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## Renovations, budget discussed at forum

BY HEATHER SOLGOT  
STAFF WRITER

In a university forum, members of the NMU administration met to discuss housing, campus renovations and the budget with participating students and faculty on Feb. 17.

Associate Provost of Student Services and Enrollment Bill Bernard addressed university housing issues at the forum.

He said there will be no new rebuilding or renovation work between now and the Fall 2003 semester. To alleviate the crowded housing situation, Bernard said the university may consider identifying the faculty and staff currently residing on campus and inform them they will have to vacate to accommodate incoming freshman for the Fall 2003 semester.

He said removing faculty and staff from campus would free up space for approximately 30 more residents. Bernard also said the university is considering relaxing or removing the requirement that sopho-

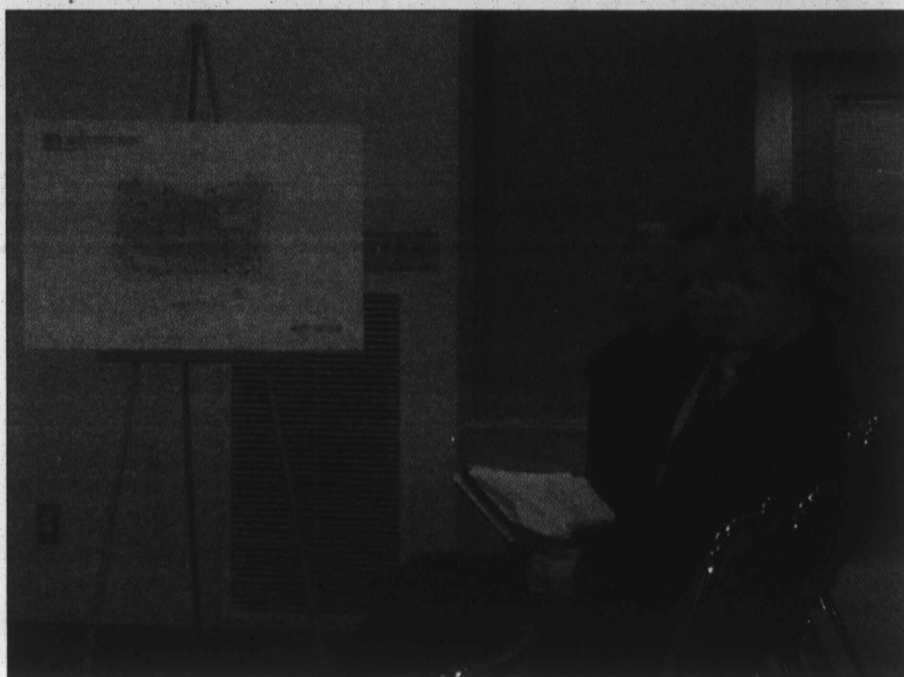
mores must live on campus.

Other plans for next year include renovating existing facilities and building new apartments, Bernard said. The first facility the university will renovate will be Magers Hall, which will house about 300 residents. Currently, the university is looking at approximately four or five different floor plans for the new dorm rooms.

"[We want] something that will make [the dorms] more desirable; something that might help us on our recruiting end," Bernard said.

After renovations are made to Magers, the university will begin working on the existing residence halls and begin building new apartments in the townhouses located off of Wright Street.

Also at the forum, Director of Engineering and Planning Kathy Richards spoke about renovations to the Thomas Fine Arts building, Art and Design building and Quad II. In the Thomas Fine Arts building, plans are in the works to rebuild choral and band ensemble rooms, student



Kelly Adams/NW

NMU President Judi Bailey, left, Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration Gavin Leach and Director of Engineering and Planning Kathy Richards listen to comments from the audience at the University Forum on Feb. 17.

practice rooms and faculty studios.

Faculty offices will then be moved to the north end of the building.

The Art and Design North building addition will double the amount of usable

space and include computer labs and a photography studio below the new museum, Richards said. There will also be faculty offices, a lecture hall and a theater.

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## Student representation lacking on committee

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
NEWS EDITOR

ASNMU remains concerned about a lack of student representation as the Budget Alternatives Committee (BAC) continues to consider ways to chop an estimated \$8.5 million from Northern's budget.

ASNMU President Carissa Waters said the BAC has not asked students to serve on the committee.

Waters said only senior administrators are serving on the committee and that students will not be allowed to give input until March 20 when President Judi Bailey holds a Let's Chat forum to

discuss the recommendations made by the BAC with students.

Waters said students are looking to ASNMU for advocacy and answers on the prospective budget cuts.

"We can't give them any answers," Waters said.

Waters said however that it will affect students education and tuition.

Some students also voiced their concerns over

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Waters

## Former student pleads no contest to sexual assault

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Former USOEC boxer and NMU student Charles Brown faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading no contest to two of the 13 charges against him in relation to entering women's rooms and sexually assaulting them in Halverson Hall on Nov. 15.

At a hearing on Feb. 14, Brown pleaded no contest to one count of first degree home invasion, a 20-year felony, and one count of third degree criminal sexual assault, a 15-year felony, with the sentences to run concurrently, said Assistant Prosecutor Matt Weise.

A no contest plea has the same result as a guilty plea. "We have a definite conviction," Weise said. "He'll have to be listed as a sex offender wherever he goes. He'll have a felony on his record, and he's going to serve time in prison."

Brown will serve a minimum of three to five years and as many as 20 years in prison, Weise said.

"He pleaded no contest to the two most serious counts," Weise said. "The rest of the counts were dismissed as part of the plea bargain."

Dismissed counts include one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of criminal second-degree sexual conduct and nine counts of first-degree home invasion.

Brown will be sentenced on March 28.

As a result of the plea bargaining, victims will not have to testify in court, Weise said.

Brown will remain in the Marquette County Jail until sentencing.

## Senate proposes cuts

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

NMU's Academic Senate held a meeting to discuss various curriculum issues, including changes in the Spanish program and adding another faculty enhancement position to the modern language department on Feb. 18.

The senate is proposing to terminate 200-level Spanish courses which would count toward the major or minor Spanish program,

and in turn offer more upper level courses for students in the education curriculum.

The focus of the changes is to reformulate the Spanish minor to qualify it as a teachable minor, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said.

These changes are being proposed in response to a review by the Michigan Department of Education which said that the inclusion of 200-level courses does not allow for satisfactory

instruction in language and culture to teach Spanish in grades K-12, modern language department head Timothy Compton said.

The Committee on Undergraduate Programs (CUP) has recommended that another faculty position be offered to accommodate the increase in upper level Spanish courses.

Due to the current hiring freeze at NMU, Compton said the modern language department will be discussing how the future

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Richards said they plan on bidding the TFA building and the Art and Design North building together and having them finished by fall 2004.

She said for the Quad II renovation, there will be a large work out room with various exercise equipment, as well as a coffee shop with a game room.

Because it is a bonded project, they plan on beginning the project in May with a slated finish date for November or December 2003.

President Judi Bailey also spoke on the Budget Alternatives Committee

(BAC), which is comprised of senior administrators. The job of the BAC is to identify and rank the general fund appropriations by their impact on students and then make recommendations on how to come up with the money missing due to budget cuts, Bailey said.

The recommendations will go to Bailey and the public before making it to the Board of Trustees as recommenda-



**Richards**

tions. The recommendations will be discussed at a campus forum on March 20 in Jamrich 102.

After the campus forum, there will be a Let's Chat session with Bailey, which will give students and staff the opportunity to clarify the recommendations and let students and staff consider them further.

Bailey said it is important to remember that no one will be completely happy with the changes, but that the university needs to look at the big picture.

"We believe we do better if we have [the students'] voice," Bailey said.

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need for another instructor will be met.

"The future looks pretty bleak this year to hire another instructor position," Compton said. "The way the system works, if it is approved, it will apply to incoming freshman for Fall 2003 [semester]. We could go for a year or two without needing extra faculty to fill the positions."

Compton said the modern language department may have to cut some Spanish liberal studies courses to make room for the additional 300- and 400-level courses.

Joyal also said initially using an adjunct faculty member to teach upper level courses would be the

most cost-effective means of action, due to impending university budget cuts.

However, Joyal also said despite the temporary hiring freeze, instructors will be hired at a later time to satisfy student demand.

The hiring freeze at NMU expires on March 30.

In spite of the increased amount of upper division courses, the number of total credit hours required for both the Spanish major and minor programs, respectively, will remain the same, Compton said.

The Academic Senate will vote on what changes should be made to the Spanish program at its next meeting on March 11.

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tion on the committee.

"They should definitely have student input," senior history major Emily Tulikangas said. "They're going to have to sell [the possible cuts] to us anyway."

Tulikangas said she felt that students should be allowed to at least sit in on the meetings.

Junior health and fitness management major Gina Mukavtz said students should be able to decide what programs and activities get cut since students will be most affected.

Freshman undeclared major Justin Marietti said he felt that no matter what was decided, someone would be upset.

"There should be student representatives on the committee rather than people who won't completely be affected by the cuts," Marietti said.

The committee is currently made up of senior administrators including academic deans, Associate Provosts Leonard Heldreth and William Bernard as well as Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration Gavin Leach.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal and Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy are co-chairmen of the committee.

The committee is developing a list of ways to cut \$8.5 million out of NMU's budget in anticipation of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's announcement of possible cuts in state appropriations, Joyal said.

"The senior administrators were chosen to serve on the committee because they are the authority for the entire university," Joyal said. "These are the people that know what the money

is spent on."

He said the proposed cuts in appropriations would affect everyone at the university.

The list of what to cut, developed by the BAC, is designed to produce a minimal impact on students completing their academic programs, Joyal said.

He said, however, that it does not mean students will not be impacted.

Waters said she thought student support services would take the biggest cut.

She said student support services includes anything non-academic at the university such as financial aid, student activities and student affairs.

Joyal said students may see larger class sizes in the future as well as fewer electives.

"These are just guesses," Joyal said. "We do not know anything for sure."

Waters said she is encouraging students to attend the upcoming forum on the budget cuts at 6 p.m. on March 20 in Bookbinders Eatery in the LRC.

"Students should pay attention to what's going on," Waters said. "There is strength in numbers."

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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Double homicide suspect charged

MARQUETTE — A Munising man was charged on Sunday with two counts of open murder and arraigned before Marquette District Judge Dennis Girard. Steven Edward Tierney, 41, admitted to shooting and killing Sally Kay Paajanen, 34, and Craig Allen Fleck, 31, at Paajanen's home in Skandia Township early on Saturday morning. The events that led up to the double homicide remain under investigation, but authorities believe the suspect may have been upset over the fact that Paajanen and Fleck had been dating. Tierney and the two victims all worked as corrections officers at the Alger Maximum Security Prison near Munising.

## National

## Bush: Protests will not deter him

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Following a week of worldwide anti-war protests which included about 12 million people, President Bush said on Tuesday that his stance on a possible military strike against Iraq would not change. The President declared that America's security should not be dictacted by protesters, as the U.S. and Britain prepares for another bid for U.N. support on disarming Saddam Hussein's regime. "Democracy is a beautiful thing and people are allowed to express their opinion ... the risk of doing nothing is an even more dangerous option," Bush said. Last week's anti-war demonstrations were the largest since the Vietnam War, and involved protests in more than 600 cities and towns worldwide.

## International

## S. Korean subway fire kills 124

DAEGU, South Korea — A final search of the subway station gutted by fire in Daegu, South Korea has not found any survivors, officials say, raising fears the death toll from the tragedy could rise further. At least 124 people are now believed to have died in the blaze with hundreds of others injured or listed as missing. Only 27 of the dead have been positively identified so far, with more than 70 unidentified charred bodies still on the two train carriages that were engulfed by the fire. Tuesday's fire was believed to have been started by a 56-year-old mentally unstable man who ignited a container of inflammable liquid before hurling it onto a train stopped at Chungang-ro subway station.

## Weird News

## Sex disrupted, couple wants refund

BERLIN — A German couple is demanding compensation from a tour operator due to a maid who repeatedly interrupted them while they were having sex in their hotel room during a vacation in Cuba, a court spokesman said on Wednesday. The man and wife filed a lawsuit at a district court in Hanover seeking a refund because they said the maid walked in on them on two occasions while they were engaged in sexual intercourse, even though they had a "Do Not Disturb" sign hanging outside the door. They are seeking about \$4,000 in damages from the TUI holiday company. TUI said the hotel's failings only amounted to an "inconvenience" and did not warrant such high compensation.

— Compiled from news sources

## Getting a scoop on health



Scott Salisbury/NW

Junior pre-law major Andrew Hayes scoops out ice cream for senior dietetics major Mary Musser at the health fair on Tuesday in the UC. The HPER department sponsored the event.

## DSS looks for volunteers

BY SHANNON J.C. ARMSTRONG  
STAFF WRITER

Diversity Student Services is looking for groups and individuals to volunteer to help out with everything from security to kitchen work for the 11th Annual NMU Pow Wow on March 14 through 16.

The first 30 to volunteer will receive free T-shirts.

The pow wow will host approximately 150 Native American dancers and drummers from across the Great Lakes region, as well as numerous arts and crafts vendors, Diversity Student Services Assistant Director April Lindala said.

She said with all of the pow wow participants and vendors

coming, a lot of help is needed to get everything set up.

Aside from basic help with setting up, Diversity Student Services is looking for groups to volunteer as security for the events, Lindala said. The security would be there to make sure everyone knows where they should be and that things run smoothly.

"We want to make sure everyone is safe and having a good time," Lindala said.

Volunteers are needed with the kitchen work and food preparation. At the pow wow there will be concessions selling items such as fry bread and Indian tacos. Along with the concessions there will also be a feast with traditional Native American fare includ-

ing wild rice and acorn squash.

The facilities for the preparation of the feast are being provided by Hospitality Management at the Jacobetti Center.

Chris Kibit, an associate professor of technology and occupational sciences, said he enjoys working with all the different student groups for the planning of events like the pow wow.

Kibit said working on special events such as the pow wow gives his students a good opportunity to put their newly learned skills to work and also a good chance to learn about other cultures.

Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up a volunteer sign up sheet at DSS or at the GAP Office.

## Campus plans law forum

BY AMANDA BOYD  
STAFF WRITER

The Native American Student Association will be hosting a Native American Law Day Forum to offer students and Marquette residents a unique opportunity to learn about current Native American issues on Feb. 21 in the Explorer Rooms in University Center.

Topics of discussion will include the inherent right of a government to make decisions regarding tribes and the historic relationship between the tribal government and the U.S. government.

NMU Center for Native American Studies Director Martin Reinhardt said what tribes have a right to govern, economic development, and education will also be covered within the forum's presentations.

The keynote speaker, Melody McCoy, a staff attorney for the

Native American Rights Fund, will provide an overview and update on cases concerning tribal law and sovereignty during a luncheon provided by the university at no cost, Reinhardt said.

According to an NMU press release McCoy works primarily in the areas of tribal jurisdiction, tribal education rights, tribal trust funds and tribal intellectual property rights.

Gregory Stevens, a staff attorney for the Michigan Indian Legal Services, will begin the forum by speaking on Michigan Indian legal services from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

The second speaker, Melissa Lopez Pope, Assistant Director and Diversity Coordinator for Thomas M. Cooley Law School, will speak on careers for Native American lawyers, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

The second part of the forum, scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m., will be a legal and political mock trial

presented by three different groups of students from the Native American Studies class.

Reinhardt said they will be presenting their findings on the responsibility of Michigan Native American education and who gets input on the educational program.

They will also discuss who bears the financial responsibility and how those decisions get made, he said.

"The first Native American Law Day I attended at Northern was in 1999," Native American Law Day Assistant Director Traci Maday said. "I thought it was really exciting to get perspectives from people that work in these areas that aren't covered in everyday news."

There is no charge to attend the forum. Those planning to attend the luncheon must RSVP by calling 227-1398 or by e-mail at Reinhardt at mreinhar@nmu.edu.

## FORECAST

• **Friday:** Party cloudy with snow possible. High in the mid-20s. Low around 5.

• **Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of snow showers. High around 20. Low around -10.

• **Sunday:** A chance of snow showers. High around 12.

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# Choir, band to perform

## Music department to unveil ensembles in Marquette area

BY ERIC TREADO  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU music department has scheduled two performances showcasing the university choir and symphonic band.

The Northern Michigan University Choir and Madrigal Singers will perform at 3 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Messiah Lutheran Church on Magnetic Street in Marquette.

The Northern Michigan Symphonic Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Peterson Auditorium on Pearl Street in Ishpeming.

Both ensembles are products of the music department at Northern.

The choir and symphonic bands are open to all university students that are interested in joining.

"Students enroll in these courses for a challenge," freshman music major and choir member Deberah Albin said. "We sing a broad range of challenging songs, with great harmony and vocal range."

The choir is directed by Music

Professor Floyd Slotterback and meets one hour a day Monday through Thursday.

Slotterback said the choir performs traditional vocal repertoire and has approximately 60 members.

Coupling with the university choir are the madrigal singers, also directed by Slotterback.

Madrigal singers specialize in Renaissance-age songs, he said.

"They are talented singers that have toured the Upper Peninsula performing at high schools," Slotterback said. "We take anyone, but students may audition for scholarships to participate in this ensemble."

The performance should last approximately one hour, Slotterback said.

The university symphonic band will also give a performance on Feb. 25.

The university symphonic band is conducted by Assistant Music Professor Stephen Grugin and, like the choir, also practices one hour a day Monday through Thursday.

Grugin said the band will be performing works by Johan

Sebastian Bach, Percy Grainger, Gustav Host and other modern composers.

Senior music education major Brandon Nelson is debuting his piece "Rondo for Winds and Percussions" in the concert.

"I am excited about this piece, it has great contemporary harmonies," Nelson said.

Nelson plays the horn for the symphonic band.

"The symphonic band is different from an orchestra, in that it's bigger and doesn't contain strings," Nelson said. "We have around 70 members, creating loud and passionate music."

Grugin said many people auditioned for the symphonic band this year.

"This caused a few people to not make it," Grugin said. "What remains are a very talented group, who produces high quality band music."

For more information on the either of the performances, contact the NMU music department at 227-2563.



Slotterback

# House approves grant programs

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a budget agreement on Feb. 13 for fiscal year 2003 that included three programs affiliated with Northern Michigan University.

Approximately \$1 million was awarded to the B. J. Stupak Olympic Scholarship at NMU named in the honor of congressman Bart Stupak's late son.

This federally-funded grant program will provide assistance to athletes who live and train at the Olympic Training Centers in Colorado Springs, Lake Placid and Chula Vista or at the Olympic Education Center at NMU.

Northern administrators the program for all Olympic resident athletes. Student athletes are eligible for a grant up to the full cost of attendance, not to exceed \$15,000 annually.

The second project to receive federal funding was Operation Uplink, as \$400,000 was awarded to this project which involves organizing the

Upper Peninsula to take advantage of higher-speed broadband Internet connections.

Currently, the project is being headed by the Upper Great Lakes Educational Technology Inc.

The group is composed of representatives from area schools, higher education, libraries, hospitals and local governments.

Currently, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal is the chairman of the UGLETI board of trustees.

The last project to receive funding was the NMU Gerontology Center, as \$200,000 was awarded to this program. For the past two years NMU has been working on establishing a center with input from the university faculty and community.

The main goal is to develop an academically focused institute that looks at the needs of older adults in the region from a social science perspective.

— NMU press release

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# TV 13, Radio 90 win state awards

Public TV 13 and Public Radio 90 have received a total of three Broadcast Excellence Awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

"One-Room, Many Stories: Schoolhouse Memories" received first place in the category of TV Market 4 News Special. The documentary is based on the history of one-room schoolhouses in the U.P. and will be re-broadcast at 8 p.m. on March 10.

Public Radio 90 also received a first place award for the airing of "8-18 Media" in the category of Radio Market 4 Special Interest Programming.

"8-18 Media" is a collection of youth-produced stories from the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum about regional events with mentoring and production support provided by Public Radio 90.

The third award was given to Public TV 13 for the program "Media Meet: U.S. Policy on Iraq." This half-hour public affairs program received second place in the category of TV Market 4 Special Interest Programming.

A total 726 entries were received from 30 television and 44 radio stations. All entries aired between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2002. Judges use consistent criteria for evaluating the entries and reserve the right to not give an award.

Judging was also provided by member stations of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association. The Awards were presented in Lansing on Feb. 18.

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters is based in Lansing and is a non-profit organization with a board of directors representing radio and television broadcast stations in the state.

— NMU press release

# Columbia crew honored

BY RYAN CHARTER  
STAFF WRITER

The Seaborg Center has just recently opened an exhibit commemorating the loss of the space shuttle crew of the STS-107 Columbia.

The most recent addition to the Seaborg Center was the "Tribute to the Columbia," opened for viewing on Feb. 7.

"The exhibit was created to provide information for everyone to keep in the know, while also providing information and pictures from the 1986 Challenger accident," said Stephen Hirst, Coordinator of Publications at the Seaborg Center and exhibit director.

The exhibit will remain open for viewing for the duration of the semester with updates being added to the showcase on a day-to-day basis, as more information is learned of the shuttle's accident, Hirst said. The exhibit was constructed by Hirst and Editorial Assistant for the Seaborg Center Joe Henry.

All information and pictures were taken from the Internet at no cost.

"The exhibit brought back memories of the Challenger for me, and we just wanted to say our

thoughts are with the astronauts," Henry said.

The Columbia and crew of the STS-107 were lost during entry 16 minutes before they were scheduled to land on Feb. 1. The crew included: Rick Husband (commander), William McCool (pilot), Michael Anderson (payload commander), David Brown (mission specialist), Dalpana Chawla (mission specialist),

Laurel Blair Salton Clark (mission specialist) and Ilan Ramon (payload specialist).

Students and faculty members are encouraged to visit the exhibit to learn more information about the both the Columbia and Challenger space shuttles. A new Web site will also be added to the exhibit shortly, and will provide further information about the accidents.



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Senior elementary education major Adrian Christoffersen observes the Columbia tribute displayed in the Seaborg Center.

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EDITORIAL

Forget the duct tape

Nearly 12 million protesters gathered worldwide on Feb. 15 to show their stance against a war on Iraq, but despite widespread disapproval of the impending war, it becomes a more realistic possibility with each passing day.

Recently, the national threat level was increased to "orange," indicating a "high risk of terrorist attack."

On Wednesday, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced the nationwide "Ready Campaign," which includes a Web site, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), broadcast media and print material, along with a toll-free telephone number that provides information on how to prepare for a terrorist attack.

Ridge said the Ready Campaign is a deterrent to terrorism, not a response, and by being prepared and refusing to panic, American citizens can make it more difficult for would-be terrorists.

In preparing for the possibility of more terrorist attacks, the government is instilling fear and panic in Americans, and greatly compromising our way of life.

The campaign encourages us to build emergency kits stocked with a three-day supply of food, first aid items and other materials, such as duct tape and plastic sheeting to make a shelter in case of a chemical attack.

In reality, duct taping yourself into a plastic bubble will probably not save you from a flu bug, let alone chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

President Bush reassured Americans there is no need to panic, saying we should go about our lives as normal. But how are we expected to go about our lives when every event on broadcast media — from the Columbia space shuttle disaster to a fire alarm going off at the Center for Disease Control — is reported as it "may or may not be linked to terrorism?"

Not every bad thing that happens is a result of terrorism. By over-publicizing so-called safety precautions and over-reacting to events on the news, we're promoting fear and confusion while digging our own graves.

War and terrorism are frightening possibilities, but do not live your life fearing tomorrow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer slings insults providing no proof

I am writing in response to "Bush is hot, bothered; Hussein ready, willing," published in this paper on Feb 13. By comparison with a porn movie, Chris Mosier presents the argument that President Bush's sole purpose for a war with Iraq is to display his own personal power.

Usually such peculiar arguments are supported by reasoning or facts, but hey — this is The North Wind!

The article is a personal attack on the president, accusing him of reckless disregard for the lives of Iraqis and Americans.

What evidence is there that Bush is acting in this way? Evidence, since The North Wind is obviously unfamiliar with the term, is real, concrete data that supports a claim.

In this case, previous displays of power or aggression on a grand scale or examples of wanton disregard for human life would be considered evidence.

No such evidence against the president exists, and I challenge Mosier to provide any.

Regardless, she presents no facts or reasoning in the article. Make no mistake — this is not an entertainment piece where the author is trying to be humorous.

Such writings, if they are in good taste, do not address grave issues such as an impending war.

They certainly do not actively slander a president, and they are actually supposed to be funny.

Neither is the article a satire, because even political satire is based on well-known facts or some underlying truth.

No, this is simply a groundless attack on our president's character without any basis whatsoever. That style of human expression is not called humor or satire. It's called bigotry.

Those who criticize the resident should demonstrate the moral standards they talk about. That means treating everyone

with equality, not bias, whether a poor black woman from Montgomery, Ala. or a gun-totin', slang-talkin' millionaire Texan president.

Jeff Szymanski  
 junior, biochemistry

War on drugs column light on facts

I want to make sure I am understood as neutral (an "innocent bystander") in this response as I am not going to do any research to disprove your argument. Frankly, I do not have the time!

The first thing I learned from my professor in EN 111 is the writer should never write about something using obvious support, especially when that support is not backed-up by any source.

To curb the obvious retort, I understand your article is for a newspaper, not an essay, and space is limited and different rules apply.

The only fact you used pertained to the black and white issue on crack vs. cocaine. The rest of the facts, better described as common theories, are blatantly obvious.

For example, of course heavily taxing these drugs will bring in a lot of money to various divisions of government.

Of course the money fighting the drug "war" could be elsewhere spent on education.

Of course inner-city gangs would have less to fight over, yada yada.

I am in no way disagreeing with you and in no way agreeing with you (remember I am neutral).

I am criticizing your argument as it is not warranted. I, like an unfortunate great amount of other people, have heard this before.

To back that up, I read the same argument in my high school's newspaper; the University of Illinois at Urbana's student newspaper; Bradley

University's student newspaper; and hell, the argument is all over the Internet.

Nick Kilduff  
 freshman, psychology

Column shows lack of patriotism/taste

Great journalists have an uncanny ability to force readers to think critically about a topic. Unfortunately, Chris Mosier isn't one of these great journalists.

In my opinion, Mosier has shown her own inadequacies while serving as an embarrassment to NMU and its students.

While the First Amendment is one of our fundamental freedoms, it does not give us the freedom to nearly slander and libel the president or our military forces.

The comparison Mosier gave comparing President Bush to a homosexual porn star is not only sick, but tasteless as well.

If someone wrote a similar article about a fellow student, there would certainly be some explaining to do.

Likewise, Mosier's depiction of our American troops as "condoms" and "disposable" is both horrific and offensive.

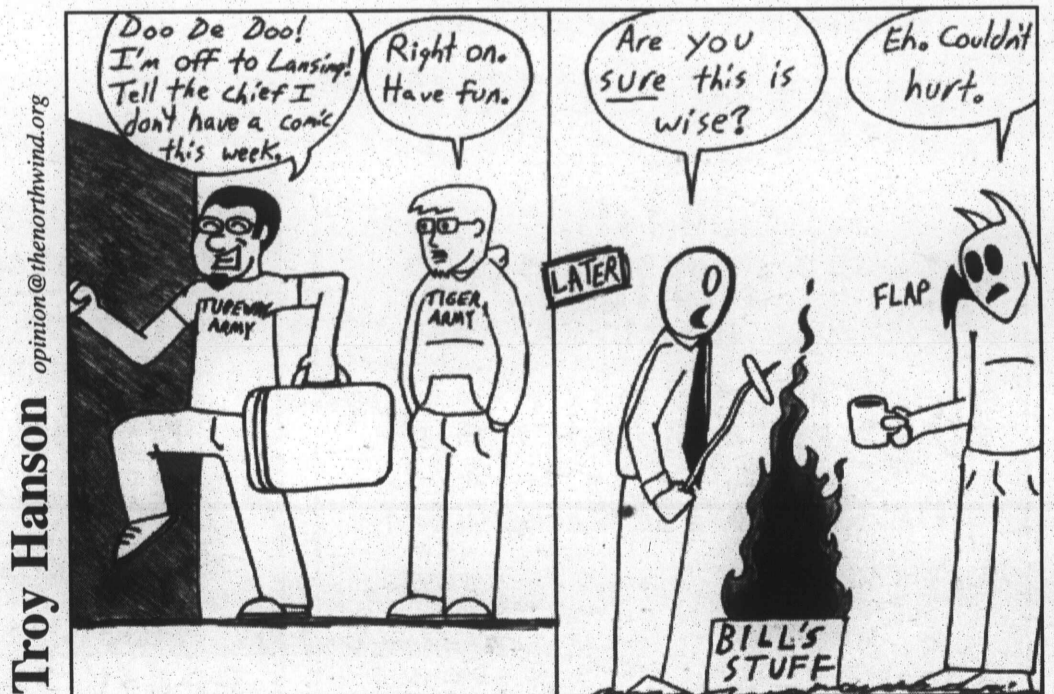
Our nation has often been at fault for not honoring our veterans and troops enough. Mosier furthers this ignorant attitude towards our servicemen and women through yet another irresponsible analogy.

In my opinion, Mosier owes several apologies.

She should apologize to the President of the United States, the student body of NMU and the servicemen and women who selflessly serve to protect our freedoms (including the freedom of speech).

One can only hope that, in the future, Ms. Mosier will open her eyes to the world around her and leave her own inadequacies in a shoe box under her bed.

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# Black history month lacking

February is national black history month — literally translated into the chronological study of past events associated with African Americans. This month is nationally devoted to celebrating the accomplishments of historic black Americans.

Around this time last year, students gathered at Emma-Joe's for an open mike poetry night and a black film series.

This year, the month is nearly over and I can't help but question why the university has so few events planned to promote black history.

In my three years at Northern there have always been numerous events scheduled for black history month, which was why I was disappointed to discover minimal events planned for this year.

During my freshmen year some of the activities included a poetry night to celebrate written and spoken word in black history, a diversity forum, soul food dinner and Valentine's Day dance. Last year there were presentations, a non-denominational church service, a fashion show, a black film series as well as an open mike poetry night.

I find it a little disheartening to see there were more activities planned for Martin Luther King, Jr. week than there were for a whole month devoted to all historic blacks.

As I looked over the calendar of events for this February, the only thing I saw even remotely pertaining to black history month was a soul food dinner.

I know African Americans are known for their "soul food;" however, is soul food what we value historically in black history? Although the coordinators of the soul food dinner made it a learning experience for those who attended by posting table and wall decorations to educate the participants on black history, I wish I would've seen more educational events like this throughout this month devoted to black history.

There have been some small events on campus to promote black history, such as bringing in Political Science Professor Bill Ball to the dorms to speak on civil rights. Even though I believe the event had a good educational value, it was poorly communicated to students who don't live in the dorms. Out of the 8,169 students attending Northern this semester, only 133 are African American. With a low minority popula-

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BY YONIKA WILLIS

tion in a rural area like Marquette, I think it's important to take advantage of every opportunity available to educate the majority about diverse culture found throughout campus. While I think black history should be celebrated year-round, I feel if a month is specifically designated to a particular cause, people should take advantage of that opportunity.

Other universities in the U.P., such as Michigan Tech, have events scheduled throughout the month to promote awareness of black history. Some of the events in their tribute include gospel choir concerts, lectures such as Jerry Woolpy's titled, "This is America, so the majority rules, right?" and a play titled "Experiment in Black and White."

Next February, I hope I'm not disappointed by the minimal events scheduled for black history month, but until then, I think we should take matters into our own hands and not let the meaning of this month go astray. I try and do this by using my position as diversions editor at The North Wind to cover diverse issues that impact students.

Even though there's a little over a week left in the month of February, that's still enough time to educate others on the contributions of African Americans in history. Blacks have influenced many aspects of society from music to medicine. Black history is American history, too.

I'll start out the education process — did you know the first open heart surgery was performed by black doctor Daniel Hale Williams or that black American Granville T. Woods invented the telegraph? This is just a mere sampling of the contributions made to black history. We all — not just African Americans — need to have our consciousness raised to the many other accomplishments of blacks in American history.

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

# Nation driven by fear

There are many things to fear in this world — spiders, public speaking, monsters under the bed, heck, even Michael Jackson freaks me out. But our society seems to suffer beyond simple phobias. We live in a nation that is consumed by fear.

Last Monday morning, 21 people died and 57 were injured in a Chicago night club when hundreds of people fought to escape the second floor of the building after someone sprayed pepper spray to break up a fight.

People that fell on the stairs amidst the chaos were trampled as a stampede passed over them. Like a herd of animals, men and women fled for their own safety, crushing the weakest of the pack beneath them.

A lawyer for the night club indicated that someone might have shouted a warning about a terrorist attack when the pepper spray was used, causing the hysteria. But whether this suggestion is true or not, this incident is a prime example of the strong grip fear has on many people in the country. Terror caused these people to lose all sense of reason and resort back to animalistic instincts of survival.

Fear extends beyond this incident. It has infiltrated our economy, our travel habits and the way we run our lives.

In the last two years, the Dow Jones Stock Exchange has lost nearly a third of its value and it continues to struggle as a possible war nears. Consumer spend-

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BY ROB HAMILTON

ing during the 2002 Christmas season was nearly the worst it has been in 30 years and many businesses are downsizing to help deal with large deficits.

The airline industry has suffered tremendously since Sept. 11. Many airlines have cut jobs and some have declared bankruptcy. Security has been so tightened that you can't get on an airplane without being practically strip-searched.

As a result of frequent warnings from our government of possible terrorist attacks, people have begun to stockpile food, water, batteries and other supplies. Constant reminders of possible destruction from our leaders have people on edge and are crippling our economy.

Americans are, in a way, restless sheep that have been spooked by a few wolves on the horizon. But instead of putting maximum efforts on protecting the flock, President Bush and our government have decided to go out and shoot blindly at anything that moves in the woods.

However, hunting down pos-

sible threats will not quell the growing fear in this country. Terrorism is a reality. It can never be totally eliminated, but the fear caused by it must be controlled.

Ironically, the "evil men" that our nation is currently concerned with were supported by fears in the 1980s.

Michael Moore, a filmmaker who produced "Bowling for Columbine," notes on his Web site that the United States gave CIA training and \$3 billion to Osama bin Laden and his followers to help them fight the Russians in the early '80s. In 1982, we supported Saddam Hussein with arms and billions of dollars to help him fight the Iranians. It was fear that caused these terrorists to gain power in the first place.

We must now face the fact that as long as our nation is an economic power, there will be people out there attempting to bring it down. Instead of letting fear devour us, our nation needs to show that it is more than a cornered animal looking to eliminate anything that threatens us.

It's time our nation and its leaders concentrated on improving our economy and making citizens feel safe once again. There are certainly things to be afraid of in this world, but the only thing fear will do for our society is destroy it from within.

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

## SOUND OFF

### What are your thoughts on the increasing of the threat level to orange?



**Kenny Belill**  
freshman, entrepreneurship  
*"I think we should go to war and stop messing around with weapons inspectors."*



**Tom LaFleche**  
sophomore, marketing  
*"The whole system is dumb. What if you are colorblind? The system is biased."*



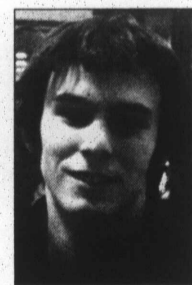
**Corrine Vick**  
junior, business  
*"I'm not too worried. We're in Marquette. Besides, doesn't everyone own a gun up here anyway?"*



**Dan Welling**  
senior, physics  
*"I lost my gas mask after we went to yellow, so I guess I'm in trouble."*



**John Pietrzak**  
junior, psychology  
*"Honestly, I'm just afraid we may go to level magenta."*



**Joe Gouel**  
sophomore, undeclared  
*"It just makes the nation increasingly fearful of terrorist attacks or war!"*

— Compiled by Becky Compton



## People, ice make roads dangerous

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

Though the Marquette snowfall total is lower than average this year, the roads remain dangerous. The cold weather helps to keep roads slick, but the overwhelming number of bad drivers is what makes driving in the winter scary.

The cold air keeps roads icy, and snow banks block the vision of drivers in most vehicles. Drivers then shoot out of intersections without watching for oncoming traffic long enough, putting themselves and others in harm's immediate path.

Apparently I was the one in someone's way on Saturday night, though. I was driving on Cherry Creek Road and rolled up to the intersection at County Road 480. I looked left and saw what appeared to be a vehicle approaching from a good quarter of a mile down 480.

So I turned right and sped up to just over 60 miles per hour — slow for me with my heavy foot, as I was only driving aimlessly, anyway.

Then I realized that the truck I pulled out in front of was actually closer than I first thought. While I hardly pulled out close enough to the truck to impede its path, I should have waited for the truck to pass.

Suddenly, as I reached about 65 miles per hour, the truck was only a foot from the back of my car.

Looking in my rearview mirror, I realized why I misjudged the distance between the truck and the intersection where I rested; the truck had a plow on the front of it, with headlights above the plow that were much closer together and smaller than normal headlights. Surrounded by darkness, there was no way for me to determine that the lights were set different from those on any other vehicle.

Despite the subtle screw-up, my action didn't warrant the truck driver's reaction. After following me closely with bright lights on for about a mile, the truck finally swerved around me. Then, the driver slammed on the truck's brakes. I hit my brakes and veered to the left, knowing there was no traffic coming toward us.

The truck then sped up to about 90 miles per hour, and, shocked as I was by the driver's tactics, I stifled my Italian temper and fought my urge to chase the truck.

I was fortunate that the roads were not slippery on that particular night, because idiots grab the wheel every night. I'm not sure what is more frightening to me, the fact that another driver may have intentionally driven me off the road, or the idea that if that driver would have lost control of the truck and gone off the road, I would have kept driving with no remorse. Nobody should be put in a position to disregard human life. But hey, the moron could have killed me.

Raging jackasses aside, there are many ways in which our vehicles and bodies can get banged up on local roads right now. I've noticed several intersections around town are being neglected. The ice can be made somewhat safer if it is covered by sand, but some streets have been overlooked from time to time, increasing the chances of cars sliding through them. A couple of weeks ago I rode my car up into the snow bank at the corner of Park and Third streets to stop my slow slide toward the bumper of the car in front of me.

However, overall, the City of Marquette and the Marquette County Road Commission do a decent job of keeping the roads clear of snow and ice; I was lucky that I could control my car on Saturday night.

It's just unfortunate that someone can't keep the idiots off of the roads, too.

As if the icy roads and blinding snow banks aren't enough to deal with, thoughtless, dangerous drivers make driving in and around Marquette nearly intolerable.

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

## 'Oklahoma!' sweeps across stage

BY RYAN WERDON  
STAFF WRITER

Songs of love, bitter rivals, scandals and death ring in the air as the Forest Roberts Theatre brings a bit of the 'old West' to Northern this weekend.

"Oklahoma!" one of America's most popular musicals, hits the stage this weekend at NMU's Forest Roberts Theatre.

The show opened yesterday and will continue through Saturday, and play next weekend starting on Thursday.

The storyline of "Oklahoma!" is based on a play by Lynne Riggs titled "Green Grow the Lilacs," which was produced in 1931. Oscar Hammerstein II revamped the storyline and wrote the lyrics for the music written by his new partner Richard Rodgers. In 1955, Rodgers and Hammerstein transformed the play into a musical in their first ever collaboration, a work many consider to be one of the most significant musicals in theater history.

"The play has two love triangles," Director of the Forest Roberts Theatre James Panowski said. "You have the mixture of comedy, romance and seriousness — there's a death that's caused. Some of it is very dark, but I think that it is something that will appeal to audiences of all ages."

Dancing is another factor that distinguishes "Oklahoma!" from other musicals. Instead of accompanying the musical, dancing is integrated into the story.

"I'm excited for the show especially because this show has a large amount of dance in it compared to the shows we've done in the past," said Janel Cooke, a senior theater major and choreographer of the whole show. "There's some exciting stuff to see."

"Oklahoma!" is the centerpiece of this year's "Oh What a Beautiful!" Forest Roberts Theatre season. Over 100 NMU students, staff and local citizens are involved in the theater's production, including its 50-plus cast members.

Panowski said "Oklahoma!" is the perfect show for the cast, the audience and the nation.

He said when "Oklahoma!" hit Broadway in 1943, the United States was at the brink of war. "We can transcend, we can overcome,"



Becky Compton/NW

Sophomore theater major Emily Vajda, who plays wise and witty Aunt Eller, rehearses for "Oklahoma!" last week. The show runs at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Panowski said. "That may be a message. Right now, we here in America may need to remind ourselves that we will survive, we will persevere."

Panowski said with the threat of war looming, the situation is similar today and "Oklahoma!" offers a sense of optimism citizens can embrace.

The war situation isn't the only similarity between this production and its original. Another is the popularity that has carried on show after show. The box office is the best witness of this. The first weekend was virtually sold out three weeks before the show and the second weekend is expected to follow suit. Panowski recommends buying tickets as soon as possible.

Back in its time, "Oklahoma!" broke all Broadway box office records after running 2,248 performances spanning over five years.

The season's largest production, however, doesn't come without a price. Rehearsals for "Oklahoma!" run six to seven days a week. A typical practice takes about five hours.

"They come in at 6 p.m. for vocal rehearsal, 7 p.m. for choreography and by the time I'm done with them three hours later, they're done at 11 p.m." Panowski said.

Many of the actors in the "Oklahoma!" have devoted lots of time to the production.

"The practices are tough, really tough, especially with all your classes," Emily Vajda, a sophomore theater major who plays the comical Aunt Eller, said. "Even over break, all the leads had to memorize their lines."

Cooke is responsible for all the dance work and choreography as well as her chorus part music, cues and blocking.

"It's hard sometimes to find a good balance [between choreographer and chorus]," Cooke said. "I often have to step out of my part to work on the choreography."

But for most of the cast, all the hard work is finally paying off.

"I just have so much fun every time I get on the stage," Vajda said. "I love my character. I entertain myself."

The show goes on this weekend and next, and even though the waving wheat described in the title song doesn't exactly flourish in Marquette, many believe "Oklahoma!" will be another proud and memorable production for the Forest Roberts Theatre.

"It's going to be fabulous," Panowski said.



Jason Metevia/NW

Junior theater major Ben Schneider who plays Curly in "Oklahoma!" and junior theater major Elizabeth Smith, who plays Laurey, rehearse Monday night before the show's debut.

### "OKLAHOMA!" TICKET INFORMATION

**What:**  
The Forest Roberts "Oh, What a Beautiful!" Theater Season presents "Oklahoma!"

**Where:**  
Forest Roberts Theatre

**When:**  
7:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday  
7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 Matinee showings at 1 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 1

**How Much:**  
\$6 for students  
\$10 for adults

## V-day, women try to end violence

BY JOHN MATTIS  
STAFF WRITER

Statistics show one in three women will experience some form of violence during her lifetime — typically at the hands of someone she knows.

It's due to violent acts like this that V-day was started five years ago on Feb. 14 to end all violence against women and girls everywhere.

In an effort to fundraise for V-day, the play "The Vagina Monologues" will run nationwide throughout the months of February and some of March.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a play comprised of more than 20 Obie Award-winning monologues written by world-renowned writer/performer Eve Ensler, from interviews she conducted with more than 200 women about their vaginas.

"The V in V-Day stands for three things," said Jen Garvin a senior theater and psychology major and co-director of the monologues. "The V stands for vagina, Valentine's Day and victory against violence."

Last night "The Vagina Monologues" debuted in the Peter White Lounge in the UC as part of the V-Day College Campaign.

Garvin said although the V-Day mission centers around women and girls it should not deter men from seeing the monologues.

Carol Carr, a community development coor-



Kelly Adams/NW

Graduate student Deanna Fleishman recites her monologue, "Hair," as part of the "Vagina Monologues" performed last night in the Peter White Lounge in the University Center.

inator of Planned Parenthood, said the theme for V-Day 2003 is envisioning a world without violence.

People participating in "The Vagina Monologues" were asked what their community would look like without violence.

"Overwhelmingly the reaction was that people couldn't grasp what that would be like

because it is so far from reality," Carr said. "I think that's incredibly sad."

Garvin said raising community awareness of violence is a significant part of V-Day.

"The monologues are honest," Garvin said. "They will make you laugh as well as cry. It is very empowering and I think both men and women will really enjoy it."

Carr said each year as part of a college campaign, Eve Ensler allows student groups the rights to perform "The Vagina Monologues" on or around Valentine's Day to raise money for local organizations working to stop violence against women.

This year, the student group VOX — voices of Planned Parenthood — and the Health Promotion Office are participating in V-Day.

NMU is one of 656 schools participating in the college campaign. Altogether, "The Vagina Monologues" will be staged in more than 1,000 locations worldwide.

All money raised from performances of "The Vagina Monologues" in Marquette will be donated to the Marquette Women's Center. There will be two more performances of "The Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. on Friday, and 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Michigan Room of the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Tickets are still available and are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. Tickets can be purchased at the GAP Office in the UC and at various locations off campus including EmmaJoe's Coffeehouse, Snowbound Books and Sweet Violets.

## Dance company performs tonight

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

The Wellspring Dance Company, Cori Terry & Dancers, a modern dance group from Kalamazoo, are performing their eclectic blend of dance tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium.

Performing Arts Series director Wayne Francis described the group as a dynamic, enjoyable and easily accessible group of performers. "They're a top-rate company," Francis said. "It's a very beautiful and aesthetically pleasing performance."

Francis said Wellspring's performance last year was very successful. He said they have a style that includes elements of ballet and contemporary dance.

According to a Wellspring press release, the dance company was founded in 1981 in Kalamazoo by dancer and choreographer Cori Terry, who now serves as the group's artistic director. Wellspring tours, lectures and workshops with various groups, along with offering classes for students ages three to adult.

Wellspring features six dancers who have a variety of professional dance experience from across the world.

Principal dancer Michael Miller taught modern and jazz dance at Western Michigan University before performing at the Elpse Festival in Germany in 1999.

Artist-in-residence Melany Steinhoff, who also owns Third Street Dance Company, said she was best friends with Miller while attending WMU.

Miller performed workshops with the modern dance class at NMU Tuesday night and at Third Street Dance Company Monday and Wednesday



Courtesy of Wayne Francis

The Wellspring Dance Company, a dance group that incorporates ballet and contemporary dance styles into their routine, will perform at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Kaufman Auditorium.

nights, Steinhoff said. She said Wellspring will provide dancers an opportunity to observe and learn a new style and technique.

Sophomore undeclared major Roxanne Dragon is a member of the modern dance class and plans to see Wellspring's performance.

Dragon said students should notice the music and effort put into Wellspring's performance to gain a better understanding of dance.

"It's a very disciplined form of dance," Dragon said. "It's not as posed as ballet. It has more natural movement."

Steinhoff said while Wellspring's form has a very strong ballet foundation, Terry has developed her own unique style. The company incorporates many physical and emotional risks into an exciting performance which is both very ath-

letic and very professional, she said. Steinhoff said interest in dance at NMU is growing.

"I really think that members of the university and the community should really support dance in the university," Steinhoff said. "We've been trying to get more dance going on at the university."

Francis said funding for Wellspring's performance was provided by the Performing Arts Series. Funds are taken from the University Bookstore's three-percent profit margin and used to bring performers to NMU.

He said the reason why NMU can have the opportunity to bring quality performers is due to having reliable sources of funds like the Bookstore.



**Today, February 20**

**Film:** "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" (PG) begins at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Performance:** Wellspring Dance Company will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium.

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

**Athletics:** NMU women's basketball vs. Ferris will be held in at 5:30 p.m. the Berry Events Center.

**Athletics:** NMU men's basketball vs. Ferris will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**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 in the UC. This meeting is open to all students. For more information call Kory at 228-3197.

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

**Friday, February 21**

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

**Colloquium:** A Psychology Colloquium by Cynthia Prosen will be held in Gries Hall, Room 167. For information, call 227-2935.

**Meeting:** Students interested in encountering a new culture and receiving college credit are invited to attend the next study abroad general session at 10 a.m. to noon in Room 311 in the LRC.

**Seminar:** Dr. Gail Griffith, NMU Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, will give a seminar entitled "Depleted Uranium Weapons: The Persian Gulf, Kosovo, and Afghanistan" at 3 p.m. in West Science, Room 3808. For information call Suzanne, 227-1068.

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

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

**Saturday, February 22**

**Film:** "Treasure Planet" (PG) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Athletics:** NMU women's basketball vs. Grand Valley will be held at 1 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**Athletics:** NMU men's basketball vs. Grand Valley will be held at 3 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**Athletics:** NMU's Men's club hockey vs. Michigan Tech at 10 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**Play:** "Oklahoma!" will begin at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

**Event:** "The Vagina Monologues" begins at 2 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

**Sunday, February 23**

**Performance:** NMU's choir and madrigal singers will perform at 3 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church (Magnetic Street, Marquette).

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

**Film:** "Treasure Planet" (PG) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Athletics:** NMU's Men's club hockey vs. Michigan Tech at 6 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

**Monday, February 24**

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

**Deadline:** Last day to be measured for cap and gown for May graduation.

**Tuesday, February 25**

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

**Event:** NMU's Army ROTC Ranger Club will host a silent benefit auction from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Marquette Days Inn. For more information or donations, please call Susan Henderson at 227-2236.

**Performance:** NMU's Symphonic Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Peterson Auditorium (Pearl Street, Ishpeming).

**Wednesday, February 26**

**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>.

**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:** 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.

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## Team battles former coach in Lansing

BY ROB HAMILTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team will get another shot at former coach Rick Comley and the Michigan

State University Spartans in its final road series of the season this weekend.

Comley returned to Northern earlier this season and watched his current and former teams split

the two game match up.

The 'Cats stomped MSU, 10-4, in the first game, but the Spartans came back the following night and won, 3-1.

The Wildcats (11-10-1 CCHA, 15-13-2 overall) will now meet the man that led their program for 26 years once again.

The series will be played on Friday and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich.

Head coach Walt Kyle, a former player and assistant under Comley, said he feels there will be less hype surrounding the games this time and his team will have to play better defense in them to win.

"We're a team that's struggled offensively all season," Kyle said. "If we are going to be successful, we need to play a very tight defensive hockey game."

The Spartans (13-8-1 CCHA, 17-11-2 overall) seem to have adjusted to Comley's coaching style after struggling early this year.

MSU was 8-9-1 overall on Jan. 3 after a 7-1 loss to Lake Superior State.

Since that point, the Spartans have won nine of their last 12.

MSU senior defenseman John-Michael Liles (13 goals, 22

assists) and Brad Fast (10 goals, 20 assists) are among the Spartans leaders in scoring and have helped the Spartans to the best power play percentage in the conference.

NMU had the most potent power play unit for much of the season, but has failed to score with the man advantage during its past five games.

"We've just got to get more shots on net and get a couple of lucky bounces to go our way," freshman forward Dirk Southern said.

Kyle said part of the reason for the lack of production in this area is that opposing teams have taken away the 'Cats leading scorer, senior forward Mike Stutzel.

This weekend will also be the Wildcats final chance to prove they can win on the road.

The 'Cats are 10-2-1 at home, but they have been a different team away from the Berry Events Center. NMU has not swept a road series this year and is 5-11-1 on the road and at neutral sites.

With the top six teams in the CCHA earning a first round home playoff series, Kyle said his team needs to win these games and gain one of those spots.

While Ferris State University,



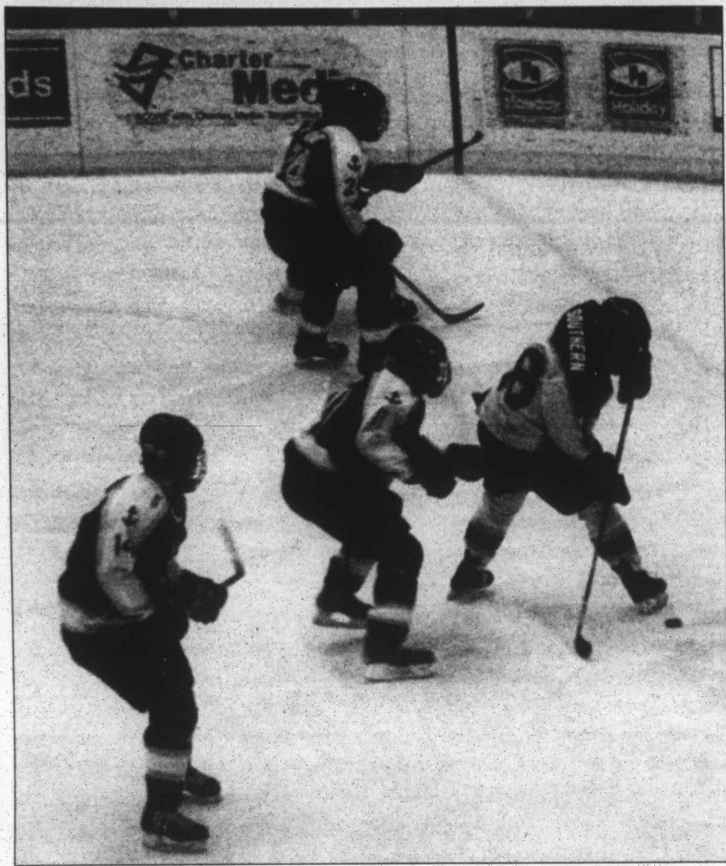
### THE MATCHUP

NMU	W-L-T	MSU
15-13-2		17-11-2
OFFENSE		
3.2	Goals (Avg.)	3.5
169	Assists	173
266	Points	279
26.7	Shots (Avg.)	31.8
DEFENSE		
2.8	Goals Against (Avg.)	3.0
3	Shutouts	3
27.0	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	31.5
.900	Save Percentage	.906
SPECIAL TEAMS		
21.6	PP. Percentage	24.8
80.7	PK. Percentage	81.4
19	PP Goals	37
3	SH Goals	7
481	Penalty Minutes	418

Ohio State University and the University of Michigan have home-ice advantage nearly locked up, there are seven other teams, including both Michigan State and Northern, that have a chance for the three remaining home-ice spots.

The Spartans have a four point lead on the Wildcats and are in fourth place in the conference.

"It's a big series for us down there," Kyle said. "With everybody playing for home-ice, it's a playoff-like atmosphere."



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman forward Dirk Southern had two goals against MSU when the teams met in October. Northern took the first game, 10-4.

## Basketball team snaps losing streak, gets bid

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The men's basketball team split a two game road trip this weekend, falling to the Northwood Timberwolves on Feb. 13 and defeating the Lake Superior State Lakers on Feb. 15.

The Wildcats began the weekend with a loss to Northwood, 70-63.

It was Northern's fourth straight loss. The first half was close, with both teams building upon their scores. The score at half time was 37-34.

The Wildcats took the lead over the Timberwolves (6-10 GLIAC, 10-14 overall) at 10:55 of the second half, 46-45, but they gave it right back and were unable to attain it again.

Holt led the 'Cats with 15 points. Junior forward Steve Watts and freshman guard Antwan Holt followed closely behind with 13. Watts led the team with eight rebounds.

On Feb. 15, the Wildcats (9-7 GLIAC, 13-11 overall) beat the Lakers (6-11 GLIAC, 10-14 overall), 74-68.

Junior forward Billy Hill scored 17 points in the first half, helping NMU build a 39-26 halftime lead.

"Hill came off the bench and really played well," head coach Dean Ellis said. "When you

have a guy scoring like that it really gives you a good chance to win."

In the second half, the Lakers began to chip away at the lead and got within two points, but the Wildcats were able to hold on.

"At this point in the season every team is fighting for a spot in the (GLIAC) tournament," Ellis said. "Right now it's do or die. [The Lakers] fought hard, but we made plays down the stretch and picked up a huge win."

Hill ended the game with 19 points. Holt also had 19 points for NMU.

With the win, the Wildcats clinched a bid to the GLIAC tournament.

Northern has just two GLIAC games remaining. The Wildcats face the Ferris State Bulldogs (6-10 GLIAC, 10-14 overall) at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Berry Events Center.

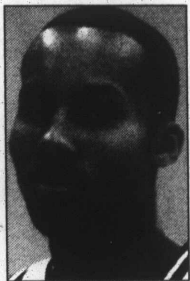
"Ferris is a good basketball team," Ellis said. "They are fighting for a berth in the tournament so they are going to be playing very hard."

Ellis said the Bulldogs have a really good all-around team.

"They are the total package," Ellis said.

On Saturday, NMU hosts Grand Valley State University (7-9 GLIAC, 12-12 overall). GVSU is looking to clinch the final North division berth into the tournament.

The Saturday game marks U.P. Day at the Berry Events Center, celebrating the final home game for the senior players on both the men's and women's teams. All U.P. residents will be admitted for \$1.



Holt

## Defense, bench key to victories

BY MICHELLE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team picked up another two wins on the road this weekend as it defeated Northwood University on Feb. 13 and Lake Superior State on Feb. 15.

Every player that stepped onto the floor in the Feb. 13 game came up with at least two points as NMU beat Northwood, 82-55.

The Timberwolves held the lead for the first five minutes of regulation, jumping to a 15-5 advantage.

The 'Cats gained control of the lead with 9:58 left in the first half after a nine-point run in a period of only two minutes.

Northern continued on a 21-12 run in the remaining minutes of the half to establish an 11-point lead heading into the locker room.

The 'Cats secured the lead in the first six minutes of the second half by tallying 11 points to Northwood's five.

With 13:43 left, they held NU scoreless for almost eight minutes, freezing Northwood at 37 points as NMU scored 19 more.

"We didn't let them do what they wanted to do," sophomore guard Tiffany Grubaugh said. "We got them frustrated, and if you can get the other team frustrated it's like having a sixth man for you."

Grubaugh led NMU with 20 points and five rebounds. Sophomore forward Shannon Boyer tied a career high by chipping in 14 points and junior guard Emily Samuelson added 13 points and five assists.

The 'Cats shot 27-60 from the floor (45 percent) and were 10-21 behind the three-point line (47.4 percent).

Northwood only shot 20-55 from the floor (36.4 percent) and 8-19 (42.1 percent) from behind the three-point line for the game.

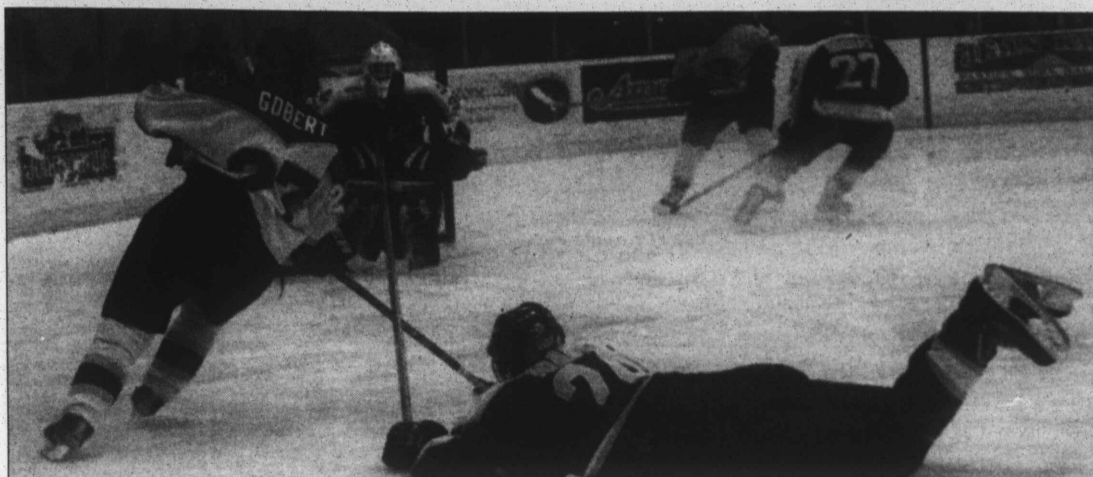
Northern didn't find the net as often when it took on Lake Superior State on Feb. 15, but were still able to come out on top, dropping the Lakers, 63-60.

NMU shot 39.7 percent from the floor (23-58) for the game and Lake State shot 32.3 percent (20-62).

Grubaugh had 13 of her

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Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior forward Chris Gobert leaves LSSU freshman defenseman Mark Adamek behind and goes on to score Northern's first goal in its 2-1 win on Feb 14. The Lakers beat the 'Cats the next night, 4-2.

## Lake State shocks NMU

BY ROB HAMILTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Wildcat hockey team rallied for one win, but could not complete a season sweep against the CCHA's last-place team, Lake Superior State University.

After winning two games against the Lakers earlier this season, the 'Cats split a home-and-home series with LSSU on Feb. 14 and 15.

In the first game, NMU scored two goals in the third period to earn a 2-1 victory at the Berry Events Center.

LSSU sophomore forward Derek Seal scored 6:25 into the first period to give the Lakers (2-19-1 CCHA, 5-21-4 overall) a lead that would hold through the first two periods.

"We had a lot of chances in the first couple of periods," senior forward Chris Gobert said. "Every time we'd get a chance for an open shot one of their sticks would get in the way."

Gobert finally evened the score at 5:48 of the third period. He took a pass from freshman forward Dirk Southern, beat a Laker defenseman and put the

puck through Violin's legs.

"I went to fake a shot and froze their [defenseman]," Gobert said. "I pulled the puck around him, came in and used a little five-hole move that I work on in practice against (NMU junior goalie Craig) Kowalski all the time."

Gobert also assisted on the game-winning goal with seven minutes left to play. Once again, Southern passed the puck to Gobert as they skated in to the LSSU zone. Gobert's shot was saved by Violin this time, but senior forward Terry Harrison banged in the rebound.

"I give our guys a lot of credit tonight," head coach Walt Kyle said. "They kept their composure and they waited till they had their opportunities."

Sophomore goalie Tuomas Tarrki started in net for the third time this season and made 11 saves. NMU outshot the Lakers, 20-4, in the final two periods.

In the second game, the Lakers scored twice in the third period and held on to earn a 4-2 victory, ending a 10-game winless streak. Each team scored a goal at the beginning of the first

two periods.

Southern and LSSU senior forward Jeremy Bachusz scored in first period, while senior forward Peter Michelutti and LSSU junior forward Chris Peterson scored in the middle frame.

LSSU freshman forward Jon Booras broke the tie 4:06 into the third period and Bachusz added his second goal of the game to put the game out of reach with 1:49 remaining.

Violin made 35 saves, including 13 in the decisive third period. Kowalski made 25 saves.

Southern said his team played well most of the game, but made little mistakes that cost them.

"We had a couple of bad turnovers that gave them some second chances and allowed them to keep it in our zone," Southern said.

Despite the loss, the Wildcats (11-10-1 CCHA, 15-13-2 overall) are in sixth place and still 18 points ahead of the last place Lakers.

"You never like to lose to a team that's that far below you in the standings," Kyle said. "Any loss like that is hard to overcome."

## Club team hosts Regional

BY ALEX PINA  
STAFF WRITER

The men's downhill skiing club team joined teams from all over the Midwest at Marquette Mountain on Feb. 15 and 16 for the Midwest Regional Finals.

With about 17 school club teams and one varsity team representing a large portion of the Midwest, Northern was able to finish in seventh place as a team on the weekend.

St. Olaf College, the only varsity school team at the meet, won the event and qualified as a team for the upcoming nationals.

On Saturday, senior John Lawrence was the highest NMU individual finisher in the Slalom event with a ninth place finish. Junior Steve Pirie was close behind with a 13th place finish.

On Sunday, once again it was Lawrence with the top NMU finish. This time it would be a strong third in the Giant Slalom event. With a seventh place overall team finish, NMU was unable to qualify as a team for the national competition taking place at Lake Tahoe on March 1 through 9.

After coming up just short the last two years and being named the first and second alternates,

Lawrence, winner of this year's Ryan Smith Sportsman Award, was able to string together the two fast and consistent finishes needed to qualify for Nationals.

Lawrence said although Saturday's finishes were a bit disappointing for him and the team, he was pleased with his finishes on Sunday, especially because many of his friends and family were able to come out and see him compete.

"Right now, I am still in shock," Lawrence said. "It has not really sunk in yet."

Lawrence said there will be a lot of tough competition at nationals.

All the top finishers in the nation will be competing along with a number of former Olympic athletes. However, he said his goals right now are to finish in the top 15, which he feels is attainable.

Senior Justin Weber, who was the third highest individual finisher for NMU in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events, said he felt that Saturday was disappointing due to a few crashes that took NMU out of the hunt for a national bid.

He said the team was pleased with their finishes Sunday though, as they were more consistent in the Giant Slalom. Overall, Weber said he felt that it was a good season for the team.

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# Nordic skiers compete in World Championships

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Seniors Chris Cook and Melissa Oram, junior Aubrey Smith and freshman Lindsey Weier represented the United States in Nordic skiing last week in the Under-23 World Championships in Valdidentro, Italy.

The U-23s are for skiers under 23 years old. This is only the second year for the event.

Head ski coach Sten Fjeldheim said it is for skiers who are too old for the Junior World Championships, which is for skiers younger than 20, and a bridge to the Senior World Championships. Skiers who compete in the U-23 championship can compete in Senior Worlds if they qualify.

"In this sport, you get faster as you get older," Fjeldheim said.

The competition took place beginning on Feb. 13 and lasted through Feb. 16.

The competitions were classical race, sprints and a double pursuit.

The classics were held on Feb. 13 where the women skied a 15K race and the men skied a 30K race.

For the women, Smith came in 12th place with a time of 47:49.3, 2:19.6 behind the leader.

Smith was the top U.S. skier in the race. Weier was 15th at 48:10.5, and Oram came in 20th with a time of 48:41.5.

On the same day, Cook finished 21st in the men's 30K classic. His time was 1:23.24.9, 4:43.3 behind the leader of the race.

U.S. skier Kris Freeman finished first in the race with a time of 1:18.41.6.

"The race results were a lot tighter than college races, and there isn't gap between skiers" Cook said.

Smith, Oram and Cook competed in the sprint events on Feb. 14. Smith came in 14th as the second U.S. skier.

*"It happens so fast, like a hundredth of a second and things can change. You have to be ready. This was a good lesson."*

—Aubrey Smith  
junior, nordic skier

Oram finished 24th. For the men, Cook came in ninth.

Cook said he was happy with his ninth place finish. He hopes to be able to stay in the top 15 in the future and have top five finishes on good days.

The final day of competition was Feb. 16 with the men's and women's double pursuit races. In a double pursuit race, the skiers ski both classic and freestyle techniques.

Cook said they started out with a classical mass start and skied 7.5K.

Halfway through the race, they came back to the stadium to switch skis and poles before skiing freestyle in the second half. The skiers use a combination boot that works for both techniques.

"It was a tough race," Cook said "It was the first one I had ever done."

Fjeldheim said the international federation of skiing (FIS) is trying to showcase this event for spectators. It is not an event currently raced at the collegiate level.

Weier came in 19th with a 31:26.8 for the women. Cook finished 33rd for the men with a time of 41:17.7.

Smith went from the U-23s to the Senior World Championships, which began Feb. 18 in Val Di Fiemme, Italy.

She skied in the 15K classic Tuesday where she finished 42nd with a 46:49.7.

"This isn't like a college race at all, and not like the U-23s I raced in last week," Smith said according to a U.S. Ski Team release. "It happens so fast, like a hundredth of a second and things can change. You have to be ready. This was a good lesson."

Back on the homefront, the Nordic skiers are competing in the regional meet at Johns Ridge, Minn. this weekend.

After that, the qualified skiers will look ahead to the NCAA nationals at March 5 through 8 in Hanover, N.H.

# Speed skater represents United States in Sweden

BY PAUL CAHEE  
STAFF WRITER

USOEC speed skater Shani Davis returned from Goteburg, Sweden with a 15th place finish overall at the World All-around Long-track Speed Skating Championships held Feb. 8 and 9.

Davis is originally from Chicago, Ill., and is currently training through the USOEC on campus.

Davis finished with the third highest point total in history (152.711) at the Regional Qualifier in Kearns, Utah in late January. He also earned a first place finish in the 5,000 meter.

His weekend total was the highest in the men's competition, earning him a spot on the U.S. team along with two of his current teammates, Chris Callis and K.C. Boutiette.

"The feeling (of these accomplishments) is good," Davis said, "It keeps me moving in the right direction."

Davis was the youngest speed skater at this year's World Championship, and said he was pleased with a sixth place finish in the 1,500 meter with a time of 1:53.72

Davis said the 1,500 meter is his strongest event.



Davis

His finish was the highest position taken by a North American skater in the event.

With this being Davis' first time competing at Worlds, he said he wanted to see what he needed to change for the next time he qualified.

"My goal there was to establish a foundation of where I would place," Davis said.

He said he is preparing to place higher and even medal in the next World Championship.

Davis has been speedskating for 14 years. He said he loves the sport because of the advantages that it gives to his life.

"I get to see the world and compete, and sometimes win," Davis said. "I come closer and closer to dreams everyday."

One of those dreams may be well within reach for Davis.

No one in history has ever qualified for both the long- and short-track world speedskating championships in the same year.

With the short-track qualifications just around the corner and an appearance at this year's Long-track World Championships already under his belt, Davis said he feels closer to that goal than ever.

"Every year I qualified for teams like Junior Worlds and World Cups, but this year one of my goals is to make both world teams in short track and long track," he said. "This has always been one of my goals, and so far I am half way through."

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# A guide to snowshoeing

What comes to mind when you think of snowshoeing? If you think of large wood framed tennis rackets tied to someone's feet, I would like to remind you, it's the 21st century.

Made out of lightweight aluminum frames and some plastic decking, today's snowshoes can get almost anyone outside in the winter for an enjoyable stroll on top of the snow.

The Outdoor Recreation Center at the PEIF offers snowshoe rentals for a reasonable cost of \$7 a day and \$15 for a weekend. When you are ready to buy snowshoes, sporting goods stores carry them and can offer their expertise in finding a pair that is right for you.

There are different snowshoes for all types of activities. The kind to get depends on the user's weight with gear, what they want to do on them and how well they function.

Snowshoes work by spreading your weight over a larger surface area. Instead of sinking in past your knee in deep snow, snowshoes keep you on top of the snow. The more you weigh, the larger surface you will need to keep from sinking.

You must add the weight of any gear you might carry to your

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BY DAVE MOSS

body weight. Unless you compensate, a 35-pound pack will push you into the snow, defeating the purpose of snowshoes.

After you figure out what weight range you are going for, decide what kind of snowshoeing you are interested in. There are three basic categories for snowshoes: trail adventure, all terrain and trail running.

Most trail adventure snowshoes are suitable for the beginner. These snowshoes are good on gradual terrain, but on icy or steep hills they will not perform well. Trail adventure snowshoes are not going to be very specialized for any use.

All terrain snowshoes are meant to get off the beaten path and challenge you against those steep and icy uphill climbs. They are going to be a little bigger and pricier than the trail adventure

category, but will allow more access further off the trail.

The trail running snowshoes are just for that. They are lightweight and smaller snowshoes designed for running on trails.

If you are looking for an aerobic workout while snowshoeing or want to take up the growing sport of snowshoe racing, these are the ones for you. They will not work well for hiking in soft light snow like the other categories.

At this point, there will probably be a few models of snowshoes left to choose from, so look at price and functionality of each model. Functionally, one thing that sets many snowshoes apart from others, is their binding system.

The binding system is what actually attaches your foot to the snowshoe. You want something that your typical winter footwear will easily fit into without being at either end of what the binding system can accommodate. I would recommend finding a binding system that you are able to use while wearing your winter gloves.

Take a chance this winter and try snowshoeing. Presque Isle Park, or Wetmore Pond off CR-550 past Sugarloaf Mountain are two scenic and relatively easy places to start.

## WOMEN

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career-high 24 points only 20 minutes into the game.

The 'Cats were up by nine with 7:25 left in the first half but their lead was dropped to six as the half time buzzer sounded.

At the 16:46 mark of the second half, the Lakers tied the game at 39.

Northern rallied on an 8-0 run in a period of five minutes to take the score to 47-39 with 11:28 left in the game.

Lake State sank a three-point-er with 4:14 left in the game to tie Northern at 56.

The 'Cats secured the lead for good on a basket made by senior forward Elena Keranen, putting the scoreboard at 58-56 with 2:10 left in the game.

Samuelson said the team knew they just had to keep driving at them.

"We knew we had to get stops and rebounds," she said. "They were in foul trouble."

Head coach Mike Geary said Keranen and Grubaugh stepped up and made some big shots in the team's last possessions.

"We wanted to make sure that each time down we got a good shot," he said.

The only other Wildcat in double figures for the night was freshman forward Michelle

Moard with 12 points.

Geary said he felt his squad's defensive game helped a great deal over the weekend.

"Defense intensity was key for us in both games," he said. "In both those games we shot it just well enough. We weren't anything special on offense, but defensively, we played well both nights."

With the victory, the 'Cats advance to 12-4 in the GLIAC and 16-7 overall.

NMU will take on Ferris State University (9-7 GLIAC, 14-9 overall) at the Berry Events Center on Feb. 20.

Ferris is coming in off two wins over Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State.

The 'Cats bring the action back home in their final home game of the season on Feb. 22 as they face Grand Valley State University (12-4 GLIAC, 21-4 overall).

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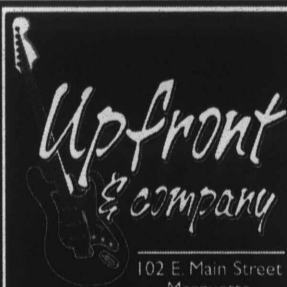
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**PERSONALS**

**Blue Eyes** — Holding you in my arms has never felt this good. I love you with all that I can — Rev

**KB** — Did I finally get it right? Sorry — CM

**My One and Only** — You are my life, my love, my happiness ... we are going to get through this. I promise — **The Blamer**

**Candy boy** — I love you, remember one year and your time is up, soon very soon we will be vacationing in Mexico. — Me

**SIS** — Thanks for all the presents, especially the coffee mug since we both know what happens when I don't get enough coffee. Wish I was spring breaking with you! Have fun for me. —sis

**Angie** — Two weeks before your in the mountains. Just a nice reminder for you. Luv ya! —Mel

**Becci** — Thanks for the pens. You rock! Where are you? — Mel

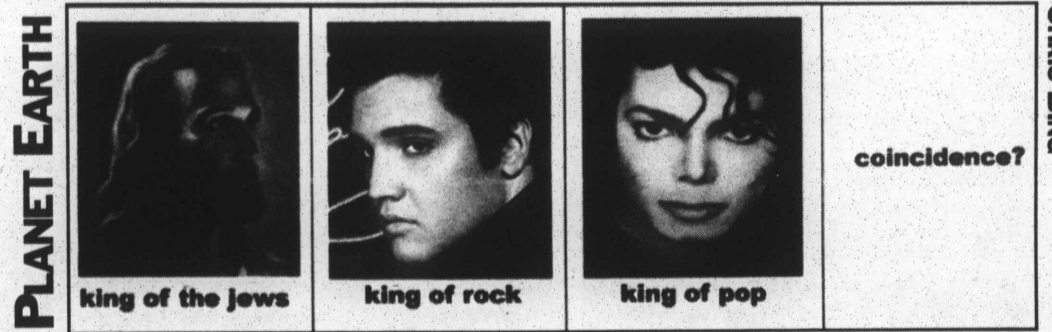
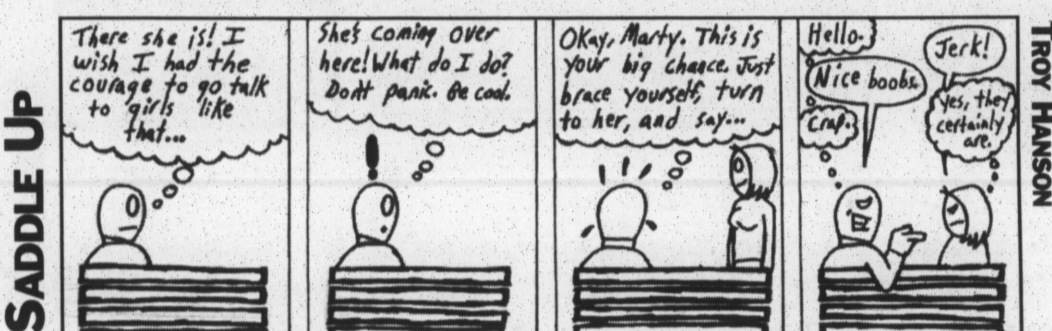
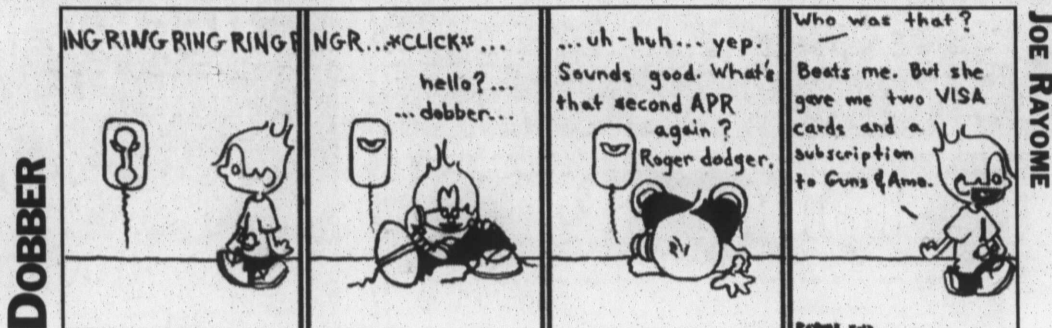
**Sam** — Shoot Straight, Killer — Liberal

**News boy** — I'm sorry I don't remember. Don't hate me, please — Tease #2

**Bing** — I don't get it. Is it a coincidence? What's the coincidence? Explain? — Chris

**OB nurse** — Yikes, what a week. It can only get better from here. I love you — Pro skier

**Staff** — Excellent job this week! One more issue until the adventure begins — Chief



**Theater People** — Thanks for tolerating my presence last weekend. I'm a big poser, but I had fun — Jeremiah

**Crackmonkey** — Hi. Happy birthday! Never grow up. Make it a rock star night! — Captain Damage

**West Coast** — Yay for paid performances. Congrats — Midwest

**Prisoner columnist** — Thanks for all your help this week. I really appreciated it — Rob

**Tease #2** — Don't worry, the adventures and pleasures aren't over yet between the three of us. The best is yet to come. —News boy

**Pal** — Wishing you a speedy recovery —pal

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Adam's pets  
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