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BAC recommendations, cuts adjusted

Wildcat Shuttle, Health Promotions Office, student labor evade removal

BY SCOTT SWANSON
STAFF WRITER

President Judi Bailey held a forum on April 17 for the campus community on the current budget situation, discussing the retention of the Wildcat Shuttle, the Health Promotions Office and avoiding cuts in student labor.

The forum was held from 3 to 5 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

Bailey presented a summary of feedback that was taken from a Web site where NMU students, faculty, staff and community members were able to express their opinions regarding the budget cuts. The Web site has since been taken down.

Bailey then announced changes that

have been made regarding the Fiscal Year 2004 General Fund Base Budget Recommendations, most notably the reinstating of the Wildcat Shuttle and the Health Promotions Office, and also recommended cuts in student employment.

"We realized that we were going to have transportation problems with some of these cuts," Bailey said.

The Health Promotions Office will now be funded through the Housing and Residence Life program and NMU Health Center.

"We're pleased to have the chance to

continue to serve students, staff and members of the community," HPO Specialist Lenny Shible said.

Shible said he was surprised by the announcement.

"We knew there were difficult decisions involved," he said. "We had no idea what the final outcome would be until the other day."

Bailey said that public broadcasting, Alpine skiing, the Health Promotions Office, International Affairs and the United States Olympic Education Center

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Scott Salisbury/NW
Gavin Leach, Associate Vice President of Finance and Planning, reviewed possible BAC recommendations before announcing a proposal of a 6.9 percent increase in tuition and fees for next year.

Tuition, fees proposed for Fiscal Year 2004

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

A 6.9 percent increase in tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2004 has been proposed by the administration, President Judi Bailey said at a university forum on April 17.

The percent increase equals approximately \$165 per semester, which would result in a total cost of tuition and fees of \$5,724.

A 4.8 percent increase in room and board has also been proposed for FY 2004. This will amount to about \$264 a semester, Bailey said.

At the forum, Associate Vice President of Finance and Planning Gavin Leach reviewed what has already happened at NMU.

He said for this fiscal year NMU has been cut 3.5 percent of its funding and next year has been reduced by 6.5 percent. The two equal a total loss of approximately \$5.2 million.

The total loss in state appropriation for both this fiscal year and next, paired with a cost of

inflation of around \$5 million equals a total loss of \$10.2 million for Fiscal Year 2004.

Leach said the Budget Alternatives Committee's proposed cuts would save the university approximately \$9.6 million leaving a shortfall of \$639,000.

However, revised budget adjustments including a compensation increase in health costs, the cost of funding the reduction in force plan for three years and the retention of budget line items leave Northern with an overall budget shortfall of about \$2.5 million for FY 2004.

The reinstatement of budget line items includes student labor, the Wildcat Shuttle, the Health Promotions Office and scholarships.

The proposal of tuition and fees for FY 2004 was based on this overall budget shortfall, Leach said.

Bailey said NMU is currently ranked the fourth lowest in tuition in the state and that by what she has heard, the proposals for a tuition

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Mainframe filters to prohibit downloading

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

The Teaching, Learning and Communication (TLC) Committee is currently working to prohibit the illegal act of students downloading copyrighted materials using Northern's mainframe.

The TLC Committee will be working on putting together a policy on downloading copyrighted materials throughout the summer, Director of Technical Services David Maki said.

The university will be using filters to prohibit the act of downloading copyrighted materials such as movies, music and software, Maki said.

The filters are part of a program called a

packet shaper already installed in NMU's mainframe.

"The shaper prioritizes use but can also be used to block use," Maki said. "The equipment is already in place but has not been turned on for this use yet."

The shaper will block university traffic on specific sites such as Kazaa and Morpheus, Chairman of the student TLC Committee Bob Rustman said.

He said students will not be able to access these sites to download.

Before the software is set in place, the TLC Committee will be advertising as well as sending out warnings to students, Rustman said.

"This is a big issue the committee will be working on over the summer," Rustman said.

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Adam Westhouse/NW
Senior ski area management major Karl Wurm browses the Internet at the reception desk in Spooner Hall on Wednesday. Downloading copywritten material through Northern's mainframe will be restricted by filters next year.

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garnered the most support for being exempt from the list of recommended budget cuts.

For programs that should be cut first, athletics and the USOEC received the most responses, Bailey said.

"The feedback was very mixed, just like everything else," Bailey said.

She said she took the information collected from the Web site very seriously, but the feedback was not a vote.

Next steps in the budget situation include a Board of Trustees meeting on May 2, where they will discuss the Fiscal Year 2004 General Fund Base budget, tuition and fees and room and board recommendations.

Following that will be a Higher Education House Policy Committee meeting on May 8 and the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations meeting on May 9, Bailey said.

The Fiscal Year 2004 budget reductions will be implemented in force on July 1. In late April or May, the elimination process of

targeted programs will begin, Bailey said.

Bailey said she's hoping for a summer approval of the state budget.

"We wish that these lawmakers were saying, 'we will relieve you of these budget reductions,'" Bailey said. "But in reality, they're saying, 'revenue projects are not improving — we're hoping to shave off a second executive order.'"

The recommended cuts to public TV and radio will be reviewed on Aug. 7 and 8, Bailey said.

"We're going to take a look at alternative funding sources," she said. "But if we can't drive the cost down, we'll have to recommend the cut."

A similar review will be made for the USOEC on Oct. 8 and 9.

Bailey said great care was taken so there was minimal impact on class size and course availability.

Undergraduate programs, student services, the library serials budget and scholarships were also preserved, Bailey said.

Bailey praised NMU students, faculty and staff for their behavior throughout the budget situation.

"I'd like to ask you to think creatively, and continue your professional approach during these difficult times," she said.



Bailey

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increase here compared to other schools in the state might move Northern to the second lowest.

For FY 2003 the state average of tuition fell at \$5,380. While NMU ranked fourth, the University of Michigan topped the list at \$7,960 with Saginaw Valley State holding the state's lowest tuition at \$4,382.

In comparison with NMU, Michigan Tech ranked second highest on tuition rates for FY 2003 with tuition set at \$6,591 while LSSU fell at third low-

est with \$4,758.

Bailey said she felt an increase of 6.9 percent would keep tuition affordable.

"[NMU] will remain in the bottom third in state tuition rankings," Bailey said.

Bailey said she was impressed with how the Northern community has handled the budget situation.

"NMU is about its people," Bailey said. "We recognize that not all uncertainties can be resolved."

The Board of Trustees will meet on May 1 to consider the

general fund base budget, tuition and fees and room and board recommendations.

From there the board's recommendations will go before both the Higher Education House Policy and the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations on May 8 and 9, Bailey said.

She said between July and August NMU will receive a state approval for the budget.

For more information on the April 17 forum, visit the BAC Web site at www.nmu.edu/bac.

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He said the decision to restrict downloading stemmed from concern over the Recording Industry Association of America's warning on the illegal act of downloading copyrighted materials.

Rustman said both Maki and Vice President of Finance and Administration Mike Roy receive several e-mails a day stating specific student's IP addresses that have been illegally downloading music.

Fred Joyal, chairman of the TLC Steering Committee and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, said downloading is prohibited by law

and NMU has liability since students utilize the university's mainframe to download.

Joyal said the committee's decision to further restrict downloading had nothing to do with a Michigan Tech student who was recently sued by the RIAA, but it does point out the liability.

Joyal said restrictions will not have an effect on any uses the university supports such as downloading games or other non-copyrighted material.

Maki said students would still be able to use peer to peer file sharing that they pay for.

"The software is highly selective," Maki said.

Rustman said that once the

software has been set into place and students have been warned, fines may be issued for misuse.

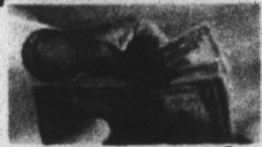
Maki also said that if students refuse to comply with the new policy, they may be denied access to the Web.

"We are protecting students," Maki said. "[RIAA] has the potential to come after [them]."

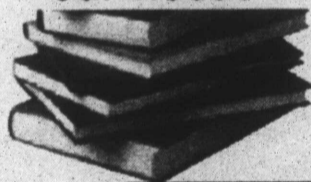
Joyal said once the system has been set in place, students may notice an increase in capacity in other Web uses.

"The university is not in the position to condone illegal activity — we must regulate illegal use on our resources," Joyal said.

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BRIEFS

Local

Big Boy future remains unclear

MARQUETTE — An auction is being planned for May 11 at the Marquette Big Boy Restaurant to sell equipment such as pots, pans and countertops salvaged from the Aug. 2 fire that badly damaged the building. However, that doesn't mean the restaurant, which has been closed since the fire, isn't going to be rebuilt and reopen. Property owners said the Marquette restaurant cannot be salvaged and will be razed following the auction, but a new Big Boy remains a topic of uncertainty. The fire destroyed the kitchen and the smoke and heat also damaged the remainder of the building. Only two Big Boys remain open in the U.P., in Manistique and St. Ignace.

National

EPA, state officials push clean-up

WASHINGTON — This week, attorney generals from five states are teaming up with the Environmental Protection Agency for pushing through the largest settlement ever under the Clean Air Act: Dominion Resources, the eighth-largest polluting utility, will spend \$1.2 billion over 12 years to clean up eight coal-burning power plants. At the same time, three of those attorney generals — from New York, Connecticut and New Jersey — are suing the environmental agency to prevent it from relaxing the regulations that brought about the Dominion settlement. They have also vehemently criticized the Bush administration's proposal to revamp the Clean Air Act, legislation that the agency's top officials support.

International

France may suspend Iraq sanctions

UNITED NATIONS — In a surprise move, France, which opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq, on Tuesday called for an immediate suspension of U.N. sanctions, meeting Washington half way in its drive to get the embargoes lifted. However, France's U.N. ambassador, Jean-Marc de la Sabliere, said the U.N. oil-for-food program, which collects Iraq's oil revenues, should be kept under United Nations control for the time being, then phased out and adjusted to Iraq's new needs. The sanctions were imposed in 1990 after Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait, and involve embargoes on trade, financial exchanges, flights and many other issues. The lifting of the oil-for-food program will be key for any reconstruction plans in post-war Iraq.

Weird News

'Talentless' woman seeks career

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A Swedish care worker is trying an unconventional approach toward career opportunities after a number of unsuccessful interviews. "I want a well-paid job. I have no imagination, I am anti-social, uncreative and untalented," read an advertisement posted by Angelika Wedberg, 30, in the regional daily Goteborgs-Posten on Sunday. Her phone started ringing constantly and job offers poured in, Wedberg told the Internet edition of the daily Expressen. She has an interview this week with a company called Map Media offering a salary of 18,000 crowns (\$2,118) per month — an increase of more than a third on her current job as a care worker for the elderly. Expressen did not say what the new position was.

— Compiled from news sources

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Partly sunny. High around 50. Low 28.
- **Saturday:** Partly sunny. High 52. Low 33.
- **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. High 55. Low around 30.

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Scott Salisbury/NW

Lot 28, between the Hedgcock Fieldhouse and library will be converted to faculty and staff parking starting in the fall 2003 semester. Objectives behind the lot change included minimizing congestion and the limitation of interior campus parking. The lot will close for construction as early as May.

Campus parking altered

Construction to lots 62, 28 to commence in early May

BY ERIC TREADO
STAFF WRITER

Construction to parking lots at NMU will begin at the end of the Winter 2003 semester, making parking drastically different for both students attending summer classes and those returning in the fall.

Lot 62, located between the Hedgcock Fieldhouse and Thomas Fine Arts, and Lot 28, located in front of the library, will be affected the most by the changes. Beginning in the Fall semester, Lot 28 will be faculty and staff only to compensate for the loss of parking in Lot 62.

The renovation of the Hedgcock Fieldhouse will close down Lot 62, which provides faculty/staff parking. The construction will also close the entrance and a portion of Lot 28.

"The portion of Lot 62 directly in front of Forest Roberts Theatre is the only part of Lot 62 available for parking until April 28," said Kathy Richards, director of engineering and planning. "After that date the entire Lot 62 will be closed."

Lot 28 will remain fully accessible until May 3, when it will be closed temporarily for construction.

It will reopen for students and faculty on May 12 when a new entrance will be completed.

The loss of faculty and staff spaces in the Hedgcock construction area, which is tentatively scheduled for completion by August of 2004, has led to a change of Lot 28.

Richards said that commuter student parking will be moved to the Whitman lot, which will add approximately 272 commuter

spaces. About 40 spaces in the Whitman lot will be designated for faculty and staff whose offices are in the Whitman Building.

The Whitman parking lot construction is set to commence on May 5 and be completed by August 1. The new Whitman parking lot will provide additional commuter parking spaces and help alleviate some problems with traffic congestion on campus said Jim Thams, manager of Engineering and Planning.

The current parking plan was developed in accordance with the Campus Master Plan.

"Two of the objectives outlined in the plan are to limit interior campus parking to low turnover users [including] visitors, faculty and staff and to minimize vehicular traffic in the interior of campus," Thams said.

Thams said the current interi-

or parking lot causes many traffic flow problems for north and south bound traffic on Tracy Avenue and the constant search for parking every hour with class changes compounds the problem.

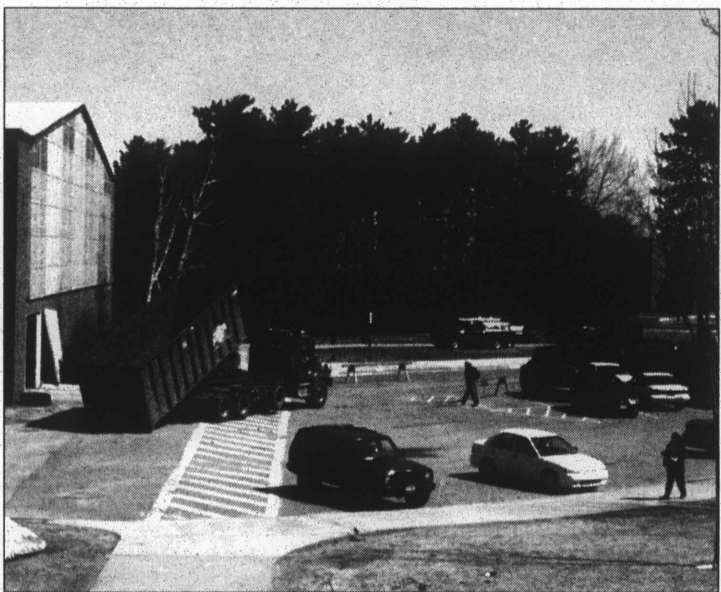
"Lot 28 has been a staple of convenient commuter parking, and it sucks that its being given to the faculty," senior business major Mike Schab said.

The funds for renovations of the Hedgcock Fieldhouse and Whitman Building along with construction in the parking lots have come from the State Building Authority.

The state will fund 75 percent of the project while NMU must provide a 25-percent match in funds.

Thams said he hopes the changes accomplish both a reduction in traffic congestion and an increase in available commuter parking in close proximity to the academic buildings within the core of campus.

He hopes the campus will become a safer environment for pedestrians.



Scott Salisbury/NW

The parking lot between Thomas Fine Arts and the Hedgcock Fieldhouse, 62, will begin at the close of winter 2003 semester. The lot is being closed down for the renovations of Hedgcock.

Four students arrested

Warrants served to suspects of staged campus robberies

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Four of the five students who allegedly participated in prank robberies in Gant Hall two weeks ago have been arrested and are facing sentencing.

A warrant is pending for the arrest of one student who left the area, Public Safety Officer Kenneth Love said.

Freshman criminal justice major Brandon Benesh, freshman undeclared major Darius Collins and freshman accounting major Timothy M. Smith were all charged with three counts of assault and/or assault and battery.

Sophomore Public Relations major Terrance Keys was charged with two counts of assault and one count of brandishing a firearm.

The fifth suspect faces charges of three counts of assault and one count of brandishing a firearm.

Love said all four suspects have posted bond. The fifth suspect is supposed to be returning to Marquette, Love said.

"He is supposed to turn him-

self into authorities," Love said.

The fifth suspect's name will not be released prior to arrest.

Love said the suspects participated in staged robberies at which they held people they knew at gun point demanding they give them their money and possessions.

The first of the two allegedly staged robberies took place between 6:30 and 7 p.m. on April 5 and the second staged robbery occurred at 7 p.m. on April 6.

Two of the five suspects used BB guns and afterward told the victims it was all a joke, and no property was actually taken during the staged robbery, Love said.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Mazzuchi said she knew at least Smith had already been arraigned and will now face a pre-trial conference.

She said she was uncertain if

the other three suspects had been arraigned.

Once arraigned the suspects will enter their plea, Mazzuchi said.

No trial dates have yet been set, Mazzuchi said.

All charges the suspects face are classified as misdemeanors. If found guilty, sentencing will depend on the suspects past criminal history, Mazzuchi said.

She said penalties the suspects face if found guilty range from probation to jail time.



Love

'01 crime stats

- Aggravated assault — 1
- Alcohol overdose — 1
- Arson — 2
- Assault — 12
- Suicide attempts — 5
- Auto theft — 2
- Bicycle theft — 29
- Child abuse — 3
- Criminal sexual conduct — 1
- Drunk driving — 27
- Hit and run — 63
- Domestic assault — 2
- Larceny — 108
- Robbery — 0
- Weapons Violation — 2
- Drug laws — 21
- Burglary — 2

Public safety officer awarded

BY RYAN CHARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Marquette County Law Enforcement Administrator's Association (MCLEAA) has named Public Safety Officer Kenneth Love Police Officer of the Year for 2002.

Love's achievements as an officer include his involvement in several large investigations where arrests were made and property was recovered. One case included a multi-jurisdictional theft complaint that involved over \$100,000 of electronic equipment stolen from NMU. The case stemmed from investigations of missing computer equipment.

Other than regular patrol duties, Love is an accident reconstructionist, the department's Law Enforcement Intelligence Network Officer, a defensive tactics instructor, an instructor for Homeland Security and the lead instructor for the Regional Police Academy's operational exercise. In addition, Love serves

on several panels, including the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Subject Expert Panel for the State Defensive Tactics Curriculum and the Marquette County's Drunk Driving Impact Panel.

"It was an honor to have been nominated," Love said. "I think it's a reflection on our office."

Love said the award has been given out for the past ten years for officers' work in outstanding events and for cases solved.

"On any given day there are several officers who are deserving of this," Love said. "I was just lucky enough to get it."

Love has been working for NMU Public Safety since 1988. Love graduated from Grand Valley State University with a pre-law degree and then attended GVSU's police academy where he graduated in 1988.

He now lives in Negaunee with his two children, Brent and Logan.




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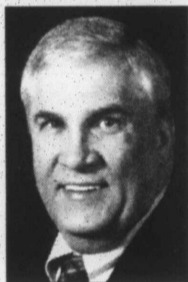
Dorms limit smoking areas

Student rooms to be free of smoking for Fall '03 semester

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The department of housing and residence life announced on April 23 a significant expansion of non-smoking areas in residence halls, which will go into effect in the Fall 2003 semester.

The decision has called for Payne and Spalding Halls to be designated as non-smoking dorms, while Gant, Hunt, Halverson, Spooner and West halls will also be free of smoking in residence rooms and student commons areas with



Holm

the exception of a designated smoking lounge placed on the third floor of each building.

The decision came as a result of the housing office's considerations of eventually making NMU dorms completely smoke-free, as well as a February survey in which students were asked if they

felt smoking should or should not be allowed in dorms, Director of Housing and Residence Life Carl Holm said.

Results of the survey, in which 1,608 residence hall students responded, showed that about 48 percent of students approved of smoke-free residence halls, while 32 percent disapproved and 19 percent had no preference.

Since meeting with the approval of the President's Council during the week of April 14, the housing department has been allowed to move forward with eventually making all dorms smoke-free, although a complete elimination of smoking is still at least several years down the road, Holm said.

Van Antwerp and Meyland halls are currently smoke-free, and once Magers Hall is transformed back into a residence hall, it too will be as designated non-smoking, Holm said.

He said the housing office is working with NMU building and planning officials to create sufficient smoking lounges in the dorms that will not remain 100 percent free of smoking.

"The smoking lounges certainly [will be] a significant step up from always having to go outside and smoke," Holm said.

He said the lounges will be fitted with particular safety issues in mind, such as proper ventilation and controlling airflow so as to not disturb those who may be bothered by the smoke.

Holm said residence hall leaders who were part of the smoking committee deserve a lot of credit in dealing with the tough subject of discontinuing smoking.

Sophomore Zoology major and Halverson Hall President Steve Harig said although he wanted to see smoking remain in place in residence halls, he understood the issues that go along with it.

"We looked at a number of smoking and non-smoking options," Harig said. "But [smoking] is a serious health issue, and we wanted to go with what survey results told us."

Holm said that smoking is a subject that continues to be of increasing concern to the public. He said about 25 percent of the university residence halls nationwide have become smoke-free.

"We at NMU are following those trends, and I think [prohibiting smoking] is a step in the right direction," Holm said.

The right moves



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Senior undecided major Jennifer Panek and freshman writing major Daniel Jaryi dance together at the Spring Fling on April 22 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

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EDITORIAL

No place like home

The snow has melted and the breeze is warming. As the frenzied pace of the final week of the semester begins to slow, many students look forward to a little rest and relaxation in the months ahead.

But around campus, the pace will be anything but relaxed while students are away. With renovations to the Hedgcock Fieldhouse, the Whitmen facility, Magers Hall, Thomas Fine Arts and Quad II, campus may look quite different when students return in the fall.

In hopes of easing housing problems that will come with the projected increase in enrollment, Magers Hall will undergo remodeling into residence halls beginning this summer. Later, the building of new on-campus housing facilities on Lincoln Street will improve the area of housing and residence life.

The renovations to Quad II will also give down-campus residents a nearby recreational facility.

Renovations to other buildings should result in better facilities for faculty and convenience for students with the new student service center in Hedgcock.

NMU is making many changes that, upon completion, will benefit the university and students in the upcoming years. However, students may also notice things they dislike when they return as well. As difficult change is a must in our growing campus community, but some changes are not always a welcome sight.

The Hedgcock refurbishment will change the structure of parking for students and faculty. Over the summer and in the fall, Lot 28 will no longer be designated for commuters. Instead, the lot will be exclusively for staff and faculty vehicles, leaving many students searching for a spot in a lot farther away.

Due to proposed budget cuts that will be made over the summer, academic programs will be eliminated and familiar faces in the administration will no longer be seen around campus upon our return.

While modifications to campus may be eyesore and an inconvenience for a while, keep in mind, it's for the greater good of NMU.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sexual assault: everyone's problem

According to Yonika Willis's article in the April 10 issue of The North Wind, Northern Michigan University offers Rape Aggression Defense classes to "motivate and empower women about the physical precautions they can take if ever put in a dangerous situation."

What does NMU offer to the men of the campus in regard to sexual assault? Rape is not just a women's issue.

With statistics proving that men perform the majority of sexual assaults in the United States it's safe to say that rape is a men's issue too. This is precisely the problem with Yonika's article.

She writes, "as females, we need to maintain ourselves while drinking and not to get so trashed at parties that we put ourselves in risky situations."

This statement flat out gives acceptance to the assaults of women while they're under the influence.

Instead of following this statement with advice to male students, which could have informed them that rape is illegal and if prosecuted, could lead to imprisonment, the writer goes on to state that "too many times, I've attended parties where females have gotten wasted beyond control."

So, in other words, if a woman is drunk, and she is raped, it's her fault?

Yonika also offers advice to the women of Northern: "be aware of your surroundings ... be more alert and keep your guard up ... lock your doors before going to bed."

All of this is decent advice, but it also carries a negative connotation.

It reinforces the cultural myth that women are inferior, and reminds women they

should live under a system of constant victimization.

Not once in her article does Yonika give advice directly to the men of this college.

Not once are they reminded that they play a huge role in this subject.

She does, however, point out that more lights are planned to be added around campus.

She suggests that this will make one feel better while walking alone at night.

Nighttime is not the enemy here. Bringing light to a dark environment is not going to stop sexual assault.

As she pointed out in her article, Yonika informs us that many assaults happen inside our own places of rest.

Education of both men and women on sexual assault is the only way to take acceptable preventative measures.

As young Americans, we should all be entitled to the simple freedoms of walking home at night, or getting wasted after a hard week of classes. Articles like Yonika's, when really critiqued, bring little important information, and defeat their own purpose.

Sexual violence awareness does not begin with retreating to living life as a victim.

To anyone who has been sexually assaulted while under the influence, you need to know it's not your fault — no matter how toasty you were.

I apologize for Ms. Willis's confusing statement.

Sara Simon
 sophomore, art and design

Preacher follows faith, speaks truth

Maybe all the Christian students on campus were too busy watching TV. Maybe they were afraid.

Or maybe they even agreed with Travis Margoni.

At any rate, no one responded last week to Mr.

Margoni's verbal bludgeoning of the campus preacher in his April 10 column.

So I, who am not a student, will do so. Those Christian students who agree with Mr. Margoni that the street preacher "looked like the fool that he truly is," or that "antics like this serve to tarnish Christianity" need to look in their Bibles.

For it is here that they will see the likes of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Paul and Peter (and dozens more) preaching on the streets that people must repent of their evil and turn to God.

And then there was Jesus.

He claimed — on the streets — to be the only way to God (John 14:6), told people to repent (Matthew 4:17), and said that those who did not would be thrown into hell (Matthew 18:9).

Those Christians who are embarrassed of the campus preacher or think him unloving do not understand the history of their own faith.

As for Mr. Margoni, he doesn't seem to see the irony of his claim that the street preacher "lacked religious tolerance."

Mr. Margoni spent his entire column lambasting the preacher for what he believed.

Is this not religious intolerance, as it is commonly defined today? If Mr. Margoni believes that all religions should be accepted as equally valid, then he needs to accept the preacher's religious beliefs without comment.

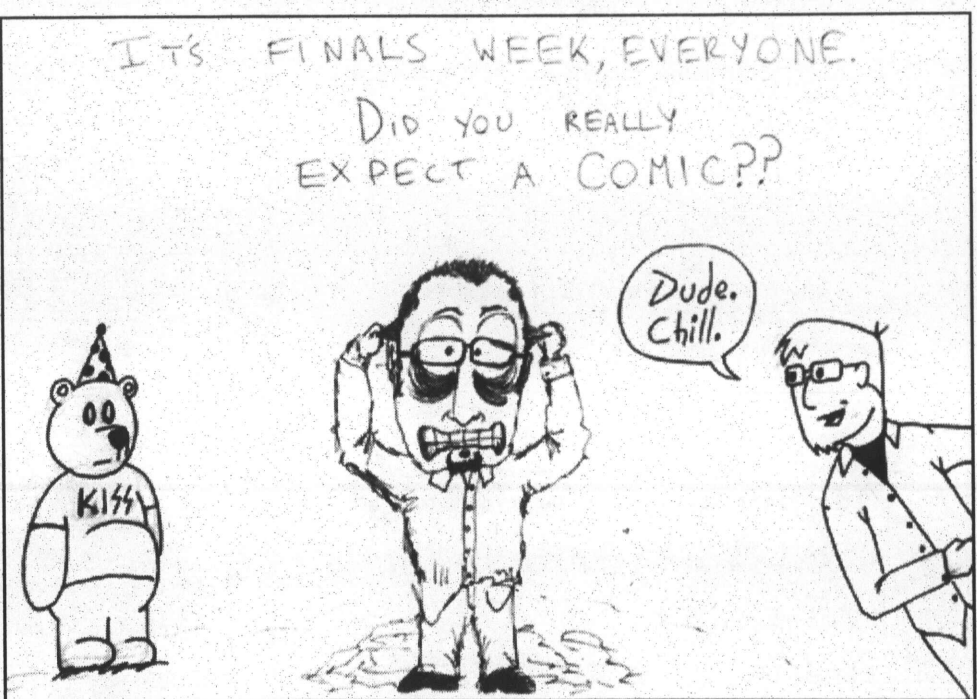
You see, neither the campus preacher nor Mr. Margoni believe that all religions are equally valid, and both use a public forum to say as much.

However, between the two of them, only the campus preacher is willing to admit it.

Tim Twining
 Marquette resident

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William Holland opinion@thenorthwind.org



Editor takes a look back

May 3 marks the end of an era.

Well, maybe not for you. But it does for students walking in next Saturday's commencement ceremonies.

This, my friends, marks the end of the Chris Mosier era at Northern Michigan University.

Granted, I don't expect a day off in my honor; that would be ridiculous — everyone knows NMU doesn't honor anyone with days off school, save the occasional (forced) tribute to Mother Nature and Jack Frost. But I will soon be leaving what has been my life for a number of years — five, to be exact.

It's a bittersweet moment, but one that I've been preparing for. I had a little scare last year and thought that I might have to graduate "on time," or in the four years in which the average college student is expected to graduate.

Lucky for me, those blasted requirements we call liberal studies held me here another year.

Last semester, I wasn't ready to leave. But as I watched the first person I met here and my best friend in the dorms graduate in December, I knew my own much-avoided date with the real world was nearly at hand.

Everyone I met my freshman year has graduated or fallen off the face of the earth. Now, with nearly enough credits under my belt for two majors, I've decided to get my degree.

I've watched NMU evolve. With 10 semesters plus one summer session worth of time on campus, I feel like the oldest 22-year-old in the world. Ah, the stories I could tell you.

Once upon a time, there was no laptop program at NMU. There was a computer lab in the LRC with real desktop computers that people would fight over, especially around finals.

People actually talked and really laughed out loud because none of the machines had AOL Instant Messenger.

Long ago — before a mad bricklayer built smiley faces into the façade of the Seaborg Center — there were trees on campus.

Back then, the university's slogan was "Northern. Naturally." Those days have long since passed.

I remember watching Wildcat hockey games in the

STAFF COLUMN



BY CHRIS MOSIER

Lakeview Arena before the Berry Events Center. The current PEIF workout area was once a hockey arena used by the club team, with the seating being in the balcony area where the machines are. The workout machines were in what is now a classroom.

At one point in time, Cat Trax took up about one third of the current Marketplace and was the cool place to hang out.

Yes, I'll admit it — I worked in food service. And I liked it.

Not only did I work in food service, but I participated in everything I possibly had the time for — from volunteer work to Radio X to varsity cheerleading — and eventually wound up designing ads for *The North Wind*. I passed through the ranks from designer to design manager, ad sales representative to diversions editor, then to managing editor, and finally to editor in chief.

Four years after beginning work at the paper, I find myself about to pass the torch to a new editor in chief, and five years after stepping foot on campus, to another generation of incoming freshmen, about to make their own marks on the university.

NMU gives students the chance to meet many people, participate in countless events and to make a lasting contribution to the community.

In less than two weeks, campus will clear out. And while I'm burnt out from school and ready to move on, it's difficult to know that students and administrators won't say hello to me as they pass by in the fall.

While I'll miss school, I expect most of the sadness of leaving to dissolve in the California sun this summer.

After years of balancing work and school, a full-time job will be a great vacation.

May 3 marks the end of an era, but the beginning of a much-needed break.

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

Just run from the ring

STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

Everybody I know is getting married.

Well, not everyone, but this whole marriage thing seems to be some kind of college pandemic lately.

Why marriage?

I mean, based on the conversations I hear, most people seem to be enjoying all the supposed benefits of marriage before actually going through the song and dance of tying the proverbial knot.

Which makes it all the more pointless when they put themselves through the terror of tying themselves to one person at such a young and inexperienced age.

I don't just mean inexperienced in the sense that they may not know if this is the person they want to be with the rest of their lives, I mean inexperienced in the sense that we are all nubile and possessing of powerful libidos, there are so many things, morally questionable but mostly harmless, that we have yet to do or learn of.

Why replace an icon of responsibility at just the moment when we are finally escaping our parent's shadows?

It's not to say I'm not happy for recently wedded

friends; I'm growing quite fond of bachelor parties.

But it's also very creepy.

Two of my perhaps four total previous semi-serious girlfriends are now married, though thankfully not to me.

Part of me, I'll admit, has that "whew" feeling of somehow having just dodged a bullet.

"Why replace an icon of responsibility at just the moment when we are finally escaping our parent's shadows?"

let.

According to the World Almanac, between 1970 and 2000 the median age of marriage went from 23.2 to 26.8 years among men and 20.8 to 25.1 years amongst women.

While the ages have gotten closer, it still takes a woman almost two years to dupe, i mean convince, a man to marry her.

I don't plan on marrying until I'm at least 29.7 years old.

Also, the number of unmarried couples has increased dramatically, and marriages on a whole are supposedly on a decline.

Despite these official-look-

ing numbers, I have heard an abundance of engagements in the last two years.

What's the rush?

Most of these people are getting engaged with no plans of actual marriage until they graduate.

Why?

If they feel that they have to somehow lash their significant other to themselves with a gold band in fear that the other will run off with a cabana boy, what does that say about their relationship?

Why do they feel they need some "token" of commitment beyond refraining from drunken frat party orgies, a pre-promise?

And don't get me started on promise rings, those little "engaged to be engaged" bits of insanity.

Hell, according to Merriam-Webster, engage means "pledge oneself," as in mar-

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SOUND OFF

What's the farthest away from Marquette you plan to travel this summer?



Catherine Carlson
junior, social work

"Green Bay to go shopping."



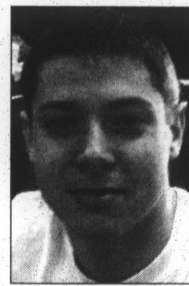
Victoria Combs
freshman, special education

"Back home to Saginaw, then off to Florida with my family."



Amie Dickinson
sophomore, geography

"I was going to go to Ireland, but they cancelled the trip because of the war. So, I'll just be going home downstate."



Paul Johnston
sophomore, environmental science

"I am going near St. Paul, Minn. for an internship."



Derrick Larson
sophomore, social work

"The furthest place I am going is the great place of Iron Mountain, Mich."



Julia Leonard
sophomore, spanish/geography

"I will be leaving at the end of the summer for the Dominican Republic to study for the semester."

— Compiled by Becky Compton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PBS an integral part of community

I am writing this letter because I've heard disturbing rumors about what happens to Public Broadcasting in the Upper Peninsula after WNMU-TV and WNMU-FM (known as Public TV13 and Public Radio 90 to U.P. residents) cease broadcasting on July 1, 2004.

As many have heard, Northern Michigan University must eliminate \$10.2 million from its budget annually, and it supports WNMU-TV and FM to the tune of \$1,319,137 a year.

Four positions at the stations were eliminated as of July 1, 2003 and if the proposed recommendations are implemented, the remainder of the staff will be eliminated and the stations will go off the air on July 1, 2004.

I am one of the staff members being eliminated in July 2003.

I was planning to leave the area to be closer to family, but it was definitely a shock to learn that NMU Public Broadcasting will cease to

exist in the near future.

Many community residents have been assured by NMU that "the Upper Peninsula will always have public radio and public television; we are working to assure this."

This will be done by bringing in public television from Wisconsin, Detroit or another Michigan university and delivering it to cable customers only, merely bringing another station's programming to U.P. households.

The same is true with public radio — Minnesota Public Radio or another service will merely broadcast to a larger audience than before, bringing their programming into the Upper Peninsula.

There will be no studios or staff in the Upper Peninsula, no local programs.

The government created public broadcasting to bring culture and education to those in rural areas; it was intended as an "equalizer."

For more than 30 years, Public TV-13 has brought its viewers many local and PBS programs that educate, inform and enrich viewers' lives.

Public Radio 90 is a valued cultural outlet and often the

only opportunity for many U.P. residents to enjoy regional performances.

I could say "I'm going to be gone so why should I care."

But I believe in public broadcasting and can't leave without a fight.

I truly believe this to be a bad business decision on the part of NMU and I am saddened to think that the people of the U.P. will end up paying the price.

When 'alternatives' for local public broadcasting are proposed, ask what they are and what they mean to you, your family and your community.

*Karen Eastman
PBS employee*

A fond farewell to an excellent editor

I wanted to take just a moment to congratulate Chris Mosier on her year as editor of *The North Wind*.

Contrary to local rags which clearly have a conservative bent, reading *The North Wind* has been informative, and, for the most part, a fair and balanced news source (at least with regard to campus issues

vis-a-vis the world).

As far as I have been able to discern, there is rather little personal agenda which is as it should be.

Kudos.

If I have one small criticism, it is the triviality of the Easter question (as discussed on Radio X's Mark's Marvelous Cosmic Paradigm Shift Show), but then, a little sophomoric banter is good for the soul every now and again.

I would also like to express my sincere hope that next year's editor will take the same care with providing an open minded, academic-minded and fair-representation of campus and world events.

The campus community, and by extension the greater UP community, is well served by the precedent set this year by Chris Mosier.

So, thanks, and good luck!

*Anne Newcombe
non-traditional sophomore,
nursing*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *North Wind* will be accepting letters over the summer to be run in the first issue in the fall. See letters to the editor rules on page 6 for submission details.

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riage. One cannot pledge to pledge. What moronic redundancy, what pointless labeling of a relationship.

*Note: engage also means "enter into conflict." Joy.

I'll admit that part of my fear stems from the facts that:

A) Divorce seems inevitable in my family, at least once per member.

B) My parents had me when they were my age.

But hey, maybe it's one of those things that I won't understand until it happens to me, that love thing that removes reason and drains all the blood out of one's brain and puts it ... in other places. I guess I'll congratulate all of you crazy bastards that are rushing off down the aisle, I don't understand your motives particularly well, but at least you aren't marrying me.


Just try to have some fun first, I guess, though not in any totally illegal ways. But if I come back from the summer to find all my friends married to each other, I will be very disappointed. I just started dating for Pete's Sake.

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

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'Romeo and Juliet' unveils performances

BY NICOLE GEARHART
STAFF WRITER

"Romeo and Juliet" will be brought to NMU's campus for the first time in 35 years, as the Forest Roberts Theatre will play host to a performance of the Shakespeare classic.

Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on April 23, 24 and 25 as well as a 1 p.m. matinee and evening show on April 26.

The cast also held a special presentation on April 22 for high

school students from across the Upper Peninsula.

Theater Director James Panowski said the invitation to this matinee was offered to high schools throughout the U.P. and had been sold out for six weeks. Students were given study guides to prepare them for the event. They were also given the opportunity to tour the campus, courtesy of the Campus Visits Program and to participate in a feedback session with members of the cast.

"We are happy to be able to serve the entire U.P., as well as the Marquette community," Panowski said.

Carol Pipkorn, an English teacher from North Central High School, traveled nearly two hours with her freshman English class to see this special showing.

She said that in her experience, "Romeo and Juliet" is still the traditional play that is used to introduce ninth graders to Shakespeare.

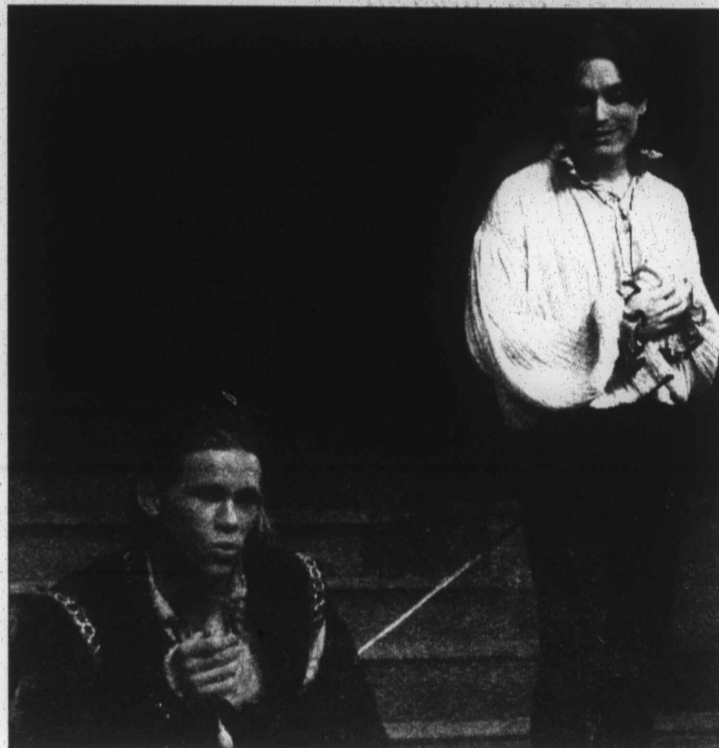
"The story line of 'Romeo and Juliet' is good for this age level, because the characters are around their age, and it deals with issues that are relative to this age group, such as relationships, suicide and drugs," Pipkorn said. "It provides a good channel to talk to the kids about these things."

Panowski, who is serving as the producer of the play, said the show's cast was hand-picked by director Shelley Russell.

"The young cast is quite talented and overflowing with youth and enthusiasm," Panowski said. "These qualities should shine through in their roles, which will include enacting both love and stage combat scenes."

Janel Cooke, a senior theater major and member of the cast, said she felt "Romeo and Juliet" was an interesting piece to look at, considering what's going on in the world right now.

This story is one of feuding



Scott Salisbury/NW

Junior theater major Joe Rayome slips into the mindset of the ill-fated Romeo while Brandon Roberts portrays the character of Benvolio in NMU's April 23 production of "Romeo and Juliet."

families, one side pitted against another, oddly parallel to many situations throughout the world currently, Cooke said.

Joe Rayome, a junior theater major playing the part of Romeo, said they tried to remain close to the classic characteristics of the play. The setting is still in Verona during the Renaissance period, rather than a modernized version.

Rayome said this play is the most challenging thing he has

ever done.

"People see 'Romeo and Juliet' as a love story, which is true, but it is also a tragedy," Rayome said. "Shakespeare used this play to show that there are no happy endings. He recognized humans' morbid fascination and wonderment with death and our own mortality."

Tickets are on sale at all NMU ticket outlets. The cost is \$5 per student and \$8 for the public.



Scott Salisbury/NW

The character of Juliet, played by Kasey Anne Kogut, performs the famous balcony scene in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" on the play's opening at the Forest Roberts Theatre on April 23.

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1 in 4 people ages 18 - 24 have had a sexually transmitted infection. Hmmm.

Menus face alterations

Dining Services Committee recommends meal changes

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
STAFF WRITER

The ASMNU Dining Services Review Sub-Committee met with Auxiliary Services Vice President Andy Wasilewski and Dining Services Director Dick Whitman on April 21 to present the Dining Services Review Committee recommendations.

There are four recommendations included in the proposal. Under the nutrition recommendations, the committee has proposed limiting the number of fried foods by baking or grilling more entrees and using cheese sauces sparingly. They also suggested that healthy alternatives to burgers and fries always be available to students.

The review committee also made vegetarian recommendations, including the reduction of the portion size of vegetarian entrees because the large portions are not being eaten and food is being wasted, Dining Services Review Committee Chairwoman Lianna Moore said.

The second recommendation calls for an increase in the num-

ber of vegetarian and vegan selections.

The dining services menu planning committee will take the food recommendations into consideration when they meet this summer.

The recommendations under miscellaneous food quality issues states that students are not happy with the current quality of the pizza in the Wildcat Den and Marketplace. Student feedback included statements that the crust and cheese on the pizza in the Marketplace is undercooked, and that the sauce has a bad taste.

The recommendations also said students feel pasta in the Marketplace is mushy from sitting in water for too long.

Moore said the committee began meeting at the end of March after hearing complaints about food quality, vegetarian options and selection in the last hours the Marketplace and the Den are open.

"[The purpose of the dining committee] is to continuously improve the dining services at NMU," committee member Becca Beckett said.

Due to student complaints, the committee also recommended that the Marketplace serve hot food until its closing time and keep gates fully open.

"We started looking into the recommendations from the first meeting and as a group we decided to monitor the Den and Marketplace," Moore said.

The ASNMU Dining Services Review Sub-Committee was originally established in November 2001. One concern when the committee started out was that students who had night classes wouldn't be able to get anything for dinner, Moore said.

The committee came up with five recommendations in November of 2001 to present to dining services. The recommendations included later hours in the Marketplace and Den and allowing students to share meals, Moore said.

After hearing the recommendations, dining services changed the hours in the Marketplace and Den to better serve students, as well as introduce the guest pass, Associate Vice President Andy Wasilewski said.

"We've done a lot of behind-the-scenes work," Moore said. "We hope they consider these recommendations and put them into effect next year."

Resident faculty to move July 15

BY MATT SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Several NMU faculty and staff members will have to move out of on-campus housing by July 15, Housing and Residence Life Director Carl Holm said.

"It's one of several steps we have taken in anticipation of an enrollment increase next fall," Holm said.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Bill Bernard said that the Student Services and Enrollment Department examined several options.

"[We thought the] best way to ensure all students have the room they desire, we would ask the NMU employees who live in university housing to live someplace else," Bernard said.

Holm said the faculty and staff who have lived on campus for less than two years were mailed a letter on March 15 that informed them they would have to move out by July 15.

The letter was not sent until March because the Office of Housing and Residence Life wanted to see what the projected student occupancy would be, Holm said.

"We didn't want to wait so long so as to put people in a position of hardship," Holm said.

This measure to make more room for students was discussed as early as the Fall 2002 semester.

Both Holm and Bernard said this recent decision has nothing to do with the budget cuts the university is currently facing.

So far, there are no plans to move the faculty and staff back on campus.

However, Holm said in the future faculty living on campus may be possible if there is enough room.



Bernard



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Young Authors seminar hosted

A Young Authors conference will be held May 5 through 8 at NMU.

More than 3,400 students from both Marquette and Alger counties are registered for the program.

A public presentation by Shelley will also be given at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library. Shelley's books will be available for purchase and autographing starting at 6 p.m. It cost \$1 to attend.

Shelley's books and Young Author T-shirts are available at Snowbound Books.

Performance given by poet

Poet Lillian Allen will perform some of her "dub" poetry at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Charcoal Room in the University Center.

Allen moved from Spanish Town, Jamaica to North America in 1969. She has studied at the City University of New York and York University in Toronto.

Allen is known internationally for her award-winning dub poetry, which expresses emotions not only in the sense of art, but also in the reflection of culture.

Dub poetry is a highly politicized form of reggae poetry that is set to music. Written and voiced in the Caribbean vernacular, readers and listeners can experience the passions and principles of Allen's native culture through her verse.

Allen has written, published and performed her work across Canada, the United States, England and the Caribbean.

In addition to her work as a poet, Allen is a playwright, producer, director and activist on such issues as diversity in culture, cross-cultural learning and the arts in education.

This event is free and open to the public.

The King "Chavez" Parks Initiative and the Sigma Tau Delta English honor society are sponsoring Allen's visit.

NMU education classes offered

NMU will offer several early childhood education courses this summer.

These courses will be designated for educators working with preschool, kindergarten and early elementary children, including ZA Endorsement courses.

Two courses — child development and learning and designing learning environments for young children — will be taught by Gretchen Butera.

Butera is a visiting professor of special education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

These courses will be offered during second summer session of classes, June 30 through July 17.

Butera has more than 15 years of experience as a teacher working in three different states. She has also conducted research and training for many years in Head Start, working with the National Head Start Association in the National Head Start Training Academy as well as numerous Head Start programs in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Butera is the recipient of several awards for her teaching, research and service.

Other early childhood courses offered this summer include early childhood internship and seminar, using children's literature to promote pro-social skills for grades preschool through third, early childhood mathematics through children's literature and early childhood science through children's literature.

For more information visit www.nmu.edu/summer or call Continuing Education and Sponsored Programs at 227-2103.

Thirty-eight art and design

Seniors display art in Lee Hall

students are showcasing their work in the NMU Art Gallery located in Lee Hall.

"Last Call: NMU Art and Design Senior Exhibition" will be on display through May 2.

A reception will be held in the gallery May 2 to close the exhibition. A Best of Show Award will be presented to one of the graduating seniors.

The public portion of the reception is scheduled from 8 to 9 p.m. The award will be given at 8:15 p.m.

Art and design majors are required by the department to present their work in the senior exhibition prior to graduation.

Art and design faculty choose the Best of Show Award immediately preceding the public reception that ends the exhibition. A \$500 award, sponsored by Friends of the NMU Art Museum, will be presented to the winner.

"The reception is always fun," Wayne Francis, director of NMU Art Museum said. "Parents, students, faculty and friends all pack into the gallery with all the art work and everyone is excited. This group of students should be excited — they've been a great group."

Biology lecture features crabs

Sadie Reed, a biology department graduate assistant at Northern Michigan University, will present the next biology seminar at 4 p.m. on April 30 in the Mead Auditorium in the West Science Building.

The topic of the seminar is

"The Taxonomy, Phylogeny and Biogeography of the Freshwater Crab Genus *Potamonautes* from Tanzania."

Taxonomy is the system of arranging animals and plants into related groups.

Phylogeny is the line of descent or evolutionary development of a plant or animal. Biogeography is the branch of biology that deals with the geographical distribution of animals and plants.

The public is invited to attend this free event.

Walk America needs support

The annual March of Dime Walk America will be held on April 26.

Anyone still interested in joining a team may do so at the Student Volunteer Center in the University Center.

Those who do not want to walk but would still like to help

may volunteer to help on the day of the walk.

Volunteers are still needed to distribute food at checkpoints and a few people are needed to dress up in costume to entertain children.

Anyone interested may contact the Volunteer Center.

For more information, contact Sandra Lambert at 228-6942.

Students tour Empire mines

American economic history students from Northern Michigan University will tour the Empire Mine from 9 a.m. to noon on April 25.

The tour will show the students how local natural resources, labor, capital and entrepreneurial talent are utilized to produce high-quality iron ore products.

The economic impact of the mine on the local economy and its links to the steel industry and

global economy will also be discussed.

For more information contact Tawni Ferrarini, NMU economics professor, at 227-1218.

Steelcase CEO speaks May 3

James Hackett, president and CEO of Steelcase Inc., will be the featured speaker at Northern Michigan University's commencement ceremony. It will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 3, in the Superior Dome.

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Alkaline Trio, punk bands jam on campus



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Guitarist Mike Skiba of the Chicago-based band Alkaline Trio performed on April 18 in the Great Lakes Rooms.

CONVERSATION WITH

Matt Skiba, Alkaline Trio

The Chicago-based punk band Alkaline Trio played a fast-paced, exciting show to a mixed crowd of core fans and punk followers on April 18 in the Great Lakes Rooms. Two local bands — the Fried Chinese Donald's and the Minor League — pumped up the crowd as the first two acts.

Fellow Chicago punk outfit Knockout was the third act and put the crowd into a frenzy of anticipation as Alkaline Trio came on stage. The Trio proved to be worth the wait as they rocked the Great Lakes Rooms with old favorites and new material. They are currently on tour promoting their upcoming record, "Good Mourning" which will be released by Vagrant Records on May 13.

Alkaline Trio guitarist and vocalist Matt Skiba took time before the show to sit down and talk with North Wind staff writer Eric Treado.

What's the outlook of the tour?

Skiba: I think it's going to be great. We

are touring with some of our favorite bands. The tour will run into the summer and it will be awesome to go around to new venues.

What is the significance of the new album?

Skiba: We have no specific meaning to get across, we are just trying to make the best record we can make and hopefully people can identify with and enjoy it. It's a really personal record for us and a way we can get things off our chest, hopefully things that people can relate to.

What goes into the songwriting?

Skiba: A majority of our songs come from personal experience, things that we know a lot about. Other songs are inspired by books and shows that we have read or seen. We tend to write about things that affect people on a personal level or things that concern media as a whole.

What bands have influenced you?

Skiba: There is a long list of bands that we love and admire, one of the biggest being The Ramones. We grew up listening to similar bands, and we have comparable tastes. Bands like The Smiths, The Ramones and The Damned along with other older punk bands have all brought us to where we are now.

How would you describe the darker perspective of the music you write?

Skiba: It's what comes natural to us. A lot of times it comes from the darker side of things. I think it's more interesting to sing about things that affect you in a negative way then in a positive way. People can relate to break-ups and drinking to forget.

What has been your influence upon punk rock?

Skiba: We have learned everything from other bands that we admired growing up, and just try to pass it on. We hope that we can have an influence on other bands and motivate young bands to work hard. People have thanked us for inspiring them to start a band, and if we have brought anything to that, we are very thankful.

What are the band's future goals?

Skiba: The tour is our next big step. We take things as they come, we don't have a grand scheme or goal. We have exceeded any goals and expectations that the band had made in the beginning, and continue to do so. To set any major goals right now would be to jinx our success.

What is your impression of Marquette?

Skiba: When we rolled in at 5 a.m. and it looked really desolate. When we woke up the sun was out and we drove around and found a nice vegetarian restaurant. Everyone has been really cool, and it has a good small town vibe.

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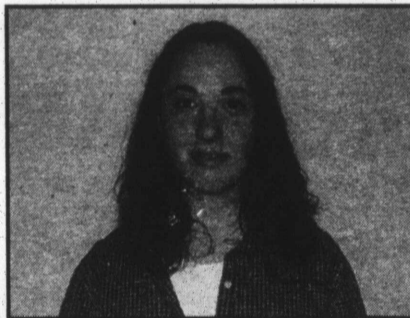
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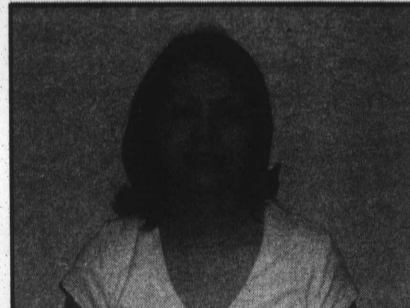
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Angela Wakely was named Student Employee of the Month for January, 2003. Angela is employed as a desk supervisor at the Spooner Hall desk.



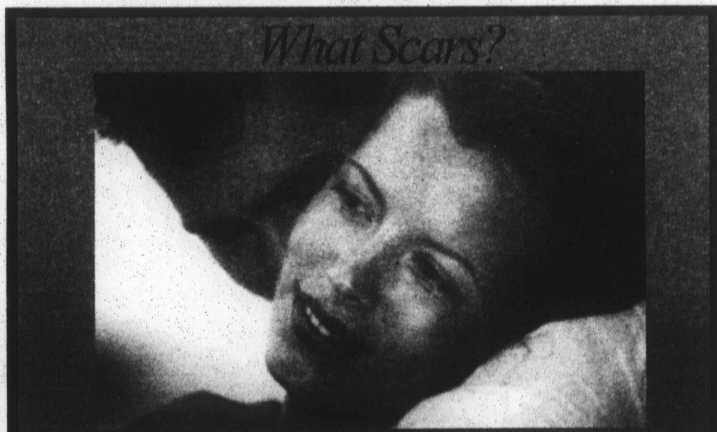
Ryan Healey was named the Student Employee of the Month for February, 2003. Ryan is a student secretary in Conference and Catering Services.



Brenda Puskale, an attendant in the Wildcat Den, was chosen as the Student Employee of the Month for March, 2003.

Other students nominated were Traci Byykkonen (University Center Dining Services), Angela Delie (Dining Services Central Office), Michelle Nielsen (Wildcat Den), Heidi Post (University Center Dining Services-Conference & Catering), and Andrew Tomlinson (Wildcat Den).

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Summer offers time to relax

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

Forget Monday's snow. Summer is on the horizon. Before the warm air infiltrates our apartments and drives us to the beach seeking salvation at midnight, we have a few more icy days and coolly-administered exams to contend with. For many of us, the tantalizing glimpses of summer help push us through the end of the semester.

The weight of being a student struggling to pay bills and gain the experiences needed for a career after college nearly took my legs out this semester, all with a measly 12 credits.

There were early mornings in which I questioned why I was in school torturing myself, doubting a society that may never appreciate education, my eventual profession, anyway. During stressful moments like that, it's frightening to apply the question of "why?" to aspects of our lives we never have before.

Now the end is near — not the fatal end I feared about two weeks ago as I was drowning in reports and research, but the end to this gruesome semester. There is sunlight in the distance.

Complaining about the past few months, however, only takes away from what those of us staying in Marquette have to look forward to this summer. By the second week of May, the town feels less like a college town and more like a relaxed community hurried only by the waves of tourism around the summer holidays.

Nevertheless, the post-finals week hangover can be a shock. Parties suddenly cease and fewer 20-somethings are crawling back from the bars at 2 a.m. Granted, the energy does drain from Marquette until Memorial Day weekend, but a slower pace is welcomed for a few weeks.

Some of my best memories from last summer came from time spent at Lower Harbor Park for the food festival and Fourth of July celebration, even though the weather was not very cooperative come firework time. The nights I spent with large groups of people on rocks overlooking Harlow Lake seem distant right now, but soon warm weather will invite us back outside. And even Marquette can get hot at times, so those extremely humid days should be spent hiking along the Dead River or biking near Lake Superior.

None of these activities take place in a classroom.

Although the six-year bachelor's program does not always sound appealing, taking summer classes might be just enough to keep me from being able to endure some rougher semesters. So, even though I understand that people have various legitimate reasons to take summer classes and hurry through school, ask yourself "why?" and consider some of the reasons to avoid summer classes: working full time to pay rent may be necessary; summer classes are expensive. The catch, for me at least, is stepping away from classes for awhile. Maybe I'm just not studious or devoted enough, but classes year-round aren't an option, especially when making money is vital. Nothing, however, is more important to me than spending time with friends and enjoying the short summer.

With sunshine comes a few clouds, though. Some of those friends we wish to spend the summer with will be gone all too soon. It's never easy to part with friends who graduate, no matter how much we hope for their success away from NMU. It seems they depart as quickly as the summer breezes by — and, the summers in Marquette often move by as quickly as some students' cars speed out of town at the end of the semester.

Those who leave between semesters should consider staying in town for at least one summer, if they never have in the past. With the changing weather comes change in attitude.

The semester is coming to its end, and the summer is nearly upon us. Revel in farewells, then relax and get away from the classroom to enjoy the brief summer.

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



As finals draw near and spring breezes blow through the U.P., students finally find time to ...

Unwind

BY JOSH JOHNSON
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

An absence of snow, the return of geese droppings and the exposure of pale skin to the sun can mean only one thing. Summer is nearly afoot in Marquette.

For some students, summer brings a return to home, work and old friends without the burden of school.

For those who choose to stay in Marquette for the summer, opportunities exist to advance in school or work and enjoy activities which are otherwise unavailable during the bustle and bleakness of the school year.

Taking summer classes is a popular reason to spend a summer in Marquette.

Amanda Boyd, a junior electronic journalism major,

said taking summer classes last year has allowed her to nearly reach senior status after her second year at NMU.

Boyd said her summer was extremely busy because of a full class load and a part-time job, which didn't allow much time for recreation.

Sam Galvin, a senior secondary education social studies major, said his summer job as a counselor with the Upward Bound program, a program which offers a pre-college experience for college-bound adolescents, will provide housing in Marquette and a chance to enjoy the outdoors.

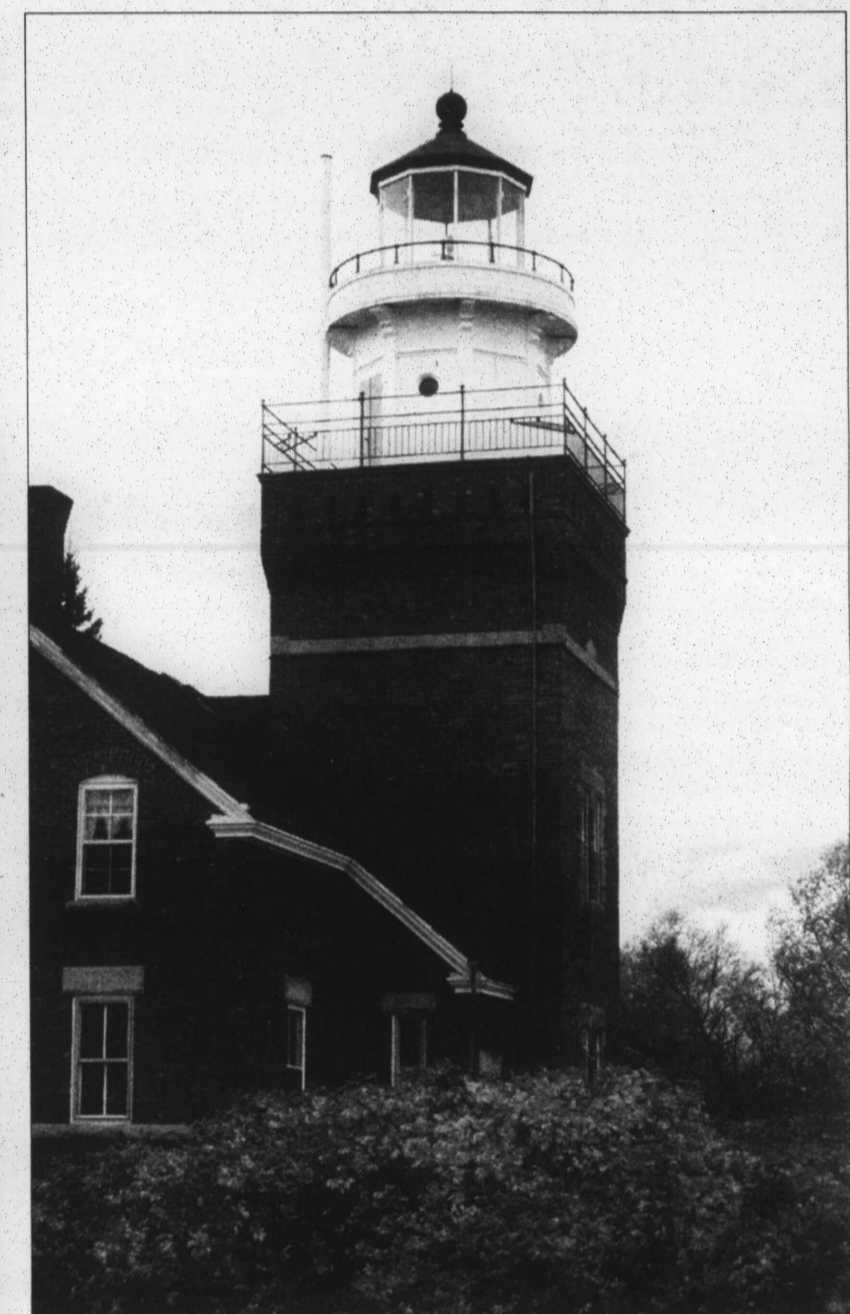
"I've heard the summers are beautiful," Galvin said. "I hope I can get outside as much as possible."

Galvin said he is taking a trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising and also plans to try cliff

Left: Many students decide to remain in the Upper Peninsula during the summer not only to take classes, but to view the picturesque scenery the region has to offer, such as the waterfalls of the Yellow Dog River, located south of Big Bay off County Road 510. Bottom: Hiking is one of the more popular pastimes during the warmer months, as there are miles of trails that traverse the Marquette area countryside. Many trails lead to panoramas such as this one of Lake Superior from the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.



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The Big Bay Lighthouse, located north of Marquette, is one of many of historic structures that has been restored and is accessible for public viewing.



Adam Westhouse/NW

The Upper Peninsula boasts numerous beaches along Lake Superior for rest and relaxation such as the light house and breakwater near Grand Marais found at the eastern end of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

diving at the Black Rocks this summer.

It's the change in climate which makes Marquette a great place for summer recreation, said Janet Sonaglia, manager of the Marquette Welcome Center.

Though the summer weather can be as unpredictable as the rest of the year, Sonaglia said there are numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, fishing and golf.

Other outdoor activities include biking along the 10 miles worth of paved trails in Marquette, hiking to the many waterfalls found throughout the area or just laying on the sand of more than 80 beaches in Marquette County.

Cultural events abound are also available and appealing to a variety of interests, according to "Marquette Country," a visitor's guide provided by the Marquette Country Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The International Food Fest, a three-day festival held July 4 through 6 in Lower Harbor Park, features a variety of ethnic dishes and live entertainment.

Workhorse competitions, mud drags and demolition derbies will be featured at the Champion Horse Pull & Mud Drags, June 28 through 29 in nearby Champion.

Marquette City Band concerts will be held Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. throughout the summer at the Presque Isle Bandshell.

Another popular musical activity is the Hiawatha Music Festival, which runs July 18 through 20 and is held at Tourist Park.

The nationally known festival features traditional music such as bluegrass, Celtic and acoustic folk.

Hiawatha's Web site describes the festival as a celebration of music, dancing and crafts for all ages. Camping is available at Tourist Park for the duration of the festival.

For more information concerning summer activities in Marquette, contact the Marquette Welcome Center at 249-9066 or the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-544-4321.



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Tourists and students staying in the Upper Peninsula for the summer can get away from the bustle of Marquette's city life and visit campgrounds like this state forest campsite at Gemini Lake east of Munising.

DJ provides lasting high

DJ Mark Farina
"Mushroom Jazz 4"



Grade: A

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

DJ Mark Farina's mixing is like a drug, only without the let-down after the high and for a much cheaper price.

His most recent release, "Mushroom Jazz 4," is a delicate blend of smooth and chill, funk and rap, instrumentals and vocal tracks. In the fourth album of his "Mushroom Jazz" series, Farina draws elements from jazz, hip hop and techno sounds. The result of his 70-minute set is an ear-to-ear smile and guaranteed mood enhancement.

Some DJs get flack for "not being real musicians." While anyone can gather an hour of

music and make a compilation CD, few can roll the selected tracks together to make it seem like one cut.

It's difficult to find where one song ends and the next begins on "Mushroom Jazz 4." It's not because all the tracks sound the same — they don't — it's just a testament to Farina's way of seamlessly transitioning between the compiled tracks.

Unlike other chill-out albums, the pace of most tracks varies. From medium-paced cuts like "Keep Your Head Up," by Laurnea, to the faster, hip-hop song "Suite For Beaver Pt. 1" by Puts, the up-and-down tempo makes for a well-balanced album.

The two previously mentioned tracks are accompanied by actual vocals over the entire song, but most of the songs on the album are focused more on beat and instrumental accompaniment rather than lyrics.

Repetitive use of vocal samples and sound clips are sprinkled throughout the album but cohere so well that they seem to become another instrument.

Where some DJs will mix in acapellas or sounds that the song could do without, each lyric and sound found on "Mushroom Jazz 4" adds to the highly-addictive album.

There's a lot for the ears to pay attention to within the mix. Farina's choice of add-ins makes for great ear candy.

Yet, even with all the sounds happening over the course of the album, "Mushroom Jazz 4" really has a simple and clean feel.

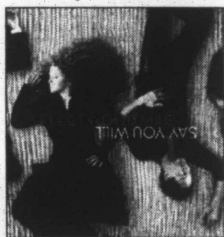
"Truth in Position" and "Wiggle and Giggle" are great examples of tracks with simple bass lines enhanced by the use of a wide variety of sound bytes and interesting variations of instruments, including easy taps on piano keys and softly blown whistles.

The only negative aspect about "Mushroom Jazz 4" is that I've neglected the rest of the CDs in my collection, opting for this truly addictive mix.

If you're looking for a good chill-out album with a kick or a perfect anytime album, pick up DJ Mark Farina's latest disc — it really is the perfect drug.

Band sticks to tradition

Fleetwood Mac
"Say You Will"



Grade: B+

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Often, when a legendary band attempts to make a comeback, the effort falls flat, tarnishing both history and credibility.

Maintaining its recognizable sound, Fleetwood Mac barely falters after a career longer than most of us have been alive.

Six years after their live album "The Dance," Fleetwood Mac, minus one member, has returned with their first studio release since 1987. Only a little has changed since then, as their recent release, "Say You Will," coincides with what the famed group has done throughout its career by making great music.

Missing from "Say You Will" is former FM singer and songwriter Christine McVie. While her status has been reduced to an "additional performer," she's not the only FM member taking a reduced role on the album.

Singer, guitarist and co-producer Lindsey Buckingham and singer Stevie Nicks dominate "Say You Will." The strong vocals and guitar solos courtesy of Buckingham and Nicks all but

eliminate the contributions of remaining Mac members John McVie's bass and Mick Fleetwood's percussion.

Yet, despite the domination by the lead pair and former couple, most of the songs Fleetwood Mac collectively build on "Say You Will" can stand next to the band's earlier work.

"Say You Will," a single from the album, is a great pop song with a classic FM feel. Over an energetic beat, Nicks sings a smooth chorus, "Say you will, Say you will, give me one more chance/At least give me time to change your mind/That always seems to heal the wounds/If I can, get you to dance."

As apparent from the title track, Nicks penned a number of beautiful songs for this album, and her haunting vocal delivery holds a strong presence on the disc. Her raspy voice is highlighted over dazzling guitar accents on "Smile At You."

Nicks also really shines on "Thrown Down," one of the disc's most spectacular tracks. The song features excellent lyrics over a simple accompaniment with the feel of a classic.

Nicks admits the song is about Buckingham, who has been a well of inspiration for her heartfelt songwriting in the past. But overall, the album seems as though the members of Fleetwood Mac are happier than they once were — the dysfunction of their previous inter-band relationships is mostly absent from "Say You Will."

Still, one of the greatest parts

of the Fleetwood Mac sound is the layered vocals and harmony between Buckingham and Nicks. They balance each other well.

"Peacekeeper," a pre-release single, is a great example of complimentary layered vocals.

The first half of the album blasts through with seriousness; the slower ballads don't appear until later on "Say You Will."

The final two songs are highlights as well.

Buckingham displays some incredible guitar playing on "Say Goodbye." The introspective lyrics evoke strong emotions with imagery of a love lost.

With so much emphasis on artists and songs that are the product of marketing hype, songs like the two closing tracks "Say Goodbye" and "Goodbye Baby" keep my faith in the music industry.

On "Goodbye Baby," Nicks sings over a gentle lullaby of finger-plucked guitar strings. "Goodbye baby/I hope your heart's not broken/Don't forget me/Yes, I was outspoken/You were with me all the time/I'll be with you one day."

Only two songs on the 18-track disc fall short. "Murrow Turning Over In His Grave," a disturbing and unpleasant memorial to journalist Edward R. Murrow, and the strange "Come" are oddities on the otherwise solid album.

Despite two misses, "Say You Will" is an impressive disc from a legendary band, and is well suited for hardcore followers and Greatest Hits fans alike.

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Movie digs up some fun



★★★★☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

"Holes" greatest failing lies in the fact that it is a production of a very good, and very complicated book.

Even though the author of the original work, Louis Sachar of the children's series "Wayside School," also helped with the script, people who are unfamiliar with the book may be lost in a wash of characters and flashbacks.

I, however, am familiar with the book, having read the 223 paged book (and enjoying every moment), and therefore I liked this movie quite a bit.

While the movie had to make some concessions for time, it faithfully recreates most of the

major plot points and themes.

Though it may seem like a simple family picture at first gloss, the movie deals with such issues as racial tension, child labor, loyalty and gypsy curses.

The movie follows Stanley Yelnats IV, human palindrome and sufferer of his families curse, which is blamed on his "no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing great great grandfather."

Due to impossible circumstances, the hapless Stanley finds himself whisked away from a questionable family life (his father is in an obsessive search for a cure for foot odor) and to a juvenile work camp, Camp Green Lake.

At the camp, Stanley meets a host of ruffians and nogoodniks, as well as a small, quiet and mysterious boy only known as Zero.

Camp Green Lake, in the respect for dramatic irony, is in fact a giant desert. The hooligans and rapsallions that find their way here by whatever methods of villainy are forced to dig holes day in and day out, because if you take a bad boy and make him dig "Holes" in the hot sun all day, he becomes a good boy.

It becomes obvious that the "Holes" aren't just character builders however, as the warden (played by a 99.9 percent alien-free Sigourney Weaver) offers a day off digging if anyone finds anything "interesting."

Hey, they can't make the mystery too opaque — kids have to feel smart by figuring it out too.

Her right-hand man is a sunflower-chomping counselor named Mr. Sir (John Voight).

This angry man takes pleasure in the sufferings of the boys, and also enjoys nice, quiet evenings shooting yellow-spotted lizards.

Yellow spotted lizards: a previously undiscovered species and a masochist herpetologist's wet dream, these spotted little beauties carry an extremely deadly bite and enjoy breeding in "Holes" dug by juvenile delinquents.

I know, this camp wouldn't exist, what with the poison, and the labor, but it's called "suspension of disbelief," you critic.

Stanley's bad luck continues, but he gains the grudging respect of his peers, and the friendship of Zero as he attempts to uncover the mystery behind the "Holes," and what exactly, the warden is looking for.

All in all, it's a good flick, though some viewers may be put off by its "more condensed than Campbell's" nature.

Kid safe and Jeremiah approved, I would recommend this movie as a good night spent out with the family, provided that the family first takes the morning (and possible afternoon) to read the book.

Thriller lives up to name



★★★★☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

"House of 1,000 Corpses" is an allegory for the persecution of communists and Jews by Joseph McCarthy during the darkest years of the Cold War.

OK, so it's actually a slasher flick with no deep moral implications, other than perhaps "Don't mock country folk or they'll skin you alive" and "If you talk to strangers you will die."

This movie is solidly in the

horror genre — no real thrills here. The only time I jumped was at a rather anticlimactic part when a skeleton's head fell off. But there were several scenes when I grimaced and whispered gentle blasphemies under my breath.

There is a reason this movie fought for three years to have an "R" rating.

Grisly beyond question, disgusting at points and with the customary booby shots, "House of 1,000 Corpses" delivers its title and then some.

The story is about two college-aged couples traveling across the country collecting bizarre roadside attractions for a book they are writing. Along the way they stop at a place called "Captain Spaulding's," a fried chicken restaurant/gas station/horror museum that boasts a "murder ride." The ride itself is a history lesson in serial killers, and along the way the kids become fascinated with a local legend, Dr. Satan.

On the way to the spot where he was hanged, their car breaks down.

Then they meet a family of crazed freaks and start dying

violent, slow deaths.

Written and directed by Rob Zombie, the movie boasts weird cut-scenes with odd coloration and music-video-esque transitions.

The soundtrack is as frighteningly surreal as the visceral images; from this day forth the song "Brick House" will be inexorably linked to my incontinence.

Where most horror movies break up the mind-numbing violence with comedy, "House of 1,000 Corpses" prefers to insert even more bizarre and disturbing interludes within the plot, causing the audience to start maniacally laughing at the more lighthearted and "funny" scenes that would normally end up on the cutting room floor for being too disturbing.

All in all, it did what it set out to do: horrify with tones of gore and disturbing sexual scenes. Whether or not this is your particular cup of chum is another story. Most viewers will probably be turned off by the excessive violence and blood, but this movie didn't set out to be a romantic comedy. Gorily entertaining, I recommend it.

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Meeting: First Aid will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Erie Room in the UC. 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.

Play: "Romeo and Juliet" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Event: Radio X is hosting a Film Festival which will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in JXJ 102. Call Troy at 227-4001 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Meeting: Superior Nights will meet at 5 p.m. in the UC.

Play: "Romeo and Juliet" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Event: The Crime Prevention and Community Relations Class will host a "Food with Friends Spaghetti Dinner" at 6 p.m. in the Ishpeming Armory. Contact Peter at 486-6162 for more information.

Seminar: The Biology Department and Steve Windels present "The Decline of Canada Yew in Great Lakes Forest Implications for Small Vertebrates" which will begin at 4 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Last Day of Classes

Event: March of Dimes Walk America

Event: On-Campus Apartment Community Rummage Sale runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Lincoln Street in front of the Norwood/Lincoln townhouses. Any tenants that would like a table please call Kristy at 227-4860.

Play: "Romeo and Juliet" will begin at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Film: "Gangs of New York" (R) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Film: "Gangs of New York" (R) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

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

Event: A walk to raise money for Multiple

Sclerosis will begin at 1 p.m. (registration) and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. in the Superior Dome. For more information contact Amy at achriste@nmu.edu

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Finals

Meeting: NMU Steppin' Out Ballroom Dance Club will hold dance lessons and party at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Practice some high energy social ballroom dances, no partner needed. Call Sean Mask at 228-2217 or e-mail nmusteppinout@aol.com.

Seminar: The Biology Department and Alec Lindsay present "Loons, Eagles and their DNA: Ecological inferences gleaned from contemporary genetic patterns" which will begin at 4 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Finals

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Finals

Meeting: Pagan Moon will meet at 9:00 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.

Seminar: The Biology Department and Sadie K. Reed presents "The Taxonomy, Phylogeny and Biogeography of the Freshwater Crab Genus Potamonautes from Tanzania, East Africa" which will begin at 4 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium in the West Science Building of The Seaborg Center Complex.

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Candidates travel to NMU for interviews

BY RACHEL GRIFFIS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

With the close of the 2002-03 swimming season, the athletic department has begun the process of hiring a new head swim coach.

The position opened up late last summer with the resignation of Chris Coraggio. Because of the quick change, interim head coach Bill Laughna stepped into the position at the beginning of the fall semester. With the end of the season, however, a serious effort was made to find a permanent head coach.

The position was posted March 1 and on April 1, Ken Godfrey, associate vice president for recreation and athletics, was given permission by the administration to fill the vacant spot despite a university-wide hiring freeze.

Thirty-four people applied for the job and four were chosen for phone interviews, Godfrey said. Of the four, two were selected to visit NMU.

Godfrey said they look primarily for swimming and head coaching experience along with teaching experience.

"A lot also goes into the quality of the person and community involvement," he said. "We ask questions about coaching experience and what they look for in recruiting students and athletes. We're striving to bring the best person to the top."

On April 22, one of the candidates, John Wilson, head swim coach from Rippon College, came to NMU and was interviewed in the Izzo-Mariucci room at the Berry Events Center.

Wilson graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and has coached at Rippon for the last seven years.

Wilson said Northern seemed like the right fit for his family and that he was impressed with the athletic facilities.

"They're not just one of the finest Division II facilities, but one of the best as a whole," he said.

At Rippon, Wilson began coaching with seven athletes on the team and it has now grown to 24 members.

"It takes awhile for a coach to establish some stability," he said.

He said he considers his coaching style to be based on the athletes' trust in him and



Swim coach candidate Jonathan Wilson met with the media and the public on Tuesday to introduce himself and answer questions. He also met with the swim team.

Scott Salisbury/NW

his trust in them.

The swim team was also able to interview Wilson for an hour on Tuesday.

"I've tried to bring the candidates here while the students are here so they have a

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Team searches for funds

Parents, athletes work to save women's Alpine skiing from June cut

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

Due to a large community outcry, the athletic department has decided to delay the proposed elimination of the women's Alpine ski team by the Budget Alternatives Committee (BAC) in March.

"We're giving them time to see if they can get some funds, not just for a year but a couple years," said Ken Godfrey, associate vice president of recreation and athletics.

The program was proposed to be cut in an effort to save the university's general fund \$50,000.

The team has until June 1 to identify sources of income to make up for the fund money that was lost, Godfrey said.

Head Alpine coach Kristian Saile said multiple efforts have been made by the skiers and the parents to save the program.

"There's a group right now that's trying to set up an endowment," he said. "It's led by parents of some of the skiers."

Caroline Koski, mother of Meri Koski, and Dennis O'Mara, father of an incoming freshman recruit, have been leading the group of parents, Saile said.

Along with fundraising efforts by the parents, the skiers have been writing e-mails and approaching students to help support their team.

"We sent out e-mails to Central Division racers and parents, ski shops and ski hills," freshman Kate Hosking said. "First we wanted to make them aware of what was going on. We were trying to gain support from the community."

Hosking said the majority of the feedback

from the e-mails came through the Budget Alternatives Committee's feedback Web site. Overall, 107 NMU alumni and community members logged support to take the Alpine ski team off the list of possible cuts.

Freshman Danielle DenBleyker said the team has not started raising funds yet, but has been coming up with ideas for fundraisers and places to ask for funding.

Among the ideas, the team would like to bring the U.S. Ski Team up to Marquette to hold a golf fundraising tournament.

"It'll probably get down to getting funds from the region because we are the only NCAA team in the Midwest," DenBleyker said.

Saile said since NMU is the only varsity women's Alpine team in the Midwest, saving the team would also mean saving a unique program.

"It would mean a lot," he said. "A lot of athletes come to this school to be able to ski [on a varsity level] and they want to continue with their goals for NCAA competition."

Godfrey said the team is hopeful that a corporation or a local business will step up with support, but said the fundraising process may hinder skiers from finding a ski team to transfer to.

"If someone wanted to be released now to compete somewhere else, that is their choice," Godfrey said. "Somebody might have a tough decision to go [elsewhere] for Alpine skiing or to stay here."

DenBleyker said, however, the BAC's recommendations came too late for her and her teammates to find another place to ski.

"The transfer deadlines were March 1," she said. "People have already made up their teams and have already given out scholarships."

If efforts to save the program fail, DenBleyker said she will be looking to transfer to another school to continue skiing.



Saile

Athletic training major awarded

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE
SPORTS EDITOR

After a lengthy process, the NMU athletic training program was awarded accreditation from the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP).

Julie Rochester, director of NMU's athletic program, said this accreditation comes at a time when education reform is a hot topic in athletic training.

"Accreditation is critical because beginning in January 2004, students wishing to take the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC) exam will be required to be graduates of accredited athletic training education programs," Rochester said in a press release.

In the past, students wishing to gain certification could begin their education at an unaccredited university through hands-on internships and still be eligible to take the NATABOC exam.

Rochester said with the new education reform, they are phasing out all internship programs.

NMU began the accreditation process in the mid-1990s. Rochester said they first had to develop the athletic training program into a major, which was approved by the university during the 1998-99 school year.

After the course work was developed, the program began the application process for CAA-

HEP accreditation candidacy.

"This involved a lengthy report answering questions that demonstrated that we had a program worthy of accreditation," Rochester said.

"Accreditation is critical because beginning in January 2004, students wishing to take the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification exam will be required to be graduates of accredited athletic training education programs."

— Julie Rochester
athletic training director

Northern was awarded a two-year candidacy status in 2000. In 2002, the staff had to write a self-study report detailing every aspect of the program including faculty, facilities and student outcomes, Rochester said.

To conclude the process, the Joint Review Committee on Athletic Training Education came to NMU for a site visit.

The committee then recommended accreditation approval to CAAHEP.

With the new accreditation, NMU joins five other accredited athletic training programs in Michigan including Central Michigan University, Eastern

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Golfing: Torture for the athlete's soul

When I was a kid I had dreams of making the winning shot in Game 7 of the NBA finals or completing a Hail Mary pass in the last play of the Super Bowl.

But as time passed, I realized that my 5-foot-11-inch frame and lack of speed were going to make it very difficult for me to be the next Michael Jordan or Joe Montana.

So after high school sports were over, I put aside the football spikes and basketball sneakers and committed the ultimate athletic sin. I sold my soul to golf.

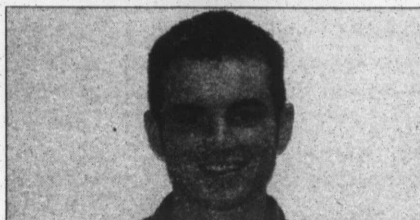
That's right, I gave up competitive sports like football, basketball and baseball where the team is emphasized, and traded them in for the most cruel individualistic activity known to man and the worst four letter word of them all.

You see golf is like being with a beautiful temptress. It's fun for awhile, but then it toys with your emotions, breaks your heart and empties your wallet.

While green fairways, fresh air and majestic landscaping appear peaceful and relaxing, golf is actually a game designed by the devil to torment my soul.

In other sports, teamwork, cooperation and intense competition are celebrated and practiced daily. People feel these teach life's little lessons and promote American values.

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BY ROB HAMILTON

But golf ignores these ways of character growth and is even non-compliant with one of the greatest American values of them all — scapegoating. Above all else, competitive sports have taught me that it's not my fault when I lose.

The problem with golf begins with the fact that I have no one else to blame for my failures. I can't attribute my poor performance to the other team's defense or to the fact they had played exceptionally well. I can't say I would have scored lower if my teammates would have hit the ball better or trained harder in the off-season. It's my fault that I suck.

Sure, I can make excuses like the wind blew my ball into the woods or my ball hit a pebble and changed direction as it was rolling to the hole. Heck, I could even cheat as most golfers do and kick the ball out from under a pine tree or take

a mulligan so I feel better about the last shot that I duffed 10 yards in front of me.

But who am I kidding? Golf is truly a game where you can only cheat yourself. And that loses its luster after a little while.

Maybe the worst thing about golf is its ability to keep me coming back over and over again.

Golf is really just like a bad relationship. You start off with a few dates and it's a good time. But pretty soon you're spending more and more time and money on it and you're always saying things like "If I can just work on this part of my game, things will be better."

Ninety percent of the time after you leave the course you never want to return. But there are always memories of one or two shots that keep you crawling back.

One great drive has you opening your wallet for another round. One 30-foot putt and you're buying new clubs. One birdie and it's a commitment. You're stuck with the sport for life.

Golf has me in its grasp. I am hooked and there is no escape. At least living in the wintry Marquette area has saved me from this agony for a little while.

But it won't be long till I'm out there torturing myself once again, trying to beat my best score, cursing after I watch another one of my shots sail into a pond.

Golf is a beauty that's hard to resist. It can even seem like fun if you're not serious about it. But if you're not careful, golf will grab you and never let go.

So next time you think about playing, remember that beauty can be deceiving and torment awaits. Then break your clubs and run while you still can.

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Marquette Golf & Country Club	Marquette	\$42
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Wawonowin Country Club	Champion	\$33

Snow stalls golf team

BY MICHELLE BROWN
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

While other golf teams have been hitting the course brushing up their driving and putting skills, the Northern Michigan University golf team has been held up by April snow.

With the team's last tournament of the semester coming up at Hillsdale College on April 26 and 27, the 'Cats are looking to get



Courtesy of Andy Nelson-Zaleski
Sophomore Aaron Swanson finished 63rd and was NMU's second best finisher in the Wildcats' first spring tournament.

a little experience under their belts before next fall.

"Basically we can't do anything because of the snow," sophomore Aaron Swanson said. "We don't expect much."

Swanson shot a combined 170 in the team's first spring tournament at Findlay, Ohio. NMU finished behind each of the other 12 teams in the tournament.

"It's ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous," sophomore Ryan Tunteri said. "We are at a pretty unfair advantage; everyone else has months of practice on us."

The team had one other scheduled spring tournament in Ashland, Wis. for April 11 and 12, but it was cancelled.

Despite the lack of training, the players are hoping to improve as they head into their last tournament of the spring season.

"Obviously (we want) to do well," freshman Liam Scullion said. "We have no huge goals. We are just trying to get into the flow of things."

Swanson said he had some goals of his own for the team.

"(We are hoping) not to finish last and have everyone on the team of the top five guys break 85," he said.

Tunteri said he wants to break 80 and his goal for the team includes "getting off from the bottom of the barrel" and working their way up to the middle of the pack.

Junior Charlie Siem said he would like the team to prepare for next fall.

"We need to just play well and get a feel of the courses so next season, we know what they are like," Siem said. "A lot of the players have not played on these courses before."

Siem said he has high hopes for the team next season.

"I think next year we will be a lot better to start off the season," Siem said. "I think we will be a lot better as a team."

Rugby team sends five to tournament

BY ALEX PINA
STAFF WRITER

The Northern Michigan University men's rugby club team had five of its players selected to play in the Midwest Select Side Rugby Championship that took place April 12 and 13.

Sophomore tight head prop Craig Mattson, junior fullback Cris Hatherly, sophomore wing Cheyne Herro, sophomore eight man Garrett Peterson and freshman fly Greg Leemon were all selected to represent Northern at the tournament championship in Rockford, Ill.

The Midwest Select Side Rugby Championship is an all-star game where the players from different club teams are selected by their peers to represent their schools on each team. NMU joined players from Western Michigan University, Michigan State, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State and Ferris State to form the Michigan team.

The Michigan team took the tournament championship with a 30-6 win over Illinois and a 27-17 win over Indiana.

Senior Josh Cross, the public relations representative for the team, said the players that were selected from NMU represented the university very well and the team's coach was very impressed.

"Our players did really well, they played in all the games and really contributed a lot," Cross said.

Although Northern is such a young team, this is the most players it has ever sent to the Select Side tournament, Cross said.

"It was an honor to be selected, and to be on a team with top notch players from the state," Leemon said.

Leemon, who only has one year of experience playing rugby in high school prior to playing at NMU, felt that it was a great learning experience that will help him develop and improve his perception of the game of rugby.

"It was a tougher level of competition, but it was a lot of fun," Peterson said.

Cross said the tournament was a good experience for the five guys that were sent.

"They brought back an improved skill level that will help the team next year," he said.

As NMU begins conditioning in preparation for next season, they are expecting a strong season in the fall. Most of the young players from this year are returning next fall and will have at least a year of experience under their belt. In addition, the five players that played in the Select Side tournament will be bringing a lot of experience, confidence and leadership to the team, Cross said.

Northern is currently 1-1 for the spring season. The team beat Northern Illinois and has a loss to Battle Creek. NMU will be playing Marionette-Menomonee this weekend.

Modern treasure hunting

The ground squished under my hiking boots on the cool evening in Presque Isle Park, as I walked along a muddy trail last weekend.

With my GPS receiver in hand I strolled through the island looking for treasure. The treasure was hidden in the form of a GeoCache, and what I was doing is known as GeoCaching.

What is GeoCaching, you ask? Think of it as a 21st century treasure hunt or a sophisticated game of hide and seek.

Someone hides a small treasure box known as a GeoCache, and marks the coordinates of latitude and longitude using their GPS. Then others use their own GPS to find those coordinates, and hopefully find the treasure.

The description of a cache, the coordinates and maybe some extra hints on finding a cache can be found online at www.geocaching.com.

Caches themselves are housed in anything from Tupperware containers to ammo boxes. Small trinket items are placed inside that a later visitor may take out before leaving something else.

I first heard of this outdoor hobby last fall, but I did not attempt to find my first cache until last weekend. I went to the Web site and entered the zip code for Marquette (49855) and found a list of every GeoCache site within 100 miles.

The site lets the user decide what range to find sites in and lists

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BY DAVE MOSS

them in order from nearest to furthest.

I got the information for a cache named "Eagle's Nest II" which is located on Presque Isle Park.

The process was pretty simple from there. I entered the coordinates from the Web site into my GPS receiver. It did take a little time figuring out how to do this with my GPS unit because I had never done it before, but it wasn't all that tricky. I drove out to Presque Isle and parked near the breakwater.

After turning on the GPS, it took a few minutes for my receiver to acquire enough satellite signals to give me my location and which way to go to find the cache.

Once the GPS figured out where I was, I let it steer me as I walked. I was about half a mile away when I started, but I won't be a GeoCache "spoiler" and provide any more hints here. Finding these treasures is half the fun. I can tell you what I found though.

A small watertight Tupperware

container held the contents of this GeoCache. It had a pocket notebook and a golf pencil which each person who has found this cache signs in and leaves a short message. In addition, it had several rubber bands, a Canadian quarter, a couple of batteries, a sea shell that the log said came from North Carolina and a short message explaining what the GeoCache was.

I didn't bring anything with me to leave behind, so I didn't take anything out. What I did get out of the trip was a nice hike in the woods. Also, while I wrote my log entry, I heard the sharp snap of a branch and looked over my shoulder. Two white tail deer walked within 50 feet of me and hung out for a few minutes before they became startled.

If you need a great excuse to get outdoors and want to experiment with GPS give GeoCaching a try. It doesn't take long, some log entries record four or five caches found in a day. It can be done alone or with family and friends.

As the hobby spreads, there are more GeoCaches to go out and find in more interesting places. Just within 100 miles of the Marquette zip code, the GeoCaching Web site reports almost 100 different GeoCaches. In addition to the Presque Isle cache, there are several others within Marquette itself, including two around the Lower Harbor dock.

Team may play final matches

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

As the semester comes to a close, the tennis team will finish its season at the NCAA Division II regional competition in Midland on May 1 and 2.

The women's regional play may be the last time the team plays together as the Wildcats. Due to the proposed budget cuts, the women's tennis team may be eliminated.

NMU heads into regional play with an 18-3 record. After winning on April 12 and a loss on April 14, the team is unsure as to what seed it will be placed in going into regional play. The 'Cats still anticipate a high-ranking seed.

"We're excited and we're trying to prepare ourselves for some tough matches," freshman Agata Gotowicz said. "After the last Northwood game we found a new respect for them, but if we go out and play tough we'll be fine."

Freshman Anna Volquardsen arrived from Holstein, Germany in January to begin play with the Wildcats. She said that going into regional is different for her than the other girls.

"I do not know the teams as well as my teammates do," she said. "I do not have every players' moves memorized. I am just going to go out there, have fun and play hard."

The possible elimination of the team after this season has left the underclassmen on the team who are international students wondering what to do if tennis is no longer an option at Northern.

Van den Bor, who is from Haarlem, Netherlands, said she will not be returning to NMU because she is ready to pursue her degree back home.

Volquardsen and Gotowicz, both from Inowroclaw, Poland, said they plan on taking the time this summer to think it over as to whether or not they will come back in the fall.

"In the beginning I was pretty sad when they told us it was being cut, because I came here to play tennis," Volquardsen said. "But they told us we get as much time as we want to think about what we want to do. I just need to see how much I miss it."

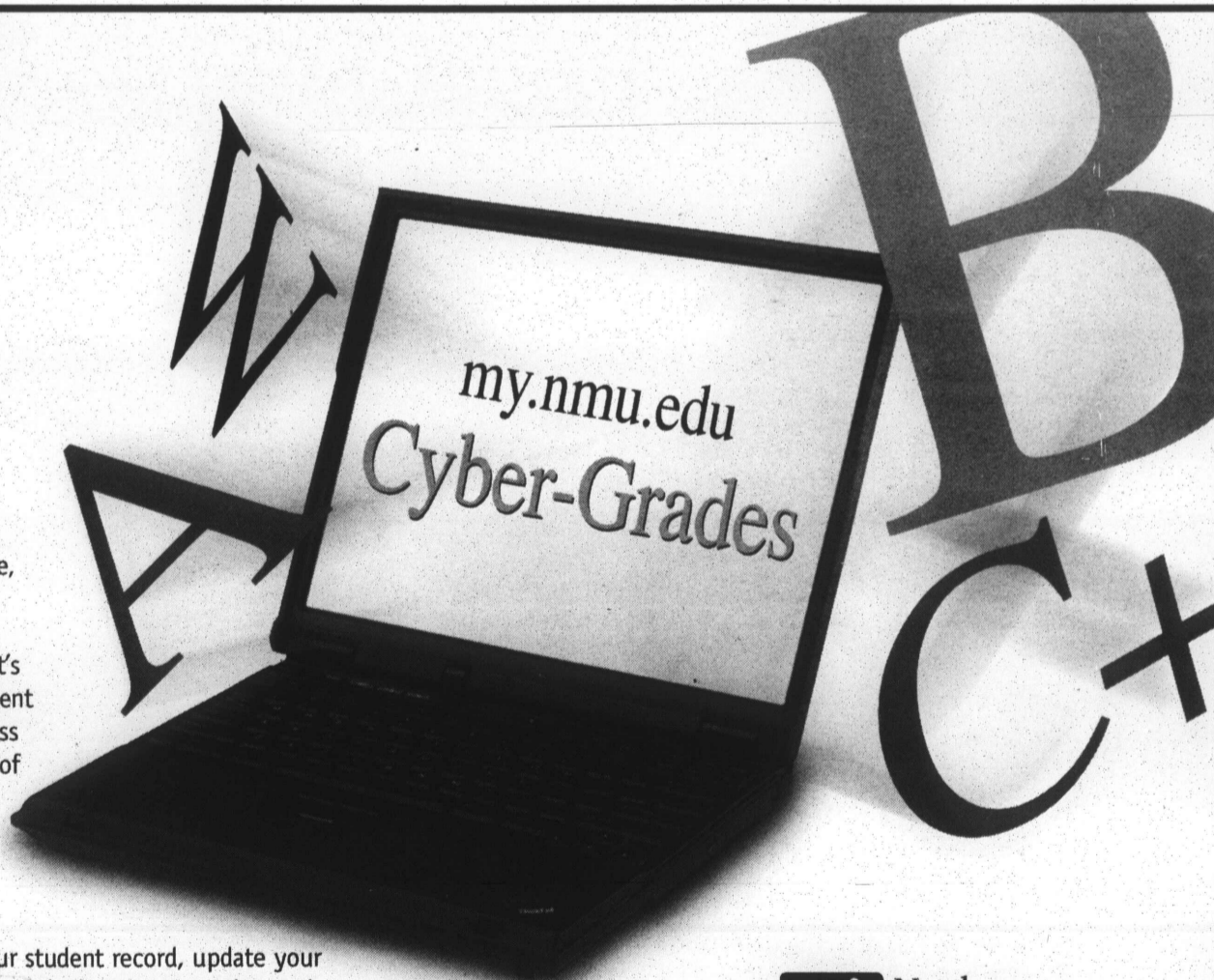
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German tennis player hopes to stay stateside

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine living in another country dreaming of traveling to a distant place for a little change in your life. Imagine actually getting to go there and being able to participate in a sport that you've been playing for years and love. This happened to Wildcat senior Kristin Koopman, who came to the states after living her entire life in Altenholz, Germany.

When Koopman was in Germany she was not sure what to do after high school. She spoke to a friend of hers who had gone to school in Atlanta and told her about it.

She spent a year in Atlanta and met current Wildcat senior Lavinia Janssen from Overveen, Netherlands. Together the two of them sent countless e-mails to different schools.

NMU head coach Troy Mattson was the first one to e-mail them back and the women came to NMU together.

Koopman will finish her public relations major this semester and will walk at commencement ceremonies in May.

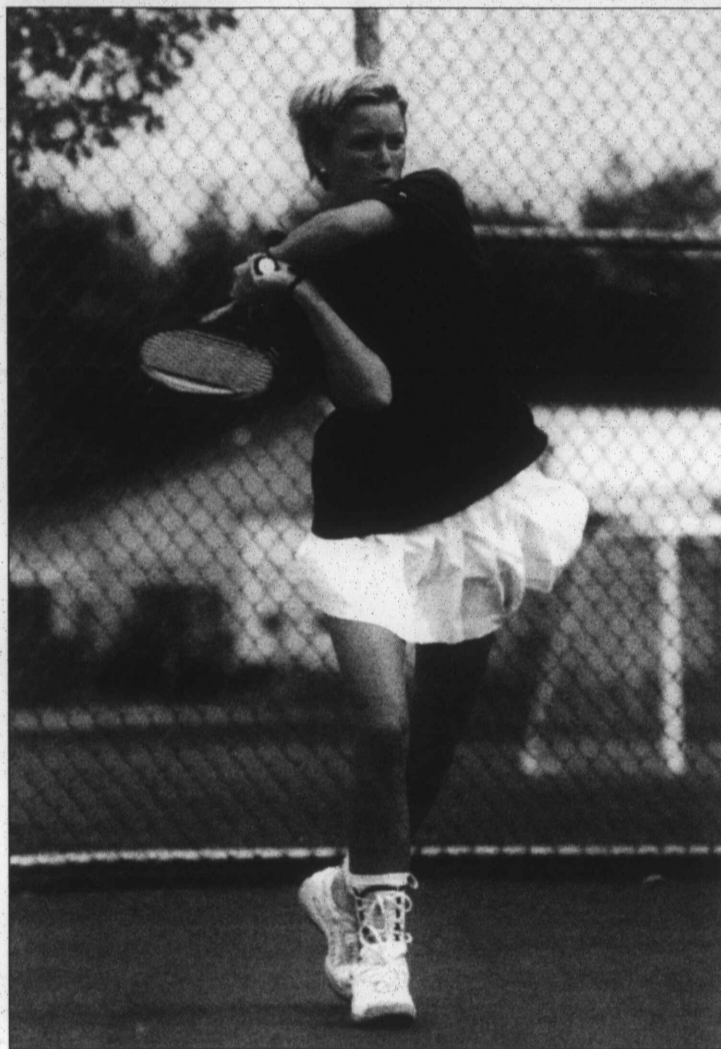
After she finishes the tennis season and graduation, Koopman plans to head out to Los Angeles.

"With a PR degree to remain in the United States according to immigration laws, I have to get a job with PR," she said. "To do that, the best places for entertainment PR are Los Angeles or New York. So L.A. it is."

Koopman said she plans to try to stay in the United States for at least a year, but like most people who are far from home, she misses her friends and family.

"It will be different this time (when the semester ends) because usually I am back in Germany for summers and Christmas, but this time I am not going home," she said.

Koopman will get to see her family in a few weeks before her



Senior Kristin Koopman consistently held the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in singles play during this year's fall and spring seasons.

move because they are coming to see her graduate and play at regionals.

"It's exciting because I am very close to my family," she said. "It will be nice to have them here."

Due to the proposed budget cuts, the tennis team may be eliminated as a varsity sport and Koopman will not be the only player leaving NMU after this semester.

"Even though I am going to be leaving, tennis at NMU was a major part of my life," she said.

Koopman said it was a weird feeling when she heard about the cut of the team.

"On one hand it does not

affect me like it does to others on the team, (who are not graduating), but on the other hand it's something I worked hard for," she said. "I helped to build up the team, worked hard and now it's just being cut."

During her three-year stay at NMU, Koopman made All-GLIAC First Team each year.

Koopman said she enjoyed playing college tennis over the last four years.

"It was a great experience, but the last four years have been extreme," she said. "I am ready for the change and ready to move on, but I loved playing here and the experience that I had."



Koopman, left, is one of two members of her team to come from Germany to play tennis in the United States. Three other players come from the European countries of the Netherlands and Poland.

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Senior receiver Brandon Munson, right, caught one of his six touchdown receptions in a 26-23 win over Hillsdale on Oct. 10, 2002. He broke a team record with 76 receptions for 950 yards last year.

Senior receiver soars in final season at NMU

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Senior wide receiver Brandon Munson may be done playing football at NMU but he will still be playing football for the Wildcats.

This summer Munson will live in North Carolina and play for the Cape Fear Wildcats of the Arena Football League.

Munson said he is not sure if he wants to pursue a career in football.

"Right now I am just using this as a summer job," Munson said. "You can't beat getting paid to play football as a summer job."

Munson began his collegiate career in the 1999 season with NMU.

"I didn't red-shirt my freshman year because I was under the impression that I was going to play," Munson said. "I did play, but only a couple of plays a game. It was almost like a wasted year."

Munson had more of an impact in his sophomore year but missed a lot of time due to injury. It wasn't until his junior year that he really began to shine. In the 2001 season Munson had 36 receptions for 553 yards. He was named to the All-GLIAC offensive honorable mention team.

"To do what I did as a junior was real good," Munson said. "I didn't really have a lot of expectations for that year."

At the end of Munson's junior year former head coach Eric Holm resigned and current head coach Doug Sams took over the position.

"The coaching change was very positive," Munson said. "I thought (the change) would help me have a good senior year and it ended up being magical, just unreal."

Munson said that at the time of the change he was excited and looking back is very glad that the change took place.

Munson was named one of the captains for his senior year. For the season he had 76 receptions for 950 yards and six touchdowns.

"Munson is a very productive receiver," Sams

said. "He was our go-to-guy. He was an excellent team captain."

For his efforts, Munson shared the Wildcat offensive MVP honor with junior quarterback Kyle Swenor at the end of the season.

Munson said his favorite part of his senior year was the game against Wayne State. In that game Munson scored three touchdowns including the game winner in overtime and had nine receptions for 158 yards. The Wildcats won the game, 49-46.

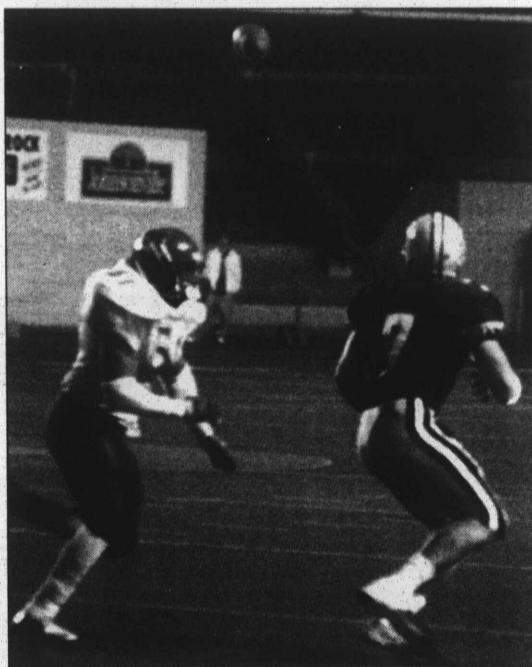
Munson, who is working on a degree in business finance, has maintained a high grade point average throughout his career.

"Right now I have about a 3.7 GPA," Munson said. "I would take 17 to 18 credits in the fall because during football everything is so structured. I would wake up, go to class, go to practice, then go home and do my homework. I was able to stay on top of things."

Munson said he still has another year left until he completes his requirements for his degree and he plans to come back to NMU to finish next year.



Munson



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Munson was the only Wildcat named to the 2002 All-GLIAC Football First-Team Offense.

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Patzer credits program, coach for skiing success

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Most people would not expect a collegiate athlete to transfer schools after three of her four years of NCAA eligibility, but the decision paid off for senior skier Hilary Patzer.

Patzer's college career started at Middlebury College in Maine.

She skied three seasons there before taking a year off to travel abroad to Nepal.

When it was time to go back to school in the United States, she decided to come to NMU and focus on her skiing.

"I thought, if I could put my mind to it, I could do more here," Patzer said.

Patzer grew up on a farm in Sun Valley, Idaho where she still returns in the summer. Sun Valley is also where she likes to ski the most.

"It's 6,000 feet [elevation], there are huge mountains and tons

of white fluffy stuff," Patzer said.

She was an alpine racer until sixth or seventh grade when she switched to Nordic skiing. Partway through high school, she decided to go to a ski academy in New Hampshire.

She first met NMU head skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim about that time because she was training on the U.S. Junior Development team.

"When I came (to NMU) it was to train with him," Patzer said.

She said Fjeldheim has been an influence that she could not get at her former school.

"He has definitely been there to push me and show me I had the talent," Patzer said.

Patzer attended three NCAA national championships before coming to NMU, but her best finishes were during this ski season at Northern.

She earned two All-American honors by finishing seventh in the classical race and eight in the freestyle.

She said she looked the NMU program because she saw the skiers were in the top 10.

"She wanted the challenge of a group of women to push her to her full potential," Fjeldheim said.

When Fjeldheim and Patzer first talked about her transfer to NMU, he was leery about how well she would fit into the program.

He said it was her self-confidence and energy that made it a reality for her.

"Our program got her focused," Fjeldheim said. "She skied well all year."

When Patzer graduates, her degree will actually come from Middlebury College in her major of Psychology. To finish that degree—all she actually needed was one English credit. She had to be a full-time student at NMU, however, and declared a sports science major.

"I want to be a sports psychologist," Patzer said.

She said she will be looking at grad school after she decides to be done skiing.

At this point, she looks forward to continuing her ski career and will have the opportunity to train with the Junior Development team this summer in Park City, Utah, although she isn't a member of the team itself.

"I love doing other things than skiing so when it is time, I can focus on skiing very intensely," Patzer said.



Patzer

Top skier not ready to quit

BY DAVE MOSS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Senior skier Chris Cook achieved a long-time goal this year when he won the classical race at the NCAA skiing nationals, but he is far from being finished with skiing.

"Ever since I became a college skier, I wanted to win NAAs," Cook said, "I was very familiar with Peter Vordenberg, the last American to do it. [He was] also a Northern skier."

Originally from Green Bay, Wis., Cook has been a Midwestern skier for most of his life. He moved to Rhinelander, Wis. as a youngster, and also spent two years in Germany with his family before returning to Rhinelander.

Cook started skiing before the trip to Europe, but the area they lived in did not experience much winter. It was after he and his family returned that he came back to skiing and began racing.

Head skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim said Cook was a very talented young skier.

While in high school, Cook won the Wisconsin High School State Skiing Championships. He was also on the junior national team, and competed for the Midwest region's team against the other U.S. regions. He found NMU during his senior year of high school while trying out for the Junior World Championships that were held in Marquette that year.

"I caught the eye of Sten (Fjeldheim)," Cook said. "He recruited me to NMU and I got a nice scholarship to ski here."

Right away Cook started his NMU skiing accomplishments. In his freshman year, he made it to the NCAA nationals and finished 11th — one place away from being an All American. He returned as a sophomore and earned his first All-American title.

In addition to college races, Cook was still competing nationally and internationally. In his sophomore year, he made the junior world team. It was the last year he could compete as a junior.

He skied in the first unofficial Under-23 World Championships the next year, and the first official ones the year after that.

Fjeldheim said being on teams that competed in Europe helped give Cook the experience as a racer he needed to win at the NCAA Championships.

One of Cook's other sport passions is mountain bike racing, which he said compliments skiing well because it is something he can do in the summer to keep racing.

After his third year of collegiate ski racing, he broke and separated his shoulder in a mountain bike race, which forced him to sit out a season of collegiate racing.

However, Cook came back this season and became the first American skier in 10 years to win at the NCAA nationals.

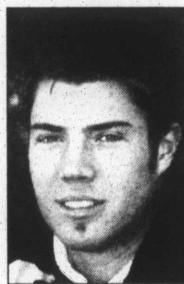
Cook graduates this year with a degree in business marketing.

"I would like to have a career in business marketing, but not until after skiing," Cook said.

As for right now, Cook has signed a contract to ski and be sponsored by the Atomic Ski Co. He will travel to Park City, Utah this summer to train with the development team.

He plans to ski at least through the 2006 Olympics, which will most likely be held in Italy at the same venue he has skied in the U-23 Championships.

"That's the goal that you get put on the development team for — to be world champions and Olympic champions," Cook said.



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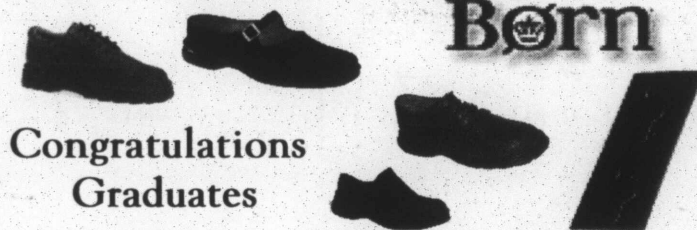
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Player signs intent letter

Dean Ellis, the head men's basketball coach at NMU, announced that Ryan Reichel has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Northern and play basketball for the 'Cats starting in the fall.

Reichel is a 6-foot guard from Ishpeming, Mich. He played basketball for Westwood High School.

He averaged 14 points per game for the 2002-03 season and led his team to a 24-3 record.

He had 101 assists and 78

rebounds for the past season.

As a junior, he averaged 15 points per game.

"Ryan is a tough competitor who will add quality to our guard position," Ellis said. "One of his biggest assets is his desire to be a member of our basketball program. He knows a number of our players and has always strived to play at NMU."

Reichel was a two-time All-Mid-Peninsula Conference First Team selection.

He was an All-U.P. First Team pick for the 2002-03 season and was a member of the All-U.P. Dream Team after the 2001-02 season.

Hockey team gains skater

The NMU hockey team has signed another student-athlete for the 2003-04 season.

Zach Tarkir, a right handed defenseman, has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend NMU and play hockey for the Wildcats.

Tarkir is 6-feet-1-inch and lives in Fresno, Calif.

He played for the Chilliwack Chiefs of the BCHL this past season where he scored five goals and tallied 28 assists for 33 points in 53 games.

Chilliwack Chiefs' teammate Darin Olver signed with the 'Cats during the early signing period.

Tarkir played for the Great Falls Americans of the AWHL during the 2001-02 season where he appeared in 32 games and registered three goals and eight assists for 11 points.

"He is an excellent skater and he moves the puck very well," Dave Shiyak, the associate head coach said. "Zach will add depth to the defense."

Tarkir and Olver will join Bobby Selden, Dusty Collins, Pat Bateman and Rob Lehtinen as the newcomers for the Wildcats next season.

USOEC to take on Sweden

USOEC resident wrestlers will take on the junior team from Sweden on May 1 in the Westwood High School gymnasium.

A total of 12 to 20 matches will be held and two local Westwood High school wrestlers may compete with the USOEC.

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COACH

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chance to ask questions too," said Godfrey.

Sophomore Lindsey Vermillion said the team is looking for a coach that will be stable for many seasons.

"Every time we come into practice we want to have the same person year after year," Vermillion said. "When you have a different coach every year, you don't know what to expect."

The team will meet with Wayne Norris, the second swim coach candidate today.

Norris is traveling to

Marquette from Overland Park, Kan.

"Every time we come into practice we want to have the same person year after year."

— Lindsey Vermillion
sophomore swimmer

He began his coaching career in 1981 as an assistant swim coach at the University of Clemson. He has also been an assistant coach at the Alamo Area Aquatic Association in San

Antonio, Texas and North Carolina State University. He served as head coach at Virginia Tech and Southern Arkansas University.

Norris also recently coached aquatic activities at Fort Bragg, the nation's largest military base, in North Carolina. His honors include being named Women's Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991 while working at Virginia Tech.

The media and the public will get a chance to meet Norris at 4 p.m. today in the Izzo-Mariucci Room in the PEIF.

TRAINING

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Michigan University, Grand Valley State, Hope College and the University of Michigan.

"We have a great staff here. They try to help as much as they can whenever they can."

— Andy Swanson
junior, athletic training

"It's been a lengthy process, but of course worthwhile," Rochester said. "It makes

Northern more marketable."

Junior athletic training major Andy Swanson said the accreditation is an advantage for him and other students graduating after the requirements change for taking the NATABOC exam.

He said he would have had to finish his major elsewhere.


Swanson helped with the 2002 site visit by the committee and said he was happy for Rochester and the rest of the staff.

"We have a great staff here," he said. "They try to help as much as they can whenever they can."

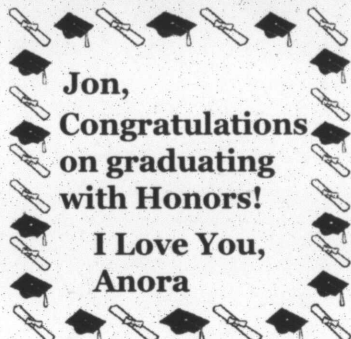
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Currently, many of you know me as a resident of the red house on 41, the Playboy on Campus rep, or Former RA of Whoville house in Hunt hall. In the next few months, I plan to add a new title. I plan to become the owner and president of The Drop In Zone Action Sports Complex.

The Drop In Zone, or DIZ for short, will be one of the most high-tech action sports facilities in the nation. It will also be a one of a kind paintball facility in the nation, because of a new concept I plan to initiate. The DIZ building will be wireless for laptops and house a video arcade, a billiards hall, 4 commercial stores, an 11,000 square foot indoor skate park, a 30 foot tall rock climbing wall, a paintball complex and a large lounge with tables and couches.

The paintball complex will be one of a kind in design in the nation. It will be a 30,000 square foot complex, which will be what I call "winterizable." I plan to offer a facility that offers everything year round. This goes for paintball as well.

I want to bring something new for the kids and adults to enjoy. I feel there is a very large hole for the youth of Marquette, and most college students get bored very easily because there is no place to go after a certain time in the day. With action sports coming onto the scene strongly, I would like to do my part to change that boredom. The facility will also include a lounge with tables and couches the will be open late, for students to be able to come and do their homework or just to take a break from whatever they are doing. I plan to make this complex the best in the Upper Peninsula.

Some ask why Marquette? Why not? Because this is where I go to school and this is where everyone I know spends their time. With all the talk that most people do about helping the youth in the community and help give students a place to go besides the bars, no one breaks that trend. I have learned I am not most people, so I am looking forward to this opportunity.

Currently, I am awaiting funding, and construction may begin as early as June. How can you help? Feel free to send me an e-mail (MSchab@nmu.edu) with the subject line "The Drop In Zone". In your e-mail, I would appreciate some form of positive push for the facility, so that I can prove to some people that this is the future and it isn't a bad idea. The facility is to go in at 2500 US 41 West, directly across from the Imperial Motel on US 41.

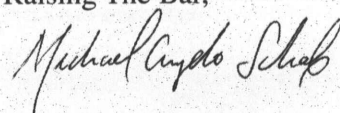
I hope to run many programs for youth. However, I am not going to be stopping there. Although youth is what many people think as being the main users of a facility like that. I plan to do many things with college students and businesses. Some ideas I have include leadership conferences, military or police programs and training in the paintball complex, national and international paintball competitions, and much more. The sky is the limit to the people I feel can benefit from this facility. So e-mail me! MSchab@nmu.edu. For investor relations, you can send inquiries to the same e-mail.

This letter is also to reach out to any organization that feels they would like to plan something with my facility. If you have an idea for a program, feel free to contact me. I hope that members of the police forces, military, colleges, businesses, schools, and organizations get a hold of me to plan some fun filled programs in hopes they can materialize when the facility is built. I hope to hear from you, and thanks for taking the time to check this page out. Don't be afraid to say hello or ask me about it if you see me walking around. Check out my website at www.dizup.com starting June 15, 2003 for updates on the progress.

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OTHER

Professor Mom and daughter wish to house-sit or rent your home or apartment in Marquette during 1st three weeks of July. (608) 238-6880.

PERSONALS

Dear Dad - Happy Birthday! Love - Jon and Anora

Bird - Someone notices our hard work & it just gets better from here. I love you! - Julie

Chief - It's been awesome working for you, you've taught me almost everything I know. I'll miss ya. Good Luck in LA. - News Ed.

Yo-yo Chicken - Anyone else I need to call for you? - Brave Grrl

Alpha Gam Graduates - Congrats Jenn, Val, and Kristin A. we are all proud of you Love - Your Sisters

AGD - Have fun this weekend! Toga/Graffiti style. Don't forget to study for finals! - The Study Police

Good luck Chris and Anora, you both will be missed!! - Krista

Jen and Chelsea - I had a great time being your roomie this past year. Chelsea sorry that Germany didn't work out, Boo and Butters are going to miss you. Jen

here's to another year! - Katie

Pii - Will you be my rockstar? - Beandip

sis - It's Summer! Let's party! Won't forget the road trip with Aunt Cookie! Living on a prayer! - SIS

Bad Student - "Let's twist again, like we did last slumber." Get your homework done so you can pass! - Good Student

V.P. of ABC - I'll miss ya next year. Can I still be Prez, even from BFE? Just one weekend left, let's make it count! - Prez

Prez of ABC - Thanks so much for making the last two years filled with so many great memories! I honestly don't know what I'm going to do without you. I wish you the best of luck where ever life may bring you. You truly do deserve only the best ... - VP of ABC

Suga - Come to the Chi this summer. I'll show you around the Ville. I mean, if you're not busy - Angelic One

NCA clan - Thanks for helping me out this week. Glad you enjoyed the play. - Alumnus

JD - Can't believe you're graduating. You're still just Joefus to me, no matter how old ya are. Can you fix my car? - Nic

Skeet - You're going back to Cooper Landing whether you like it or not. I don't want to hear anymore of this "maybe" crap. I mean it. We'll find a way - CousCous

Meeeeeagan - The bird room will miss you. The roof will miss you. The steal beam will miss you. The insanely steep stairs will miss you. We, too, will miss you. Thanks for the good times. - BBHC Members

Lemonjello Kirby - Thanks so much for being there for me when I needed a friend! You definitely made the calling center a crazy place to be! We'll miss you next year! Have a great summer & make sure you keep in touch! Love always - Kristi

Overachiever - Finally! Yes! Done! Can't wait for Myrtel. Thanks for putting up with me all year. I love you - Rob

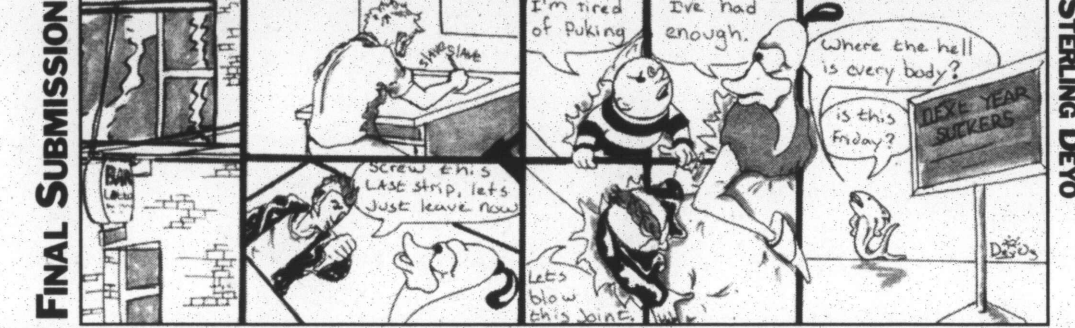
Paul - You're OK for a "white guy" ... even though you broke your promise! You left me *sniff sniff* Congratulations on graduating! I wish you only the best ... you deserve it! - Hood

cm. - Have fun out in the plastic quagmire of L.A. Best wishes, it's been real. - News guy (aka Bitter twin)

Andy - You're finished! Great Job! We're so very proud of you, Bud! P.S. The Buick needs a tune up ... Any ideas where to take it? Love always - Dad, Mom, Em and Bailee

DB - YAY on the job. No more old lady for you. I wanna be on the Web site! - Olive

Eskimo - Make the snow stop. And let's



concentrate on Honolulu - Frozen Roommate
going to love the Windy City. Best of luck - (NW) Chris
graduation. We'll miss you - Staff
Tyler & Marla - Thanks for everything. Always. - Curse
Grad buddies - Congrats, have fun, don't forget your rubbers. - Jeremiah
This Week's Inspirations
Final issue
Smurfs
A Good Night
Chris - Incredible job this year. I appreciate all your help and your leadership. Good luck with everything and get some sleep!! It's good for you - Rob
Angie - Thanks for another great year. Maybe next year we'll see each other more - Melanie
Erik, Tali - Let's go see Bone - Yo-yo
cm. - Congratulations. Good luck after



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