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Douglas Kraft, a junior media production and new technology major and cameraman at Public TV 13, films a practice news broadcast in the TV 13 studio in the LRC basement on April 1.

Public TV 13, Radio 90 may stop broadcasting

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
STAFF WRITER

Students and community members are beginning to rally against the Budget Alternatives Committee recommendation to cut Public Radio 90 and Public Television 13 in order to save the university approximately \$1.1 million.

There are at least two student petitions circulating campus and one in the community, General Manager of Public Radio 90 and Public TV 13 Scott Seaman said. He said the state currently funds about \$857,000 to WNMU-TV and about \$493,000 to WNMU-FM.

In comparison the state funds about \$2.9 million for MSU's television station and \$1.2 million for the Central Michigan

University television station.

For radio, the state funds about \$833,000 to MSU, \$675,000 to CMU and \$514,000 to Western Michigan University.

Seaman said that no other institutions in the state plan on cutting their radio or television stations.

Currently there are 24 full-time positions in television and six in radio. They also employ 36 students.

Seaman said on June 30, 2003, NMU radio and television would lose four positions and \$238,500 of funding as part of the stations' elimination process.

Both stations will go off air one year later, June 30, 2004.

Students volunteer their time until they get the experience they need in their job field and students also have the choice to intern at the stations.

In addition, there are also classes offered that include time in the stations.

Seaman said the hands-on experience from WNMU-TV and WNMU-FM is what makes the broadcasting program at NMU good.

"I'm a graduating senior and wherever I land a job it will be because of my experience at public TV and not because of class work," senior media productions major Brad Leaf said.

He is the former producer and director of WNMU-TV. There are currently 110 students in the broadcasting department at NMU.

Broadcasting students said the department would weaken due to the loss of public TV and radio.

"I think they're overlooking the educational value of public radio

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Health Promotions faces elimination

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students seeking support and information on health issues such as alcohol awareness and sexual assault may have to look elsewhere on campus next year, as budget cuts may force the closing of the NMU Health Promotions Office.

The Budget Alternatives Committee has placed HPO on its list for elimination for the next fiscal year. If the recommendation is approved, the office will be closed July 1, 2003.

HPO provide access to educational information and referral services in

the areas of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sexual assault and HIV/AIDS. The program also supports students in making healthy lifestyle decisions so they can succeed in the college environment.

HPO specialist Lenny Shible said he was disappointed but not surprised that the program which he oversees may be cut.

"I've worked in education long enough, and in any time of tough financial times, tough decisions must be made," Shible said. "I may not have liked the outcome, but I think the decision was handled in a very professional way."

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Kelly Adams/NW

Health Promotions Specialist Lenny Shible discusses information about smoking with Jolene Nelson, an HPO student assistant and sophomore theater major on Wednesday.

Proposal concerns addressed at forum

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

President Judi Bailey and several members of the administration met with students during a "Let's Chat" session to hear student opinions regarding the Budget Alternatives Committee's recommendations on March 27.

The chat session was held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the student commons area of

the LRC.

Bailey began by complimenting both the student body and ASNMU for such a great turnout at the BAC's forum on March 20.

She said the BAC's feedback Web site has drawn in over 200 responses thus far and encouraged students to make more suggestions.

Some of the recommendations are already set aside and will not change, and

others the BAC is getting feedback on may be altered, Bailey said.

"Some things we are just going to do," Bailey said. "Things like cutting my administrative assistant, I don't need feedback on."

Prior to implementing the BAC recommendations, NMU will need \$10.2 million in order to balance the budget for next fall, Bailey said. This includes a loss of \$3.5 million for this year and \$6.5 million for

next year.

"This is not a one-time budget problem," Bailey said. "It may be 10 years before we see the budget rebuilt."

Senior sociology and liberal arts major Jamie Brisco voiced concern over a tuition increase for next year and asked Bailey if a program or student service could it be kept if students voted to compensate it with tuition.

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and television," sophomore electronic journalism major Chrisman Rachel Milnick said. "It's a good resource for us to learn things we can't necessarily learn in the classroom, such as production operations and on-air experience."

The loss of public TV and radio will not only affect the broadcasting program, but the community as well. Seaman said in areas where cable cannot reach, Public TV 13 is one of the few channels some people receive.

Seaman also said the stations are a major recruiting tool.

"Parents feel comfortable sending their children here because they have a link to the university through public TV and public radio," Seaman said.

WNMU-FM started in 1963 and broad-

casts 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. WNMU-FM radio serves as far as Menominee, Mich. and Marinette, Wis. Other cities the station serves include Stephenson, Iron River, Munising and Manistique.

WNMU-TV began cable casting in 1963 and established fiber optic/microwave connection to Ironwood and Sault Saint Marie in 1990. It broadcasts from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily and provides 24-hour cable coverage of PBS programs.

It currently reaches 165,800 people every week in Michigan alone and eight counties in Wisconsin.

"You don't get a second chance [to bring Public TV 13 and Radio back]," Seaman said. "It will be a loss in education, industry and cultural and intellectual capitol for the whole Upper Peninsula."

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Bailey said she could not make a promise of yes or no at this time, but did explain that a 1-percent increase in tuition equaled approximately \$24 a semester.

"We never want to raise tuition more than we have to," Bailey said. "But that is the sort of decision we need to make."

Bailey said the proposal of cutting the Wildcat Shuttle has been a concern to students.

Other students have questioned the loss of some of the athletic programs including the USOEC, women's alpine skiing and women's tennis.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy said the BAC looked at all sports when making deci-

sions. He said the decision to possibly cut women's alpine skiing had stemmed from the cost of transporting the team to events that were usually held far away.

"We never want to raise tuition more than we have to."

— **Judi Bailey**
NMU President

The proposal to cut women's tennis evolved from the constant change in coaches, Roy said.

"We are hoping to offset these losses with a women's track team," Roy said.

The next steps in the budget process include a Board of Trustees debate on April 8.

HPO

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Shible said the HPO program was becoming increasingly successful in reaching out to students. Last summer, the program received a grant of over \$70,000 in funding from the State of Michigan to sponsor alcohol-free events during Welcome Week at the start of Fall 2002 Semester.

Since Shible became the full-time director of HPO during the Fall 1999 Semester, he and his student assistants have spoken to classes and at other health-related forums, helped organize alcohol-free events on campus and dispensed information regarding ongoing health and lifestyle issues for students.



Shible

"We were just beginning to find our way in terms of aligning our services with various programming and other academics on-campus," Shible said.

Bill Bernard said the BAC recommendations are still subject to change.

"I don't want to give the impression that [the recommendation to eliminate HPO] is a done deal," Bernard said. "But the BAC had to look at what kind of things we could reduce or eliminate that would have the smallest impact on the entire student body."

Currently, a petition has being going

around campus in support of keeping the health office, HPO student assistant and sophomore theater major Jolene Nelson said.

The petition had about 300 signatures as of Tuesday, Nelson said.

Shible said he is looking into which HPO services could be continued at different NMU locations if HPO is cut.

The Vielmetti Health Center and resident directors and advisers from Housing and Residence Life and the had already provided educational tools and support services before the HPO existed, and will likely return to doing so if HPO is cut, Shible said.

"We're just going to have to figure out how to continue to offer [health awareness] services, but in a reduced way," Bernard said.

Shible said he was surprised and grateful for the responses he has received.

"I am greatly appreciative of the outpouring of support about the decision to eliminate our program," Shible said. "It definitely says something about the work we've done in terms of reaching out [to the community]."

Nelson said the HPO office is a positive part of NMU and would not like to see it eliminated.

"We've done activities with residence halls and many students have come to us for information on alcohol and drug education," Nelson said. "We've been a really good resource for students over these past few years."

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Local

Three people perish in house fire

PALMER — A deadly fire on Saturday afternoon claimed the lives of three Palmer residents. William Fossmo, 78, and his grandsons, Alexander Joyall, 5, and Austin Joyall, 3, died as a result of the fire, said Sgt. Don Brown, Michigan State Police Fire Marshall of the Negaunee post. Investigators said the fire started on the west side of the home's main floor. The children were staying with the Fossmos at the time of the fire. Ann Fossmo, who was also home when the fire broke out, was taken by ambulance to Bell Memorial Hospital and later transported to Marquette General Hospital. A memorial fund has been established for Michael Joyall, the father of the two children.

National

Congress approves war budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House and Senate Appropriations committees both approved packages on Tuesday of nearly \$80 billion to pay for the Iraq war and meet other security needs. The House panel, approving the spending package in a 59-0 vote, also added \$3.2 billion to President Bush's wartime spending request to help the airlines industry through its financial crisis. The vote came after the committee rejected efforts to increase domestic security funds and decrease aid to Turkey. While members of both parties supported the funds, Democrats and Republicans joined in denying Bush much of the flexibility he sought in deciding how to spend the money. However, the OK'd funds come before the April 11 requested approval date by Bush.

International

Countries argue on Iraqi holy sites

NAJAF, Iraq — The Iraqi regime and the U.S.-led coalition are accusing each other of targeting Shiite holy sites in the battlefield. Iraq's information minister said coalition planes were flying close to a sacred historic mosque in Najaf in hopes that aircraft vibrations would destroy important tombs inside. Al Sahaf accused coalition forces of bombing other historic and religious sites. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair, citing U.S. Central Command officials, said the Iraqi regime was using the Najaf mosque as a covert base of operations. Blair said Iraqi soldiers had taken over the gilded dome of the tomb of Ali, a landmark venerated by Shiite Muslims as the burial site of the prophet Mohammed's son-in-law.

Weird News

German artist sculpts cow dung

BERLIN — A German artist who transforms dried cow manure into wall clocks and small sculptures wants to expand his creations to include cow dung wrist watches. Bernd Eilts, 43, said the idea of using cow droppings came to him as he walked through a mound-filled field 10 years ago. He lets the cowpats dry out over a few weeks before sculpting, painting or lacquering them. He said animals that fed on fresh grass produced the best pats, but other foods made for interesting varieties. His trademark clocks cost \$140, and he said wrist watches and even alarm clocks may soon appear. Eilts made his first artistic breakthrough in the Dutch town of Groningen in 2000 with an exhibit titled "Bullshit."

— Compiled from news sources

Preparing for the future



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

A group of students from U.P. area high schools gather on April 2 in the Pioneer Rooms in the UC as part of their Wildcat Express Tour. The tour was hosted by the college day program.

Grad programs in danger

BY ERIC TREADO
STAFF WRITER

As a result of the Budget Alternatives Committee's extensive proposed budget cuts, three graduate programs are in danger of being eliminated from NMU.

The BAC committee has proposed to phase out the communication graduate program and the psychology graduate program over a two-year period.

The nursing graduate program will be put on hold, not admitting any new students until the budget allows.

"The BAC, in its best judgment, made decisions that effected some programs more than others," Communication Department Head Roger Towne said. "We have a costly program that was vulnerable to these cuts."

The communication disorders graduate program provides speech language pathologists that work in schools, clinics and hospitals in the U.P., and are pivotal in aiding Northern's Speech-Language and hearing clinic, Towne said.

The 16 students currently enrolled in the program will finish, but no new students will be

admitted.

"Our program has been the primary trainer for speech language pathologists in the U.P.," Towne said. "Our clinic, which serves 50 to 60 local children, will significantly lose productivity."

Towne said he has made a proposal not to terminate the program but put it in suspended animation.

His proposal is for the program to re-open once the budget problem improves.

"We will still provide a good undergraduate program for our students," Towne said.

The psychology department was disheartened in learning of the proposed cut of their graduate program.

"This is disappointing to our faculty and students, who have invested a lot of time and energy," Psychology Department Head Harry Whitaker said. "We have a very well-established national reputation, with every one of our graduates going on to a doctoral program."

Whitaker said the program enhances the academic quality of Northern.

He also said no other university in the U.P. could put a program

this good together due to NMU's resources and faculty.

Whitaker has put a proposal together to retain the master's program through accepting the budget cuts and sacrificing on an internal level.

"This program is important in our research activities as well as receiving grants and increasing the productivity of our faculty," Whitaker said.

The third program affected by the proposed budget cuts is the nursing graduate program.

Even though the program will only be put on hold, it has still produced concern in the department.

"We definitely want to keep the program," Nursing Department Head Kathleen Thompson said. "Through grant money to offset the loss of revenue and federal funds, we are optimistic that we can keep the program."

Thompson said the program is important in providing family nurse practitioners locally and rural areas throughout the U.P.

The students in the program will finish, but until further notice no new students will be admitted into the three-year program.

AMU testifies in Lansing

The Association of Michigan Universities testified before the House Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations on tuition caps and Merit Awards on April 2 in Lansing.

AMU is a unified voice for Michigan's student governments. Before they testified more than 200 students were expected to rally in support of AMU on the capitol building steps.

This is the first time in Michigan's recent history that a state-wide group of university

students has spoken out on education and specifically tuition.

"Students are typically thought apathetic," AMU Chairman and Wayne State University student said. "Well, this time we are not going to sit on the sidelines and watch our educational dreams tossed to the wind."

Since Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered her proposed budget to the state, AMU has been working with legislators to schedule a time for the organization to testi-

fy. AMU currently has 15 Presidents' Council members.

"Students opinion on higher education appropriations is not something to ignore," University of Michigan student and AMU member Rocky Byington said. "We are the consumers here after all."

AMU was founded in 2000. It's goal is to speak on behalf of all Michigan students on local, state and federal political issues.

— AMU press release

FORECAST

• **Friday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. High 32. Low around 15.

• **Saturday:** Partly cloudy. High around 25. Low around 8.

• **Sunday:** Partly cloudy. High near 30. Low near 10.

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Brown receives prison sentence

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Charles Brown, a former NMU student and USOEC boxer, received a sentence of four-and-a-half to 20 years in prison on March 28 for the incidents of sexual assault that took place in Halverson Hall on Nov. 15.

Currently, Brown is being held by the Michigan Department of Corrections for orientation, Marquette Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matt Weise said. He said he was unsure of which facility Brown is being detained in.

He said prisoners are held there until it is determined at what security level to house the prisoner and what facility to send them to.

Brown pleaded no contest to one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony and one count of first degree home invasion, a 20-year felony. Brown entered 11 rooms in Halverson Hall in the early morning hours of Nov. 15. Several female residents claimed they were sexually assaulted.

Brown turned himself in to authorities on Nov. 25.

Weise said that at Brown's first hearing he pled not guilty, but then entered into a plea bargain.

As part of the plea bargain Brown was to enter a guilty plea, however, Weise accepted Brown's plea of no contest during the hearing, Weise said.

Weise said his goals for the case were to make sure Brown was convicted, would serve a prison sentence and be labeled as a sex offender.

All three of these goals were obtained during the trial, Weise said.

"I am satisfied that he pled no contest," Weise said. "This way none of the victims had to go through a long, drawn out trial."

Brown's lawyer, Robert Juidici, said he had no comment on Brown's case.



Weise

Nader to address NMU

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Consumer advocate and presidential candidate for the Green Party in 2000 Ralph Nader will be speaking at 7 p.m. on April 7 in the Great Lakes Rooms.

The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and Nader will begin speaking at 7 p.m.

Nader published an exposé of the auto industry in a book titled, "Unsafe at Any Speed," in 1965. The book accused car-makers of disregard for the safety of their customers.

A senate hearing was held in reaction to Nader's accusations and the establishment of life-saving motor vehicle laws thrust Nader into the public sphere.

He has since worked with lawmakers in the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In addition, Nader aided in the drafting of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Meat and Poultry Inspection Rules,

the Air and Water Pollution Control Laws and the Freedom of Information Act.

Platform Personalities President Tina Sherburn said the group has currently sold just over 400 tickets for the event.

"We only have five days left before his visit," Sherburn said. "We are expecting the event to sell out."

Platform Personalities Adviser Rachel Harris said the last time such a big political figure was brought to campus was approximately five years ago when Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. visited NMU.

Sherburn said Platform Personalities began contemplating whether or not to bring Nader to campus after finding him listed on a Web site that advertised public speakers.

The group then sent out an e-mail survey asking the campus community who they would rather see, Nader or the Indigo Girls.

"Most people didn't know who the Indigo Girls are," Harris said. "Nader won by over 100 votes."

Nader will be driven from Green Bay by a Platform

Personalities member before he speaks at NMU because he will not ride in a small aircraft, Sherburn said.

She said she was uncertain of whether Nader just didn't like riding in small airplanes or if he chose not to due to safety reasons.

Harris said she hopes students will take advantage of the opportunity to listen to Nader speak.

Sherburn said she hoped students wouldn't miss the opportunity to see a man of this stature.

"Whether they are against or for his views, he has a lot to offer," Sherburn said. "He is a very educated man."

Sherburn also said she felt this was a great time to bring Nader to campus with the war in Iraq currently going on.

"He is a big political figure and he is also big on environmental issues," Sherburn said.

Tickets to see Nader are still available at all EZ ticket outlets and cost \$1 for NMU students and \$3 for non-students. For more information on Ralph Nader visit his Web site, the Nader page at www.nader.org.

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Benefit dinner raises funds

'The Greater Side of Gatsby' theme for ninth annual event

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

The Hospitality Management Program will be hosting its ninth annual scholarship fundraising theme dinner from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on April 11 in the Jacobetti Center.

This year's theme is "The Greater Side of Gatsby."

"In planning this year's dinner students were particularly sensitive to the challenges that we are all facing given today's world events," Technology and Applied Sciences Professor Yvonne Lee said. "Careful thought was given to selecting a theme that would celebrate our culture and our ability to flourish."

She said students wanted to transport guests back to a happy time period, filled with fascinating characters and story lines.

"Like Jay Gatsby, students will try to repeat the past with a marvelous food and beverage menu in an entertaining environment reflective of the opulent dinner parties Gatsby hosted," Lee said.

Jay Gatsby was the center

character in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby."

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. with a poached salmon pre-entree.

Junior hospitality management major Bri Carrow said the event is put on by the banquets and catering class which holds the banquet as their year end annual event. Carrow is the marketing and sales manager for this year's dinner.

"This is the learning experience for our class," Carrow said. "Our class is centered around planning and putting on this large scale dining event."

She said the students began the semester by choosing a concept theme for the dinner.

Students then choose décor, what food to serve and selling tickets.

"We chose this theme because we wanted something carefree from American history," Carrow said.

The decorations for this year's dinner will include lots of flowers to create an outdoor atmosphere, Carrow said.

A trio of appetizers will be served and will be accompanied by a cash bar featuring mint juleps and champagne.

The dinner menu includes a choice of three entrees including bourbon baked ham, beef tenderloin in a cognac mustard sauce or mussels steamed in lager beer.

A caesar salad will also be served.

Tickets for the dinner will be on sale through April 4 and are \$75 per person.

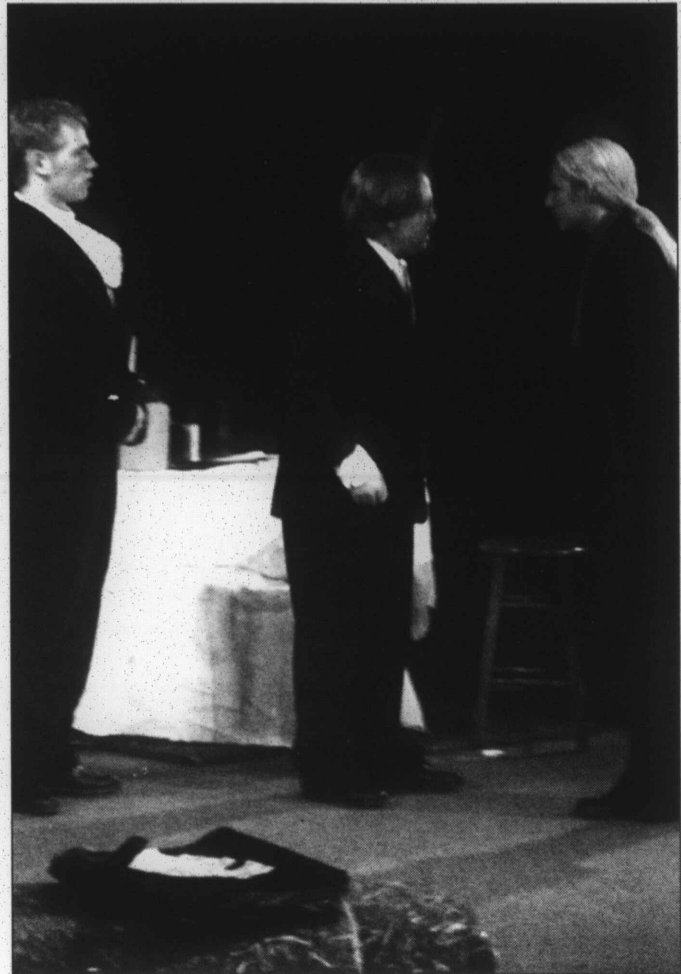
"Careful thought was given to selecting a theme that would celebrate our culture and our ability to flourish."

— Yvonne Lee
Professor of Technology and Applied Sciences

All profits will go to support both the American Culinary Arts David Sonderschafer Students Memorial Fund, in honor of the late NMU culinary arts professor and the Thaddeus Bogdan Endowed Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a retired NMU faculty.

To make reservations to attend the dinner or for additional information, call 227-2067 or 227-2135.

The devil's advocate



Adam Westhouse/NW

Sophomore English major Jason Kent, sophomore theater major John Pann and freshman international studies major Kristen Karls perform in "The Devil and Daniel Webster," as part of the Black Box Theatre plays held April 2 through 5.

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EDITORIAL

Candidate review

The ASNMU elections are on Tuesday. Representatives on ASNMU serve as the students' voice to the administration, and all students should take a few minutes on April 8 to cast their vote to choose which of their peers will speak for them.

Four presidential candidates are running this year: Jaime Brisco, Jesse Maier, Kyle Ortiz and Gary Roehm. With current President Carissa Waters stepping down, there will be a void of leadership in the primary position, forcing students must seek experience on other levels to aid in the transition to a new president.

To effectively govern the student body, the new ASNMU president will be expected to immediately jump into the position and accomplish tasks. The transitional period must be minimal to set the tone for the entire governing body and address issues that arise immediately.

While each of the four candidates has experience in leadership roles on campus, Brisco and Ortiz, the two with previous ASNMU experience, stand out.

Brisco is serving as a member of the Student Finance Committee, which is a standing ASNMU subcommittee. Ortiz is currently an off-campus representative and has served on four university committees.

The North Wind staff interviewed all presidential candidates, but found Brisco and Ortiz were both articulate and composed when answering questions. Through their answers, which are available in part on Page 2B of the ASNMU ballot guide in this issue, it was clear to us that they will listen to student needs and take the appropriate measures to ensure that those needs are heard by the administration and acted upon.

While the other candidates have good intentions, the student body should take advantage of the candidates showing previous ASNMU leadership and dedication to the students and then make a decision based on who they think will be the best.

Both Brisco or Ortiz could successfully lead the student body and take ASNMU to a level of activity and visibility that it has lacked this year.

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Student soldier has pride and courage

I'm writing in regards to our current situation in Iraq and how I personally feel about the situation.

As a fellow Wildcat, I would much rather be in the ever-changing weather of Marquette, but as it stands, I am currently in Fort Cambell, Ky., awaiting orders to head overseas. You see, I am a member of the National Guard out of Sault Ste. Marie and if someone had told me a year ago where I would be today I would have thought they were crazy.

Up until the day I left Northern and my life as I knew it, I still believed whole-heartedly that this wouldn't really happen, but obviously I was wrong.

Since the day I left the Soo I've seen, either in person or on the news, demonstrations protesting this war with Iraq and saying things like "Bring our troops home," or remarks against our president.

Personally, I don't see a problem with this — as Americans we have the right to free speech — but when demonstrations affect the movement of troops like in Traverse City, I think it is outright wrong.

Remember who is defending your right to speak freely — the same people that are putting their lives on hold, and on the line, going overseas and having to fight the likes of Saddam; people who hold no moral values, a person willing to kill his own countrymen not even for any reason other than they do not support him.

Imagine if America was like that, what kind of world would this be?

I thank God everyday I was born an American. And now when I am preparing to go overseas to defend the rights of my family, friends and fellow Americans, all I ask is for the support of our troops.

Whether you agree with the

reasons behind the war or not, don't hold it against the troops.

We've made the sacrifice and choice to defend our nation so that others can live in a free America as we have had the honor of doing.

All of the troops and their families are sacrificing some for this war, but some will sacrifice it all for what they believe in.

Personally, I know that if I do not come back to Michigan, that I will not have left this world for something I do not believe in.

I believe in the cause of this war and am ready to defend my nation until it is resolved.

Spc. Nathan Lehman
 1437th Engineering Company
 sophomore

If we cut the HPO, we lose a good man

When I came to Northern, I got involved in an organization through the Health Promotion Office.

Through this organization, I not only made some wonderful friendships with my fellow students I also made a friendship with the head of the office, Lenny Shible.

Last summer, I was looking for a job and asked Lenny if he had any openings in his office. As it turned out, there was an opening, and I have been working there ever since.

Now, due to budget cuts, the HPO is up for recommendation to get shut down.

I'm not writing this complaining that I may lose a job, I am writing to say what a horrible mistake it would be to cut the HPO.

Does everyone know what the HPO does?

We educate and provide students with information on topics involving sexual assault, drinking, drugs, smoking and STDs/AIDS.

Lenny has gone into classrooms to educate HP 200 classes and FYE seminars.

We provide many pamphlets

for students to take, have tables set up around campus offering information, and have educational activities such as "Reader's Theater" and the "Quiz Bowl."

The HPO provides various alcohol-free events around campus such as the "Night at the PEIF" and karaoke. We also sponsored ASNMU's "Safety Shuttle."

Lenny has worked with such student organizations as Copper County Pride, SADD and SHAPE.

If the HPO gets eliminated next year, who will these student organizations turn to for advice?

Lenny has touched many lives and is an important part of this campus. He brings a lot more to the job than is in his description. The BAC suggested eliminating this program because it is a "single-person office."

Though Lenny is only "one person," the knowledge of his subject has reached many lives.

If the HPO is cut, the university isn't just losing a "one person" office; they are eliminating a significant part of the NMU campus and experience.

Laurie Matecki
 junior, elementary education

Show of protest and support applauded

I want to commend the people who protested the invasion of Iraq by camping out next to the Cohodas building.

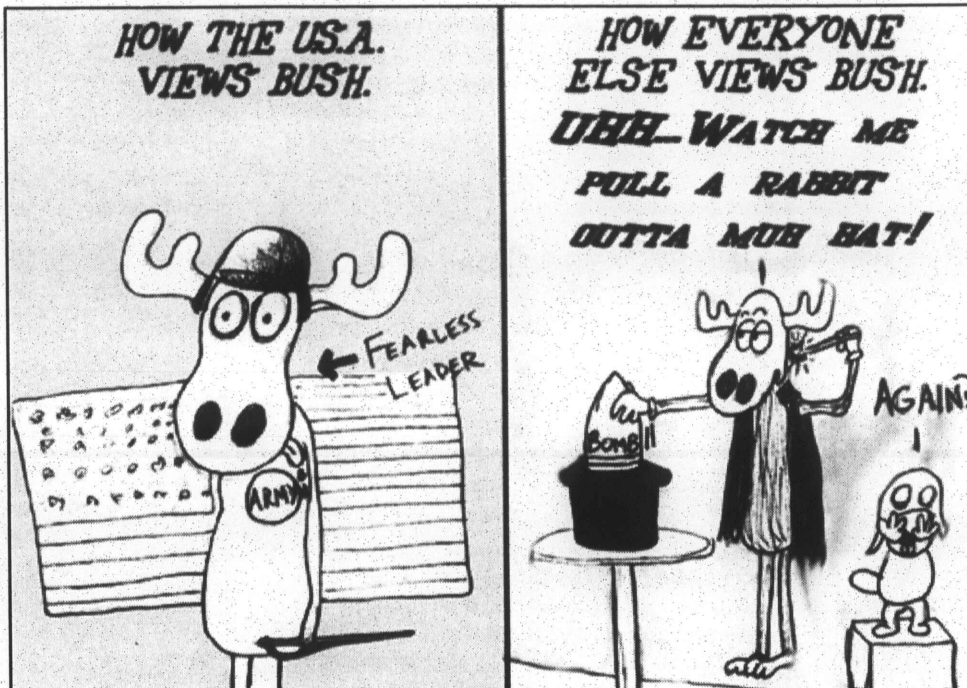
By camping out in our recent crummy weather, they shared in some small measure of the hardships our troops suffer, and thus were able to show support for the troops while opposing the Administration's policies.

Displaying the U.S. flag and putting their major protest sign under the flag was a nice touch. This was protest policy at its best.

Well done, ladies and gentlemen. And thank you.

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Failure to comment may hinder truth

We all hear stories of annoying reporters that follow around public figures and celebrities in hopes of revealing some story to the public.

In fact, I bet this is how many people view reporters. And before I made the decision to go into journalism, this is something that seriously weighed on my mind.

But I believe the public in general misinterprets the responsibilities of a good reporter. Our job is to relay facts to the public, to try to tell the truth and give a voice to people who would otherwise have none.

In addition, we inform the public of what is going on. Most of us have no intention of exploiting someone for a story, or trying to make anyone look well, like an idiot. But this

seems to be what some people think.

Since November of this year our newspaper has been covering the alleged incidents of sexual assault on campus and the case of Charles Brown, the suspect.

Writers have been trying to contact not only witnesses but Brown's lawyer, the prosecuting attorney and even Brown himself.

Brown and his lawyer refused to comment on the case.

Brown, however, could not because it may have somehow hindered his case.

Since the case has been made public, we have been notified on his behalf that Brown is claiming innocence. However, no one that could help us tell his side of the story has cooperated to give

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BY MARY ANN CANCELLA

reporters any information.

Therefore this side of the story has never been told. We are not trying to prove his guilt, only report the story. That is up to judge to decide.

It is crucial to always tell both sides of the story, and as a journalist it is extremely important to remain objective. But journalists cannot do this without the cooperation of our

sources. Without our sources we are just an editorial.

Too many times in my career here I have approached a source who is unwilling to be quoted in the paper. Don't get me wrong, there are many valid reasons to refuse being quoted.

But the press is not the enemy and the sooner the public learns that we are on their side the better off we will all be.

Things like the Pentagon Papers never would have been made public without willing sources ready to bring the facts forward for journalists to publish them. Granted, some journalists abuse their power, but most of us can be trusted to do the best job we can.

My father and I often argue about the good and evils of journalists in the media. But you

cannot let the terrible ones give us all a bad name.

"Next time a reporter asks for your help, rethink who you are really hurting when you decline to comment."

Without news, the general public would be left to fend for themselves to discover the truth and facts of what goes on in the world. Next time a reporter asks for your help, rethink who you are really hurting when you decline to comment.

You cannot fight injustice with silence.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary welcomes reactions to her columns at opinion@thenorthwind.org.

Get ready to anti-vote

There has always been trouble with the voting system.

There have been instances of people using aliases and dead relatives' names in order to cast extra votes for their favorite candidate. Trick ballots have been used which make it so confusing to vote that the candidate with the box easiest to check will win. Or vote counters who have trouble with simple addition (see: Florida, 2000 presidential election).

With the ASNMU elections approaching next week and government and presidential elections coming up next year, I would like to propose a new system in the elections: the anti-vote.

"... the sheer beauty of the anti-vote, is that instead of choosing the lesser of two evils, the anti-vote would reset the election."

No, this is not another unpatriotic suggestion from a war-opposing leftist who constantly complains about the state of our government but doesn't care enough to vote.

The anti-vote is an option that would be added to the ballots — it's not a person, but a vacant spot. You vote to not fill the position.

This is the choice for people who believe both candidates are unqualified for the position.

The current system says if a candidate is running unopposed, all they need is one vote to get them into office. But what if the general public doesn't think that unopposed candidate is fit for the job?

The solution: the anti-vote.

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BY CHRIS MOSIER

If the anti-vote — essentially the number of votes cast against the person running — outnumbers the votes cast for the candidate, that person is not elected and does not go to office, and the position remains vacant.

Besides, what fun are elections if there is no competition?

While it would be difficult to sling mud at an opponent that does not exist, the anti-vote will enhance the voting results and require that even candidates that are uncontested hit the campaign trail to ensure that people vote for them, and not the anti-vote.

The anti-vote wouldn't just work with one-candidate situations, particularly in smaller elections — city government, school board or student government elections — but it could work for larger opposed elections, like the presidential election or congressional positions.

Independent or third party candidates have filled a similar role as the anti-vote. In the last presidential election, Ralph Nader was like the anti-vote. If you thought both the candidates from the major parties were incapable of running the country (see: Bush, present situation), then you could vote for the non-traditional Green Party candidate Nader. Years

before him, that loud-mouthed little man and independent candidate Ross Perot was the anti-vote.

Granted, neither Nader or Perot were competition for the two major parties, but perhaps repetition of the idea of not having an idiot in office would be enough to propel the anti-vote.

The difference between a third candidate and the anti-vote, and really the sheer beauty of the anti-vote, is that instead of choosing the lesser of two evils, the anti-vote would reset the election. If the anti-vote won over both candidates, the election would be wiped clean and parties could attempt to find two better candidates to bring in.

The only issue I see with this is that you can't please everyone all the time. But surely, in a country where ex-professional wrestlers can be voted in to run cities and have one of the highest approval ratings of all politicians, someone out there could please enough people to beat the anti-vote.

It's quite obvious that a little personality can go a long way.

Like any brilliant idea in it's beginning stages, the anti-vote may require some tweaking and planning to implement.

But with some sort of committee to keep this and election process rolling, the anti-vote could be the best thing in spicing up politics since Monica Lewinski.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris has nothing but love for the people on and running for ASNMU. She welcomes comments to her columns at editor@thenorthwind.org.

SOUND OFF

Is it important to vote in the ASNMU elections next Tuesday? Why or why not?



Toni Bielas
junior, communication disorders

"Yes, it is the least that you can do to make sure that ASNMU is heading in the right direction. Your vote counts."



Jessica Compton
junior, outdoor recreation leadership

"Yes. Get some students in there who will make an impact and do something for us in the student body. You need to vote for this to happen. So vote."



Lacy Harmon
senior, electronic journalism

"Of course it is important. These people are going to be making decisions that will affect the students."



Jake Larson
junior, social studies

"No, because I am not involved in much on campus, and frankly I couldn't care less."



Dan Pennala
senior, psychology

"Yes, it's time for the student body to take a stand and fight the power."



Paul Vessels
senior, criminal justice

"Sure, somebody has to vote. I just won't be the one."

— Compiled by Becky Compton

Counting Crows to play

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Modern rock band Counting Crows will soon pay a visit to NMU as part of their 2003 world tour.

Although floor tickets are sold out, about 1,500 tickets remain available for the Counting Crows' April 14 concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

The Crows are currently scheduled to perform for at least two hours, while the five-piece Nashville, Tenn. band Blue Merle will open the show, playing a blend of bluegrass, folk, blues and acoustic rock.

Tickets cost \$18 for NMU students and \$22 for the general public and are available at all NMU E-Z Ticket outlets.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., while tickets the night of the show will be \$20 for students and \$24 for the general public.

After forming in San Francisco, Calif. in 1990, Counting Crows released their debut album "August and Everything After" in 1993, which went multi-platinum.

Since then, the band has released three additional studio albums, "Recovering the Satellites," "This Desert Life"

and "Hard Candy," plus a live album, "Across A Wire: Live in New York" in 1999. Critics have compared the Crows' rootsy brand of rock to that of Van Morrison, The Band and R.E.M.

The Crows have also become a popular touring act, led by chief singer and songwriter Adam Duritz. Their latest album, "Hard Candy" was released in July of 2002, featuring the single "American Girls" and a cover of Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi," which is currently receiving modern rock radio airplay.

The total cost of the concert is about \$70,000, Northern Arts and

Entertainment President Erin Spencer said. She said the stage production for the show will be the largest that NAE has worked with for any concert at NMU so far. The event is sponsored by NAE, the student activity fee and WMQT radio.

NAE is hoping the turnout for the show will be a success so that more big-name concerts will be brought to NMU next fall and in the future, NAE member Bob Rustman said.

"We are really looking forward to bringing a rock band to NMU," Rustman said. "It should be a great show."



Photo courtesy of Counting Crows Web site
Counting Crows will be performing at NMU at 7:30 p.m. on April 14 in the Berry Events Center. Tickets are \$18 for NMU students.

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America's game tarnished

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

The Major League Baseball season's first pitch was thrown Sunday night, and ballparks across the country were at capacity on Monday, the first full day of ball. Some of those same seats in many of those ballparks will be vacant in a week, not used again until next season on opening day. "America's pastime" has become Americanized to the point of crumbling.

Baseball has become an under-appreciated sport in some aspects, and there is blame to be placed in many areas for this. Greedy players, selfish owners and unappreciative baseball fans are all contributing to the game's slow demise.

The game was devised by Abner Doubleday in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839. Baseball has outlived many nations. Nevertheless, Americans have united to tarnish a great sport and tradition.

Greedy by both the MLB players and the team owners has created a corporate type of segregation seen throughout our society today. The rich owners get richer and remain in pennant races, while the less-lucrative owners have trouble earning victories, filling seats and retaining their best players. With no salary cap in place, the best players often leave the lower-revenue teams for teams whose ownership can pay them absurd amounts of money; Texas Ranger Alex Rodriguez is under a contract that will pay him \$252 million over the course of 10 years. But Rodriguez — because he was only 25-years-old when he signed two years ago — is actually worth this price in the inflated MLB market.

Despite the nature of the market, with salaries most people cannot fathom, it is discouraging to see how some view the game right now. Even people who have played before complain that baseball is too slow. While there are a few hitters and a small number of pitchers in the major league who take excessive amounts of time in the batter's box and on the pitcher's mound, few players can actually be speedy due to the very nature of the game. Baseball is a game of inches and instincts, and professionals need to remain as focused as possible on the field to be effective. If more people could relax and be patient, Major League Baseball might have more fans.

Patience, however, is not something people naturally endorse at a sporting event. Americans are often too busy to enjoy a baseball game. Today's MLB games have people scattered throughout the stands checking e-mail on cell phones and text messaging as pitchers throw 93-mile-per-hour sliders. Alas, it is the American way to shove aside honest appreciation for more fickle things like technology.

As MLB fans disappear, the National Football League has become the strongest professional sport in the United States. Much of the NFL's success is due to the fact they have a fair salary cap that keeps teams from buying too many good players, which is one way teams try to buy championships. Last year's MLB World Series champion, the Anaheim Angels, was a mid-market team in terms of revenue, and so were their World Series opponents, the San Francisco Giants. It was a relief to see quality mid-market owners can still build teams good enough to win, but that is becoming increasingly rare.

From 1990 to 2001, at least one big-market team has reached the World Series, and these teams won eight of the championships; 1994, however, was a strike year that also damaged baseball's reputation, and no World Series was held that year. The New York Yankees, MLB's richest team, have purchased four championships since 1996.

The business of professional baseball needs to improve, but that seems unlikely in a greedy society. Despite the state of Major League Baseball and our former national pastime, the precision, focus and talent that baseball demands should be enough to fill the seats for small-market teams like the Detroit Tigers each summer.

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

Northern receives 'first aid' in music scene

BY YONIKA WILLIS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

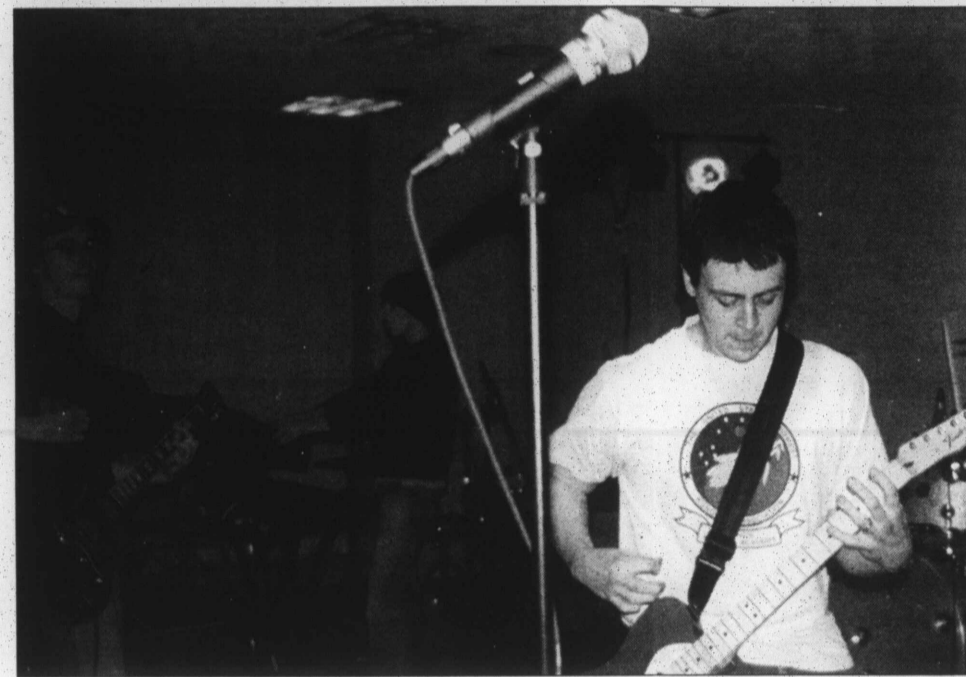
Two weeks ago, rap artist Ludacris rocked the stage of the Berry Events Center, and two weeks from now the Counting Crows are sure to entertain audiences in the BEC as well. However, for those looking to find entertainment outside of these two specific musical genres, First Aid, a student organization dedicated to promoting concerts at NMU that students may not otherwise have the opportunity to hear, formed this semester.

"It was essentially the brain child of me and some other people," said Kory Phare a junior media production and new technology major and president of First Aid.

Phare had the idea to start an organization such as this on campus for about a year. When he realized there was money available from the student finance committee, he took advantage of that opportunity.

"If there is money in the SFC just waiting for people to ask for it and there are groups similar to ours, we figured why not try this out and hopefully be in existence for years from now," Phare said.

Ross Graham, sophomore marketing major and production coordinator for First Aid, said since the group is a student organization, they make full proposals to the SFC



Scott Salisbury/NW

Last week First Aid brought indie rock band Red Hot Valentines to perform in the University Center. First Aid brings bands of various musical genres to play on campus.

and bring them budgets for specific bands.

"We use that money to pay for sound and lighting and the bands," Graham said. "It's a non-profit organization and if we make any extra money, we give it back to the SFC."

Phare said many students in the organization are in bands themselves and know how it is to play a gig and not be compensated financially for it.

"We all know what it's like to get to play and not get covered for the performance

financially — sometimes they can't even eat off of what they get paid for," Phare said.

Graham said First Aid wants to acquaint people with culture and give them the opportunity to see a new perspective on music and to experience different types of music.

"If you look at this year, there are two big concerts on campus, Ludacris and the Counting Crows, which appeal to two specific genres of entertainment," said Jason Barnes, a senior English major and treasurer

of First Aid. "A lot of students are from big towns where they're used to driving a half an hour to see entertainment and this year we found a specific genre of music that wasn't a specific music type catered to campus. We're trying to entertain students that aren't usually entertained."

Last weekend, First Aid brought two indie rock bands, The Red Hot Valentines and Spitafeld, from Illinois, to perform on campus.

Barnes said the organization was really surprised with the turnout of over 100 people.

"We try to avoid as much chaos as possible and from the crowd's response we thought they really had a good time and hopefully introduced some students to a new music experience," Barnes said.

Graham said he's only heard good things about this weekend's concert.

"People said things went over really well," Graham said. "They said it sounded good and they loved the bands."

The group decided on who to bring to campus by listening to CDs or music of bands people in the organization have heard of and then decide to bring them up.

On April 18, the First Aid will introduce the band Alkaline Trio, who they've been working at getting since January.

"We know Alkaline Trio is going to be successful and we encourage as many students that would like to see that type of band and entertainment to show up," Barnes said.

Phare said next year First Aid is already looking to bring three or four shows to campus.

Assault crimes more common than admitted

BY JOSH JOHNSON
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

One in four women have been wronged. One in four women have been violated, scarred or abused in a way which can never be forgotten or taken back. One in four women will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime.

This startling statistic is not represented just by numbers but by the faces and lives of those who have endured sexual assault. For NMU, this statistic translates to more than 1,000 female students who will become victims.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a month set aside to education and prevention regarding a disturbing trend of growth of sexual violence in the United States.

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reported from 1998 to 1999 the overall violent crime rate decreased 10 percent, while rape increased by 20 percent and sexual assault by a third.

Mary Pelton-Cooper, a psychologist with Counseling and Consultation Services, defined sexual assault as unwanted sexual contact forced on another person through emotional or physical

force.

Pelton-Cooper said sexual assault is violence that can occur at any time or place, although the actual statistics concerning sexual assault are very hard to estimate.

She said determining the number of sexual assaults which occur on campus is difficult because many of the reported incidents happen outside of campus or out of town.

Kim Dishnow, a sexual assault response program coordinator with the Women's Center in Marquette said of all the sexual assaults that occur, only 10 percent are reported.

Dishnow said sexual assault is a significant problem on campus. Statistics provided by NMU Public Safety show two incidents of sexual assault were reported in 2001, with one incident being unreported.

Date rape is a major form of sexual assault, Dishnow said. Date rape drugs such as GHB, rohypnol and ecstasy are becoming more prevalent in the Upper Peninsula and can be ordered on the Internet, Dishnow said.

"We've seen a huge jump in the number of date rape incidents," said Carol Carr, community development coordinator for Planned Parenthood.

Carr said the odds of sexual assault skyrocket when drugs or alcohol are present. Alcohol is the

most popular substance used for date rape.

Sexual assault is much more common at parties, especially at the beginning of each school year when students return to campus, she said.

Though the prevalence of sexual assault is astounding, Dishnow said there are some steps to take to help prevent it such as watching drinks and keeping them with you at all times. Drink responsibly. Use the buddy system when going to a party and check up on each other from time to time.

Dishnow said the Rape Aggression Defense class offered through NMU also empowers women in case they are ever attacked.

Though there is no excuse for someone to sexually assault another, the responsibility is carried by everyone. "Sexual assault prevention does not rest with the survivor," Pelton-Cooper said. "It rests with the entire population."

Though talking about sexual assault is still somewhat taboo in our society, people need to talk more about sexual contact in order to communicate what is appropriate, Pelton-Cooper said.

Dishnow said blaming the victim is a common defense for sexual assaults.

"Out of the hundreds of people

Recognizing Sexual Assault

If this has happened to you, you may be a victim of sexual assault:

- Forced into any type of unwanted sexual activity
- Being threatened to engage in sexual activity
- Awakened after a night of partying at a bar or club and not being able to remember what happened the previous night — also possible signs of date rape.
- Being touched in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable and then being asked to keep it a secret
- Being in the situation where someone takes photographs of you without permission and asks you to keep it a secret
- Aren't able to eat, sleep, trust, think or talk with friends
- Feeling sad, angry, helpless, confused and dirty

I've talked to, blaming the victim is the common denominator," she said. "Victim blaming needs to cease. It's not their fault."

Carr said a victim's friends and family are important in the recovery from a sexual assault. Accompanying the victim to medical or legal procedures and just being there is the best way a friend can help the victim, she said.

"Just let that person know that

you're there for them," Carr said.

The NMU Counseling Center provides counseling and therapy for anyone who has experienced rape or sexual assault and can be reached at 227-2981.

The Women's Center offers crisis counseling and has a therapist on staff, along with support through any legal process.

The Women's Center can be reached at 225-1346.

Producer, composer 'bowls' over Gonzo film

CONVERSATION WITH

Producer/Composer, Jeff Gibbs

Former NMU Counseling Center Drug Prevention Specialist Jeff Gibbs had worked as a social worker for much of his life, but when filmmaker Michael Moore, his friend from their days at Flint Beecher High School in Flint, Mich., asked him to help him out with a documentary he was working on, Gibbs' life changed forever.

Gibbs produced and composed the main musical score for "Bowling for Columbine," a winner of 22 awards including the Academy Award for Best Documentary and the Caesar Award (the French Oscars) for Best Foreign Film. "Bowling for Columbine" explores gun violence in America through dozens of interviews, including NRA spokesperson Charlton Heston, rock artist Marilyn Manson, survivors of the Columbine shootings and members of the Michigan Militia.

Gibbs sat down with North Wind Managing Editor Rob Hamilton for an interview before presenting his movie during a Gonzo media production on March 27.

What goals did you have when you first started filming?

Gibbs: I was really upset that where I grew up, I could no longer go there in safety because of so many guns. It was always a rough place, but I wanted to know: Where the hell did all the guns come from and why is it that [America] keeps ignoring places like Flint Beecher? For Michael (Moore), I think it was more — why are we such a violent nation? Why do we have so many more gun deaths? Why is it that we've got some little war going on somewhere all of the time?

As you started making the film, did any of your objectives change because of some of the things you found?

Gibbs: I think the biggest turn (from our original thoughts) was thinking the problem was maybe guns per say. We began to understand the connection between not taking care of the least among us and the desperateness and the violence and the fear and threat that really emerges. How can we think about \$70 billion for Iraq or rebuilding the home of the Wall Street traders, while there are still millions of children living below the poverty level? I just don't understand that.

Were you surprised by the success of this movie both in the United States and internationally?

Gibbs: I've been pretty stunned. I knew we had a good movie, but I had never made a movie before so I was nervous to even think about it. When we were wrapping up and I was working on the music (for the Web site), Michael leaned over and said "Do you think anybody around us knows that we might be working on the best movie of all time?" I've talked to other crew members and they did have a feeling we were on to something special, but nobody really talked about it.

Michael Moore has received some criticism for his acceptance speech during the Academy Awards (which denounced the war on Iraq). Did you feel that it was the right place for him to make those comments?

Gibbs: Yeah, absolutely. The crew all agreed that we would like him to speak out rather than thanking us. It seemed like there was some kind of lid on commenting on the war. The coverage was terrible, nobody was saying a word in the media and I think



Courtesy of Traverse City Record Eagle

"Bowling for Columbine" composer and producer Jeff Gibbs talked to Northern on March 27.

that broke the ice. I think the reaction, I don't know, I'm not convinced that it wasn't manipulated. When you watch the tape the boos are so loud in the auditorium that you couldn't even hear him speak. I kept asking myself what are they going to do to shut Michael up. When you look at the people on camera you don't see anybody booing.

I 100 percent support veterans and our troops and the men and women that serve. These people deserve to be honored, but it's a shame that we're sending these young men and women off to kill or be killed, while the Bush administration has slashed benefits to veterans. I think you can love and support those people and still believe that making a pre-emptive strike on a nation that has not attacked us is a horrible mistake. I'm not a pacifist, I'm not against all wars.

During the film, the crew was put in many uncomfortable situations. How did you react to this?

Gibbs: I was scared half to death. Michael usually was too. He would sit there and tell himself, "Alright I've got to do this, I don't want to do this, this is dumb, but to confront the issues I have to go forward with it." For the Michigan Militia scene, I was responsible for getting the whole crew in. We were driving around this place and obviously even though they invited us there, it was like, do we really want to sneak up on this encampment of people with this heavy weaponry? I fire off guns, my uncle owned a gun shop, but to me, this movie was about thinking about who we are and trying to do better.

How did you enjoy your days at NMU?

Gibbs: It was some of the best times I've ever had and some of the worst times. I loved working at NMU and made many good friends. I lived in Marquette for 14 years and worked at several social service agencies around town.

Are you working on any other films with Michael Moore or do you have any other projects (music, books, films) that will be coming out in the future?

Gibbs: Michael's next film is about the aftermath of Sept. 11. It is likely that I will be involved with this project in some way. I am also working on my own film exploring whether we have pushed Earth's ecosystems over the edge or whether that's just environmental eco-wacko claptrap.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The full version of this story is available online.

TODAY, APRIL 3

Film: "Spirited Away" (PG) will begin at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102. All are welcome to attend. Free to students.

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 Marquette Room in the UC. First Aid is an independent music collective dedicated to providing regional entertainment to campus. Open to all students. Call Kory at 223-5315.

Meeting: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in Pioneer A and B in the UC.

Event: Lab III - Student Directed One-Act Plays will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

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

Deadline: Organizations wishing to participate in the Students Against Domestic Violence toy drive to benefit the Harbor House need to contact the Harbor House by today at hsmek@nmu.edu. Students that are not part of a organization are more than welcome to donate toys. The drive will take place on April 25.

Event: Lab III - Student Directed One-Act Plays will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Event: The Department of Music's NMU Student Chamber Ensembles will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. in JXJ 103. For more information call 227-2563.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Film: "Two Weeks Notice" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Open to all. Free to students.

Performance: NMU Student Chamber Ensembles will begin at 7:30 p.m. in JXJ 103.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Deadline: Last day to obtain 25 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the university (second block courses).

Film: "Two Weeks Notice" (PG) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Open to all. Free to students.

Event: The Department of Music's Student Chamber Ensembles will have a concert at 3 p.m. in JXJ 103. For more information, call 227-2563.

Deadline: Last day for a master's degree candidate who has previously applied for graduation to finalize graduation by submitting thesis, file papers or project. Candidates who have not completed their

requirements by this date will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.

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

Event: Marquette's Fourth Annual Holistic Health Fair will be held from noon to 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

Performance: NMU Student Percussion Ensembles will begin at 3 p.m. in JXJ 103.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Meeting: NMU Steppin' Out Ballroom Dance Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Call Janelle at 228-7178 or e-mail nmusteppinout@aol.com.

Event: Green Party member and 2000 candidate for president Ralph Nadar will be speaking about oil, war, and the government at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$3 for non-students.

Event: The Health Promotion Society is sponsoring a walk to school day on April 7. This activity is to help promote fitness and decrease pollution.

Deadline: Last day to nominate a professor for the Paulo Friere Award for excellence in teaching. Nominations can be dropped off at either 610 Cohodas, the Diversity Student Services or the ASNMU office. For

more information about requirements for nomination, contact one of these offices.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Vote: Vote for candidates on the ASNMU elections. Voting can be done online at <http://www.asnmu.org>.

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

Presentation: Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) and Dr. Hunt present "Reconsidering the Challenger and Columbia Disasters" at noon in Gries Hall, Room 165.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Meeting: Pagan Moon will meet at 9 p.m. in the UC.

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

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

Play: Lab III - Student Directed One-Act Plays will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Meeting: There will be a Spanish Club Meeting at 5 p.m. in JXJ's Language Lab, Room 203.

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Film: A Friend of the Deceased.
Presenter: From Poland, Dr. Bohdan Nebessio, East-European Film Scholar
For more information please contact M. Haltof at mhaltof@nmu.edu, or 227-1726.

Friday, April 11, 6:30PM

Film: L'Ange de goudron (Tar Angel)
Presentation on digital filmmaking: Filmmaking in Quebec, an Independent Cinema?
Program of short films
Presenter: From University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dr. Ritt Deitz, Quebec Film Scholar.
For more information please contact N. Kupper at nkupper@nmu.edu, or 227-2648.

Saturday, April 12, 6:30PM

Film: Alles Wird Gut (Everything Will Be Fine).
Presenter: From Germany, Dr. Fatima El-Tayeb, Afro-German film director and screen writer.
For more information please contact C. Strauss at csotirop@nmu.edu, or 227-1201.

Sunday, April 13, 2:30PM

Film: Passé bure (Silence).
Presenter: From Germany, Dorothee Plass, German film director and screen writer.
For more information please contact C. Strauss at csotirop@nmu.edu, or 227-1201.

This years International Film Festival is hosted by NMU French Club and has been sponsored by NMU's Student Finance Committee and the Government of Québec.

USOEC faces BAC budget cuts, closure

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

After 18 years in the Marquette community, the United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC) is preparing for challenging times caused by recommendations made by the Budget Alternatives Committee as part of the two-year \$12.75 million budget cut at NMU.

Under the proposed cuts, the USOEC will lose \$150,000 in university funding next year and will be eliminated in 2004.

USOEC director Jeff Kleinschmidt said the first reaction of the athletes and staff was one of shock and sadness, but people are continuing with their regular training.

"[People] are going to continue to do what they have to do and not worry about it," he said. "The athletes are going to train, the coaches are going to coach and the administrators are going to do their jobs."

If the USOEC is eliminated in 2004, approximately 60 athletes will lose their opportunity to train at the only Olympic

Training Center in the country that combines both athletics and education into one program. It is the only facility that is deemed an Olympic Education Center.

Kleinschmidt said very few athletes, if any, will stay at Northern if the program is closed down.

"Each athlete will make the choice for themselves," he said. "I assume some athletes will retire from their sport and go back home. I assume other athletes will try to go somewhere else and train. Many of them will drop out of school."

For those athletes who continue to train, Kleinschmidt said some may try to get accepted into the Colorado Springs facility while others will join the various club programs across the country.

The Colorado Springs facility is the largest facility of the four multi-sport Olympic training centers in the United States with over 12 sports. It is home to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The USOEC is the second largest facility.

Kleinschmidt said the USOC has been informed of the possible closing of the

Marquette facility.

"We're aware of the fact that the administration at Northern Michigan University has been asked to make a number of difficult decisions regarding programming at the university," said Darryl Seibel, a spokesperson for the USOC. "We also understand that funding for the Olympic Education Center could be impacted. This is a program that has been beneficial to a number of athletes and national governing bodies, so we know these decisions are difficult for the university."

Since the USOEC opened in Marquette in 1985, it has produced 388 athletes who have made an Olympic team. Of those athletes, 38 have won medals.

Kleinschmidt said if the program was eliminated, the 2004 Olympic team may not be affected, but it would have an impact on the next two or three teams after that.

"We're training the younger athlete, the college-age athlete, and those are the people who may not be on the next Olympic

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USOEC Quick Facts

- This year, 62 athletes trained at the USOEC, 55 athletes were NMU students.
- The center is home to USA Speed Skating, USA Wrestling and USA Boxing.
- The USOEC began in 1985. Over 22,000 athletes representing 35 countries have trained in Marquette in 27 different sports.
- USOEC athletes have won 38 Olympic medals.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman forward Dirk Southern will be the only returning player who scored double-digit goals this season. The team is losing seven seniors to graduation including top scorer Chris Gobert.

Season full of highs, lows

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Walt Kyle had some pretty big shoes to fill when he took over as head coach of the NMU hockey team last summer.

Kyle stepped in after Rick Comley, the team's only coach in its 26-year history, left to become head coach at Michigan State.

Comley led NMU to its only Division I National Championship in 1991 and seven NCAA tournament appearances. He racked up 597 wins, putting him seventh on the all-time college hockey win list.

Kyle was a team captain for Comley's 1980 and '81 teams and then was an assistant coach from 1982 to 1992.

But while Kyle said he learned a great deal about the way the game is played from Comley, he isn't interested in simply attempting to replace his former mentor by duplicating his philosophies and methods of success.

"I don't think you can be successful trying to replace somebody," Kyle said. "You have to be your own man and do things your own way."

As Kyle returned to Northern he brought new ideas and his own coaching philosophy from his experience as an assistant coach with the New York Rangers and Anaheim Mighty Ducks of the NHL.

"Comley was more of an old-school coach, where as [Kyle] had some experience in the NHL

and some newer ideas," senior forward Mike Stutzel said. "He's a leader. He's really going to take our program and turn it into something good."

Kyle set high goals in the beginning of the season. Playing with five freshmen defenseman nearly every night, he said he expected his team to compete for the CCHA conference title and the national championship.

"We're trying to set a high standard and the standard is to win," Kyle said.

However, the 'Cats played up or down to their opponents level all season. They finished the season with a winning record against the CCHA's top four teams, but they were also swept

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Tech reinstates football team

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Two weeks after Michigan Tech University eliminated its football program, MTU athletic director Rick Yeo announced Monday that the football team will be fully reinstated as a self-supporting program.

The football team was originally eliminated on March 18 as part of the \$5.5 million reduction to Tech's 2003-04 budget caused by state budget cuts. After an overwhelming response from Michigan Tech alumni, a plan was developed to make the football program completely self-supporting with private, non-general fund dollars.

Yeo said football alumnus and Michigan Tech board member Dennis Euers played a key role in developing the new plan.

"He took the bull by the horns and worked nonstop until he came up with the money to make the program self-sufficient," Yeo said.

The plan developed by Yeo, Euers, head football coach Bernie Anderson and MTU alumni was finalized after discussions between Michigan Tech President Curt Tompkins and key alumni leaders at the Michigan Tech Fund board meeting last weekend in San Diego.

The university's 35-member football council unanimously endorsed the four-part fundraising effort.

The new plan includes raising \$300,000 by June 1, 2003. The program also needs to generate \$550,000 in special event revenues, including selling 1,000 season tickets for five years. They are also asking for contributions from current players' family and friends.

By December 31, 2003, the program would like to receive commitments for a \$1 million football endowment. It would also like to generate future commitments for an additional \$3.5 million endowment.

"We have identified a group of individuals that have expressed a strong desire to support our program," Anderson said. "We're going to all the alumni."

Yeo said the majority of the contributions will be made by football alumni and friends of the program as well as the parents. Once the program can raise the endowment, the interest will be used to fund the team.

"The principle would always be there providing the interest," Yeo said. "That would provide enough to run the program."

If the football council is able to raise the proposed sum, Anderson said the team will be one of the best funded programs in the conference. He also said recruiting will be able to continue as normal.

"We expect before we start the recruiting year in December

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'Cats play final season

Despite the tennis team's success, track may take its place next year

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

After sharing the GLIAC tournament title in the fall, NMU's tennis team will finish what may be its final season at Northern this semester due to budget cuts recommended by the Budget Alternatives Committee on March 20.

The budget cut calls to reconfigure the woman's tennis and alpine ski teams with woman's track. According to the BAC's report, this replacement would save the university \$50,000 and eliminate the equivalent of one full-time position.

Freshman Agata Gotowicz from Inowroclaw, Poland said she did not anticipate the cut.

"I never thought that they would cut us, especially after winning the GLIAC this year," she said.

During the fall 2002 season, the team went on to share the GLIAC tournament title with Ferris State University. They also won the season title outright.

Individually, the tennis team members came out of the fall season with conference awards. Seniors Kris Koopman and Lavinia Janssen and were named to the GLIAC Women's Tennis First Team. Seniors Brooke Aronin and Heidi Ehlers were named to the GLIAC Women's Tennis Second Team. Sophomore Sabina Van den Bor was named to the GLIAC Women's Tennis Team as an honorable mention selection.

Head coach Troy Mattson was also honored as he was named the GLIAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.

Van den Bor said the tennis season was going to be switched

to the spring next year.

"Switching the seasons would have been tough for us because we do not have the facilities to play inside," she said. "We only have one court indoors."

The members of the team will be able to keep their scholarships for the duration that they would have played at Northern. However, with tennis no longer an option at NMU under the proposed cuts, some members of the team are debating whether to stay at Northern at all.

"We did so well, and there is no recognition for what we did. The money is more important to the university than the success we bring to it."

— Kris Koopman
senior tennis player

"Tennis is what I came here to play; it was like they took a part of me away when they took away the tennis," Gotowicz said. "I am not sure what I am going to do now."

At the end of the season, the tennis team will lose four seniors to graduation.

Koopman said as a senior, she is affected by the cut on a different level.

"It's a very sad feeling," she said. "We did so well, and there is no recognition for what we did. The money is more important to the university than the success that we bring to it. This saddens me."

Janssen said she also felt the team was not getting recognized for its success.

"I think that it's too bad that for several years we have been one of the best teams and we've

been placing at nationals and now we are being cut," she said. "For the four seniors, we pretty much knew we would be going our separate ways after this season, but right now we are trying to make the best of our season and have fun while doing it. We have a very good chance of making nationals and proving to the university that they are making a mistake. We're gonna do the best that we can."

The team ended the fall 2002 portion of the season with a 14-1 overall record and an 11-0 record in the GLIAC.

"It's just hard to watch something that we built up over the last four years and had such a great success get cut," Janssen said.

Despite the BAC recommendations, the team plans to finish out the spring season. The team was in Florida from March 21 to 26 for a four-match series.

The 'Cats went 2-1 and were unable to complete a match because of darkness.

NMU defeated the University of Tampa 6-3 and Florida Southern 8-1. The 'Cats lost to Rollins, 9-0, and their match with Eckerd was called due to darkness, with the score tied at three-all.

Janssen said the team was not used to playing outdoors with the heat, wind and sun.

"It took about a day to get used to the outdoor play," she said.

Janssen said the Florida colleges were tough competition.

"They were nice winds and it was good preparation for us for our upcoming matches next week," she said.

NMU will play again April 12 through 14 with matches against Ferris State, Wayne State and Northwood. If the team wins against Ferris and Northwood, the team has a good chance of being seeded No. 1 heading into regional play. The team is now 17-2 for the year.

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team but they will be on the one after that and after that," he said. "Think of it as a ladder. The step this program provides is very close to the top of the ladder, but maybe it's one or two rungs below the very top. When you pull that rung out of there, then you have to figure out a new way for those kids to get to the top."

Besides the effect to the U.S. Olympic program, the elimination of the USOEC would greatly impact NMU and the Marquette Community.

"Northern would lose immediately about 55 students, so you'd lose all the tuition money from those students, which is approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 a year," Kleinschmidt said.

The USOEC also pays \$200,000 a year for food service and \$150,000 for the use of the third floor in Meyland Hall. They bring in \$45,000 to the university in an administrative fee to run the program. By the year 2004, two new programs, weightlifting and women's wrestling, could be implemented into the center accounting for another \$140,000 in tuition.

Right now, \$220,000 of the \$590,000 the university provides the program is returned to the general

fund in athlete's tuition and administrative fees, Kleinschmidt said.

"The general fund will have some savings if the USOEC is not here," he said. "Other parts of the university (housing, food service) will lose (money) and certainly the community will lose (economically)."

Kleinschmidt said in addition to the resident athletes, an average of 700 people a year come through the USOEC for short-term programs.

"They are spending money not only to get here, but also they are spending money while they're here in town," he said. "So there's a significant economic impact loss on this community that goes well beyond the \$590,000 that NMU provides the program."

To stay in Marquette, the USOEC would have to independently raise the \$600,000 being cut from NMU's general fund. Kleinschmidt said the process of looking for outside funds is still in the early stages.

"Until the recommendations are finalized, we don't want to be panicking and going out there and seeking support," he said. "We have to wait until the board makes their decisions in April."

TEAM LEADERS

Senior forward finishes career without regrets

BY MICHELLE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

As the buzzer sounded at her last game wearing the green and gold of Northern Michigan University, senior Elena Keranen knew she was walking off the court with not only her teammates, but friends she will keep for a lifetime.

"I think some of the most valuable things you learn from a team are dedication, trust and to learn you have a commitment," she said. "I have definitely made some lifelong friends."

She said her senior season did not go as well for the team as she would have liked it to.

The team ended the season 12-6 in the GLIAC and 16-10 overall.

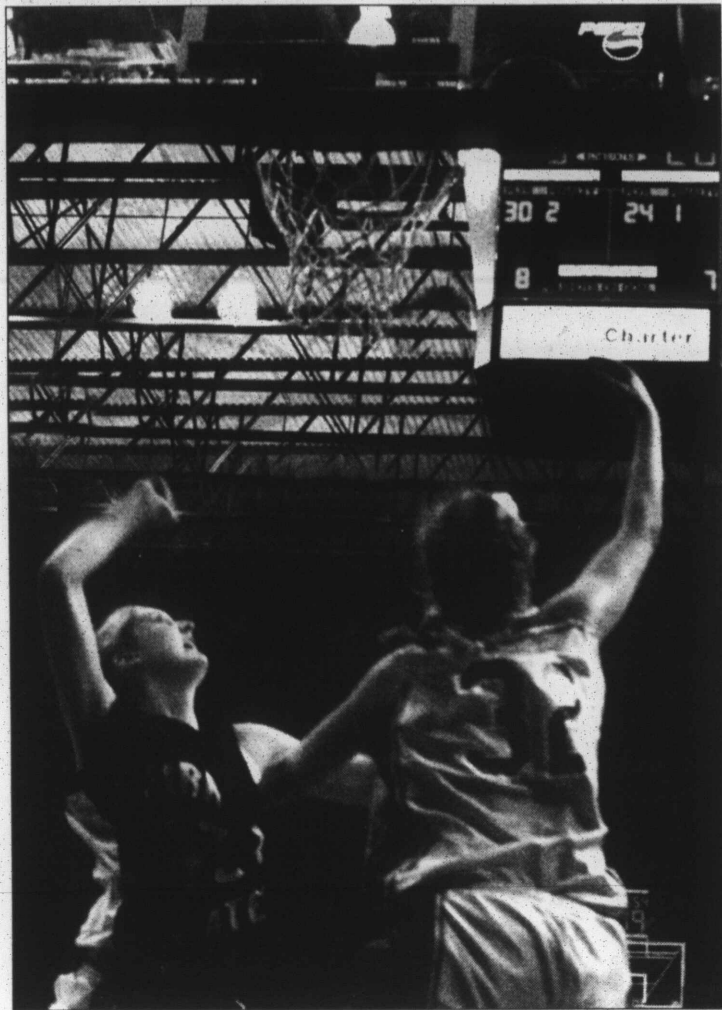
She said she believed they had enough talent on the team to go farther than the first round of the GLIAC tournament.

"There were definitely a lot of highlights though," she said. "There are no regrets. I just wish we could have gone further."

The 5-foot-10-inch forward has come a long way since the days of playing basketball in her neighbor's driveway.

"I have been playing since I can remember, probably since I was 6 or 7," she said.

She finished her senior year



Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior forward Elena Keranen ended the season with 266 points. She had 21 points combined in her last two regular season games.

with 266 points and led the 'Cats in total rebounds with 205 and blocked shots with 14.

She celebrated a career-high 25 points in a win against Finlandia on Jan. 20.

Keranen was named to the GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team and was ranked fourth in the conference in rebounding with an average of 8.2 rebounds per game.

Keranen said her junior varsity coach from high school, Irv Dieterle, played a large role in turning her on to basketball.

"I didn't know much and he taught me all the fundamentals," she said.

She said her parents have also been very encouraging during her career.

"They've always been very supportive," she said. "They come to almost all of our games, especially this year — they came to basically all of them."

In her four seasons as a Wildcat, one game seems to come to mind above the rest.

"My most memorable game was when we beat Tech at regionals up at Tech my sophomore year," Keranen said. "They had beaten us twice already, and we weren't given a prayer by the Houghton community, but we had a lot of fan support from home. We really came together as a team and beat them."

Keranen's time at NMU hasn't

just been all basketball though; she also steps up to the challenge of being a student.

"You have to balance classes and games, but it is very rewarding," she said. "You learn a lot about discipline and responsibility. Most professors seem to really understand, but they expect you to perform like any other student."

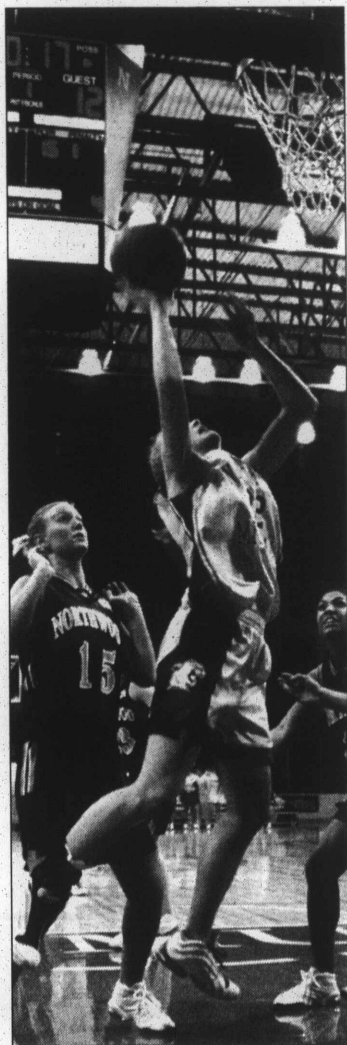
When it came to choosing a college, Keranen had many options other than Northern, but the closeness to her home in Ishpeming and her knowledge of the program helped her decide.

"I knew a lot about the program here because I live so close, and I knew Coach Geary was a great coach," she said. "They always had a winning program here, and I knew Coach could help me be all that I could be. I also knew I could get a great education."

Keranen said being really close to home and being able to be with teammates and people she grew up with has been a very rewarding experience.

Upon graduating, Keranen will be looking for a position where she can use her degree in special education. She also plans on keeping basketball a key point in her life.

"I have learned a lot from it, and definitely plan on coaching," she said. "I don't think I ever want to leave the sport."



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At 5 feet 10 inches, Keranen was able to lead her team in rebounds this season with 205.

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Olympic boxers take home seven medals

United States Olympic Education Center boxers took home a gold, silver and five bronze medals at the Everlast U.S. Men's Championships held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 24 through 28.

Samson Guillermo captured his first National title by knocking off Rafael Valenzuela of Phoenix, Ariz., in bantamweight (119 pounds/54 kilograms) action.

Guillermo moved out to an early 8-3 lead going into the third round.

After a fairly slow third round, Valenzuela came out swinging in the fourth and final round.

Guillermo turned out and landed several clean punches of his own after a strong Valenzuela flurry of punches, moving on to a 22-7 win to capture the title.

Roberto Benitez picked up his second straight silver medal at nationals with a loss to Raul Martinez of San Antonio, Texas in the national title flyweight (112 pounds/51 kilograms) division. Behind a number of left hooks, Martinez claimed his second consecutive national title over Benitez.

In their third U.S. finals meeting in three years, Martinez dis-

patched Benitez, 22-18, stopping Benitez short of winning his fourth national title.

In featherweight (125 pounds/57 kilograms) action, Dat Nguyen of the USOEC and Maui, Hawaii lost a close bout to Mickey Bey of Cleveland, Ohio.

Bey defeated Nguyen in a tiebreaker decision, 17-17, on a 72-66 total punch count.

USOEC boxer Chad Aquino of Kansas City, Mo. picked up his second national championship bronze medal with a loss in the semifinals of the light welterweight (141 pounds/64 kilograms) division.

2002 USA Boxing Athlete of the Year Lamont Peterson of Washington, D.C. defeated Aquino in the semis with a 14-8 decision.

In his first national championships semifinal, USOEC team captain Timothy Bradley of Palm Springs, Calif. lost to Andre Berto of Winter Haven, Fla., 14-7, in the welterweight (152 pounds/69 kilograms) division.

In heavyweight (201 pounds/91 kilograms) action, Francisco Palacios of the USOEC and Davie, Fla. lost to Devin Vargas of Toledo, Ohio, 27-7 in the semifinal round. Vargas is a two-time national silver medalist.



Courtesy of USOEC

Third year USOEC boxer Samson Guillermo, right, defeated Rafael Velenzuela, 22-7, to capture his first National title in the bantamweight (119 pound/54 kilogram) division at the U.S. Championships.

Davin King of the USOEC and Temple Hills, Md. picked up his second straight super heavyweight (201 pounds/91 kilograms) bronze medal. King took a 24-8 defeat to defending national champion Jason Estrada of Providence, R.I.

These seven boxers will be in competition again this weekend at the U.S. Challenge in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Challenge puts the top four athletes from National's against each other in the second ranking boxing event of the year.

This year's Challenge is even more important because the winner of the Challenge will earn an automatic bid to the Olympic Trials and a trip to the Pan American Games in August.

— USOEC Press Release



PROCESS TO ADDRESS NMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Persons wishing to address the NMU Board of Trustees at its Tuesday, April 8, meeting must submit their requests to do so by 5 p.m. Friday, April 4.

The public comment period will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Ontario Room of the University Center.

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Human intervention best option

An on-going problem in Presque Isle Park has been how to control the deer population. The park's carrying capacity — how many deer the ecosystem can healthily support — is approximately 15 deer. Any more than this number and the deer will eat themselves out of house and home, so to speak, destroying the vegetation in the park and their own food source.

Something has to be done to control the population because the deer do not have any natural predators in Presque Isle Park.

If allowing a person to kill the deer isn't your thing, the DNR could always introduce a small pack of wolves on the island to keep the deer under control.

If this seems a little outrageous to you, don't allow more sensible options to be eliminated.

Short of introducing gray wolves to the park, humans have

to intervene to protect the resource as a home for a limited number of deer as well as other plant and animal life and for the recreation of people.

This year, although a hunt was planned for the park, nothing has happened to control the deer population. At this point, shooting is the best way to keep the deer population within the park's carrying capacity.

Up until 2000, the deer population had been controlled by what some see as the humane method. The city obtained permits from the DNR to trap and relocate deer from the park elsewhere in the Upper Peninsula.

The DNR however, stopped issuing permits for trapping deer statewide, based on worries about Bovine TB in the state's deer herds. With trapping no longer an option, authorities decided to kill deer.

OUTDOORS COLUMN



BY DAVE MOSS

They hired sharpshooters who killed 60 deer to bring the numbers back down to the carrying capacity level. Since then, numbers have climbed again as NMU biology students and volunteers found during two deer censuses this past winter.

The city had to call off a hunt scheduled for two weeks ago because an interest group, U.P. Whitetails, got a court ordered temporary restraining order. With trapping and shooting the

deer ruled out as a means of controlling this population, the remaining options are dwindling.

One remaining option is to allow hunting in the park during the regular season under permits issued to average hunters. The problem with this is the park would still have to be closed this time in November, and longer if the bow season and firearm season were used. Letting Joe Six-pack and his shotgun hang out in Presque Isle Park adds some flaws to this idea.

The sure thing is something has to be done or else the deer will starve as they cannot find enough food for themselves. The deer will strip the park clean of vegetation with the eyesores they will become being the least of our worries.

The ecosystem needs a little help from humans.

TECH

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that we will be able to be in a financial position that we will know the future of the program," he said.

The returning players and incoming 2003 freshmen will all be able to retain their scholarships offered by the university for the duration of their eligibility.

The plan was developed in the two-week time in order to inform eligible players looking at other programs whether they would have a team in the fall, Yeo said. The reinstatement also alleviates the scheduling problems the GLIAC was facing with one less team.

Spring training will begin for Tech this Saturday.

"My hat is off to the alumni and friends of the program," Yeo said in a press release. "They took our original announcement as a challenge and developed a plan to meet that challenge."

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Opening Reception with film directors, screenwriters and scholars,
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Saturday, April 12, 9:30PM

Each film will be introduced by its director or scholar, question/answer session, following film screening. All films are subtitled in English.

Thursday, April 10, 6:30PM

Film: A Friend of the Deceased.
Presenter: From Poland, Dr. Bohdan Nebessio, East-European Film Scholar
For more information please contact M. Haltof at mhaltof@nmu.edu, or 227-1726.

Friday, April 11, 6:30PM

Film: L'Ange de goudron (Tar Angel).
Presentation on digital filmmaking: Filmmaking in Quebec, an Independent Cinema?
Program of short films
Presenter: From University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dr. Ritt Deitz, Quebec Film Scholar.
For more information please contact N. Kupper at nkupper@nmu.edu, or 227-2648.

Saturday, April 12, 6:30PM

Film: Alles Wird Gut (Everything Will Be Fine).
Presenter: From Germany, Dr. Fatima El-Tayeb, Afro-German film director and screen writer.
For more information please contact C. Strauss at csotirop@nmu.edu, or 227-1201.

Sunday, April 13, 2:30PM

Film: Passe bure (Silence).
Presenter: From Germany, Dorothee Plass, German film director and screen writer.
For more information please contact C. Strauss at csotirop@nmu.edu, or 227-1201.

This years International Film Festival is hosted by NMU French Club and has been sponsored by NMU's Student Finance Committee and the Government of Québec.

HOCKEY

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by the CCHA's 11th-place finisher, Bowling Green, and lost games to Michigan Tech, Lake Superior State and Wisconsin, who had a combined record of 29-75-12.

After many highs and lows, the Wildcats finished 22-17-2 overall with a fifth place regular-season finish in the conference.

In the CCHA Tournament, NMU knocked Comley's Spartans out of the playoffs in the quarterfinal round before losing to regular-season champion Ferris State in the semifinals. The 'Cats finished their season by knocking off 13th-ranked Ohio State in the third-place consolation game.

"Anytime you get up in the 21-22 wins range you did some things well," Kyle said. "I was real happy with the team, but we didn't accomplish what we should have."

The Wildcats offense was predominantly led by a group of senior forwards — Chris Gobert, Stutzel, Bryce Cockburn and Terry Harrison.

Stutzel scored the second-most goals in CCHA and surpassed 20-goal and 40-point milestones he set in the off-season for himself.

"You always want to go out with your best year," Stutzel said. "I worked hard this summer and I'm happy I reached the goals that I set for myself."

Both Stutzel and the team's leading point scorer and playmaker, Gobert, were honored for their achievements this season as they were given All-CCHA honorable mention. The team's captain, Cockburn, said the team was extremely disappointed that it did not make the NCAA Tournament, but he was happy with his career with NMU.

"I wouldn't do anything different," he said. "I'm glad I came here and got an education."

Along with its top four scorers, the team will lose senior forwards Peter Michelutti and Dan

Donnette to graduation.

Michelutti is a versatile forward, who played defenseman when needed and was a key member of the team's power play unit.

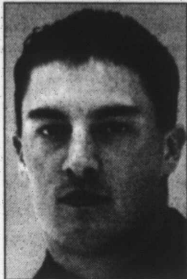
Donnette usually played on the team's third line and is known for his work ethic and defensive ability, receiving the Jim Mussatto Memorial Endurance/Fitness award and the Dallas Drake Defensive Player of the Year award the past two seasons.

Marquette native Jimmy Jackson, the Wildcats only senior defenseman this year and an assistant captain, also finished his NMU career.

Next year the team will be searching for new leadership. Freshman forward Dirk Southern will be the only returning Wildcat who scored more than 10 goals this season.

"Next year we are going to be in a building phase," Kyle said. "We aren't going to find guys who are going to provide offense immediately."

However, Cockburn said the team's five freshman defensemen, Jamie Milam, Juha Alen,



Cockburn

No.	Player	G	A	Pts.	Shots	GP	+/-
27	Chris Gobert	15	32	47	94	36	+17
19	Mike Stutzel	27	14	41	46	41	+2
21	Bryce Cockburn	17	21	38	124	41	+3
11	Terry Harrison	17	16	33	62	23	+13
16	Dirk Southern	11	22	33	53	41	+12
15	Jamie Milam	5	19	24	68	38	+5
2	Juha Alen	4	19	23	49	40	+8
18	Jimmy Jackson	5	17	22	95	40	+2
9	Peter Michelutti	7	13	20	51	41	+4
22	Andrew Contois	2	13	15	32	23	+6
10	Alan Swanson	3	4	13	39	38	-5
20	Dan Donnette	6	6	12	49	41	+4
25	Kevin Gardner	5	7	12	22	23	-3
7	Nathan Oystrick	2	10	12	52	34	+7
23	Alex Sawruk	5	6	11	35	29	0

Nathan Oystrick, Geoff Waugh and John Miller progressed nicely and will make less rookie mistakes next season.

"At the start of the season, [the freshman] struggled a little bit, but by the end of the year they were playing like veterans," Cockburn said.

The Wildcats will also return junior goalie Craig Kowalski, who won 20 games this year and posted a .902 save percentage. With one shutout next season, Kowalski will grab the NMU


all-time shutout record.

While Kyle's team will be forced to find new leaders next season, he will have something to remember this team by for quite a while.

During the middle of the season the team pitched in and bought their coach "Cooper," a young Golden Retriever.


"The opportunity came and it only cost each guy a few bucks," Stutzel said. "It was a nice thing to do for him because he had done so much for us."

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Loser Cody - your sexier than "the crow" wear your leather again. - **Big Jim**

Dearest Readers - To the right you see a delicious substitute comic ("Nougat Center"). I have space for it next week at the bottom when "Saddle Up" returns. If you like/hate it e-mail me at opinion@thenorthwind.org, and I will/won't run it for the last few weeks. In fact, tell me what you think of all the comics - **Jeremiah**

Two pathetic losers - you make me wanna shower every Monday night when I hear your voices. Thanks for keeping things wet. - **Radio X Stalker**

Talibali - The busy week is almost over. 50 here we come! I can't wait. We gonna party like it's your birthday! - **Y-dub**

Better Half - I don't know how you did it, but you've got me for keeps. I love you - **P.S. Rep.**

Heathen - So its safe to say we both think the other is crazy, but I must admit you did make my crazy little mind think a lot - **Hmmm**

He-Man - Thanks for the wonderful nipple popper. Much fun was had by all. My coworkers are jealous - **Orko**

Scary Mary - Please stop being scary. I am scared - **Scared Me**

Watering hole - I'll be there in an hour - **Dry Guy**

Next week - Four exams? Two papers? You're gonna kick my ass all over the place. I hope you never arrive - **Emetib**

SIS - I am really starting to miss you, wanna move back in and sleep on my couch? You can bring Alexis - **sis**

Mom - Happy birthday! I'm too poor for postage; you'll get the gift when you visit - **Love, Chris**

Skywalker - Less than one year and counting, and if we don't go to Ft. Lauderdale the whole deal's off. JK. I love you - **M.Annie**

LLL - Sunshine on my shoulder makes me happy. And so does singing to infomercials, what? Little gray car = not fun, not fun at all - **C,MA**

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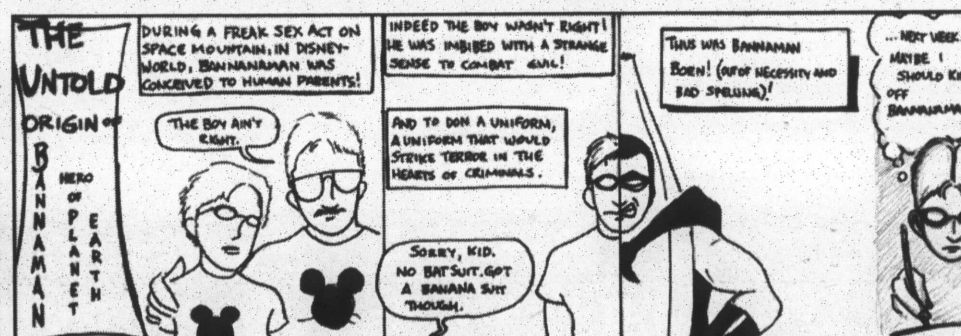
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TINA VAN DYKE

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CHRIS BING

Opinion boy - HA! I am going to shove those little jelly beans up your ... - **Manvoice**

Rob - Thank you for your hard work on the insert this week. It looks great, and I really appreciate you taking on the project yourself. Thanks again - **Chief**

Kelly - Congrats on review. Three down, one to go - **EIC**

Yo-Yo - Hurry up and have a birthday already so you can come and play with all us grownups at the bar - **Manvoice**

Yonika - Send my love to-50. Have fun - **cm.**

ANZ - Thank you for your help with the color correcting. Let me know how the new scanner is - **Curse**

C-dubble - Holler at me if you must; I understand. But you know - I got love - **C-Mo**

This Week's Inspirations:

- The anti-vote
- Singing out of tune
- Bad facts
- 50 Cent
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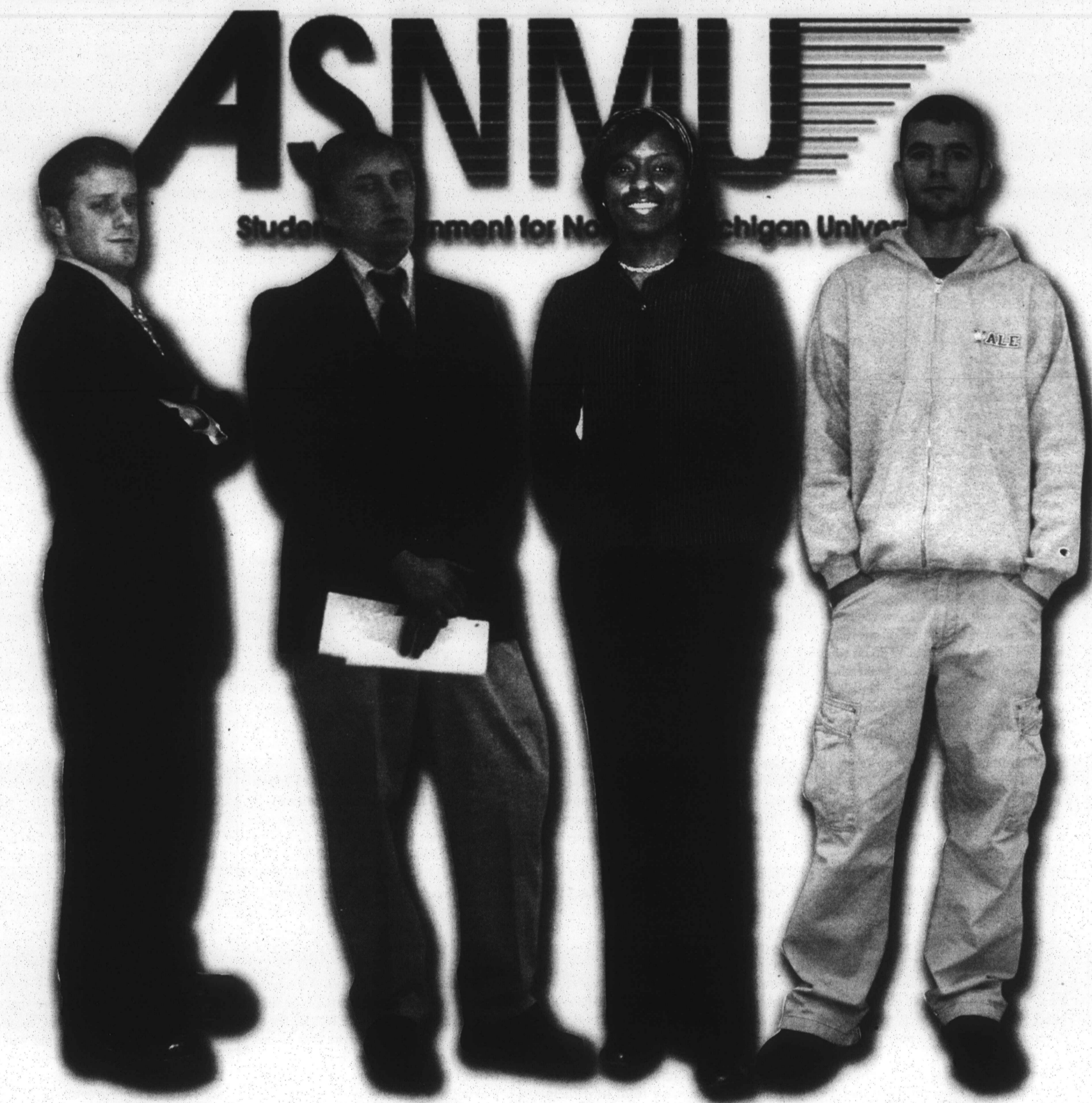
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The following is a list of candidates running for ASNMU positions. The numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of openings per position. There are four candidates running for ASNMU president. The North Wind staff interviewed each candidate to find out how they plan to represent the NMU student body if elected. Parts of their answers are included below along with background information on each candidate.

President (1)



JAMIE BRISCO

Senior, Sociology and liberal arts, Maywood, Ill.

Previous ASNMU experience:

Currently sits as a committee member of the Student Finance Committee, which is a subcommittee of ASNMU

Other Campus Involvement:

- President of the Black Student Union
- Para-professional for Gateway Academic Program, where she mentors and tutors 22 students
- Part of "Connect to NMU" program, traveled outside of Michigan to help recruit students

Interview Responses:

What changes will students notice if you are elected?

"The main issue for students right now is the budget cuts. I think our 'Let's Talk' sessions are great, but as students, we need to be informed and stay informed. There are things that students are wishing for and we have to understand that for us to say 'I want something,' we have to give something in return. People need to be informed. It's easy to make a hasty decision and say what you want and not know the background information. One of my main tasks will be to keep reading up on what is happening in these budget meetings and get the information to students."

Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?

"ASNMU currently has a diversity subcommittee, but we need to improve diversity on this campus. There's always the 'oh we're a diverse campus and we're working on it,' but its not. I've read things where people say we're going to recruit people from Chicago and Michigan and this will improve diversity, but I'm not just talking about cultural diversity. I'm talking about in the classroom — bringing in speakers and presenters that are kind of out of the box that will make you think differently about races, cultures, ideologies, peoples' ways of life. People always think black and white when they think of diversity, but that's not the total picture."

What do you think should be changed about the BAC recommendations?

"I'm an advocate for the Health Promotions office. When we were having the sexual assaults on campus, health promotions was influential on getting out that information to students. Their programming and their education is something that I don't want to see us lose."



JESSE MAIER

Junior, Broadcasting, Appleton, Wis.

Previous ASNMU experience:

No previous experience, but said he hung out with former president Nathan Leach when he was a freshman

Other Campus Involvement:

- Member of Lambda Chi Alpha, which helped raise food for the needy this year
- Lead role of a Black Box Theatre production

Interview Responses:

What changes will students notice if you are elected?

"I'll go by my campaign slogan, which is 'Putting life back into student life.' I vow as ASNMU President to bring school spirit back bigger than ever because if we have budgets cut, a lot of people are going to be sad. I just want people to be proud to be Wildcats and get more people going to games. Maybe with better tailgate parties, more people will show up."

Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?

"In the beginning of the school year there was a movie on campus right by Hunt Hall. I plan on having a concert, with some rock bands and some reggae bands right in the first couple of weeks. Everyone on campus who wanted to come could go out to this concert, meet people and have a good time. (We should also have) a bigger Winterfest. I don't understand why Tech can have such (bigger) Winterfests when we're a bigger school and a bigger community."

What do you think should be changed about the BAC recommendations?

"Thirty percent of all student jobs including graduate student jobs are being cut. A huge part of what I'm fighting for is to keep student jobs here because when you're on campus and you don't have a car, where are you going to work? Nowhere. You can only work on campus and it's bad because a lot of the services provided by the school like the food, and the library hours, all of these jobs are staffed by people with student jobs. If you ever have a problem with your laptop, it's not going to be someone from IBM (helping), its some sophomore kid who's trying his best to fix it for you. If you cut those people, you're going to get less quality services around here."

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to their web site, The BAC recommendations call for a three percent cut of student jobs.



KYLE ORTIZ

Senior, Secondary ed. social studies, Chicago, Ill.

Previous ASNMU Experience:

Current off-campus representative of ASNMU, where he serves on four different university committees

Other Campus Involvement:

- Secretary of Sigma Tau Delta (English National Honor Society)
- Volunteer worker for Make a Difference Day
- Staff columnist for The North Wind.

Interview Responses:

What changes will students notice if you are elected?

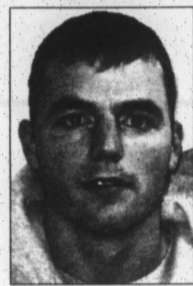
"I'd like to see advising altered so that students aren't here for five or six years. Advising should be talking to you about internships, talking to you about career development and helping you meet people in your field so that when you graduate, you know people that can help you get a job. [Advising] isn't really doing that right now."

Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?

"I would like to have a forum where all the student organizations meet and we have our treasurer tell them about what's in the SFC, how they can get that money and what kind of things that money is available for. Then, smaller organizations could talk to each other. If they have similar ideas they could do fundraisers together and maybe with more resources."

What do you think should be changed about the BAC recommendations?

"I don't think they looked at some things as deeply as they could have. For instance, HPO is the kind of thing that looks like it's just a Health Promotions Office, but in the long run, there is a of money that they aren't thinking about. I think HPO is a big aid in retention. It talks to students about drinking, it talks to students about stress, it talks to students about a lot of things you get in trouble with freshman year. If you take them out, there are going to be a lot of students that are going to find themselves not being here next semester. (Also,) the USOEC was 30 years in the making. I would like to think that they cut things that they planned on bringing back when they had the money. But the USOEC isn't something you can just bring back. It's the only one in the country and it brings us international recognition. Also, if they claim to be dedicated to diversity, the USOEC brings in about half the diversity to this school."



GARY ROEHM

Junior, Political science pre-law and Economics, Ontonagon, Mich.

Previous ASNMU Experience:

No previous experience

Other Campus Involvement:

- President of the Student Law Forum
- President of the College Republicans
- Involved in volunteer work for NMU Family Weekend.

Interview Responses:

What changes will students notice if you are elected?

"I think they'll see a greater influence of ASNMU on the administration. Right now ASNMU is kind of a rubber stamp to the administration. We don't see ASNMU standing up for what the students feel. For instance, when the administration laid out the budget, I didn't see a lot of ASNMU presence there. I saw them, but I didn't hear what they had to say. The main part of student government is to let the administration know what the students think and I really don't think that happens right now."

Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?

"In terms of out and out policies, probably not much, because from what I've seen, ASNMU hasn't had much of a choice in the past. [The administration] is raising our parking (costs); they're not giving us more parking spots. They're raising our rec passes; what are they giving us in return? How ASNMU could effect that I'm really not sure, but that's why I want to get in there, to find out. When you can make a difference, you do. That's what leadership is all about."

What do you think should be changed about the BAC recommendations?

"The (loss of the) health promotions office was a big one. How do we reestablish that? Bottom line: cut some of the salaries of the administration. You've got guys working on that administration that make \$90,000 a year and they work three-quarters time. That's ridiculous. When you have to cut an office that helps students immensely like the health promotions office, a lot of people will miss that office. None of the students even know what happened because there was not a student representative on that budget alternatives committee. This has been said over and over again but hey, cut the president's salary to \$150,000 and let her hire her own housekeeper. Keep the health promotions office. Keep the Wildcat Shuttle. They tell us one thing and they do another and it's time that ASNMU stepped up to the plate."

Vice President (1)



SAM PACIERO

Senior, Criminal justice, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

What type of leadership experience do you have that makes you the best candidate for vice president?

"I have a combined total of two years experience with ASNMU. My first year I was a College of Arts and Science representative and currently I am the ASNMU Vice-President."

What will students see changed if you are elected?

"I would like to bring ASNMU back to its political stand. ASNMU has drifted into a programming role and I would like to change that. Also, academic advising and career placement are big issues for me."

Representatives

College of Professional Studies (3)



RYAN CHARTER

Senior, Practical nursing, Riverside, Calif.



MARY KIRKWOOD

Freshman, Nursing and Political science, Gwinn, Mich.



TERESA TANGUAY

Senior, Sociology, Menominee, Mich.



ALEXANDRIA WIEN

Junior, Elementary ed., Northport, Mich.

College of Business (1)



MIKE ADAMS

Junior, Entrepreneurship, Cross Village, Mich.



TIMOTHY TANIS

Senior, Computer information systems, Medford, Wis.

Up-Campus (1)



J. ELBRIDGE HARRIS, JR

Senior, Electronic journalism, Akron, Ohio



MARK HILL

Freshman, Political science, St. Joseph, Mich.

College of Arts and Sciences (3)



SARA ANTOINE

Junior, Psychology, Traverse City, Mich.



AARON JORBIN

Sophomore, Economics and Political science, Niles, Ill.



STEFANIE SCOVILL

Senior, Early childhood, Portland, Ore.

Down-Campus (2)



LILLIAN FLORENSKI

Freshman, Public administration, Boyne Falls, Mich.

Meet the ASNMU Candidates
Student Government for Northern Michigan University

On-Campus Apartments (1)



JENNI KAPLA

Senior, Public administration and political science, Marinette, Wis.

Note: There are no candidates running for College of Technology and Applied Science Representative or General University Studies Representative. Students will have an opportunity to apply for any positions that remain open in the fall. Many candidates are running unopposed for an ASNMU position. Each will automatically be elected with one vote.

Off Campus (7)



MICHAEL BUSH

Junior, Political science, Traverse City, Mich.



DAVID CLARK

Sophomore, Criminal justice, Otsego, Mich.



JOHN FITZGERALD

Senior, Finance, Williamstown, N.J.



RACHEL FRITZLER

Junior, Political science, West Africa.



JAMES GARRETT II

Senior, Marketing, River Rouge, Mich.



BRYCE KERRY

Sophomore, Political science, Negaunee, Mich.



HEATHER MANN

Graduate student, Masters of public administration, Burnsville, Minn.



CHET NICHOLS

Sophomore, Computer science, Northbrook, Ill.



CHRISTINE RYAN

Senior, Pre law and Public administration, Belding, Mich.

Candidates presented

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Candidates running for various ASNMU offices were given a chance to present themselves and their issues to NMU students on April 1 at a candidate forum.

At 6 p.m., candidates and students gathered in the Bookbinders eatery area of the LRC, in order to prepare for the upcoming election, which will take place on April 8.

The majority of the candidates were present, as well as many of the current ASNMU members.

How to Vote



Voting will be open for 24 hours beginning Monday at midnight and ending Tuesday at midnight. Students may vote online at the ASNMU Web site at www.asnmnu.org.

Each candidate introduced him or herself, stated their year and major, and briefly said the basic points of their platform.

Audience members were then given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions.

"These forums are a good way for students to gain information about their potential representatives, and to voice their concerns," said Carissa Waters, current ASNMU president.

Up-campus representatives were the first to address students. Jay Harris, a senior electronic journalism major, said that his major concern is to confer with transfer students.

Mark Hill, the opposing candidate, said that he would like to see residents of the up-campus living facilities get to know each other better.

Running unopposed for the position of on-campus apartments representative, is Jenni Kapla, a senior public administration and political science major.

She has served as off-campus representative on ASNMU for two years, and said she would like to see the atmosphere in the apartments improved.

David Clark, a senior criminal justice major, was present as a

candidate for off-campus representative. Clark said his goal is to be able to make a difference in students' lives.

Three candidates vying for the position of college of professional studies representative were present.

Mary Kirkwood, a freshman nursing and political science major, said that she came to NMU because of the fact that it is a smaller school, and she wanted to be somewhere her voice could be heard.

"I believe that a student government should be proactive as well as reactive," Kirkwood said.

Next up was Teresa Tanguay, a senior sociology major. Tanguay currently serves on ASNMU as the college of professional studies representative and has worked with the S.S. Wildcat shuttle. She said she would like to work with the non-traditional students, and be involved with some improvement in the area of dining services, as well as increasing communication between faculty and students.

Also running is Ryan Charter, a senior practical nursing student, who said he would like to use input from both students and faculty to try to better NMU.

The proceedings then moved



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ASNMU presidential candidates Jamie Brisco, left, Jessie Maier, Gary Roehm and Kyle Ortiz answer student questions on April 1.

on to the office of representative for the college of arts and sciences.

Aaron Jorbin, a sophomore political science and economics student, led this group. He stated he would like to see the library open later during exam weeks, the department Web sites updated more frequently and an increase in sub-committees dealing with student input.

Opposing candidate and senior early childhood major Stefanie Scoville said she wants to be a student voice because she has noticed a lot of issues that need to be addressed.

College of business representative was the next position addressed. Mike Adams, a junior entrepreneurship major, said he would like to see a business run entirely by students brought to campus.

Also running for this position is Timothy Tanis, a junior computer information systems major. He said very few students or professors have a chance to address issues outside of class and he would like to see that changed.

The ASNMU elections will be held on April 8. For more information visit ASNMU's Web site at www.asnmnu.org.