it more to commemorate those who lost their lives during the march."

Lantz said some of the survivors of the march, or friends or children of survivors have chosen to send memorabilia with the students to take with them on the march.

Lantz said he only knows of one survivor from the Marquette area.

The Army ROTC Department at New Mexico State University began sponsoring the event in 1988.

In 1992, the White Sands Missile Range and the New Mexico National Guard joined in sponsoring the event.

The Japanese commander of the march was convicted by a U.S. military commission and executed in 1946.

For more information on the march, or to make donations contact Susan Henderson at 227-2236.

— NMU press release

## Program seeks mentors

### Upward Bound helps college-bound high schoolers learn through NMU student tutors

BY HEATHER SOLGOT  
STAFF WRITER

The Upward Bound programs at NMU are currently looking for tutor counselors for the upcoming summer residential program.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Upward Bound Learning Skills Specialist Jeffrey Gagnon said the purpose is to help prepare possible first-generation college-bound adolescents for the college experience.

Upward Bound is divided into two sections, the general program and the math and science program.

Tutor counselors live in the dorms free of charge with the students during the breadth of the six-week program. Counselors also receive a salary of \$1,600.

The duties of both programs' counselors include helping students with assignments, and also supervising students when they are outside of class, taking them out for dinner or to the bowling alley.

Math and science division tutor counselors must also help in the classrooms and stay for the weekends. The general program tutor counselors are not required to be in the classrooms and have the weekends off.

Gagnon said applicants for the math and science program must be a current university student in good academic standing with the university, have had previous experience working with teens and have a valid driver's license.

He said applicants for the general program are also required to have a 2.5 GPA and 56 completed credit hours.

"We are above all looking for good role models for the students," Upward Bound Regional Math and Science Director Stacy Schwenke said.

She said there are two Upward Bound programs at NMU. One is the general Upward Bound program that serves the Marquette area.

Schwenke said students come from Marquette Senior High School, Negaunee High School, Ishpeming High School and Westwood High

school. The programs currently each have 60 students.

Upward Bound is affiliated with colleges throughout the United States. NMU has received federal funds for the program since 1980.

The other program is the Upward Bound Regional Math and Science program that serves the Midwest, including Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, excluding the area that the general program serves, Schwenke said.

Gagnon said all Upward Bound students must come from families that are considered low-income by federal guidelines.

All students must also be the first generation of college students, meaning there can be no one with a four-year degree in their household.

He said during the summer components of both programs, students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons.

They have the evening to socialize and take part in many activities, including sports at the PEIF and off-campus trips to the bowling alley, Gagnon said.

He said he aims for tutor counselors to have fun with the program too, as they are giving up their summers to attend classes.

"(Being a tutor counselor) is not for everyone," senior criminal justice major and Upward Bound counselor Enrique Lopez said. "You have to have patience and be willing to work long hours, but it was fun. It was probably the best experience I've had for a job so far."

Applications for the Upward Bound general program are available in 200 Cohodas. Faculty and staff recommendation forms are required for applicants interested in the Upward Bound Regional Math and Science program, and can be picked up in 2805 West Science.

Students can also visit the Upward Bound Web site at [www.nmu.edu/upwardbound/work.html](http://www.nmu.edu/upwardbound/work.html).



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CAMPUS NOTES

Symphony to play at Kaufman

Marquette Symphony Orchestra is presenting Mozart and Beethoven in "Mozart's Overture to the Magic Flute Symphonie Concertante," at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette.

Nuvi Mehta will conduct the concert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at all NMU EZ ticket outlets in the Superior Dome, and Willy's Snak Shop in the UC.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

For more information call 227-1032.

Health Fair held by HPER in UC

The HPER Department is holding a Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 18 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

There will be prizes, health screenings and food.

In addition, there will also be a blood drive for the NMU Blood

Bank.

For more information contact the HPER Department at 227-2130.

Law day forum planned at NMU

NMU is hosting a Native American Law Day Forum on Feb. 21 in the Explorer Rooms in the UC.

Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 4 p.m.

Melody McCoy will be the keynote speaker.

McCoy joined the Native American Rights Fund as a staff attorney in 1986.

At NARF, McCoy works primarily in the areas of tribal jurisdiction, tribal education rights, tribal trust funds and tribal intellectual property rights.

She is the past co-chairman for the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Conference from 1990 to 1992. She was also a member of NARF's Litigation Management Committee from 1992 to 1995.

McCoy is admitted to practice law in Colorado and Massachusetts.

The event is being co-spon-

sored by the King Chavez Parks Initiative, the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, the Center for Native American Studies, the Political Science Department and the Student Law Forum.

To RSVP for the keynote luncheon or information, call 227-1398.

Ushers needed for 'Oklahoma!'

Forest Roberts Theatre will be presenting "Oklahoma!" on Feb. 19. Anyone interested in ushering may sign in on the callboard in the theatre lobby.

The show will be running from Feb. 19 to 22 and from Feb. 27 to March 1 at 7:30 p.m. with additional matinees on Feb. 22 and March 1 at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Megan at 227-2559.

Students win media awards

Five Northern Michigan University students have won awards in the college competition sponsored by the Michigan

Association of Broadcasters.

In the radio public service announcement category, Wesley Oman of Muskegon, Mich., a senior media production and new technology major, took first place.

Second place went to the NMU team of Alexia Rutherford of Traverse City, Mich., a senior theater major, and James Pelon of Suamico, Wis., a sophomore media production and new technology major.

In the television public affairs program category, Randy Carlisle of Marquette, a senior broadcast major, won first place.

In the television public service announcement category, William Holland, a Shelby Township, Mich., senior majoring in art and design and theater, took second place.

The MAB will present the awards at a ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Lansing.

Biologist talks about moose

"Moose in Michigan" will be the topic of a presentation at the Seaborg Center at Northern Michigan University.

The event is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 19, in the Mead Auditorium of the West Science Building.

Terry Minzey, a biologist for the Department of Natural Resources, will present the topic, with a special focus on moose adaptations for winter survival.

This is the third event in a series of evening presentations held in connection with the "Exploring Winter" exhibit.

The exhibit is about the wonders of the season, with an emphasis on winter in the Upper Peninsula. The exhibit will be running through Feb. 28.

The presentation is suitable for the entire family and there is no admission charge.

SATO hosts massage night

The NMU Student Athletic Training Association (SATO) will be hosting a Massage Therapy Night from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the PEIF in Room 239.

For a 30 minute massage the price is \$15.

Call 225-5198 for additional information.

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## A cubic zirconia lasts a lifetime

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

Friday is Valentine's Day, the day of love and romance. Many devout souls propose marriage to significant others on this day, often flashing a diamond in front of one's eyes to prove that his or her love, like a diamond, is forever.

Keep in mind though, romantics, that a gem does not need to last forever. A decent cubic zirconia can last 80 or more years with proper care.

I've made the mistake of buying diamonds for a girlfriend before. They were on a ring — nothing too pricy. I must admit, though, that she bought a diamond earring for me, first. I think we both should have gone with the cubic zirconia.

A cubic zirconia is a man-made jewel created from zirconium dioxide. While a diamond is said to be about 1000 times harder than a cubic zirconia, a cubic zirconia actually has a more radiant shine than a diamond; at least, this is true to amateur, naked eyes. The orange and blue tones are stronger in a cubic zirconia.

Diamond enthusiasts claim the diamond has more balance to its shine, but we all know more shine means more attention to the stone. Vanity precedes us all when we wear jewelry.

Another thing that makes a cubic zirconia so much more beautiful than a diamond is its price. One lovebird can buy his or her mate a nice cubic zirconia set in gold for a couple hundred dollars at most. The same piece of jewelry with a decent diamond would easily cost three times as much.

The main reason one should choose a cubic zirconia over a diamond is that blood is being shed in Africa due largely to the diamond industry. Every year, hundreds of people are killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Angola and Sierra Leone. Even more are being held captive — including children — by security forces that have no legal power over these people. Many of the killed, wounded and detained are accused of illegal diamond mining practices, and are often armed themselves. However, they are simply victims of the mining system and American and European greed.

The Congolese authorities refuse to acknowledge that these crimes against humanity take place in their country, and they work hard to keep journalists and human rights activists away from mining areas.

Perhaps the most revealing aspect of this sad state is that the DRC ranked in 155th place out of 173 countries in the 2002 United Nations survey of development. A country so wealthy in natural resources should develop to the point of promoting civil rights, if not even further into industrialization.

Amnesty International, a group fighting for civil rights around the world, claims that "tens of thousands of civilians have been killed, raped, mutilated or abducted" as a result of the illegal diamond trading and the weapons purchased from those barbers. These diamonds have become known as conflict diamonds.

In Sierra Leone, conflict diamonds are fueling a civil war, as the Revolutionary United Front refuses to give up their most valuable weapon: control over the country's richest diamond mines.

Keep in mind, cubic zirconias are created in labs and factories, often in the United States under fair working conditions.

The diamond retailer De Beers has been monopolizing the diamond industry for years, instilling the international fallacy that diamonds are rare. De Beers also claims that only 3 percent of the world's diamonds are conflict diamonds.

There are no conflict cubic zirconias in the world.

Of course, not everyone will be accepting of a cubic zirconia in place of a diamond. So, lie. This is one time when lying is justified because it's not doing damage to anyone, and the lie will be helping to save lives in Africa and bills in the wallets of love-struck people everywhere.

Travis Margoni welcomes reactions to his column at [tmargoni@nmu.edu](mailto:tmargoni@nmu.edu).



Kelly Adams/NW

Sorority group Phi Sigma Sigma perform Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' in Airband Monday night in the U.C.'s Great Lakes Rooms. The name of the group was The Jackson 7. They placed second in the competition taking home a \$100 cash prize.

## 'Red hot' activities heat campus

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

February is a month filled with chubby cupids, weather-sensitive groundhogs and the birthdays of dead presidents.

Despite all of this excitement, the bleakness of a bitter winter and grind of a long semester can stretch the shortest month of the year into a boring slice of frozen agony.

The annual Winterfest celebration, however, provides students a chance to become involved in campus activities and create some nostalgic college memories.

Senior English secondary education major Jess DeBacker has been involved with the special events committee for four years. DeBacker said while many of the events have remained the same for decades, events like airband remain classic big hits.

Special Events Committee Coordinator and senior secondary education major Nicole Cain said the airband competition has been going on since the 1980s, while snow sculptures have appeared on campus since the 1950s.

Sophomore business major Josh Rutila was a member of the airband champion Cleveland Steamers from the Shady Grove house in Hunt Hall. The Cleveland Steamers energetically lip-synced to "Tribute" by Tenacious D to take home the airband title.

Rutila said the idea to be in airband came from the house's R.A., followed by two weeks of intense practice.

Winterfest is an exciting event amidst the uneventful feeling of winter semester, he said.

Amber Kwitek, a sophomore diagnostic genetics major, performed the song "Hot, Hot, Hot" with the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at the annual airband competition on Monday night. Kwitek said the airband competition sounded like a fun idea, and it brought her sorority together for a night filled with laughs. The sorority also made

a snowflake-shaped ice sculpture and participated in the clue hunt on Tuesday. Kwitek said Winterfest is an excellent opportunity for student organizations to get their name out through the events.

Senior marketing major Mark Cotton played in broomball in the NMU championship game on Wednesday. Cotton's team, the Polar Bears, is a collection of friends from his four years at NMU.

Cotton said the broomball tournament gives his friends a chance to enjoy competitive and friendly competition.

Participating in Winterfest events gives students an opportunity to win prizes, DeBacker said. She said the top finisher in airband, the Cleveland Steamers, received \$200. The top four snow sculpture winners also received cash prizes.

A cash prize of \$250 each is also awarded to the student organization and residence hall which fairs the best cumulatively throughout Winterfest, she said.

Though overall, participation is down compared to past years, DeBacker said she is pleased with student participation in this year's Winterfest.

Cody Fleming, a senior secondary education social studies major, is the R.A. of the clue hunt winners Breakfast Club in Spalding Hall.

He said Breakfast Club liked the idea of a team competition, especially since they had won the scavenger hunt during homecoming last fall.

"We felt like we were defending our title," Fleming said.

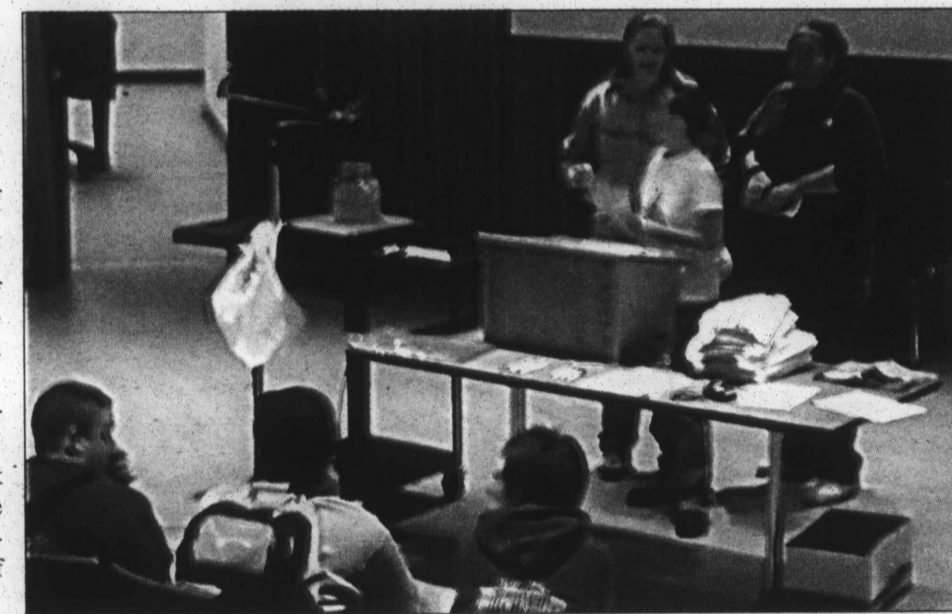
Participants in the clue hunt had to trek across campus to find things such as the number of buttons on an elevator and certain library books and make rubbings of door numbers, Fleming said.

Though he will be living off-campus next year, Fleming said the residents of Breakfast Club will be back to defend their crown next year.



Becky Compton/NW

Senior undecleared major Chris Oswald along with senior electronic imaging major Mike Scott took advantage of Winterfest's discount ski day yesterday at Marquette Mountain.



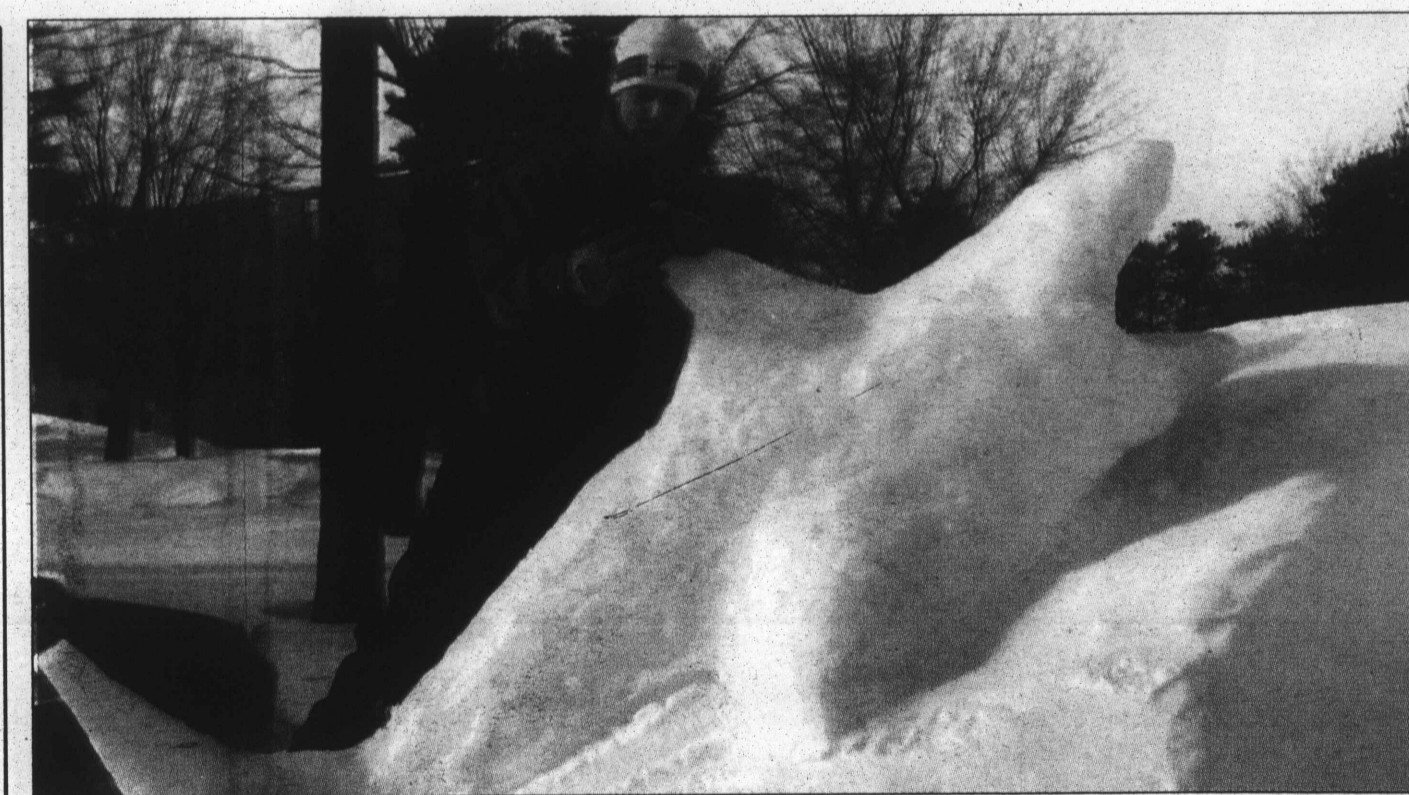
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Junior environmental conservation major Nichelle Middleton, senior secondary education major Nicole Cain and junior international studies major Amanda Daniel instruct student groups and organizations on the rules of the Clue Hunt event Tuesday evening.

### WINTERFEST'S 'RED HOT' WINNERS

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**2nd-\$150-TKE:** Shark and surfing penguin  
**3rd-\$100-Spalding Hall:** Beach scene  
**4th-\$50-Hero House:** Man Pointing

**Airband**  
**1st-\$200-Cleveland Steamers:** Shady Grove  
**2nd-\$100-The Jackson 7:** West Hall  
**3rd-\$50-The Girls of Phi Sigma Sigma-PSS:** Clue Hunt  
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Kelly Adams/NW

Junior political science major Einar Manki works on the TKE snow sculpture for Winterfest on Monday afternoon outside the U.C.

As dogsleds line up downtown, crowds gather to see who will ...

## Win the race

BY JOHN MATTIS  
STAFF WRITER

At midnight volunteers will begin to accumulate along Washington Street as loads of snow will be hauled in to fence off an area large enough to hold the thousands of spectators expected to line the street for the annual U.P. 200 sled dog race.

A parking area is set up for dog trucks as mushers come in from all over the country to race their sled dogs.

Race day will begin quietly tomorrow morning as volunteers descend on Washington Street to prepare for the start of the race.

They have put in numerous hours into the event long before the race has even begun.

This year marks the 14th annual U.P. 200 long distance sled dog race.

This year's event will cover more than 240 miles and begin and end in Marquette and include stops in Grand Marais and Chatham, Mich.

Each year the race gets bigger. More than 30 mushers from as far as Montana and Minnesota are coming in for the race.

Terry Sleeter, a start/finish coordinator of the event said this year over 3,000 spectators are expected to bundle up along Washington Street and experience the race.

The majority of the crowd arrives about 45 minutes before the start to watch the dogs and musher's prepare for the race.

The race begins downtown on Washington Street, mushers — dog sled drivers — will be taking off downtown two minutes apart at the start of the U.P. 200 beginning at 7:50 p.m., Sleeter said.

"There isn't the snow in other areas of the country that we have here," Sleeter said. "So a lot of racers are shooting in from other places."

The dog trucks will begin to start arriving downtown at 5 p.m., Sleeter said.

The racers have to get their dogs and sleds ready for the evening and complete a mandatory bag check which insures each sled is carrying proper gear that contributes to the safety of the mushers as well as the dogs.

Dog musher Mary Gilbertson from Chatham, Mich., who has raced in the U.P. 200 four times and the midnight run three times, usually "drops her dogs" as soon as she gets downtown.

To drop dogs is dog sledding terminology for taking dogs out of dog boxes located on the flatbed of the dog trucks so they can relieve themselves.

The 15 or 30 dogs housed in dog boxes can create a pile of dog waste so musher's carry a shovel and poop bag on the truck.

Forty-five minutes before the race, the crowd will begin to build. Gilbertson starts foot care on her dogs.

If the snow is frozen and sharp or if a particular dog has a sore paw, a foot lotion is rubbed onto and between the pads and toes of the dogs' feet and then dog booties are placed on each paw.

Next Gilbertson gets harnesses ready for her dogs. "The dogs get real excited when they see the harnesses," said Gilbertson. "When a dog gets into a harness, it is like a person who is in uniform — they know their role."

Last year Sarah Shilman, a senior earth science secondary education major, heard about the U.P. 200 from friends and wanted to see what it was about.

"I went downtown with a group of friends and we talked to mushers and watched the race," Shilman said. "I was surprised by how small the sled dogs were. They weren't the large furry dogs you would expect."

The sled dogs seen at races are generally Alaskan huskies but not of a pure breed Gilbertson said. Racing dogs are bred for performance and work ethic rather than for appearance.

Ten minutes to starting time, the dogs are hooked to the gang line connected to the sled, Gilbertson said.

Volunteers and dog handlers help lead the dogs to the start line as the crowd starts to mount and the sleds line up one after the other. Cheering will be heard all the way down Washington Street as the sleds take off one at a time.

"It's a great feeling when you get to the starting line," Gilbertson said. "Any nervous feeling I have before the race leaves me and I'm ready to move down the trail."

## Black History Month

## African American history influences society

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

It would be pretty hard for one to tell time, eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bleach clothes, golf or beat eggs without the creative minds of famous black people in history.

For nearly the past 80 years, February has marked the recognition of distinguished black Americans such as these.

Carter G. Woodson was born on Dec. 19, 1875 to an African American couple who had been slaves.

Since his family was very poor, Woodson had to help earn money by working in the coal mines of Kentucky. Because he had to work, Woodson was unable to attend high school until he was 20 years old.

At 22, he graduated high school and went on to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University. In 1915, he formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. On Feb. 19, 1926, Woodson created Negro History Week.

According to Jacqueline Goggin, author of "Carter G. Woodson: A Life In Black History," Woodson delegated February to hold Negro History Week because it was in February when the slaves first heard of the abolition of slavery.

Negro History Week later evolved into Black History Month.

Woodson was a pioneer in the teaching and study of Black history. He felt black history was not properly taught, if taught at all, in high schools and universities in America and felt it was very important to teach black history to the youth of America.

NMU history professor Alan Willis, said Black History Month is significant so society doesn't ignore the African American contributions to American society.

"The idea behind Black History month is to ensure that (African American history) is included in American history," Willis said. "Ideally, Black history would be included in American history anyway but the reality is that for a very long time, it wasn't, so something had to be done."

Willis said it is especially meaningful to celebrate black history in regions such as the Upper Peninsula, that are not largely populated with minorities because he feels ignoring black history can be dangerous.

"If you can ignore somebody's history and ignore their contributions, then it is easier to discriminate against them," Willis said.

Sophomore general business major and Black Student Union representative Rebecca Thompson said although Black History Month is important, February

isn't the only month that Black history should be celebrated.

"This year, the Black Student Union has events every month and all of our events celebrate black history," Thompson said. "The importance of celebrating Black History is to recognize the people who came before you and made it possible to have certain things."

Thompson said it is crucial for her to carry on the tradition and goals of black students of the past.

"We want to be those students at NMU, that, 10 years from now, people say were the ones that opened up the door for the Black Student Union," Thompson said. "In the 70s there was a Black Student Union here at NMU and those are the people that opened the door for us. So it is important to realize that Black history isn't just about people like Dr. Martin Luther King or Malcolm X but everyday people who had to suffer through things like racism."

NMU has over 8,000 students, only 133 of which are African American.

Junior conservation major Yvonne Baxter said she feels it is very important to celebrate black history at a school with such a low minority enrollment.

"You can't have U.S. history without black history," Baxter said. "As a minority, you like to feel recognized. It is hard being a minority at a mostly white school."

BLACK HISTORY  
FACTS

- Andrew Beard:**  
Invented the plow
- William H. Bennet:**  
Invented the x-ray spectrometer
- Willis Johnson:**  
Invented the egg beater
- Scott Joplin:**  
Introduced ragtime to the world
- Sojourner Truth:**  
First African American woman to speak out publically against slavery
- Benjamin Banneker:**  
Invented the striking clock and Farmers' almanac
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# 50 Cent worth every penny

**50 Cent**  
"Get Rich or Die Tryin'"



Grade: A-

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In the dead of winter, 26-year-old Queens native Curtis Jackson knows what it's like to be the hottest thing on the streets.

Better known as 50 Cent, the rapper owes much of his success to the streets. Not long ago, he was ripping freestyles over anyone's beats on the block in New York. In interviews, 50 claims to have been shot and stabbed, killed people and dealt crack.

In an industry where everyone claims to be the realest, 50 is as real as they come. Or at least he plays the part well on his new CD, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'."

50 Cent surfaced from the underground to the mainstream on the "8 Mile" soundtrack with "Wanksta," which appears as a bonus cut on "Get Rich." But really it was the follow-up single, "In Da Club," that disproved the

one-hit wonder theories about him. Dr. Dre produced the single, a feel-good party joint currently in heavy rotation on MTV, BET and nearly every radio station outside of the desolate U.P.

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" is cliché from start to finish — lyrics about drugs, murder and mayhem saturate every song; but the street life formula he uses is still highly marketable and enjoyable to listen to. Clever thuggish lyrics, two super producers and singsong choruses make "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" one of the hottest releases of the year.

Both Dr. Dre and Eminem are listed as executive producers of "Get Rich," released on Eminem's label, Shady Records.

Em, who said he thinks 50 Cent is the illest rapper out right now, makes guest appearances on "Patiently Waiting" and "Don't Push Me." Em outshines 50 on both tracks; while 50 is hot, he's got a long way to go to reach Slim Shady or Dr. Dre status.

50's slow, slurred delivery makes for a very unique sound. In between his half-rapped, half-sung choruses, 50 stalks the beat with fearless confidence.

When coupled with the rhythmic beats provided by two of rap's greats and a handful of lesser-known producers, his laid-back flow blends so seamlessly, it appears, at times, as though he's back on a mix tape, effortlessly spitting freestyles.

"Poor Lil Rich" is the album's weak

link, but it's made up for by murder ballads like "Many Men," "Heat" and "Blood Hound."

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" as a whole sticks mostly to rapping about street life, but 50 attacks the industry as well. Similar to Eminem's early days of calling out others in the industry, 50 takes shots at Ja Rule, Irv Gotti and the Murder Inc. crew on the song "Back Down." The battle rhyme is definitely one of 50's strengths.

Nate Dogg appears on "21 Questions," a song that stands out among the others due its variance in content. 50 asks a girl if she'd still be around if he were poor. It's nothing new, but it works with Nate Dogg on the track.

50's major label debut promises to do for him just what it says.

As a testament to 50's star power, his 2002 independent release, "Guess Who's Back," sold over 30,000 copies last week. The album doesn't contain any of his current hits.

On the track "Patiently Waiting," 50 says, "When I die, they'll read this and say a genius wrote it." While he's not Biggie or Tupac, as far as current gangsta-pop hip hop goes, 50 Cent is worth his name and then some.

It's easy to believe that 50 Cent will get rich, if he doesn't die trying.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris welcomes reactions to her reviews at editor@thenorthwind.org.

## BILLBOARD 'HOT 100' TOP 10 SONGS

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1. "All I Have"  
Jennifer Lopez featuring LL Cool J
2. "Mesmerize"  
Ja Rule featuring Ashanti
3. "In Da Club"  
50 Cent
4. "Beautiful"  
Christina Aguilera
5. "I'm With You"  
Avril Lavigne
6. "Cry Me A River"  
Justin Timberlake
7. "Miss You"  
Aaliyah
8. "Landslide"  
Dixie Chicks
9. "03 Bonnie and Clyde"  
Jay-Z featuring Beyonce
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**Today, February 13**

**Film:** "Trainspotting" (R) begins at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Winterfest Event:** Euchre Tournament at 7 p.m. in the Wildcat Den.

**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 and ideas welcome. Call Kory at 228-5315.

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

**Friday, February 14**

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

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

**Event:** An Anti-Valentine's Day party will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Marquette Mountain's Border Shack.

**Event:** The U.P. 200 sled dog race will begin at 8 p.m. at the intersection of Fourth and Washington Streets. Fireworks will follow at 9 p.m. Students wishing to volunteer

for the event can call Jan Holbrook at 225-9170.

**Athletics:** NMU Men's Hockey vs. Lake Superior State at 7:05 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**Meeting:** The Study Abroad General Session will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 311 in the LRC.

**Event:** The 11th annual NMU traditional pow wow will be held all day starting at 7 p.m. in the Vandament Arena. The event continues through the 16th, starting at 1 p.m. on the weekend. The event is hosted by the Native American Student Association. A weekend pass for the general public is \$5 and NMU students attend free with I.D. Volunteers are needed. For more information or specific times, contact the Diversity Student Services Office at 227-1554.

**Saturday, February 15**

**Event:** A Valentine's Day Dance will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Call Jamie at 227-3625 for more information.

**Film:** "The Hot Chick" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Event:** Mary's Birthday.

**Sunday, February 16**

**Comedian:** Jamie Kennedy will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

**Massage:** The Student Athletic Training Organization is hosting a massage therapy night from 3 to 7 p.m. in Room 239 in the PEIF. \$15 for a half hour massage. Call for an appointment, 225-5198.

**Film:** "The Hot Chick" (PG-13) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Meeting:** Outlook will meet up stairs in the UC at 8 p.m. All students welcome. Call Nick or Randy at 227-1554 for more information.

**Monday, February 17**

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

**Tuesday, February 18**

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

**Event:** AITP (Associated Informational Technology Professionals) will be hosting an informational pizza party at 6 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC. For more information email Jacob Wheeler at [jwheeler@nmu.edu](mailto:jwheeler@nmu.edu).

**Wednesday, February 19**

**Event:** "The Vagina Monologues" will begin at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

**Play:** Oklahoma! will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

**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>.

**Meeting:** Citizens Opposed to War with Iraq will meet at 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Room 202.

**Worship:** Lutheran Student Movement (ELCA) will meet at 8:45 p.m. in the UC. Call 228-8033 for more information.

**Meeting:** The College Democrats are meeting at 9:30 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson basement.

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## Old Wizard has lost his magic



**SPORTS COLUMN**  
BY ROB HAMILTON

The greatest basketball player of all time played his final NBA all-star game last Sunday. After 15 seasons, five Most Valuable Player awards and six NBA championships, Michael Jordan will retire — again.

In a game meant to showcase the NBA's brightest stars, it was an aging veteran that became the center of attention. Jordan was given a standing ovation before the game, a halftime ceremony and a fourth quarter and overtime swan song to celebrate his achievements.

When Jordan came back from retirement a second time and joined the Washington Wizards last season, it may have been fitting because of all the magic he had brought to the court during his career.

Yet, this all-star fiesta showed me that this 39-year-old magician is all out of tricks.

The man who used to haunt my Detroit Pistons in the early '90s and dominated even after returning from his attempt at playing baseball, showed that age has finally caught up with him. Jordan missed his first seven shots of the game and shot 9-27 from the field. His fade away jumper bricked against the back of the iron often. His up and under move was blocked two or three times.

Instead of going to Tracy McGrady or Allen Iverson, the East's best players, Jordan was given the ball repeatedly down the stretch. But most of the time, this famed clutch-shooter missed. At the end of regulation, his shot sailed long. He also had chances to put the game away earlier in the quarter, but could not convert.

Jordan did show that he has some remnants of magic left that, as a Pistons fan, used to make me hate him so much. With three seconds left in overtime, Jordan hit a miracle shot to seemingly cap off his all-star career with one last game-winning fade away jumper. However, Jermaine O'Neal fouled Kobe Bryant in the final seconds and Bryant hit two free throws to send the game into double overtime. Jordan's game-winner was taken away from him. His spell could not ward off the West.

After Jordan announced he would return last year, many questioned what more he had to contribute to the game, but the answer always appeared obvious to me. There would be no better way for him to show his greatness than to carry one of the worst teams to the top.

But after two years with Jordan, the Wizards are still struggling around .500 and are clinging to the last playoff spot in the East. While Jordan has made Washington better, he is taking minutes away from younger players who need the experience and will not make the Wizards championship contenders like he had hoped to do.

Jordan was given a place in the all-star game as a lifetime achievement award this year. He's shown that he is still a good NBA player. He's averaging 18 points a game and helping out his team in other ways. But he's no longer part of the NBA elite and is only ruining his legacy by continuing to try and cheat his age.

So Jordan will finish out the season, while the other players of his era moved on long ago. He may put up over 30 points once in awhile and he could even lead the Wizards to a winning-record this year.

But while Jordan may still show some sparks of brilliance, this all-star game has proven once again that it is time for this old Wizard to put his wand away.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rob welcomes reactions to his columns at [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org).

## Swimmers dominate final home meet against Lewis

BY RACHEL GRIFFIS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

In its final home meet of the year, NMU's swimming and diving team secured a victory with 168 points over Lewis University, which totaled 50 points.

The 'Cats took first place in all but one event.

Junior Kathie Cole finished first on the three-meter board, scoring 268.95 points, which met the qualifying standard for the NCAA II Nationals held March 12 through 15.

Senior Kristy Vermillion and sophomore Dena Quick both won two events.

Vermillion swam the 200-yard freestyle in 1:58.44 and the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:20.89.

Quick captured the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.67 and the 100-yard freestyle in 54.14.

First-place finishes were earned by four other swimmers.

Sophomore Lindsey Vermillion won the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:28.04, senior Katie Worley took the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.27, junior Shelly Ruspakka won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:02.72 and sophomore Larisa Graham won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:12.74.

Winning the one-meter dive was Lindsey Bobay with 235.50 points.

"This was a special meet because it was the seniors' last home meet," Lindsey Vermillion



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman Michelle Ruiz placed third with 196.20 points in the three-meter dive. Northern defeated Lewis, 168-50, in its last home meet.

said. "I think everyone had fun."

NMU also won two relays. Ruspakka, Graham, Worley and Vermillion competed in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:54.15.

Swimming the 200 freestyle relay was Ruspakka, Worley, Pecek and Quick. They finished with a time of 1:42.22.

The next meet is the GLIAC Championship.

Lindsey Vermillion said NMU

has taken first place the last five years and would like to win again.

She said Indianapolis will be the hardest team to defeat.

"We're going to have to put up a good fight to win this year," Quick said. "Everyone will have to get their best times and we'll have to get second and third places just as much as first places."

The meet will be held Feb. 19 through 22 at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

## Rivals battle as playoffs near

BY ROB HAMILTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Wildcat hockey team will take on Upper Peninsula and CCHA rival Lake Superior State University in a home-and-home series this weekend.

The Lakers are trying to rebuild their once-dominant program, but are struggling this year, going 1-18-1 in the CCHA and 4-20-4 overall.

Lake Superior State has a young team, with 15 freshmen, two sophomore goalies and only three seniors on the roster.

They have won one game since Nov. 19 and have scored more than two goals in a game only three times this season.

Despite the Lakers struggles, NMU senior forward Peter Michelutti said the rivalry still exists between the two teams and it should be a hard-fought series.

"Anytime you play a team like Lake State, it doesn't matter what the records are," Michelutti said. "We

expect to be in close games as usual."

The 'Cats swept LSSU in a home-and-home series earlier this season. In the first game, they scored two goals in the final two minutes to pull

out a thrilling 3-2 victory on Nov. 1 at Sault Ste. Marie. NMU shutout the Lakers, 3-0, the following night in Marquette.

The Wildcats (10-9-1 CCHA, 14-12-2 overall) have also had some difficulty the past two months, going 4-6-1 in their last 11 games.

"We have to be concerned with our own play right now," head coach Walt Kyle said. "It doesn't matter who we're playing. We have to get back to playing Wildcat hockey."

With only eight games remaining on the CCHA schedule, NMU sits in seventh place and is only one point behind Miami (Ohio) and Western Michigan.

Walt Kyle said it is crucial for his team to move up in the standings before the playoffs begin. The top six teams will earn a first round home playoff series at the end of the season.

"We're in tough competition for a home ice spot," Kyle said. "We have to catch somebody right now."

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THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L-T	LSSU
14-12-2		4-20-4
OFFENSE		
3.32	Goals (Avg.)	1.54
163	Assists	66
256	Points	109
26.3	Shots (Avg.)	24.2
DEFENSE		
2.86	Goals Against (Avg.)	3.82
3	Shutouts	0
27.5	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	36.2
.901	Save Percentage	.898
SPECIAL TEAMS		
25.0	PP. Percentage	10.3
82.5	PK. Percentage	69.7
31	PP Goals	13
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16.68	Pen. Minutes (Avg.)	13.54



# USOEC boxers chosen for U.S. II team

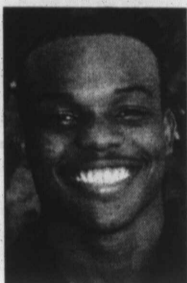
BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two boxers from the USOEC are traveling to San Jose, Calif. to participate as part of the recently added U.S. II team in the Titan Games on Feb. 13 through 15.

A team representing Cuba was intended to participate at the games, but pulled out after technical difficulties within their federation. The U.S. committee was then asked to form another team.

Tim Bradley of Palm Springs, Calif. and Chad Aquino of Kansas City, Mo. were selected by USOEC boxing coach and 1996 Olympic boxing coach Al Mitchell, a chairman on the committee that chose the athletes who will be competing.

Mitchell said he could have sent six or seven of his athletes but the two were rewarded for their recent accomplishments



Bradley

in competitions and in practice.

"I chose these two because they have the style, they listen and they are doing the right things," he said. "They are the two that are listening in the gym and to win at that level, you have to not only have the mental strength, but you also have to be a person that listens and they do that well."

Mitchell was asked to be head coach of the U.S. II team, but declined in order to stay in Marquette.

"We have a lot of good athletes here and I have to put more time into them and get them ready for next year," he said. "The next six or seven months is the most important time for my athletes, because we're getting ready for the Olympics and the Olympic Trials."

Bradley is the USOEC team captain. He is ranked No. 2 in the country right now in his welterweight class (147 pounds).

He recently defeated the Commonwealth Games champion to win a U.S. dual with England.

He then won a silver medal at the

American Boxing Classic Tournament in Waukesha, Wis.

Bradley said he plans on going for the gold in his matches on Friday and Saturday against Puerto Rico and Mexico.

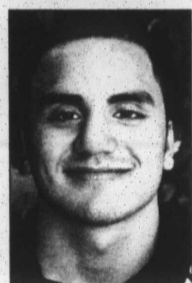
"I've been training hard," he said. "I have great coaches here looking after me and keeping me running. I'm ready to do it. I just have to stay focused and go out and give it my all. I don't like losing."

Aquino is the 2002 U.S. Championship and U.S. Challenge light welterweight (139 pounds) bronze medalist.

He recently competed in the Copenhagen Box Cup where he also won a bronze medal.

Aquino said he is glad to get the opportunity to compete in the first-ever Titan Games.

"I'm hoping to win both matches," he said. "I feel good. I feel strong and I feel in shape."



Aquino

Bradley and Aquino will be competing side by side with five other boxers under the coaching of Tom Yankello of Beaver, Pa.

Bradley said the coaches on the committee are all good and qualified to be coaching a U.S. team.

"I'm in the ring, I see what is in front of me," he said. "I can just react to it and whatever I miss, they tell me."

Aquino and Bradley said they have competed with members of the U.S. and U.S. II team on multiple occasions.

The Titan Games were developed by the United States Olympic Committee in cooperation with the National Governing Bodies.

The San Jose Sports Authority and the City of San Jose will be hosting the event. The games are a mini-sport festival featuring boxers, fencers, shot putters, wrestlers, weightlifters and judo, taekwondo and karate athletes.

The games are aiming to provide a major test for U.S. Olympic hopefuls and preview the athletes who may compete at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

## Streak snapped by MTU

BY MICHELLE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team's seven-game winning streak was broken by the Michigan Tech Huskies on Feb. 11 at the Berry Events Center.

The 76-60 loss marks the fifth consecutive year the Huskies have defeated the 'Cats in Marquette.

NMU trailed by only one point at the half, but watched as Tech went on a 14-2 run in the first four minutes of the second half to firmly grab the lead. The Huskies never looked back as they built as much as a 19-point lead in the second half.

Sophomore guard Tiffany Grubaugh said she felt the Huskies went for the win harder in the second half.

"Our shots weren't falling and when that happened, we kind of fell away from playing as a team," she said. "We needed to come together more."

In the second half, Northern only shot 29.6 percent from the floor (8-27) and finished the game 19-52 for 36.5 percent.

Michigan Tech's shot 16-25 in the second half (64 percent) from the floor and 26-50 (52 percent) for the game.

NMU was 2-14 (14.3 percent) from the three-point arc and MTU was 4-8.

The teams both sank 20 free throws, as the 'Cats had 27 attempts (74.1 percent) and the Huskies had 25 attempts (80 percent).

With 15 points and eight rebounds, senior forward Elena Keranen led the Northern squad.

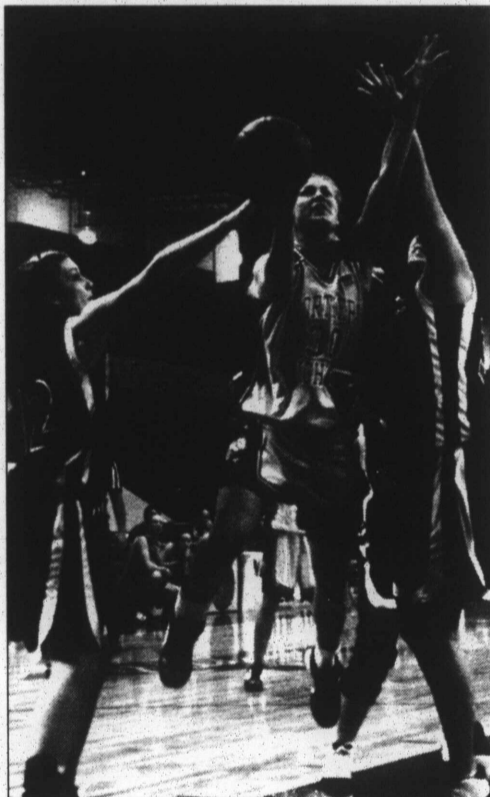
Junior guard Emily Samuelson added 12 points and three assists and junior center Jessica Nohl chipped in 11 points.

Michigan Tech improved to 13-10 overall and 8-6 in the GLIAC and Northern drops to 14-7 overall and 10-4 in the GLIAC after Monday's game.

On Feb. 8, the 'Cats defeated the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals, 86-66.

Northern jumped to a 46-24 lead over the Cardinals by the first half.

NMU sank 15-36 shots in the first half for a 41.7 percent shooting average from the floor



Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior forward Alyse Shier had seven points against the Michigan Tech defense on Feb. 10 at the Berry Events Center. NMU lost, 76-60.

and made only six out of 13 free throw attempts (46.2 percent). By halftime, three 'Cats were already in the double figures.

Nohl had 13 points, Samuelson chipped in 12 and Grubaugh added 11.

The Cardinals managed to outscore Northern in the second half, 42-40, but it was not enough to catch the 'Cats.

For the game, NMU shot 44.1 percent from the floor (30-68) and 44.4 percent from behind the three-point arc (8-18).

They converted 18-25 free throws for 72 percent from the line.

Nohl led Northern's squad with 19 points and seven rebounds as she went six for eight from the floor.

Samuelson finished with 17 points and five rebounds and Grubaugh had 11 points, six rebounds and four assists.

## Top-ranked Tech defeats Wildcats

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The top two teams in the GLIAC North met Monday night inside the Berry Events Center. The No. 1 Division II ranked Michigan Tech Huskies defeated the men's basketball team, 79-59.

"It's a huge rivalry," Michigan Tech head coach Kevin Luke said. "The intensity is even greater since both teams are in the top two positions."

The Huskies (14-0 GLIAC, 22-1 overall) didn't give up the lead to the Wildcats (8-6 GLIAC, 12-10 overall) at any point during the game.

"Tech played great and deserved to win by 20 points, but we did a lot of positive things," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "Tech just made the plays when they had too."

The Huskies held a 35-17 lead just before halftime and seemed to carry all the momentum until junior forward Billy Hill sank a three-point shot, cutting the Huskies lead to 15.

The Wildcats applied full court pressure to the Huskies in the second half and proceeded to chip away at the lead, but the Wildcats never got within eight points.

"Tech is a great team," Hill said. "They have been playing together for four years. We have been playing together for four months."

At 7:12 of the second half, freshman guard David Noel hit a three-point shot, cutting the Huskie lead to 12, but all momentum was lost when MTU junior point guard Jason Marcotte came right back

and hit a three-point shot.

While the ball was rolling around the rim, Noel was called for a loose ball foul resulting in two free throws for MTU senior guard Jeremy Resmer. Resmer hit both free throws, completing a five-point play.

"Tech got some breaks," Hill said. "But we got some breaks too. They made them count and we didn't. When you make mistakes against Tech, they kick you in the face."

Hill led the Wildcats in scoring with 20 points.

Hill said he was proud of the way his team came together in this game, considering the "horrible" performance the Wildcats had in their previous game.

On Feb. 8, the Wildcats lost to the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals (5-9 GLIAC, 11-12 overall) 85-77.

The Wildcats led the game at halftime, 45-41. In the second half, the Cardinals went on a 26-13 run.

At 11:14 the Cardinals held a 70-56 lead, but the Wildcats came back.

At 3:57, NMU was down just one point, but were only able to score two more points the rest of the game, while the Cardinals hit two lay ups and made five free throws to seal the victory.

Junior center Milan Azanjac led the Wildcats with a career-high of 19 points and 12 rebounds.



Hill

## 'Cats cling to small lead

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

It may be frigid outside, but the race to claim spots in the GLIAC tournament is heating up.

The NMU Wildcats, despite a three-game losing streak, are still in second place in the GLIAC North, but they do not have much of a lead over the competition.

Northern's next two games are on the road and may be very crucial in deciding who hosts the opening round of the tournament.

The top two teams in the GLIAC North and South Divisions host opening round games.

Tonight, the Wildcats face the Northwood Timberwolves. The 'Cats defeated the Timberwolves (5-9 GLIAC, 9-13 overall), 77-72, on Jan. 23.

In that game, freshman guard Nemanja Kreckovic led the Wolves with 18 points and junior guard Dallas Logan added 15 for the Wolves.

The Wildcats are coming off a three-game losing streak, including a loss to Saginaw Valley.

Junior guard Billy Hill

called the game his teams' worst performance of the season.

NMU head coach Dean Ellis said that he was proud of the way his team performed in its last effort [against Michigan Tech], and said he feels confident about the upcoming road trip.

"We played horrible (against SVSU) and since then we have changed our approach, our attitude and what we are going to try to do as a team," Ellis said. "This is a big week for us."

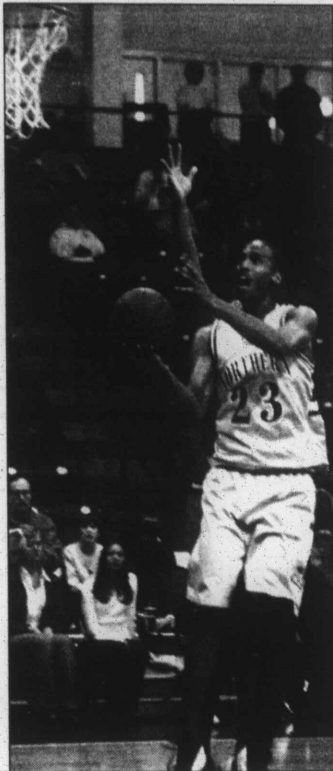
On Saturday, the Wildcats will face the Lake Superior State University Lakers.

NMU defeated the Lakers, 94-86, when the two teams met on Nov. 30.

The Lakers (6-9 GLIAC, 12-12 overall) are led in scoring by senior guard Ben Dewar, who is averaging 24.3 points per game. He also leads the team in rebounds with six per game.

With just four games left in the GLIAC regular season, the Wildcats are in position to obtain home court advantage for the first round of the GLIAC tournament.

However, all five teams underneath them are within striking distance to take that privilege away.



Scott Salisbury/NW

**Freshman forward Marco Volcy scored 17 points when the 'Cats last met Northwood.**

"I feel confident about our upcoming games," Hill said. "We are coming together as a team."

Ellis confirmed senior center Raef Lizak has left the team. Ellis said that Lizak did not give a reason.

## Michigan sweeps NMU

BY ROB HAMILTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team could not continue its five-game winning streak against the University of Michigan and was swept by the Wolverines, 3-1 and 5-1, in a two-game series on Feb. 7 and 8 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Wildcats (10-9-1 CCHA, 14-10-2 overall) had a difficult time generating offense in the first game and found themselves short-handed for much of the second game as they committed 22 penalties for 74 total minutes.

"We were certainly disappointed to go down there and not get a win," head coach Walt Kyle said. "The first night we played really well. You've got to give Michigan a lot of credit. They played great defensively and their goalie played well."

In the first game, the 'Cats were down 2-0 in the third period before senior forward Mike Stutzel scored his team-leading 20th goal of the season with 8:09 remaining.

"It was a goal of mine at the beginning of the year to score 20 goals," Stutzel said. "But the team winning is more important, so it was kind of bitter-sweet."

NMU only had two other shots on goal in the period and Michigan sophomore forward Dwight Helminen scored his second goal of the game with 2:18 left to put the game away.

Junior goalie Craig Kowalski stopped 19 of 22 shots in the loss. Freshman goalie Al Montoya had 20 saves for the Wolverines.

In the second game, Michigan scored five un-

answered goals, capitalizing on three of 10 powerplays in the first two periods. The Wildcats only had one power play chance in the first two periods and were given 29 more minutes of penalties by referee Mark Wilkins.

"The reffing was brutal the whole weekend," Stutzel said. "We deserved a lot of the penalties we took on (Feb. 8), but the ref definitely let the game get out of hand."

Kyle would not comment on the amount of penalties that his team was given, but said his team had only itself to blame for the loss.

"We got scored on early and we lost our composure," Kyle said. "The referee did not cost us that hockey game."

The Wildcats only goal came 2:54 into the third period when freshman defenseman Jamie Milam scored his third goal of the year while his team was shorthanded. Milam leads all NMU defensemen in scoring with 20 points.

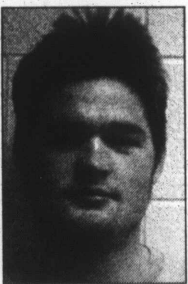
U of M sophomore forwards David Moss and Milan Gajic each had two goals, while freshman forward Andrew Ebbett had three assists in the victory.

The Wolverines (14-5-1 CCHA, 20-7-1 overall) finished 3-13 on the power play. The 'Cats were 0-5 with the man advantage and were outshot 28-19 in the game.

"We were killing penalties all the time and it's impossible to get anything going offensively when that happens," Kyle said.

Sophomore goalie Tuomas Tarrki saved 18 of 19 shots in the loss for NMU. He replaced Kowalski 3:04 into the second period after Michigan scored its fourth goal.

Sophomore forward Alan Swanson, freshman defenseman Juha Alen and senior forward Bryce Cockburn all received 10-minute misconduct penalties during the game.



Milam

## HOCKEY

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The 'Cats are 9-2-1 at the Berry Events Center this season and 5-10-1 on the road.

"We have a great home ice record and a brutal road record," Kyle said. "It's critical for us that we gain home ice advantage for the playoffs."

The 'Cats will get a chance to make up some ground this weekend.

The Lakers rank last in the CCHA in scoring offense, power play goals and penalty killing

percentage.

Senior forward Jeremy Bachusz (14 points) leads LSSU in scoring.

The Wildcats are led by a group of senior forwards: Mike Stutzel (31 points), Chris Gobert (30 points), Terry Harrison (23 points) and Bryce Cockburn (22 points).

The series will begin Friday in Marquette and finish the following night in Sault Ste. Marie. Both games will begin at 7:05 p.m.



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# Support 'Rails to Trails'

Ah, the railroad — a system of transportation that drastically decreased travel times when the United States entered the industrial revolution. In the U.P., it helped send resources such as timber, iron ore and copper to the market.

The time zones we use today are even a product of the railroad, as railroads defined the four continental U.S. time zones to keep trains running on time. Now another product of the railroads is recreation. With other modes of transportation such as aircraft and the Interstate Highway System, the use of railroads has been diminishing for some time.

It is unfortunate for those in the railroad business when a rail line closes, but an abandoned railroad can provide the perfect corridor for a recreational trail.

The DNR owns an abandoned railroad grade that stretches 37 miles through the woods and along Lake Superior headed east out of Marquette, ending at the Munising Junction. The Marquette-Alger Counties Trails Advisory Committee will meet later this month to make a final recommendation to the DNR on what to do with the railroad grade. The grade would be a great place to build a linear state park.

I grew up within a couple miles of the Kalamazoo trailhead of Kal-Haven Trail State Park. The park is a linear trail that connects Kalamazoo with the resort town of South Haven.

The 34-mile trail is a Rails-to-Trails program trail that can be used for foot traffic and bicycling in the summer months. In the winter months, it also can be used

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BY DAVE MOSS

for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and on certain parts of the trail, snowmobiling when there is enough snow (remember this is downstate). Sections of the trail are paralleled by bridle trails for horseback riding. What started out as an abandoned railway has become a wonderful recreational attraction in Southwest Michigan.

Currently, the U.P. trail is used as a snowmobile trail, and this use would not be eliminated if it became a linear park. Residents of Chocolay Township who support non-motorized uses of the trail can support having a linear state park run through their community. Sections of the trail, such as the one currently closed to snowmobiling, could be designated as non-motorized.

As a park, improvements such as year-round trail markers, rustic water and rustic restroom facilities could be made. This would add a recreational resource accessible to all residents and visitors of the Central U.P. The facilities could be kept rustic enough to maintain an undeveloped setting.

Not only would a linear park create recreation opportunities for residents, but it would also provide the opportunity to pre-

serve the history of the railroads and their importance in the U.P. Historical markers and artifacts could line the trail and trailheads providing valuable information to visitors.

The logistics of turning the railroad grade into a linear park will work well if the Kal-Haven is used as a model. If the recommendation were made for the railroad grade in Marquette and Alger counties to become a linear park, it may not take long to see the changes and improvements.

The Kal-Haven trail opened within a year after the DNR acquired the land and the recommendation for it in 1988. The main thing that has to happen for a linear trail state park to become a reality here is community support and the involvement of willing people to partner with the DNR and support the trail. This is a worthwhile cause that community members should support.

I realize the U.P. is already full of recreational opportunities including hiking and biking, and that snowmobile trails are already commonplace. That is why I came here in the first place.

This railroad grade is a chance to create a different type of opportunity for recreation from what already exists in the U.P., and it will appeal to yet another group of outdoors people.

I believe everyone should experience the outdoors in one form or another, and this will be a great addition to our playground in the U.P.

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

# Weier, Williams lead U.S. skiers

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

At the Junior World Championship in Solleftea, Sweden, freshmen Nordic skiers Lindsey Weier and Lindsay Williams earned the top finishes for U.S. women skiers and sophomore Bryan Cook represented NMU on the men's side.

The competition began Feb. 4 with freestyle events. The women skied a 15K. Weier finished in 15th place for the women with a time of 49.44.2. She was the first American across the finish.

The men skied a 30K, and Cook finished 48th with a time of 1:35.51.9.

"The deep-freeze temperatures got to the U.S. skiers," said U.S. development coach Chris Grover in a U.S. ski team press release.

The very cold temperatures on the first day of competition caused some racers to drop out and others to be slower.

"I don't think once you are racing you notice the cold," Williams said.

Working hard and moving during the race kept Williams warm, she said. The cold temperatures in Marquette this winter also made it less of an adjustment for NMU skiers.

The Nordic skiers took a day off and resumed competition with classical events on

Feb. 6. Weier was the top woman for the United States again with a 19th place finish in the 5K in a time of 16.25.5. Williams was 58th with a time of 17.41.3. In the men's 10K, Cook was 44th with a 30.30.6.

"The trails were excellent over there," Williams said. "They were in great shape and they did an excellent job grooming."

On Feb. 8, the skiers competed in 1K sprints. Williams made it through to the quarter-final heats to finish 13th overall. She was the top U.S. woman in the race. Weier finished 43rd.

Williams said the weather was better for the sprint races with temperatures around 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The sprint races are done in heats of four skiers, much like some track events and speed skating. After her first heat, Williams was fourth place overall.

"For two hours of my life, I had the fourth-fastest time in the world," Williams said.

Racing wrapped up on Sunday with relays. The women skied four laps on a 5K course with each skier skiing one lap. Weier skied the first leg for the U.S. team which finished 10th.

"Skiing in Europe is so much different than in the United States because the level of competition is so much higher," Williams said.

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**Kyle** - Amen Brotha - **Travis**

**Wayngew** - I'm sorry for it all ... I wish it weren't always like this - I keep on loving you unconditionally - **Stephie Weffie**

**LOML** - Happy birthday, Honey. I love you! Thanks for still loving me, though I've been a butt - **Cranky Boy**

**Blue-eyed girl** - I see you in class everyday, and, I don't know, but it seems as though our eyes keep meeting. I can't stop thinking about you. If you are interested, sit by me in our next class, if not I will continue to

admire you from a far - **Shyboy**

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**Pink-eyed girl** - That looks serious. Do they itch as well? Take these drops every four hours and stay home to avoid spreading the infection - **Dr. Professional**

**Mary** - Go shorty, it's your birthday, we gonna party like it's your birthday - **Coworkers**

**Jerk!!!!** - How dare you? Thought I wouldn't find out, did you? We're through! - **Ms. Righteous Rage**

**Expletive-Deleted Girl** - That was my brother, you, you, they won't even print what you are! - **New Bachelor**

**My Cheesecake Girl** - Thank you for making me the luckiest man in the world. I love you! 11/14/03 - **Chad**

**Domonique** - Happy Birthday! Hope you have a great time celebrating - **Kristy and Andy**

**Sis** - Happy Birthday. Sorry I won't be here, but we will celebrate soon. No more walking across town in the freezing cold at 5 a.m. Here's to many more drunk nights - **Sis**

**Boy** - Thank you for year No. 1. Here's to many more. Love ya - **Girl**

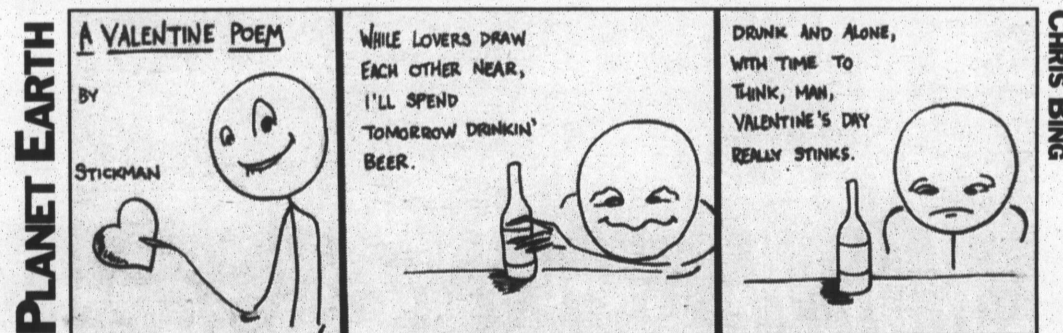
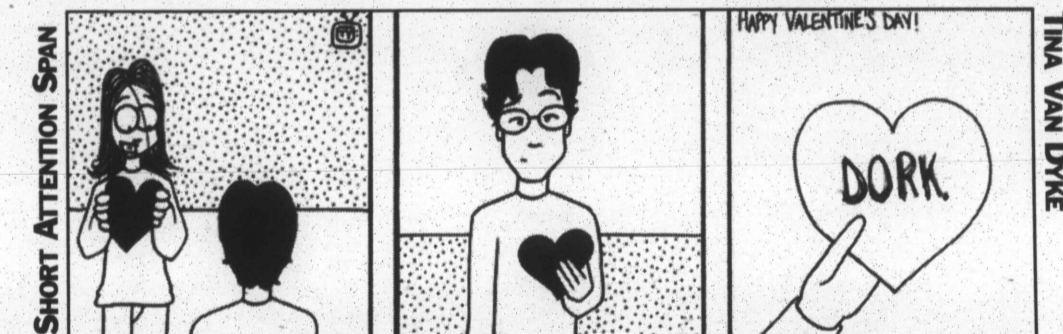
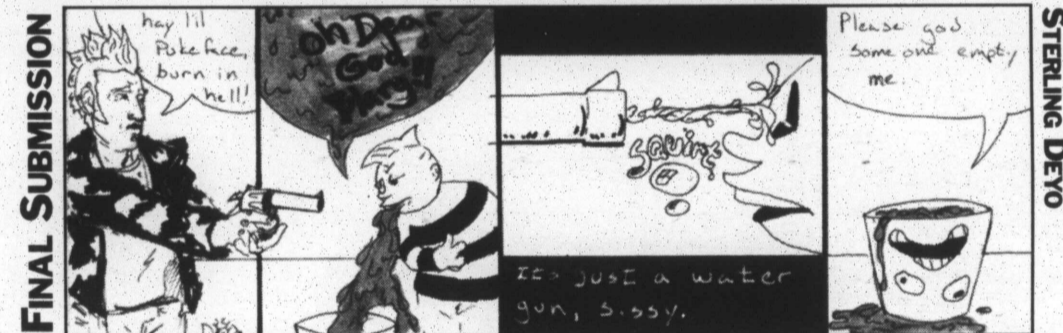
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**Staffers** - Great job; the paper looks great. I hope the rest of your semester goes as smoothly - **Retired editor**

**Jason and Boo** - Happy Valentine's Day! - **Chris**

**Crackmonkey** - I wish I was able to physically be there for you right now. Sending you big hugs - **Captain Damage**

**Leach** - Ha, ha. Thanks for the vitamins - **Kringle**



**Ruby** - Your attitude lasted long. I knew you would give in to your man friend's "charm" sooner or later - **Spice**

**Bree** - Hope you have fun at the V-23's. Behave! Miss you. Happy Valentine's Day - **Love, Chuck**

**Readers** - Letters to the editor can express love as well as righteous indignation. In the spirit of this fine corporate holiday, send me some lov - **Op. Ed**

**Bitter boy** - Our big day of being bitter is nearly here! How should we celebrate? - **Twin**

**Dan** - Thanks for coming down to Northern during Winter Carni. I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! - **Melanie**

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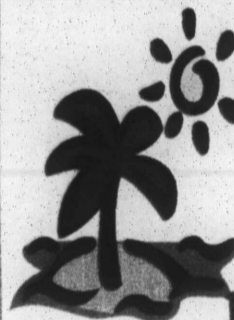
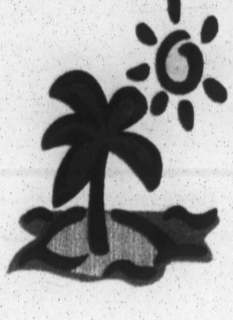


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