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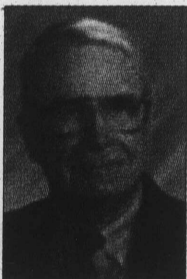
Firm looks for new president

BY JOSH JOHNSON
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

With the resignation of former President Judi Bailey, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee is setting the wheels in motion for the selection of a new president at NMU.

During the summer, the committee chose the educational consulting firm A.T. Kearney to form a selection of potential candidates.

In an Aug. 15 letter to NMU Community Connection members, Board of Trustees Member and PSAC Chair Sam Benedict said the hiring of a search firm is an efficient move involving a company which specializes in finding candidates for administrative positions.



Benedict

A.T. Kearney's role in the search will be identifying and persuading potential candidates to consider the position and conducting reference and background checks on all applicants,

Benedict said in the letter.

The firm's fee will be based on one-third of the president's salary for the first year plus expenses, he said.

Benedict said the names of potential candidates will not be released.

A Michigan Supreme Court ruling allows search committees to keep information confidential until after a final vote to confirm a new president has passed.

NMU Board of Trustees Member Mary Campbell said there is no specific timetable set for the search.

Campbell said a new president should ideally be chosen by July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

"We would rather find the best possible candidate than work with a timetable," Benedict said.

The PSAC will meet Sept. 15 to complete a draft of desired qualities and qualifications for presidential candidates, Benedict said. The committee plans to review resumes in October, in which 25 to 30 candidates may be screened, he said.

Formal interviews should take place from December through February, Benedict said.

Campbell said the thoroughness of the selection process is

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Josh Johnson/NW

Junior criminal justice major Heather Cobb works as a board operator at Public Radio 90. The radio station and Public TV-13 will be funded through 2005 after receiving a one time allocation.

Public radio, TV funded

Board of Trustees extends broadcasting through 2005

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

The dour future of NMU's public television and radio stations became a little brighter this past month as the university opted to extend broadcasting operations through June 2005.

The Aug. 7 decision by the

NMU Board of Trustees came as a result of a \$350,000 carry-over in state funding, with \$250,000 being channeled directly into Public Radio 90 and Public TV-13. Both stations were originally slated for a complete phase-out by June 30, 2004 as part of a \$10.2 million budget cut at NMU.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said this one-time allocation will provide a wider time frame to seek out more areas for funding and potentially continue public broadcasting beyond 2005.

"This is one-time support - it is not permanent funding and will not come out of the base budget because that has already been approved," Joyal said.

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NMU students affected by regional blackout

BY JOSH JOHNSON
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The massive blackouts of Aug. 14 plunged much of the eastern United States into darkness, leaving millions without power.

The blackouts have been traced to line failures in Northern Ohio, which caused a domino effect of power outages throughout sections of the Northeast and Southeastern Canada, according to the Washington Post.

Though the blackouts never reached Marquette, NMU students downstate were forced to cope with the loss of power.

Sophomore public administration major Lillian Florenski was working at a

grocery store in Boyne, near Charlevoix, when the blackouts hit. The store maintained power through generators but was swamped by those without power.

"We ended up going to the laundry room and peeing in the sink. We had people stand guard and everything. It was wretched."

— Julie Nagle
freshman psychology major

"We sold a lot of beer, a lot of food and a whole lot of ice," Florenski said. "There were a lot of long lines."

Every motel in town was filled with

cars from people seeking an escape, she said.

Sophomore business major Nicole Eisenhauer was working at McDonald's in New Lothrop, near Flint. All the fryers shut off, but customers poured in.

Lines formed at gas stations and restaurants stopped serving water and fountain drinks, Eisenhauer said. Most meals were accompanied with cans of soda.

Though the power resumed after two hours, Eisenhauer said the chaos made her long for better conditions.

"My whole family was saying, 'I wish we were in the U.P.," she said.

Freshman psychology Julie Nagle said she thought terrorists had struck when the power left her Bloomfield home.

After learning the scope of the blackouts, Nagle and her friends went to Grosse Pointe to get water. A Meijer store was open and running on generators, and she was able to buy the last nine bottles of water, she said.

That night, Nagle headed south to Detroit to spend a hot, sticky night in an apartment with friends.

"We ended up going to the laundry room and peeing in the sink," Nagle said. "We had people stand guard and everything. It was wretched."

In the morning, Nagle and her friends drove to Toledo, Ohio, and got a motel room with air conditioning and running water, she said.

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essential when filling a role with so many responsibilities.

It's critical for a president to be effective in communicating with students, staff, parents, state legislatures and other members of the constituency, she said.

A.T. Kearney Managing Director Shelly Storbeck visited campus on Aug. 7 on a pre-search campus visit to receive feedback from students and staff concerning their desires for a new president.

Those who attended the meeting included members of ASNMU, NMU alumni and resident advisors. Strengths

and weaknesses of NMU were discussed along with qualities students would like to see in a president.

"Hopefully, we will be done in six to nine months," Storbeck said. "Given the time frame, to have an institution float without a leader is detrimental."

Campbell said students can correspond directly with the search committee to express their opinions concerning a new president. The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Trustees is Oct. 9 and 10. Benedict said a questionnaire concerning the presidential search will be available to students on NMU's Web site in September.

BLACKOUT

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Junior secondary physical education major Suzie Scheys was out for a run near her Ann Arbor home when she returned to see a clock with no power.

Her family brought out flashlights and candles after hearing the reports of an extended blackout over a portable radio, she said.

The light grew dim and a brilliant night

sky emerged over the usually bright Ann Arbor skyline. In her neighborhood, some children gathered around a fire pit and made s'mores, she said.

Scheys said she had the marshmallows and graham crackers, but her father wouldn't let her open the freezer to retrieve some chocolate bars in fear of melting the other contents.

"It was so dark, it was like being out in the country," she said. "It made you think about how vulnerable America is."

Though the blackouts never crept towards the U.P., power companies kept an eye on the situation, said John Reynolds, manager of technical services for the Shiras steam plant.

Power companies monitor the electrical load growth and plan accordingly, he said. Still, blackouts are always possible.

"It can certainly happen anywhere," Reynolds said. "There's no guarantee of 100 percent power."

FOR THE RECORD

In the June 5th issue of *The North Wind* it was stated that Jordan Seethaler would be the top returner on the women's cross country team. However, she transferred in the off-season and will not return.

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NMU Interim President Mike Roy has appointed a committee of station personnel and community members to seek additional areas for funding and underwriting from new clients and businesses.

The committee will look into markets both in and outside of the Marquette community, as the entire Upper Peninsula plays audience to public radio and television, Joyal said.

The committee's findings will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in February.

Joyal said the university will also present a plan to the Board of Trustees that integrates the stations with NMU's core mission of teaching and learning.

"These stations are high quality stations that promote and assist our instructional programs, in particular our broadcasting program," Joyal said.

In 2002, NMU supplied \$1.1 million of the total \$2.9 million in operating costs for both stations combined.

The remaining \$1.8 million was raised from corporate and smaller business sponsorship and public fundraising.

Next year, the university will only be able to invest about \$550,000 for the sta-

tions, which will eliminate or affect a total of eight employee positions, Director of Learning Resources Scott Seaman said.

The university is also looking into recruiting a consultant who will help university officials focus on alternative means for the stations to be efficient in terms of cost, structure and labor.

Aside from assessing alternative areas of university funding, Seaman said the stations are hoping to raise about \$300,000 in public fundraising to keep public broadcasting on solid footing for next year.

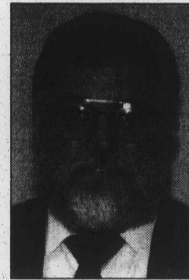
This summer's public radio fundraiser raised about \$175,000 in donations, nearly three times the goal of most radio funding drives held in the past. Fundraisers for public television are scheduled for December 2003 and March 2004.

"We've had [great] success this past summer with the radio fundraiser," Seaman said.

"The public is clearly aware of the dilemma we are in, and they are in strong support of our stations."

Seaman said it would be difficult to imagine the void left if Public TV-13 and Public Radio 90 were to be taken off the air.

"I'm optimistic public broadcasting will remain alive and well here in Upper Michigan," Seaman said. "We're the only source for NPR, PBS and local programming, which are all important products for the local community and NMU."



Seaman



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Local

Petition to support iron industry

MARQUETTE — A petition seeking to extend tariffs on imported steel is circulating throughout Marquette county, eventually to land in the lap of President Bush. The petition, sponsored by the Lake Superior Community Partnership in conjunction with the United Steelworkers of America, seeks to extend the three-year tariffs imposed on imported steel, which was set in March 2001. Next month marks the halfway point of the tariffs, during which President Bush is expected to decide to eliminate, lower or keep the tariffs for the next 18 months. The domestic steel industry has experienced 31 bankruptcies and the loss of over 35,000 in less than three years. The petitions have been placed at some of the larger stores in the county.

National

Budget deficits continue to build

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The federal government may face eight years of budget deficit, said member of the Congressional Budgetary Office, a nonpartisan group. The office said the federal financial situation is much worse since its last review in March, when this year's budget deficit was projected at \$200 billion. The budget shortfall for fiscal year 2004 is projected to be a record \$480 billion. The CBO said the deepening debt is the result of tax cuts and an increase in spending for defense and the war in Iraq. White House and GOP leaders argued the deficit is manageable in the scope of an ever-growing economy. The estimate by the CBO does not take possible future policy changes into account.

International

Summit to address North Korea

BEIJING, China — Delegates from Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea and the United States are meeting to discuss a peaceful resolution to North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions. Hopes for the summit are low following months of tense negotiations and verbal threats. The American and North Korean delegations are expected to sit next to each other—a move designed to facilitate informal discussion between sessions. Conservatives in the United States are advocating a position of isolation and sanctions against North Korea. The head of Chinese delegation is opposed to pressure, sanctions or military action, but it is confident a peaceful resolution can be reached. In October, North Korea admitted a nuclear weapons program.

Weird News

Amputee must pay for black leg

LONDON, England — A black woman was told she would have to pay \$4,725 if she wanted to have a prosthetic limb that matched the color of her skin. The National Health Service would cover the cost of a white prosthetic limb but not for a black one. "It's not cosmetic. Who would want to look like a freak, having one white leg and one black—nobody," amputee Ingrid Nicholls, 46, said. A spokeswoman for Thames Valley Strategic Health Authority said there was a misunderstanding over about the funding. The health system would now pay for Nicholls to have the appropriate-colored limb, the spokeswoman said.

— Compiled from news sources

Radio X funding reduced

BY JOSH JOHNSON
AND ERIC TREADO
STAFF WRITERS

NMU's student run radio station, WUPX, now broadcasts with more power amidst budget reductions and damage to the station's transmitter.

Radio X, which is funded by a portion of the \$30 Student Activity Fee, relinquished \$13,527 to ASNMU over concerns about funding and misuse of funds, said John Frick, director of NMU Jobsearch and adviser to Radio X.

The station received a total of \$53,600 from the Student Activity Fee during the 2002-2003 school year, he said.

Frick said the station appeared over-funded because of the money needed for equipment upgrades.

ASNMU Treasurer Travis Margoni said concern was raised over the misuse of Student Activity Fee funds for Radio X's DJ appreciation banquet late last semester. The banquet was held at The Upfront and Co., where the bill for meals was roughly \$2,500, he said.

Margoni said the amount of

total funding Radio X received last year was more money than what could effectively be used.

ASNMU recently approved a budget for Radio X, allocating \$41,700 to the station this year, Frick said. A total of \$11,900 of this year's budget will be returned to ASNMU.

"I feel it's not a penalty, but more of a cleaning house."

— Troy Hanson
WUPX General Manager

Margoni said both organizations share blame for the budgetary oversight, but he was pleased with how the new budget was achieved cooperatively.

WUPX General Manager Troy Hanson said the station received too much money last year and efficiency will be improved this year due to decreased funding.

"I feel it's not really a penalty, but more of a cleaning house," Hanson said. "Everything worked out for the best."

In May, Radio X's transmitter was damaged in the Dead River

flood, causing the station to be off-air for a few weeks. The transmitter has been in place at the Presque Isle power plant since 1994.

The transmitter was not only repaired, but given more juice.

The station previously broadcast 200 watts and could only be received within the city of Marquette, WUPX Manager Josh Buyarski said. Permission was received from the Federal Communications Commission to boost the transmitter to 360 watts, extending the station's listening radius by 20 miles.

"[The flood] gave us the opportunity to upgrade the transmitter, nearly doubling our broadcast range," Hanson said. "It was essentially a blessing in disguise."

Radio X is also planning to alter the musical format of the station, Music Director Dave Burrows said. Burrows said that the station will play Blues and Jazz in the morning, alternative rock and punk in the afternoon, hard rock and metal in the evenings and techno at night.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Travis Margoni is an employee at The North Wind.

Enrollment growth slows

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As of Monday afternoon, enrollment is down 287 students from last year Associate Vice President of Institutional Research Paul Duby said.

However, the enrollment number is a rough estimate, Duby said.

He predicts enrollment will reach a total of 9,350 students during fall semester 2003.

The enrollment number is low because students are still working out fiscal issues with the university, Duby said.

When the fiscal issues are resolved, the students will be counted. There are approximately 300 of such cases right now, he said.

Duby said the tenth day numbers, available Sept. 8, will give a more concrete enrollment number.

A large number of freshmen chose NMU late this summer giving the university a difficult time retrieving solid enrollment numbers.

"Freshman are making up their minds really late this year," Duby said. "We've had a lot of walk-in students. We won't know

how many [students] we're going to have until after the first week of school."

Duby's projected total enrollment number follows enrollment goals set by the university in 1998.

In 1998, there were 7,867 students attending NMU. At that time, university officials set a goal to increase the student body from 7,867 students in fall semester 1998 to 10,329 in fall semester 2005.

Last year, NMU had a total of 9,016 students.

"While we have a good gain, I'm not sure if it is good enough to meet our goals," Duby said.

Judi Bailey, then president of NMU, adopted the enrollment goals in 1999, Duby said.

"The primary goal of raising enrollment was to recover from a 13 percent drop in students when K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base closed in 1994-1995," Duby said.

The loss in enrollment drove the state appropriations per full-time student high, Duby said. He also said it made the university vulnerable to political attack by the state legislature and other Michigan universities because it made the university look over-funded.

Much of this year's increase in student body is due to a higher retention rate and a growing number of transfer students, Duby said.

This year there are 514 transfer students, up from 474 in fall

semester 2002. Duby thinks that this increase is due to the economy.

"Not only are the (enrollment) numbers good, but the quality of our students is increasing."

— Paul Duby
Associate Vice President of
Institutional Research

Although there are approximately the same number of incoming freshmen as last year (1,754 freshmen as of Monday and 1,801 last year), Director of Housing and Residence Life Carl Holm does not think students will have to have three residents in a dorm room like they did last year.

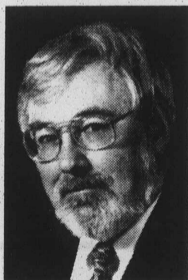
"The steps we've taken to accommodate the demand have worked," Holm said. "We've had a lot of walk-ins, and we've been able to accommodate."

Even though students will not have to triple up, Holm said the university is close to filling up.

"We're especially close to the limit on guy space," Holm said.

Although freshmen are making up their minds later in the year, Duby said that the student quality is increasing.

"Not only are the (enrollment) numbers good, but the quality of our students is increasing," Duby said. "We're watching retention and our graduation rates are going up."



Duby

MARQUETTE AREA WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers
UV Index: Moderate	UV Index: Moderate	UV Index: Moderate
High: 70	High: 65	High: 69
Low: 62	Low: 49	Low: 50

Roy, Joyal address faculty

Convocation speeches, awards set tone for the new school year

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

The 2003-04 academic school year commenced on Aug. 20 as NMU faculty and staff gathered in Jamrich 102 for the annual fall convocation.

In their addresses, NMU Interim President Mike Roy and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal welcomed new and returning staff, presented goals for the short and long-term future and handed out Excellence in Teaching awards to two faculty members.

The two faculty members presented with the awards for their achievements in classroom instruction were Professor of Engineering Technology Carol Hicks and Professor of Nursing Mary Wallace. Fred Joyal presented both professors with a plaque and a \$1,000 check.

Hicks has taught at NMU for 36 years. Aside from classroom instruction, he has also worked with students on volunteer building projects for the Easter Seals, Habitat For Humanity and also building living quarters and a visitor center at Isle

Royale National Park.

"I am both honored and humbled to be given this award, especially since, in my opinion, there are so many excellent faculty members at NMU," Hicks said.

Wallace has been a faculty member of the nursing department for 23 years. She led nursing students to study abroad in Africa, and also has been chair of the faculty review committee and a member of the NMU athletic council.

"To share knowledge and expertise with students is a joy, and this award validates that the work I've done is valued," Wallace said. "It is an honor to receive this award."

In his convocation welcoming address, Roy said he was optimistic that the university could raise the standard of academic quality in spite of the harsh budget cuts, the effects of which will be strongly felt by academic programs and student services alike in the coming months.

"Our hope has always been that Northern faculty, staff, students and alumni would step up to the challenge of change rather than try to hide from it," Roy said. "Quality in cutting edge education is constantly

changing. We cannot let budget cuts keep us from raising the bar of excellence."

Roy said the continued increase in enrollment, which included an entering freshman class with the highest high school academic standards, were among the signs of positive growth on campus.

"We've said our vision is to make NMU the top public undergraduate university of choice in the Midwest," Roy said. "Not attaining our vision has a huge impact on all of campus and the Upper Peninsula [as well]."

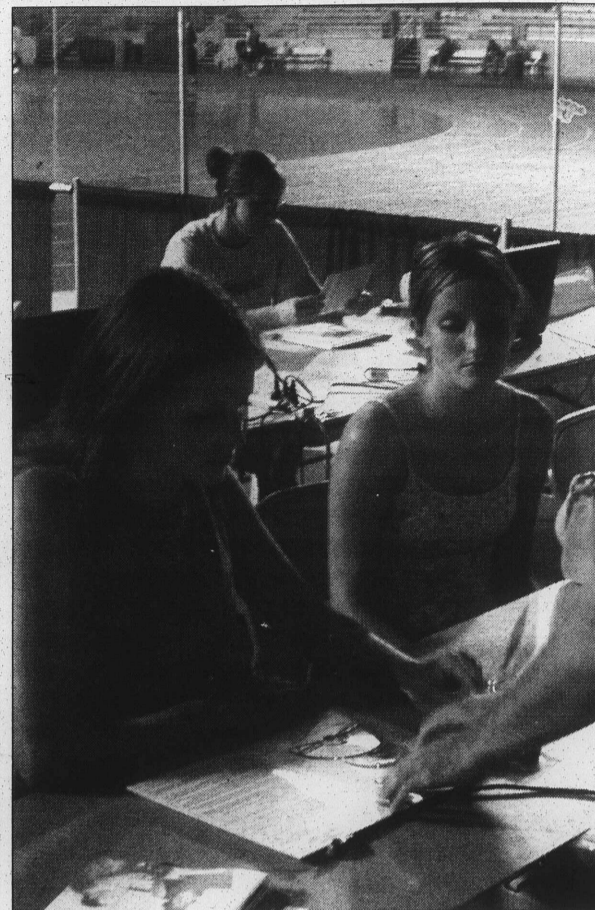
Roy encouraged faculty to help the university towards its collective vision, and said they should take pride in the direction that NMU has taken.

In its current budget, the State of Michigan cut \$5.2 million in funding for NMU during the 2002-03 academic year. Total budget cuts amounted to \$10.2 million, as the university also saw cost increases of \$5 million.

Prior to Roy's speech, Joyal announced the addition of 12 faculty members, 12 adjunct faculty and 22 graduate student faculty.

Joyal also introduced Communications and Performance studies Professor Bob Allbritten as the new academic senate chair for the school year.

Getting plugged in



Jason Metevia/NW

Freshman nursing major Jessica Dagenais and sophomore cosmetology major Stefanie Dagenais get help with their computers from Computer Aid Specialist Scot Smith during laptop distribution in the Superior Dome. IBM Thinkpads and Apple I-Books were given out last weekend as part of NMU's TLC initiative.

Fall 2003

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Whitman done, construction continues

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Willard M. Whitman Hall reached substantial completion on July 28 and offices are in place.

Substantial completion means the project is ready for people to move in, but not 100 percent complete.

Work left on Whitman Hall includes adjustments on the mechanical system as well as restoration, painting, signs and parking lot landscaping,

CAD/GIS Manager Jim Thams said.

Offices relocated to Whitman Hall include the School of Education, Charter Schools, College of Professional Studies, Native American Studies, Center for U.P. Studies, International Affairs and Modern Languages and Literatures.

The project began in January. Since then, the entire interior of the building was gutted. All interior walls were removed as well as floors, windows and doors, Thams said.

Also completed is additional lighting around the University Center, requested by ASNMU. The lighting includes five extra lights put in around the sidewalk of the U.C. lawn where there are several trees. The lighting was completed July 1.

In addition, the parking lot construction and road behind the Superior Dome is also finished. There is now one paved lot and two reconfigured gravel lots.

The Hedgcock building is under construction as well. The roof is almost completed and the masonry work is approximately one third of the way done, Project Engineer Robert Ryan said.

"You don't see a lot of the work right now because most of it is being done in the basement," Ryan said.

The work in the basement includes ductwork and plumbing, he said.

The completed project, which will be a student services building, is scheduled to be finished in August 2004.

It will house numerous student services such as the Registrar, First Year Experience, Admissions, Jobsearch, Dean of Students offices, Disability Services, Financial Aid and Student Support Services. The



Heather Solgot/NW

The Whitman building reached substantial completion July 28. Work to be done includes air conditioning, painting and signs.



Heather Solgot/NW

Construction is continuing on the Hedgcock building. Workers are currently doing ductwork, plumbing and replacing the roof.

building will also be home to the Military Science Department and Reynolds Recital Hall.

The project costs \$15.75 million; NMU will pay \$3.9 million and the State of Michigan will pay \$11.8 million, Ryan said.

Ryan, along with a construction team, is also working on five smoking lounges that are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

There will be one smoking lounge in each residence hall that became smoke-free.

This year, Gant, Halverson, Spooner, West and Hunt halls became smoke-free.

To accommodate smokers, the five smoking lounges will be equipped with energy-efficient units to eliminate smoke in the air, Ryan said. With these units, smoke be filtered through the units and will not escape from the lounges.

Ryan said the university is still waiting for the units to arrive and will be installed immediately upon arrival.

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EDITORIAL

Finding leadership

As new students began piling into campus last week, they were greeted by some familiar faces in new university leadership positions.

The President's office and the athletics department found new leaders, but these men are no strangers to NMU — they have combined for nearly 50 years of service.

Mike Roy, the school's former vice president of finance and administration took the school's presidency on an interim basis after former president Judi Bailey left for Western Michigan University. While Judi Bailey helped bring greater technology to our campus and was an excellent fundraiser, her exit has created an opportunity for others to step up and succeed.

Bailey had a difficult time being fully accepted by the community and was often criticized for taking multiple salary increases and other policies. While her exit was untimely, she made the right choice for her future and will now get a chance to start fresh in a university that may better suit her persona.

Roy has a very difficult job after inheriting a tight budget and limited resources from the past year. But if there is any man who can help get the university through a difficult time period, it is Roy. Roy has been at Northern for over 25 years, working his way up from a chief accountant to the president's right hand man. He has an extensive knowledge of finances at the university and understands the community as well. Roy has also been honest and straight-forward with NMU students and faculty and seems to be adapting to his new role.

The school also hired another familiar face during the summer. Former Associate Vice President of Recreation and Athletics Ken Godfrey was named the new athletic director after spending the past 23 years at NMU.

Godfrey has been an integral part of the athletic program, starting as an intramural coordinator and working his way up. With several varsity sports suffering from low attendance and many coaching changes in the past few years, Godfrey's extensive experience with the community should help gain support for varsity teams and provide a stable force behind the athletics program.

When times get tough it is often the people who have shown the most care and commitment to a university that can help it the most.

The university and athletics programs are in well-trusted hands as they attempt to battle through budget difficulties.

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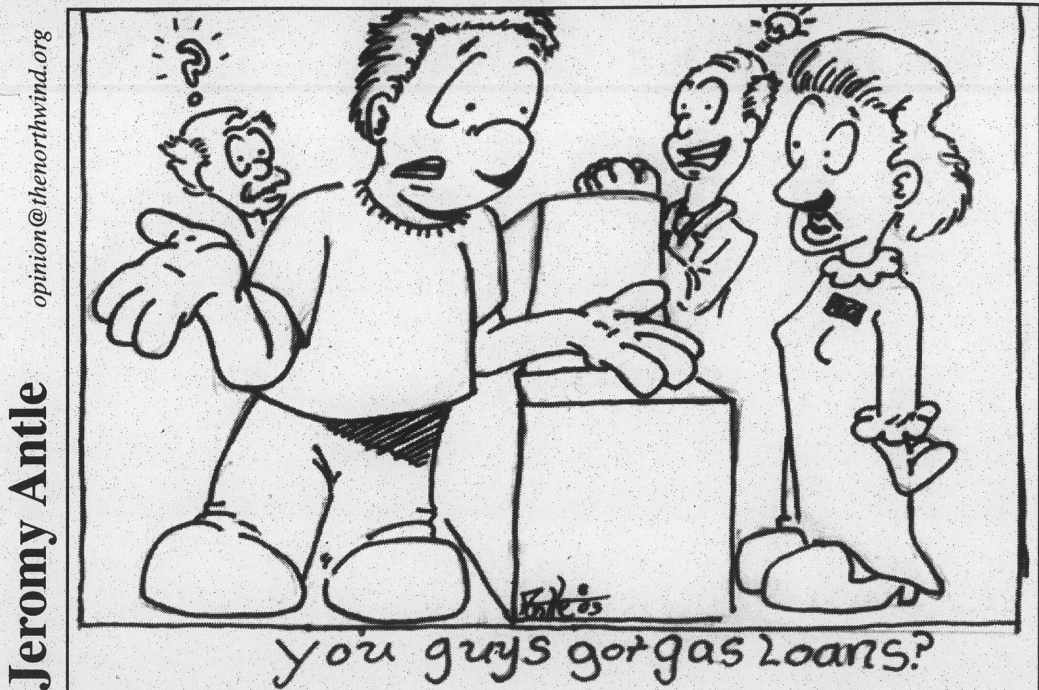
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Jeromy Antle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteering does make a difference

Last Friday evening/Saturday morning just over 700 NMU students participated in a 2nd Annual Welcome Weekend event, the LateNight @ the PEIF. This event is remarkable for a number of reasons including: the number of students attending this alcohol-free event; the number of student volunteers involved; and the cooperation and collaboration of registered student organizations and university departments.

Events like this just don't happen. A number of individuals and departments committed time, staff and resources to make this year's event the most successful to date. Funding to make this event possible came from many sources. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone involved in the planning for this project, from more than fifty volunteers providing almost 75 hours of service (Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the residence halls resident assistant staffs and welcoming committees), paid student staffs (Rec Services and Health Promotion) and the professional staff members (Kim Rotundo, Brian Gaudreau, Sgt. Don Peterman, and the residence hall directors).

But a very special thank you needs to go to the student chairperson of this event, a student volunteer representing the Student Nurses Association on the Student Health Alliance Promoting Education (SHAPE), Julie Weiler.

SHAPE is a coalition of student groups who all support increasing awareness of health-related issues and promoting healthy program options for NMU students.

Julie, who is now an Academic Programmer in Halverson Hall, has worked many, many hours starting last April to coordinate the Student Activity Fee proposal, research attractions, focus test options with her summer orientation

leader co-workers, coordinate the publicity, help recruit and coordinate the volunteer army, oversee the event on Friday night and finally help with the cleanup until 2:30 Saturday morning. Her planning skills and leadership abilities made this event not only possible but enjoyable in a safe alcohol-free environment for over 700 of her fellow students.

But LateNight @ the PEIF would not have happened as planned without primary funding from the NMU Student Activity Fee process. The Student Activity Fee Committee awarded over \$5,000 to the Student Health Alliance Promoting Education (SHAPE).

Additional funding for this project was made available from the University Welcome Week Committee (\$2000), chaired by Kim Rotundo, assistant director of academic career advisement and orientation; the Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports Program (facilities and many staff provided), represented by Brian Gaudreau, recreation sports manager; the Department of Public Safety and Police Services, represented by Sgt. Don Peterman, and the Health Promotion Office. All told, the total cost for this event including attractions, prizes, food, building rentals, publicity, volunteer and paid staff time amounts to over \$10,000.

I am convinced that the most important outcomes of this event were the realization for many of our students that NMU values the importance of providing healthy, alcohol-free options for its students, and that there were so many other students on campus who chose to have fun on campus without alcohol and get their new year off to a great start.

Hearty congratulations to all who participated and all who worked so hard to make this event an overwhelming success.

Lenny Shible
 Adviser, SHAPE Group

First amendment requires sensitivity

I am a soldier here in Northern Iraq who, by some unknown means, came across two of your papers. I guess that means you are now read worldwide.

I was thankful to have something to read that actually had interesting news. Sorry to say that there was one thing that I greatly disagreed with, as have some of the people with whom I serve.

I understand, and totally agree with, our rights as Americans to freedom of speech and expression. Those are the rights I have taken an oath to protect and defend.

However, in your April 3 issue, a cartoonist attempted to make my opinion the same as his.

He has degraded my flag in his drawing. You see, my flag, the American flag, contains thirteen stripes and fifty stars.

His, on the other hand, has 15 stripes and 32 shapes I believe are meant to be stars. He then depicts my commander-in-chief as a moose with an army button; the caption reads: "How the U.S.A. sees Bush."

I, as a member of the United States, do not see President Bush this way, nor does anyone here I have asked. So much for the United States' view of Bush according to his opinion. I have a reason to fight for the country, ensuring his constitutional rights.

It is my feeling that by making jokes about the president, he inadvertently dishonored many of my brothers-in-arms protecting his rights. Men and women who will never be, walk, or look the same, and some whom will never be seen by family again.

I guess I would ask that if anyone wishes to poke fun at our government, please do not include those fighting for your right to do so.

Adam L. Waller
 Sgt., Northern Iraq

When I was your age...

STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

Ah, freshman, with your high aspirations, dewy eyes, and sleek plumage.

Are you ready to party, to have the four (or seven) best years of your life, to utterly ruin your reputation and liver?

I'll tell you what for.

First off gents, you're going to have to stop looking so, well, so twelve.

I'll admit that it took me a while to justify my shaving, but a baby-smooth face is always preferable to some of your pubescent greasy faux-staches.

If you really want to get into the parties and experience the orgiastic hedonism that is College Life, you're going to have to somewhat allay the fears of the typical door guard/cup distributor. While the average party deals with the threats of underage drinking with frightening disregard, you may still find it hard to get beer from a keg into a sippy-top. And wine doesn't actually come in juice boxes.

I've also noticed that some of the freshman ladies try to get around this by dressing far beyond their years, aspiring to whatever era the famous Turkish prostitutes thrived.

Now, as a straight American male, I can't totally come to the forefront against skimpy clothing.

The minimalist style has its appeal, but sometimes it's the skin you don't show that can raise eyebrows. Girls wearing only licorice bras and butter thongs are looking for trouble.

The look of tarted-up junior high brings to mind a whole slew of Olson twin references too lecherous to delve into.

Alright, so now that you are actually clothed, now that the guys have stuck bits of tissue to their faces with catsup, you are ready to go out and Part-A.

I don't know why it is called that, but I am assured that is the latest jive talk.

Apparently, after years of practice, I will be able to Part-B, but until then...

More seriously, this is some of the best advice I can give you: cut up your credit cards.

In my freshman year a combination of energy drinks and eBay left me with an \$800 digital camera, a bowler hat and a graphite cane.

Not only did I fail to get my Charlie Chaplin erotic photo site off the ground, I also now have more debt than is reasonably possible.

I have almost as much credit card debt as I do with my student loans, and all I have to show for it is an impressive array of digital paper weights.

What the hell do you need credit cards for anyway?

You're a college student - you're supposed to be poor and dressed in unwashed second-hand clothes, not prancing about in designer labels and reeking of various fragrances that make me sneeze.

I think I'm supposed to tell you to study or take notes or something, but if I did, it would be a little hypocritical, since I do neither.

But that's the learning strategy that works for me, since I have novel little habits like "going to class" and "paying attention."

A bit weird, I know, but you have to find what works for you.

Finally, and this is going to be something you've heard before, get involved.

Write for the paper, join a club, run for house government, please write for the paper, join a sports team, volunteer or perhaps for the love of God write for the paper.

I'll probably be able to get more jobs with the experience I've gained in my college extracurriculars than I will with my degree.

These probably will be the best years of your life, as depressing as that will seem at 5 a.m. as you tithe to John, God of Regrets.

Last bits of advice: call your parents, and not just to ask for money; treat women with respect; and remember, you're paying for all of this.

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

Playing with temptation

STAFF COLUMN



BY ROB HAMILTON

I was about 50 miles from the Mackinaw Bridge driving home when a billboard caught my attention.

It was an attractive young woman in a red dress laying on a bed and holding lots of money in her hands. The caption read, "This could be your lucky night."

I came to the conclusion that the Upper Peninsula had not decided to add a red light district and that this was just another ad for an American Indian casino which used sex to fuel lust for money.

I had previously been to a local Ojibwa casino and as far as I could remember a beautiful scantily-clad woman had never greeted me at the door. No, it was usually an older, crabber security guard, who halfheartedly checked my ID and said "good luck" as if he really cared.

I've never really had much luck at a casino either. Of the five or six times I've gone I've only won once. But the thing about gambling is that once you win that first time, you always want to go back to regain that feeling of victory and get some extra money in your pocket. A casino is one of the only places where you can possibly spend a few hours being entertained and make a profit at the same time.

But for a competitive guy trying to stay afloat in college, a casino is probably the last place I should be.

Nevertheless, I found myself on the day before classes began mindlessly feeding bills into machines, waiting to hit the jackpot and walk out with hundreds more than I came in with.

With the sound of electronic tones playing colorful tunes of victory on slot machines, coins dropping into empty bins, and continuous jackpots displaying higher and higher winnings, walking into the casino is always a little bit exciting. Watching people win money can make you believe that you could do the same.

I never bring more than \$20 with me. In 15 minutes it can be gone, but it's worth not having the temptation to keep taking money out of your wallet. As I sat at a video poker machine watching my money disappear, the guy next to me hit a straight flush and greedily scooped his coins into a cup, smiling cunningly after he hit a mini jackpot.

My hands were black at this point from handling the quarters

and I was thirsty from the smoke in the room. But after watching somebody win, I didn't want to stand up from the machine, I wanted to get more money from the ATM. Luckily, self control kicked in and I decided it was time to leave.

I've never considered myself to have an addictive personality and I've never felt the need to spend money frivolously, but something about a casino brings out another side of me that's a little frightening.

Gambling can be surprisingly and unexpectedly addictive. Once you begin losing, you want to win back the money you lost. Once you've won, you want to see if you can increase your profit margin.

Hope and greed can blind you. Remember that the house always wins. Even at the tiny Ojibwa casino, addictions are created and lives can be ruined if one loses control.

If you are going to a casino to win money, you shouldn't be going.

A casino can be a good time if you do not get caught up in the environment around you, but be careful. Behind the bright lights and sounds a temptress waiving money at you awaits, luring you towards possible financial disaster.

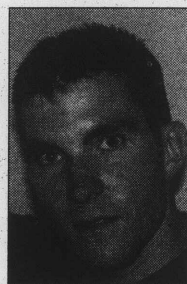
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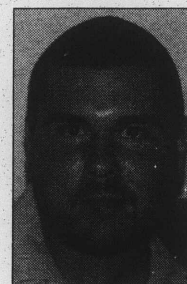
What qualities would you like to see in the new NMU president?



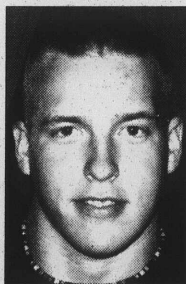
Megan DeBolt
junior, international studies
"Someone who will listen to and connect with the students on a more personal level."



Mark Gates
senior, CIS
"I would like to see a motivated individual as president, a person that will pursue the expansion of the university."



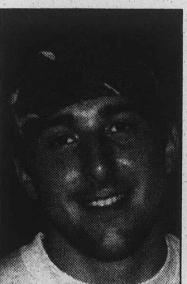
Jeremiah Goin
junior, criminal justice
"Someone who will give to, instead of take from, the students. We need an anti-Judi Bailey."



Brian Kempainen
senior, criminal justice
"She/he should be able to understand and work with the student body, perform selfless service, and have high standards that other people can follow."



Rebecca Lawson
sophomore, undeclared
"Someone who looks out for the best interests of the students. Someone who is approachable and easy to talk to about concerns you may have."



Courtney Timmons
junior, environmental science
"A cross between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura... with the looks of Christina Aguilera."

- Compiled by Allison Tyndall

Starbucks serves coffee, pastries in LRC

BY JOSH JOHNSON
AND NATALIE ROMPS
STAFF WRITERS

The only Starbucks coffee shop in the Upper Peninsula has opened in the basement of the LRC.

Debate has swirled concerning the arrival of Starbucks due to its trade practices, but several students displayed their enthusiasm with a foamy residue on their upper lip.

Junior accounting major Candace Ignatowski said the quality of her caramel frappuccino was comparable to those from Starbucks in her hometown near Sterling Heights.

In response to concerns about Fair Trade Certified coffee, Ignatowski said the issue was of little concern in Marquette.

"I just think it's ridiculous," she said. "It doesn't have much of an impact here."

Fair trade is the practice of reimbursing coffee growers with a living wage deemed reasonable in the local context.

Other students said they would not give second thought to Starbucks' coffee bean purchasing practices.

Junior English writing major Courtney Patrick said she was not

opposed to buying coffee from large corporations because she appreciates the variety of products they offer.

Patrick said she was concerned over the issue of fair trade coffee, but it would not prevent her from frequenting Starbucks.

Protestors say that since not all of Starbucks coffee is Fair Trade Certified, it should be admonished.

Sophomore nursing major Tamara McHerron said she disagrees with Starbucks' policies.

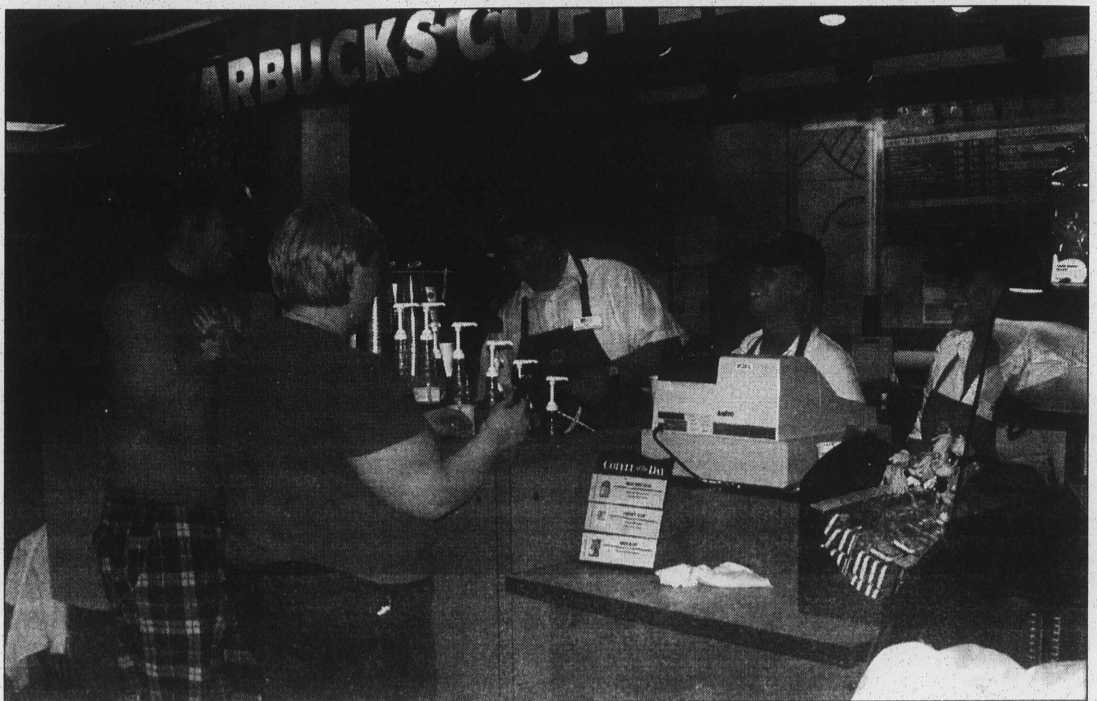
"If I'd known of the fair trade policy, I'd take my business to a local shop that was more involved in fair trade," she said.

McHerron said she could not imagine working at Starbucks knowing the amount paid to farmers who supply the coffee beans.

Manager Robin Rahoi said she cannot appropriately discuss the issue. She said she follows Starbucks standards, which are to sell the best quality products available.

Bearing the weight on her shoulders of the first Starbucks in the U.P. is one she feels able to handle, however.

"I think that the success of this business may affect the growth of Starbucks in the rest of



Jacalyn Urbanak/NW

Senior health and physical education major Nick Tomczyk and sophomore architectural technology major Tiffany Kromer order coffee from junior accounting/CIS major Mike Arendt, sophomore nursing major Amy Mattson, and junior business management major D'arcy Kingle. Starbucks, a gourmet coffee franchise, opened in the basement of the LRC in time for the start of classes.

the U.P.," Rahoi said. "So far, business has been great, but I expect things to slow down after a few weeks of the normal college year."

As for local businesses, Rahoi said that the store's location is not ideal for the community as a

whole.

Access to parking near Starbucks is limited, so it may be inconvenient for those who want to grab a quick cup of coffee.

Rahoi also said Starbucks sells pastries made by a local business, Midtown Bakery of Negaunee.

As for the mission of the company, Rahoi said the main goal of Starbucks is to achieve optimum customer service.

"We're still learning, but after a time, I'd like to educate the community about Starbucks and its policies," Rahoi said.

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Dance program desired

BY NICOLE GEARHART
STAFF WRITER

Over the summer, adjunct dance instructor Deborah Choszczyk and students have worked together to gain support for a program they feel will expand the realm of academic diversity at NMU.

Student advocate Michelle Dunphy and Choszczyk are currently petitioning for a Dance minor as part of NMU's curriculum.

"We have been circulating around a petition and have over 170 signatures from community members, NMU students and potential NMU students," junior theater major Michelle Dunphy said.

The petition being circulated notes there are many dance clubs and a dance team available on campus, but NMU offers very lit-

tle for dancers within their program of study. In addition to the petition, Choszczyk approached NMU's administration with a proposal for bringing a dance minor to NMU.

Choszczyk said if the proposal passes, NMU would be the first and only college in the Upper Peninsula to have such a program available to students.

The proposal includes course offerings such as ballet, tap, jazz, dance history and courses designed to integrate with the theater and education programs, she said. Programs providing interaction with local elementary schools and the establishment of a dance company are also possibilities, she said.

Dunphy said both the theater department and the Health Promotions Office are in favor of a dance program being offered on campus. The pair hopes the

beginning of the fall semester and the return of Marquette's student population will encourage students to support the program.

"Dance is important not only to theater and health majors, but to everyone," Dunphy said. "It is something that brings people alive and gives them a chance to express themselves in a way not available on this campus."

Dunphy said many dance students get advanced dance training elsewhere, and a dance program at NMU would help retain them.

Choszczyk will teach two ballet courses and a Scottish Highland dance class during the winter semester.

In November, an interest night will be held to give students some idea of the different types of dance that exist and what a dance program would consist of, she said.

Shuttle adds Lee Hall stop

The Wildcat Shuttle added a new stop at the Lee Hall entrance to this year's route.

The Shuttle, consisting of two blue and white MarqTran buses, gives free rides to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

The buses begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

At 10 minutes before and after the hour, both buses leave the LRC.

One will take students to the Superior Dome and the other will take students to the Jacobetti Center.

The buses will spend the remainder of the hour running 10-stop routes.

The shuttles will stop at the Lincoln Street Apartments, LRC, Jacobetti Center, Seaborg Center entrance, Fair Street and Harden Drive, Seventh and Harden Drives, Lee and Seventh, University Center, Superior Dome and the Lee Hall entrance.

People wishing to ride the bus may flag down the buses at any time in their routes.

Darwin Gager of NMU's Public Safety Department encourages students and visitors to use the shuttle.

—NMU Press Release

NORTH WIND READERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

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Add/drop period to end Tuesday

Starting with the fall 2003 semester, Financial Aid will not increase awards to reflect courses added after the designated add/drop period. The add/drop period for the fall semester 2003 ends Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Exceptions will be made for courses with a later start date. Exceptions will also be made under special circumstances. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 227-2327.

SOLAR registration ends today

Course registration, including class drop/adds, on SOLAR will end at 10 p.m. today. After the deadline, you can change your schedule or add a 2nd block course by visiting the Student Service Center at 105 Cohodas or calling 227-1221.

To register for a closed course, a signed add card from the instructor must be included.

Ski team to hold meeting Wed.

An interest meeting for the NMU Alpine Ski Team will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 9 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson lobby.

Any questions regarding the team can be sent to dfaulkne@nmu.edu or psorbo@nmu.edu.

Music sessions to discuss bodies

Four introductory sessions from the course "What Every Musician Needs to Know About the Body" will be presented by Dr. Robert Engelhart of the music department during four Tuesdays in September.

The dates for the sessions are September 2, 9, 16 and 23. The sessions will begin at 4 p.m. in room B101 of Thomas Fine Arts.

The sessions are free for all students, faculty and staff. Attendance credit is available for music majors.

Women's club volleyball to meet

An interest meeting for the NMU Women's Club Volleyball team will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 2 in room 140 in the PEIF.

Team practices are twice a week during the school year and travels to three or four tournaments per semester in the surrounding area.

Recent tournament locations have included Central Michigan University, Michigan University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Ripon College.

Any current NMU female is

eligible to join. Medical insurance cards and proof of an NMU Rec Pass must be brought to the meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting or have question concerning the club team, contact Arin Snell at 227-5770 or e-mail to asnell@nmu.edu.

Women's club hockey organizes

An organizational meeting for the NMU Women's Club Hockey team will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 3 in the Wildcat Room of the Berry Events Center.

Any questions concerning the team can be directed to 249-3847 or e-mailed to kristinkurian@hotmail.com.

Native studies holds open house

An open house to celebrate the new offices of the Center for Native American Studies will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in room 112 in Whitman Hall.

The new office now incorporates a research and curriculum resource center, a work and study space, a reception and lounge area, and Native American Studies faculty and staff offices in one location.

Bike race to roll in Copper Harbor

The 10th annual Copper Harbor Fat Tire Festival on Sun. August 31.

Located in the scenic town of Copper Harbor, MI at the tip of the Keweenaw, the Copper Harbor Fat Tire Festival is a down-to-earth, laid back cross country race; thick with local flavor and a grassroots feel that appeals to the true mountain bike enthusiast.

The cross country race starts at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and comes in a one lap 10 mile version and an 18 mile, two lap version.

The challenging terrain begins with a mass start on pavement right out of Township Park in Copper Harbor. The course heads south out of town and up into the surrounding hills.

Once the riders leave the pavement they are greeted by sections of two track, dirt roads, twisty single track – some sections fast and smooth, other sections extremely technical, and numerous elevation changes with ascents that challenge rider's fitness and speedy descents that let the riders let it all hang out.

A course highlight from past events is a mile long downhill section of very rocky single track – fast in some sections, slow and technical in others.

This section of trail is guaranteed to give riders a white-knuckle ride from the top to the bottom

of the course.

Following the race, competitors and friends are encouraged to spend the night as the awards ceremony, cookout, and music from The Mojo Perry Band and Frostbitten Grass are sure to go well into the evening.

Race day registration goes from 12-1:30 PM and costs \$35, which covers the race, an event T-shirt, and the post race food and entertainment.

Check out www.keweenawadventure.com/fat_tire.htm for more information and pictures from last year's event.

Geography film to show at library

In cooperation with Northern

Michigan University's Geography Department, the Peter White Public Library presents "Global Issues/Human Geographies: A Film Series About People, Places and Change".

The film will be shown on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library. The film is free to all.

A discussion will follow the viewing of the film.

The first film in the series, Affluenza, is described as a lesson about a serious disease caused by commercialism and consumerism that affects families worldwide. The film is 56 minutes long.

For more information, call 226-4323.

French Club to meet tomorrow

The first meeting of the NMU French Club is scheduled for tomorrow at 2 p.m. in front of Starbucks in the basement of the LRC.

This organizational meeting will center on the various meetings which will take place throughout the year.

Anyone with a knowledge or interest in the French language, French culture or the Francophone world is invited to attend.

No previous French language experience necessary. Contact Julianne Renaud at jrenaud@nmu.edu for more information.

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New laptops to arrive next week

I-Books will not be on campus until Tuesday. NMU received the wrong model of I-Books. Due to this error, the university sent them back. The computer Helpdesk made calls to students to let them know they will not receive their laptops. Also, IBM did not send NMU enough of the R-40 models of the Thinkpads. The Thinkpads will not be available until Tuesday. Students may pick them up in room 122 in the LRC.

Wildcat Shuttle adds new stop

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Cheerleaders to hold team tryouts

The NMU Cheerleading/Mascot Team is holding tryouts for the 2003-2004 season from 4 to 6 pm Tues. through Friday in the Superior Dome. The team encourages anyone with a gymnastics or cheerleading background to try out. You need to have a sports physical to participate in stunts.

Fall jazz auditions held today in TFA

The NMU Jazz Band is holding auditions for Fall 2003 from 4 to 6 p.m. on Aug. 28 in room B100 in the Thomas Fine Arts building. Anyone interested in playing in the Jazz Lab Band can sign up for an audition. A sign-up sheet is posted on the jazz bulletin board in between the Thomas Fine Arts and McClintock buildings. They request you have a prepared piece. If you have questions, please contact Assistant Professor of Music Mike Flaherty at mflahert@nmu.edu.

First Aid holds meeting today

First Aid Productions is holding their first meeting of the year at 5 p.m. on Aug. 28 in the Huron rooms. First Aid Productions plans and coordinates concerts from bands not typically heard on the Top 40 stations. Last year they brought Alkaline Trio to campus. For more information please contact jasbarne@nmu.edu.

Fire Department gives detectors

The Marquette City Fire Department offers free smoke detectors to city residents. If you live within city limits, you are

eligible. Stop in the Marquette City Fire Department before 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Marquette City Fire Department is located at 418 S. Third Street across from Randy's Party Store.

Men's rugby begins practice

Students interested in joining the NMU men's rugby team can go to practice. Practices are held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the intramural fields on the corner of Lincoln and Wright streets. No experience is necessary, and everyone who is interested is welcome. There are three home games against U of M, CMU and Ferris State University. The three away games are at MSU, Bowling Green and GVSU. If you have questions, please send an email to edapkus@nmu.edu.

Figure skaters set meetings

The NMU Figure Skating Club and NMU Synchronized Skating Team plans on holding informational meetings for new and returning members at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Peter White Lounge in the University Center. They ask that you attend both meetings. If you have questions, you may email the team at nmufsc_wildcats@hotmail.com

Paraprofessional meeting to be held

A meeting for those interested in the formation of paraprofessional aid courses will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 in conference room A of the Marquette Alger Regional Services Agency building in Marquette. NMU is trying to determine the level of interest for paraprofessional aid courses, which will be held off-campus to help classroom assistants meet federally legislated guidelines. For more information, contact NMU's continuing education and sponsored programs at 227-2102.

Parking situation shifts lot rules

Lots 62 and 2 are currently closed due to construction. Lots 28 and 42 are now designated as faculty/staff only. They are no longer available to commuters or for general parking.

Lot 11 is now commuter parking only, no longer faculty/staff. Lot 46, a new lot located north of Wright Street, is available for resident and freshmen parking. Lot 26 is now for commuter parking only.

For parking questions, call Public Safety at 227-2151. Lot 17 is now designated as commuter parking only. A limited number of faculty/staff spaces are available in the southwest corner.

Diversions Editor Wanted

The North Wind is seeking, a Diversions Editor for the Fall 2003 semester. Experience in feature writing, page design preferred, will train the right individual. Contact Rob at 227-2545 or stop by 2310 UC for an application.

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Traveling leads to distant horizons

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, SUVs and station wagons streamed into Marquette last weekend from all across the country, particularly the Midwest. I, like many, simply weaved my way to campus through the Marquette city limits in which I reside year-round. But this year my curiosity of the journeys taken by my peers was heightened.

No, this does not mean I became suddenly interested in everyone's personal summer lives. Whether or not John D. Random's lovable mutt Spanky passed away since the last time I breezed by him in Jamrich Hall never crossed my mind. Actually, it's the time spent in the vehicle that intrigues me.

Many NMU students travel for eight hours to the lower parts of Michigan or deep into Minnesota. Having grown up merely an hour and a half away from Marquette, my drive home and back usually happens in the same day. I had never envied those who drove through the night or through hours of falling snow to get home. Maybe we've all been taking travel for granted.

Considering many of these travels to and from NMU are ventured alone, I understand dreading the remote drives. However, before this summer, I never made a trip alone in my car that was longer than about four hours; it's not that I didn't want to. Being an introverted person, I always thought driving across the country alone — in the right fast car, of course — would be an experience that would allow me to see new places and people. At the same time I could think the world apart and back together again. I came to learn first-hand this summer how driving alone can be both gratifying and tiresomely solitary. I finally made time to drive to Rochester, Minn., to see a friend from high school in August.

My trip brought me through several genres of music, too; I began the trip with the Jay-Z "MTV Unplugged" album, a smooth compilation of great hits accompanied by The Roots band. The drowsy drive began.

Hours one and two were anxious and somewhat uneventful as I plugged through the desolate Upper Peninsula and into Northern Wisconsin, where I ran into one of my English professors at Subway in Menominee. It's a small corporate food world.

As Jay's voice sang "Can't Knock the Hustle" for the third time, I decided to move to a Ben Harper album, "Diamonds on the Inside." His various styles would surely break up any feelings of weary monotony behind the wheel.

Once Ben's influence became too sedative for safety on an indolent 55-mile-per-hour road, I switched to some high energy contemporary punk, the band Tiger Army.

The speeds motorists travel are often drastically varied, too. I drive as fast as I can without getting caught. Others, however, read the speed limit signs very literally: "Speed Limit 65" means 65 cannot be exceeded. I, and many others, view that same sign as an indication that driving 80 is acceptable. Of course, I probably have more speeding tickets than most law-abiding drivers.

Eventually the constant rumbling and vibrating of the car requires that we get out; these are the perfect times to observe locals and interact with people that may never cross our sights again. Fast travel should be balanced by time spent outside of the vehicle. The people in any small or large town have stories and histories to share, insight or apathy to reveal, and words or expressions to be absorbed.

Between people and landscapes, we should spend some time observing as we wander.

Despite my appreciation, eight hours in a car can make anyone restive. I'm a guy who can't be dragged dead onto a dance floor; but by hour eight, midway through the Black Eyed Peas' album "Elephunk," I found myself dancing rope-pull style.

Traveling clearly expands our horizons.

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

Weekend activities launch semester

BY YONIKA WILLIS
MANAGING EDITOR

For many students, traveling to Northern this past week meant having to endure long car rides in the sticky heat of summer only to be met with long hauls up several flights of stairs carrying heavy boxes into the 12-by-12 foot space that is to be home for the next nine months.

However, as many new and returning students arrived at Northern, ASNMU along with various student organizations took it upon themselves to greet students and parents and start the year off on the right foot with the fourth annual Welcome Weekend.

Events began last Thursday as students started moving into the residence halls.

With events ranging from a free barbecue in front of Payne and Halverson Halls to a late night at the PEIF from Saturday night into Sunday morning, many students found the week beneficial for meeting new people on campus.

"I think having welcome week is a good idea to meet new people," freshman undeclared major Ben LaForce said. "I met people signing up for my computer because you have to sit next to people when you get the computers."

Other events included the laptop distribution which was held in the Dome, a limbo tournament, hypnotist Dale K, a sock hop, a bog walk at Presque Isle, free ice skating at the Berry Events Center as well as an early and drive-in movies.

"I saw the 'Italian Job' movie and I really enjoyed it," freshman accounting major Tara Landon said. "I met a few people while we waited for the movie to begin."

For the third consecutive year in a row, the Health Promotions Office put on the late night at the PEIF which ran from 10 p.m. Saturday evening until 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

In order to be admitted into the event, students had to pass a breathalyzer test to participate in the various activities that were being held in the PEIF.

The activities ranged from bouncy twister, a Velcro wall, video karaoke, sumo wrestling, air volleyball, wallyball and showing of "Gilligan's Island" episodes in the pool.

Health Promotions Specialist Lenny Shible said the event was a big success and within the first hour more than 500 people attended.

"This event is a good example of how groups of students and university departments when they work together can make something really worthwhile happen in a positive way," Shible said.

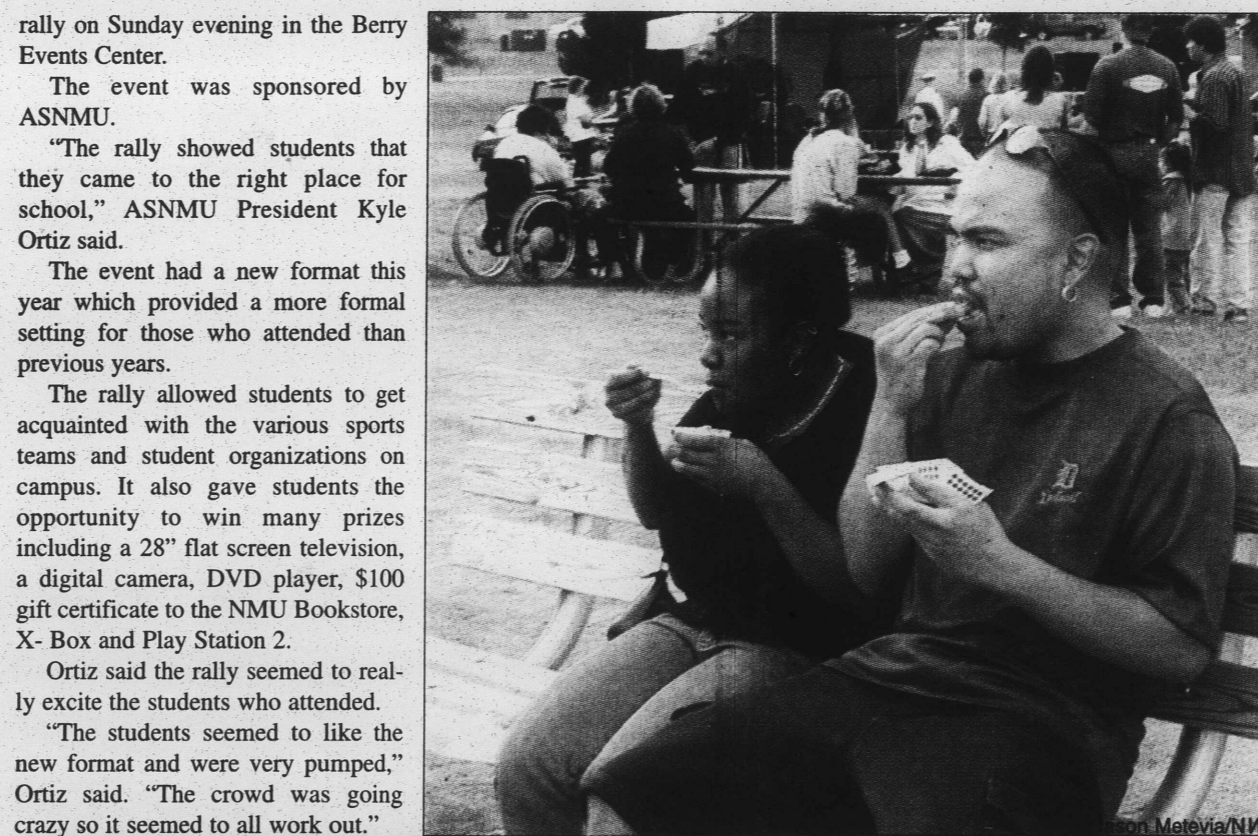
Many students and families also attended the seafood festival held off campus at Lower Harbor throughout the weekend.

The weekend concluded with the "Be a Part from the Start" all student



Jacalyn Urbaniak/NW

Junior early education major Michelle Neilsen and her parents put together a loft in her new room as she moves in.



Don Melavia/NW



Kelly Adams/NW

Middle: Senior special education major Renee Catchings along with visiting friend Gardner Gonzalez enjoy food at the Seafood Fest on Saturday. Above: Spalding Hall shows spirit at the 'Be A Part From the Start' rally Sunday night.



Yonika Willis/NW

Interim President Mike Roy sits behind his desk Monday morning. After President Judi Bailey resigned on May 9, Roy accepted the position of interim president.

MEET THE PRESIDENT: Roy temporarily takes leadership role

CONVERSATION WITH
Mike Roy, Interim President

It's 1978. A young man stands at the front of a room packed with presidents and vice presidents of universities nationwide. As he conducts a presentation on a new computerized financial system that Central Michigan University had recently implemented, the vice president of finance and administration at NMU approaches the young man and tells him of a job opening at Northern.

More than 25 years later, the young man — Mike Roy — accepted the position of assistant vice president of finance and administration and controlling at NMU. Over the next several years, he became the vice president for finance and administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees. But, just four months ago his role at Northern drastically changed.

Roy became the interim president at Northern on May 9 after former president Judi Bailey accepted the presidency at Western Michigan University.

Last Friday, Roy sat down with Yonika Willis, Managing Editor of The North Wind, and discussed his new role as president.

Did you always know that you wanted to work at a university?

Roy: I was supposed to be a teacher in business education. I graduated and had a job teaching in Cleveland and by accident I got into a discussion with a business manager at the college. I had been a business manager of the student government in college and they needed an accountant, so we talked for a while and that's how I got into higher education — I never did end up teaching.

What would you say has kept you in

fill the position is actually quite different. It's very different than what I've had to do in the past. It involves much more direct contact with students and faculty and staff and the external public. In the past some of that happened, but that really wasn't my primary focus, and now that is, so that is a big change for me.

Do you think that you'd like to stay on as president?

Roy: I don't know. I'm still thinking through that. I'm enjoying the opportunity.

Being president of a university is very demanding as far as the time and the visibility. I mean, no matter where you go, people seem to recognize you and it takes a little bit to get used to that. It's been interesting to watch people's reactions. I've known a lot of people because I've lived in this community and been on this campus for over 25 years, and I've met a lot more people than I've known before, and it's been interesting to watch people's reactions to the president of the university.

People have been extremely supportive. I get a lot of advice, which is great, and I don't mean that negatively. It has surprised

me a little to see how much people are interested in providing their input.

How are you planning to use students to implement your vision or to enhance the campus this year?

Roy: I'd like to work with Kyle Ortiz and all of the ASNMU representatives in trying to keep the communication open. I did have the opportunity to talk to ASNMU the other morning and, you know, I believe a lot of students think that they can't raise issues and that the administration is not open to them, but we are trying to get that message across to students that we're here and a lot of what we end up doing is impacted by their comments and their thoughts about what should be changed at Northern.

I think an example of this is when the BAC recommendations came out, there were some areas that students raised concerns about, and although we couldn't address all of them 100 percent, we did go back and make a number of adjustments just on the feedback that we have received. We're still working on some other ones that weren't completely resolved. But I'm looking forward to it. I'll hopefully be able to get down to the Marketplace and down to the student commons area in the LRC on a regular basis and I hope students feel free to come up and talk to me. Sometimes when you're wearing a suit and tie students start to shy away.

What do you do in your free time?

Roy: I do play a little golf. I'm not good at it, but I do enjoy it. I tell people that it helps to develop my humility. I live in a wooded area and I like to get out and I do that once in a while. But really, the free time recently has become activities related to the university. I did start a small remodeling project on the house, unfortunately, I haven't been able to spend too much time on it. It's just a matter of finding time and part of it is when I do go home at night, I just want to relax rather than do another project.

— Mike Roy
NMU Interim President

What do you think of your first two months as president?

Roy: It's been interesting. It started out with a bang with the flood and then I had to do the legislative hearings. I would have to say that it's been a great opportunity for me from the standpoint of having to be able to see what the president does on a day-to-day basis. I've worked with presidents, but to actually have to go and

Band tackles politics, pain

Rancid
"Indestructible"



Grade: A-

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

Few bands have worn their hearts on their torn-up sleeves like the San Francisco Bay Area's Rancid.

Like The Clash, the band with which Rancid most frequently gets compared, juxtaposes social and personal politics with joyous sing-along melodies. "Indestructible," the band's latest, continues down that musical avenue, only this time with a bit more angst behind it.

Although renowned for their fiercely independent, anti-commercial stance on the music industry, the album's first single, the poppy "Fall Back Down" is beginning to give Rancid the amount of airplay the band hasn't seen since their primal 1995 release "...And Out Come the Wolves" — a fact which may be alarming to many longtime Rancid stalwarts.

True, "Indestructible" has an accessible sound that may very well attract a few bubblegum-snapping mallrats, but most cries of "sellout" should be

silenced upon listening to "Indestructible." Even though the album is a bit more diverse in its discharge of punk, pop, reggae and ska, clearly the band continues to evolve, drawing hope and salvation from both themselves and their musical influences.

At 19 songs, its arguable that "Indestructible" runs a bit long, even though most songs blow by in three minutes or less and say their piece without lingering too long — staying true to the longtime ideals of punk rock.

And of course, vocalist/guitarist Lars Frederiksen's melodic, coherent singing and Armstrong's garbled rasp, which have always made for a great dynamic in the band, remain firmly in place.

Never a band to shy away from politics, Rancid attacks issues such as uneven distribution of income in America ("Stand Your Ground") and unemployment ("Back Against the Wall") throughout the album.

Even more memorable is "Arrested in Shanghai" — with its great blend of keyboards and Caribbean-flavored grooves, the song is a plea for universal freedom of speech, where Armstrong rants "Into wealth and privilege I was not born/But devotion to freedom and liberty I was sworn/So every emotion is studied, watched and controlled."

"Start Now" focuses on ideas of compromise and diplomacy, two things that seem to be particularly lacking much of

the world as of late:

"Humility has no play in this case/In a big game of chess for us all/Clarity turns to dark blindfolded prisoners of war/Solidarity on a razor's edge."

It's also not a surprise that the band members' personal problems have seeped into the album — occasionally dealing with death and relationships damaged beyond repair. Armstrong vents his share of frustration on several songs which address the end of his marriage to Distillers singer Brody Armstrong.

Songs like the guitar rush of "Ghost Band" and "Tropical London" are the most obvious examples of Armstrong's heart-break, where he angrily repeats "If you lose me, you lose a good thing" on the latter.

The album closes with "Otherside," a brisk but heart-felt ode to Frederiksen's brother Robert, who recently passed away due to terminal illness.

In spite of hard-nosed politics and the open wounds the members of Rancid have laid out for all to see, "Indestructible" is beaming with creativity, extracting positive energy out of a reservoir of anguish.

"I'll keep on listening to the great Joe Strummer," Armstrong sings in the title track inspired by the late Clash frontman, "because in music we can live forever."

One can only hope that many years down the road, kids will be singing a similar refrain in honor of Rancid.

BILLBOARD TOP 20

1. *Crazy in Love, Beyonce featuring Jay-Z*
2. *Right Thurr, Chingy*
3. *Shake Ya Tailfeather, Nelly, P. Diddy and Murphy Lee*
4. *P.I.M.P., 50 Cent*
5. *Into You, Fabolous featuring Tamia or Ashanti*
6. *Get Low, Lil Jon and the Eastside Boyz Featuring the Ying Yang Twins*
7. *Frontin, Pharrel featuring Jay-Z*
8. *Unwell, Matchbox Twenty*
9. *Where is the Love?, Black Eyed Peas*
10. *Never Leave You-Uh Ooh Uh Ooh, Lumidee*
11. *In Those Jeans, Ginuwine*
12. *Baby Boy, Beyonce featuring Sean Paul*
13. *Like Glue, Sean Paul*
14. *Drift Away, Uncle Kracker featuring Dobie Gray*
15. *Rock Wit U (Awww Baby), Ashanti*
16. *My Love is Like...Wo, Mya*
17. *Are You Happy Now?, Michelle Branch*
18. *Magic Stick, Lil' Kim featuring 50 Cent*
19. *It's Five O'clock Somewhere, Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet*
20. *Bring me to Life, Evanescence*

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THE PANINI GAMEROOM
The Core

Old cowboys learn tricks



BY JOSH JOHNSON
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR
★★★★☆

Classic westerns and Kevin Costner films are very much alike. Both genres can be wonderfully inspiring or too incredibly cliché to digest. In the case of "Open Range," both genres mix positively to create an enjoyable classic story starring and directed by a man whose career has been described as erratic at best.

The film's premise is the story of four freegrazing cattlemen and their efforts to maintain a dying way of life.

Boss Spearman (Robert Duvall) is a rough and tumble cowpoke who leads his crew across country while managing to utter nuggets of cowboy wisdom to maintain control. Costner plays the enigmatic Charley Waite, a middle-aged rustler seeking to forget his violent past in the life of a cowboy. Tagging along is Mose Harrison, a gentle giant and

reincarnation of Bonanza's "Hoss," and Button, the courageous but naïve green kid.

The first twenty minutes feature little but character development and beautiful shots of the frontier, typical of most Costner films. The crew is hard at work when Mose is sent back to the town of Harmonville for supplies, only to find trouble. The cowboys come to the rescue and find a town run by the brutal rancher Baxter (Michael Gambon) and his cronies.

What follows is an hour and a half of action-driven events yoked with a valiant but tacky romantic subplot between Charley and Sue Barlow (Annette Bening), sister of the town's doctor. The dialogue is driven by understated one-liners and typical cowboy lingo, which at times excels in subtlety and at others, is dead on delivery.

Pressure in the town builds to a climax of the big showdown between the freegrazers and Baxter's gang. For as drawn out and weak as the romance and dialogue may be, the final gunfight is one of the best ever portrayed in a western and is worth the price of admission.

A solid cast is what saves this film from slipping into mediocrity like so many other westerns.

Costner and Duvall have a comfortable chemistry in nearly all scenes, while Bening's rugged but ladylike demeanor reinforces the otherwise pitiful romance.

Costner's characters have been on a slippery slope since

his award-winning performance in "Dances With Wolves." In "Open Range," Costner attacks the role of the mysterious Charley with both guns blazing. He is a polite and bumbling gentleman when romancing Ms. Barlow, a sullen cowboy on the prairie and an intensely brutal gun hand in the final shootout. Only Boss' merciful ways keep Charley from sinking to the level of the town's hooligans.

One complaint concerning the script is the length. After the climax of the gunfight, the last half hour is devoted to a weak attempt of romantic closure. It seems as if all must be squared away in the Old West, even at the expense of the viewer's patience.

The film is drenched in warm strings and vivid frontier imagery (which was filmed in Canada, thanks to its weak dollar). Visual imagery of the landscape and the town is picturesque, if not too perfect.

"Open Range" seeks to bridge the gap between the spaghetti westerns of the past and today's big budget action thrillers. While staying true to its roots, "Open Range" incorporates enough western cliché and new age thought to remain relevant to modern moviegoers.

Nothing beats seeing a classic western on the big screen, but "Open Range" is sure to make an even better DVD, chockfull of behind the scenes commentary.

While the film may be a bit too violent for a date movie, it's perfect for guys' night out. Take your dad or grandpa.

MOVIE SHOWINGS AND TIMES



GKC Delft 5 Thursday through Sunday	Royal Cinemas Thursday through Sunday
Freddy Versus Jason (R) 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20	American Wedding (R) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15
Seabiscuit (PG-13) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05	Bad Boys II R TBA
My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05	Finding Nemo (G) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10
Uptown Girls (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15	Freaky Friday (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:9:10
Swimming Pool (R) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10	Grind (PG-13) 9:40, 12:30
Winged Migration (G) TBA	Jeepers Creepers (R) 12:45, 3:5, 15:7:30, 9:50
	League/Gentlemen (PG-13) TBA
	Medallion (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
	Open Range (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45
	S.W.A.T. (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:7:15, 9:30
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TODAY, AUG. 28

Meeting: First Aid will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Huron Room in the UC. First Aid is an independent music collective dedicated to providing regional entertainment to campus. Every student is welcome and encouraged to participate.

Auditions: The NMU Jazz Lab Band is holding auditions from 5 to 8 p.m. in Room B 100 in TFA. The sign-up sheet is located at the bottom of the ramp between TFA and McClintock. Each audition will be about seven minutes long, and will cover basic skills as well as improvisation and jazz styles. For more information about piece requirements for auditions, or for other information, please contact Mark Flaherty at 227-1037 or mflahert@nmu.edu

Event: Back to School Blood Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. in the UC Atrium. Give blood and save a life.

Athletics: The NMU men's rugby team will be practicing and recruiting today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the intramural fields on the corner of Lincoln and Wright Streets. No experience required. If you have any questions e-mail edapkus@nmu.edu

Deadline: Registration via SOLAR (including drop and add) ends at 10 p.m. today. After today, you can register by contacting the Student Service Center in Room 105 in Cohodas. Call 227-1221.

Deadline: Last day to add full semester and first block course.

Deadline: Last day to register for December 2003 graduation.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Deadline: Last day to receive 100 percent refund for reduced credit hour load (first block courses).

Athletics: The NMU Figure Skating Club and NMU Synchronized Skating Team will be holding an informational meeting for new and returning members at 8 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge in the UC. For more information e-mail nmufsc_wildcats@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

Film: "The Matrix Reloaded" (R) begins at 9p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students with NMU ID.

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

Film: "The Matrix Reloaded" (R) begins at 6:30 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students with NMU ID.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

LABOR DAY
No classes.

Deadline: Last day to obtain 90 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the University (first block courses).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

Deadline: Any classes added after today will not result in an increase of Financial Aid, except where a course begins after today or in cases where special circumstances exist. For more information contact the Financial Aid office in Room 310 in Cohodas or at 227-2327.

Athletics: The NMU Women's Club Volleyball Team will be having an interest meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Room 140 in the PEIF. All female students are welcome to attend. Please bring medical insurance cards and proof of a Rec Pass to the meeting. For information contact Arin Snell at 227-5770 or asnell@nmu.edu, or Angie Hewitt at 227-4949 or ahewitt@nmu.edu.

Deadline: Last day to receive 100 percent refund for reduced credit hour load (full semester courses).

Athletics: The NMU Cheerleading/Mascot team will be holding tryouts for the 2003-04 season from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Superior Dome. You must have a sports physical to participate in stunts. Individuals with cheerleading or gymnastics backgrounds are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact coach LeAnn Foster at 227-2132 or e-mail lhbert@nmu.edu.

Athletics: The Northern Michigan University Men's Club Hockey Team will be having tryouts at 11:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. The Wednesday tryout time is also required. For more information, con-

tact Scott Husak at shusak@nmu.edu or 226-3175.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

Athletics: The NMU Women's club hockey team will be having an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. in the Wildcat Room in the Berry Events Center. For information, e-mail kristin@kurian@hotmail.com

Meeting: UAW Local 1950 is hosting a Membership Luncheon Meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in the Marquette, Nicolet and Cadillac Rooms in the UC.

Athletics: The NMU Figure Skating Club and NMU Synchronized Skating Team will be holding an informational meeting for new and returning members at 8 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge in the University Center. Please attend this and the Friday meetings if you are interested in skating. For more information e-mail nmufsc_wildcats@hotmail.com.

Athletics: The Northern Michigan University Men's Club Hockey Team will be having an introductory meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 140 in the PEIF. Tryouts will be at 9:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. The Tuesday tryout time is also required. For more information, contact Scott Husak at shusak@nmu.edu or 226-3175.

Meeting: The NMU Unitarian Universalists are holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC. For more information, contact Kayle Rice at e-mail address uukaylerice@aol.com.



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Team scrimmage shows preseason improvement

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU football team concluded its summer practice training camp on Aug. 23 with an inter-squad scrimmage.

Approximately 100 fans gathered around the practice field located behind the Superior Dome to catch a glimpse of this year's Wildcat squad.

"We really came out and hit each other," senior wide receiver Micah Billingsley said. "It felt great to be out there."

Billingsley, who was out for eight months last year with an injury, said there was a lot of energy on the field.

"We were flying around," he said. "I knew it was for real when (senior linebacker Brandon) Genwright hit me, he hit me hard."

Head coach Doug Sams said he was pleased with what he saw.

"I thought the scrimmage was very competitive," he said. "No side really dominated the other. You like to see that kind of equality between the offense and the defense."

Sams said he was happy with the way the defense has been playing of late.

"The defense has really gotten a lot better since last Wednesday," Sams said. "We still have some

question marks though. We have concerns on the defensive line and we are still trying to get a cohesive unit in the secondary."

One of the major concerns for Sams and the Wildcats is on special teams.

Preseason All-American senior punter Ryan Wettstien is lost for the season after tearing his ACL over the summer.

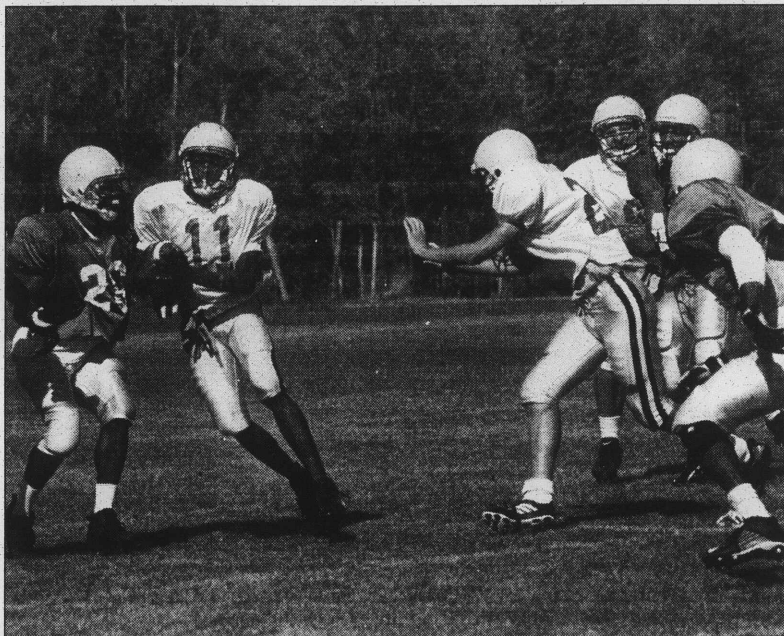
"It's a tough loss," Sams said. "But we are just going to have to overcome it."

Sams said place-kicker Kyle Marotz will take over the punting duties.

NMU begins its season with a three-game road series.

"It'll be tough early," Sams said. "But we also have three of our last

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Amanda Dinkel/NW

Freshman Vinnie Mayfield runs the ball for the white team during the inter-squad scrimmage on Aug. 23. NMU opens its season at Northern Iowa.

Godfrey remains at NMU

Search committee fills athletic director position

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Interim President Mike Roy announced on June 10 that Associate Vice President of Athletics and Recreation Ken Godfrey will serve as the new permanent athletic director, filling the void created when Dan Spielmann left in January.

Godfrey was acting as interim athletic director since Spielmann left Northern in January.

Godfrey said Roy first approached him about the position before the selection process began.

Godfrey initially turned down the position and planned to retire July 1 when his position would have been eliminated due to budget cuts.

"At that time, I just didn't feel I wanted to do it," Godfrey said.

The main thing that Godfrey said changed his mind was the coaches and recreational sports staff who encouraged him and supported him.

"I reconsidered and said I would do the job if that's the direction they wanted to go," Godfrey said. "It's good to feel wanted."

Three other candidates outside of NMU were considered for the position but in the end, the selection committee decided that Godfrey should remain the athletic director.

"The recommendation of the coaches was unanimous that we name Ken the athletic director," Roy said.

"People have described (Godfrey) as totally committed to what he does. He has a commitment to the university and athletic department."

The other candidates were Russell Waggoner, who is currently at Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, Colo., Kent Stanley of Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., and Mark Griffin of New Jersey City University in Jersey City, N.J.

Godfrey said the position change has made him much more involved in athletics.

A year ago, when he was only the Associate Vice President, Godfrey did not do as much with the day to day operations of athletics as he does now as athletic director.

Godfrey said he has an extensive list of things to accomplish and it is going to take a while to do it all.

He has challenged coaches to raise team GPAs even though Godfrey said the student athletes' average GPAs are above those of the general student body.

Godfrey said he also wants to see the teams work towards the top and to achieve more NCAA Championships.

Another thing Godfrey has worked on since becoming athletic director is having more involvement between NMU athletics and the community.

"Through athletics you can build a lot of pride and excitement in the university itself," Godfrey said.

The athletic department participated in community events like fairs and parades this summer.

Godfrey said he likes to see young people realize that it feels good to give back to the community. These efforts attempt to reach Godfrey's goal to get more people from the community to support Northern athletics.

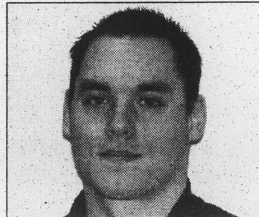
"I think you need to shoot for the top," Godfrey said. "People need to be challenged throughout their lives."



Godfrey

Athletes are still human beings

SPORTS COLUMN
BY TOM MURPHY



Professional athletes are not gods. They are human beings. They eat, sleep and work just like the rest of us.

Athletes should not be looked upon as special beings just because they have athletic talent. They should not receive preferential treatment. But for too long in American society, athletes have been perceived as larger than life. America holds its athletes as heroes, as people who can do no wrong, except of course, when they fail.

With an abundance of disturbing stories concerning athletes dominating the media, it is clear that the era of athletes being exempt from the laws of everyday society is over, and it is about time.

Athletes are not role models; they are just people who compete. They are people who are subject to making bad choices and making mistakes. And just like in every other "real world" situation, professional athletics contains an eclectic group of people. Some athletes are positive figures. Some are notoriously negative. But then there is that special group of athletes, the fallen angels.

Kobe Bryant, Pete Rose, O.J. Simpson, the list goes on. These are athletes, present and past, who were beloved by fans for their gifts, but in one moment, had their credibility destroyed.

Kobe, "Charlie Hustle" and "the Juice" were all winners and champions. They were adored by fans worldwide. They were treated as kings. Then had it all taken away by making disastrous mistakes.

They were ripped down from their mighty pedestals in media firestorms and were convicted in the court of public opinion and sentenced to a life of infamy. But the list does not end with professional athletes. Many collegiate star athletes also fall victim to the fallen angel syndrome.

Ohio State University sophomore tailback Maurice Clarett, who is considered one of the best college football players in the country, and performed a vital role in OSU's national championship last season, will miss the first six games for the Buckeyes. Clarett was reportedly suspended for his role in an exaggerated theft report when his car was broken into in April. Clarett reported that \$800 in cash and \$9,500 in merchandise was taken from his vehicle, a 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was borrowed from a car dealership.

These fallen angels vehemently express the double edge sword of athletic mega fame. Kobe Bryant was the NBA's golden boy. He didn't go out and party; he is married and has a child. It was thought that Kobe was the perfect definition of what a champion should be.

Then Bryant, like Rose, Simpson and Clarett, did something that no one thought that he was capable of, give in to human temptation. Athletes are not gods. There is no such thing as perfection when it comes to human nature.

Every human being should be held responsible for their actions despite who they are, what they are, how much they are worth or what they have done or are going to do.

For too long stars have been protected just because they were stars. But at the same time, athletes should not be held to higher standards than the rest of society.

New swim coach hopes to reclaim GLIAC title

BY MATT WELLENS
STAFF WRITER

New head swim coach Jonathan Wilson said he has big plans for the 2003 swim season. He plans to "recruit, recruit and recruit."

"This will be a challenging year," Wilson said. "[The team] is young and small. Coaching changes have hindered recruiting in the past."

Wilson was given the head coach position in May to replace Chris Corragio, who resigned in last July. Bob Laughna stepped into the interim spot to carry the team through the 2002-03 season.

Wilson grew up and went to high school in Madison, Wis. and is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

He then went on to coach the Ripon College men's and women's swimming and diving team.

Last year, he was also the

associate coach for the Ripon College women's soccer team.

Wilson said the history and success of Northern's swimming and diving program along with the higher caliber of athletes in Division II athletics were all factors that led to his interest in coaching the Wildcats.

He said he is very happy to be here and called this his "dream job."

Wilson has high goals for the future of Northern Michigan swimming and diving starting with reclaiming the GLIAC Conference title again next year.

A top three finish in the conference would be a successful season for the team, he said.

His other goals include taking

four to five girls to Nationals in the future along with climbing the NCAA Division II ladder and looking for a national championship.

The 'Cats will begin their season on Jan. 24 against Wayne State and Wilson's former squad at Ripon.

The meet will be Northern's only home meet of the year. Wilson said he invited Ripon to Northern to give the Wayne State men's swimming and diving team some swimmers to compete against.

He said the meet will be emotional as it will be the seniors last meet at Northern.

He also said it will be strange for him to be coaching against many of the girls he coached last year at Ripon.

Wilson moved to Marquette with his wife and three children. He said he already loves the town.

"The people have been very welcoming," he said.



Wilson

Team aims to dominate



Amanda Dinkel/NW

Head coach Carl Gregor has high hopes for this season's soccer team. The 'Cats were scheduled to begin their season today, but due to a Finlandia forfeit, they will have to wait to play until the weekend.

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

The girl's soccer team prepared to start the fall season today with its first scheduled game against Finlandia University, however, the game was canceled by Finlandia on Wednesday due to an insufficient amount of players.

"Most of the teams players just got back to [Finlandia] on Tuesday and the team would only be playing with 10 to 11 players so they forfeited the game making it a win for us," head Coach Carl Gregor said.

Despite the delay in the season, sophomore midfielder Michelle Brown said her team is still really excited to begin.

"We've really pulled together as a team and we feel a large sense of team unity, which makes it easier to click on the field," she said.

To prepare for the upcoming season, the 'Cats have had double practices during the preseason.

Gregor said the team has prepared a different placement on the field with a more attacking strategy as opposed to last year's defensive approach.

This approach calls for a different position on the field then most teams. NMU will be using the 3-4-4 approach rather than the 4-4-2 approach that they used last year.

"We are approaching the season with confidence," Gregor said. "We have high hopes."

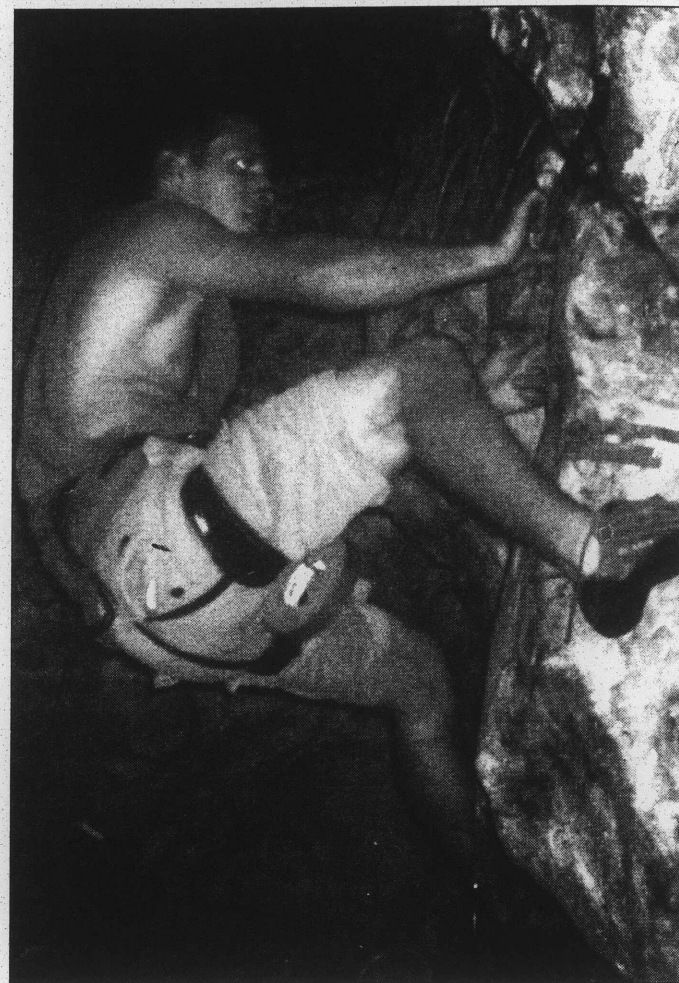
Gregor said the team's main goal is to win every game and to do so by dominating every single one.

"We are going to go out and play hard and be very successful this season," he said.

The girls will continue practice and will prepare for this weekend's upcoming games against the University of Minnesota-Crookston and the University of Minnesota-Moorhead. Both games will be in Minnesota. The 'Cats next home game will be Sept. 13 against St. Cloud.

Last season's team was 7-12-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the GLIAC.

Hanging around



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Sophomore construction management major Austin Krueger tackles the Boreal Boulder at the PEIF. The climbing wall will resume its free climb hours beginning next week Monday.

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New coach, new system brings team confidence

BY KATHIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

The NMU volleyball team is focused on making improvements as it begins its 2003 campaign.

The 'Cats returned to campus for training camp Aug. 10 and maintained a daily regiment that included three one-and-a-half hour training sessions as well as individual practices for each team member.

"The focus was to be a better team every single day," said head coach Jim Moore, who returned to NMU this season for the first time since leading the 'Cats to the 1993 NCAA National Championship Title.

Training with a new coach and system has boosted the team's confidence, said junior outside hitter Jennie Little.

"People will have fun watching [us]," she said.

The team capped off training camp with scrimmages against the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Bemidji State University in Duluth, Minn.

"The scrimmages were just to prepare us for upcoming games," Little said.

The 'Cats lost to Minnesota-Duluth, but beat Bemidji State. The scrimmages will not count as NCAA games.

"It was just to see where we are," Little said.

The 'Cats were picked third in the 2003 GLIAC Preseason Volleyball Coaches Poll behind Northwood University and the 2002 GLIAC champions Grand Valley State University.

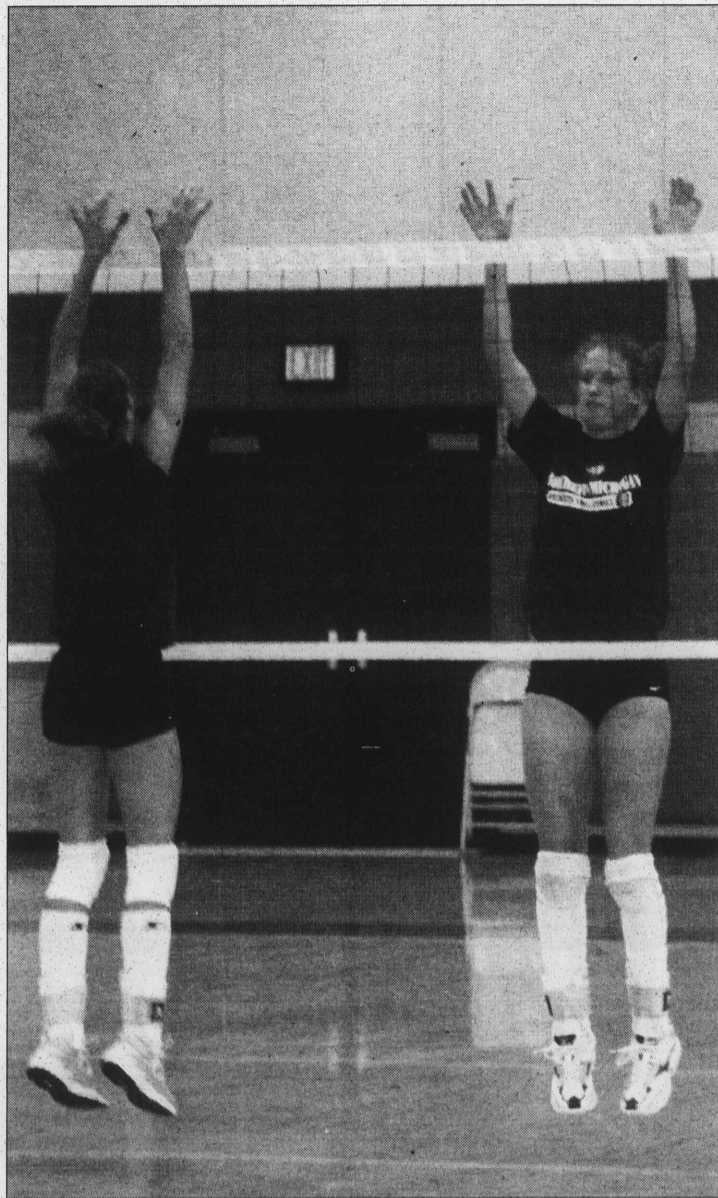
GVSU received five of the six first-place votes it was eligible for.

Moore said that over the past few years Grand Valley has dominated the GLIAC conference.

"I'm not thinking about our opponents," Moore said. "The focus this year will continue to be on improving our own players."

The team has quite a bit of college experience.

Most of the team is comprised of sophomores and juniors, but



Amanda Dinkel/NW

Junior outside hitter Jennie Little, right, practices blocks with a teammate. NMU will make its home debut on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

few team members have played far into the post season, Moore said.

The team will be working towards gaining that experience this year.

Next up for the 'Cats will be the first regular season game against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"We've played them in previous years but we don't really know what to expect," Little said.

The game will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3 at the Vandament Arena.

The 'Cats will also play a game against alumni at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the Vandament.

The opponents will be alumni

from the '93 NCAA Championship team.

Little said the team expects the match to be an exciting event.

2003 GLIAC PRESEASON FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

Team (First-place votes)	Pts.
North Division	
1. Grand Valley State (5)	35
2. Northwood (2)	30
3. Northern Michigan	26
4. Ferris State	22
5. Michigan Tech	17
6. Lake Superior State	11
7. Saginaw Valley State	6
South Division	
1. Findlay (4)	23
2. Mercyhurst (2)	22
3. Gannon	15
4. Hillsdale	11
5. Wayne State	10
6. Ashland	9

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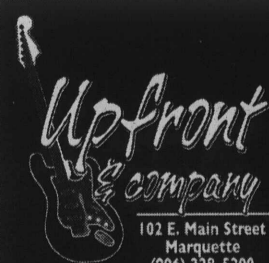
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Federal funds wasted because of stereotypes

Purely from location, NMU offers students a chance to take away a closer connection with the natural world that most other universities don't offer. Schools in an urban setting cannot provide these closer connections.

I spent this summer away from Marquette working at a summer camp between two large urban areas - Detroit and Flint. People that visited this area referred to themselves as "being up north." I had to hold back laughter every time someone referred to Lapeer, Mich. as "up north."

Now that I am back in the real up north, I can be glad that I chose to come to NMU.

The general population of the U.P. knows the outdoors. It's hard to be up here and not know one tree from another, what kind of fish can be caught where, or what dangers may be involved in outdoor activities. Surrounded by abundant resources one can't help being close to the natural environment.

The people in urban areas down state are far removed from the natural environment. Many residents of the U.P. and I are comfortable in the outdoors and, while it is smart to respect the environment and the inhabitants of it, we can go into the woods without fear.

OUTDOORS COLUMN



BY DAVE MOSS

However, I met people this summer that grew up and spent most of their lives in the city. They were terrified of the big bad things that might be lurking in the shadows of the woods. Of course, when I go to large cities I am afraid of big bad things lurking in dark alleys.

One stark example of some people not having a good understanding of the natural environment was a story I read in the Detroit News this summer.

The story had to deal with the fish advisories for PCBs and other pollutants in the great lakes. The point of the story was that more money was going to be spent on informing the public in the UP about the dangers of eating too much fish taken from the Great Lakes.

What irked me about this story was \$300,000 being spent to inform residents of the UP. Heraline Hicks, senior environ-

mental health scientist with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in Atlanta was quoted in the July 20 story saying, "The Upper Peninsula is a remote area, and it may be hard for them to get the advisories. They are isolated from the main body of the population, and they eat a lot of fish."

Sure, this isn't Atlanta or Detroit, Ms. Hicks, but we do have indoor plumbing and cable TV these days.

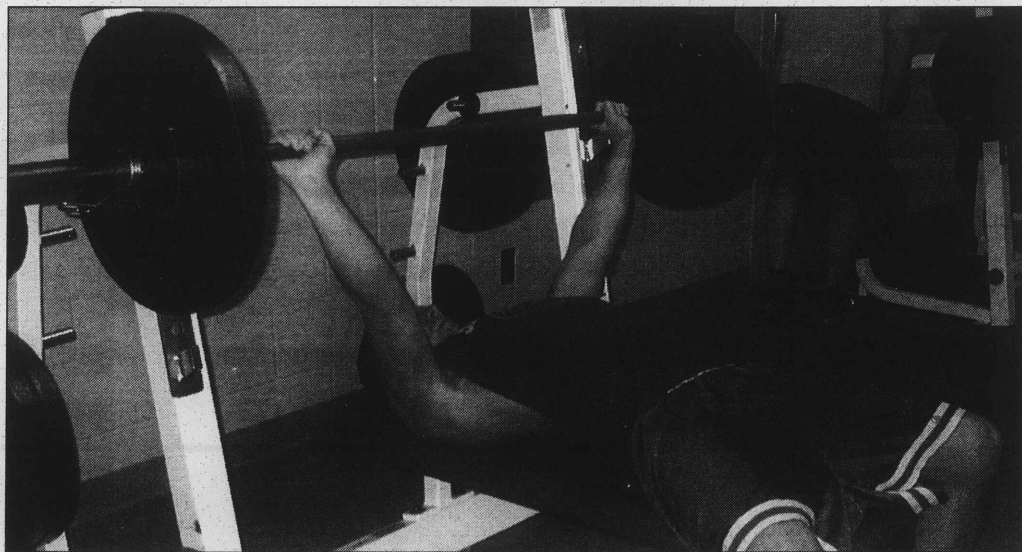
If they want to throw money at the U.P. that is great, I am sure we can make use of it given the current economic situation. But, if anyone needs to be educated more about fish it's not the people of the U.P. who are attached to the land they live on and know about fish and contaminants first hand.

So, welcome to another year at NMU. Between the classes and social events of the semester take a chance to get a little more acquainted with the environment around you.

It's one of the things that sets the NMU experience apart from other Universities, and someday if you are a senior environmental health scientist, you won't sound like Ms. Hicks.

Oh yea, and don't forget the toilet paper on the way to the out-house.

Pumping Iron



Kelly Adams/NW

Grad student Brian Bruno lifts weights during PEIF hours Tuesday. Workout hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

FOOTBALL

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four games at home. So it may even work out to be in our favor."

The Wildcats will face Division I Northern Iowa on Sept. 6.

Billingsley said it is important for NMU to come ready to play.

"Northern Iowa starts their season a week before us against Iowa State (Big 12 Conference), so they are going to want to come out and try to put a beating on us," Billingsley said. "We'll be underdogs, but they don't know Northern."

Billingsley said the team really bonded over the

summer.

"We really came together as a team." Billingsley said. "A lot of the guys stayed up all summer and we really did some good things."

Billingsley said one of the focuses of the team this summer was to be more active in the community and attempt to bring more fans in to the stands.

Some key home games for Northern this season include the home opener against Indianapolis on Sept. 27 (homecoming).

On Oct. 11, last season's DII national champion Grand Valley State comes to town for a Saturday afternoon game and Michigan Tech will come to the Superior Dome on Nov. 1.

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Football coaches vote, pick GVSU

Grand Valley State University was picked to win the 2003 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) football title by the head coaches of the league in preseason balloting.

GVSU, the NCAA Division II and two-time league defending champion, outdistanced Saginaw Valley State University by just three points in the voting, 117-114. The Lakers tallied eight first-place votes, while the Cardinals accumulated the four remaining top votes.

The league's 12 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their team. The first-place team on each ballot received 11 points, while second received 10 points.

The University of Findlay placed third in the balloting with 92 points. The Oilers finished in a second-place tie with Saginaw Valley State with 8-2 records in conference play last season. Northern Michigan University placed fourth in the poll, three points ahead of Ferris State University. The Bulldogs, edged out sixth-place Northwood University by one point.

The University of Indianapolis placed seventh, one point in front of Hillsdale College, 61-60. Ashland University (38), Michigan Tech University (28), Wayne State University (26) and Mercyhurst College (14) round out the poll.

Grand Valley State won its second consecutive conference title last season with a perfect 9-0 mark.

GVSU advanced to the NCAA Division II championship game, where the Lakers defeated Valdosta State University, 31-24.

Saginaw Valley State also advanced to postseason play last season, falling to Indiana University, 27-23 in the opening round.

Last season marked just the third time that the GLIAC placed two teams in the Division II tournament since 1994.

2003 GLIAC PRESEASON FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

Team (First-place votes)	Pts.
1. Grand Valley State (8)	117
2. Saginaw Valley State (4)	114
3. Findlay	92
4. Northern Michigan	83
5. Ferris State	80
6. Northwood	79
7. Indianapolis	61
8. Hillsdale	60
9. Ashland	38
10. Michigan Tech	28
11. Wayne State	26
12. Mercyhurst	14

Former 'Cat goes to Mighty Ducks

The National Hockey League's Anaheim Mighty Ducks of Anaheim announced July 23 the signing of Northern Michigan University defense-

man Juha Alen to a three-year contract. No other terms were made available.

Alen, who would have been entering his sophomore season this upcoming year, played in 40 of Northern's 41 games last season.

He had 4 goals and 19 assists to rank seventh on his team in scoring. He also posted a +8 plus-minus rating for his rookie campaign.

The Tempere, Finland native was one of three NMU players selected in the NHL Draft in June, and was one of two Wildcats from the 2002-03 squad to sign with an NHL team.

Alen was taken by the Ducks in the third round, the 90th pick overall.

"We're elated for Juha," NMU head coach Walt Kyle said. "We thank him for being a part of the Wildcat hockey program where we — his coaches, teammates and NMU fans — have had the opportunity to watch him grow from a very good defenseman into a pro hockey-caliber defenseman."

The other Wildcats taken in the draft were sophomore Dirk Southern, also selected by Anaheim but in the sixth round and incoming freshman Zach Tarkir to New Jersey in the fifth round.

Alen joins graduated senior Mike Stutzel as a pro signee. Stutzel, a forward, signed with the Phoenix Coyotes in April.

"I think the fact that Juha and Mike both signed with NHL teams speaks volumes about the respect the NHL has for the Northern program, and the attention the scouts are giving our players," Kyle said. "With my own NHL coaching background, I know what it takes for players to make it to the big league, and it's exciting for me and everyone involved with Wildcat hockey to have a chance to watch players with NHL potential compete at NMU."

Kyle said these two signings are a sign of things to come for NMU players.

"When players leave early, it's hard on a program, but we realize it's getting that guy a step closer to his dream," he said.

Dome walking passes available

The Superior Dome will no longer offer the "Free Walking" program. Walking and jogging participants will have three options for using the Dome: purchasing a Full Rec Membership to use the entire Recreational Facilities, purchasing a Semester Walking Pass or a Daily Walking Pass for the Superior Dome only.

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Hockey schedule favors Berry ice

The NMU 2003-04 hockey schedule was announced over the summer break. The 'Cats will have 18 games at the Berry Events Center.

NMU will start the season with four straight home games. Northern opens the season with an exhibition game against Waterloo on Oct. 4, then will follow that up with a CCHA weekend set against Bowling Green on Oct. 10 and 11. The fourth game at the Berry will be against Michigan Tech on Oct. 17.

The 'Cats will play the Huskies three other times during the season as Tech will also play at the Berry on Dec. 13. NMU will face the Huskies in Houghton on Oct. 18 and Dec. 12.

The U.S. National Team will play NMU in Marquette on Oct. 31. Other games highlighting the home portion of the schedule include Ohio State on Nov. 7 and 8, Lake Superior on Dec. 6 and Feb. 20, Miami on Jan. 9 and 10, Notre Dame on Jan. 23 and 24, Western Michigan on Feb. 6 and 7, and Ferris State on March 5 and 6.

The 'Cats face two College Hockey America (CHA) teams on the road this coming season as they will face Alabama-Huntsville on Jan. 16 and 17. They then will play Wayne State in Detroit on Feb. 13 and 14.

In CCHA action, NMU will travel to the University of Michigan on Oct. 24 and 25, Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 14 and 15, Notre Dame on Nov. 28 and 29, Lake Superior on Dec. 5 and Feb. 21, Michigan State on Jan. 2 and 3, Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 16 and 17, and Bowling Green on Feb. 27 and 28.

Maunu signs on with NMU hockey

Walt Kyle, the Head Hockey Coach at Northern Michigan University, announced that Matt Maunu (5'11", 170 pounds) a defenseman from Esko, Minn. has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend NMU and play hockey for the 'Cats beginning this fall. The 'Cats lost defenseman, Juha Alen, when he signed a contract with the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim earlier in the summer.

Maunu played for the Waterloo Black Hawks of the United States Hockey League (USHL) this past season as he registered 11 goals, 18 assists for 29 points in 59 games. He had two assists in seven playoff games.

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USOEC wrestlers compete in Turkey

Members of the USOEC Greco-Roman Wrestling team are competing this week at the FILA Junior World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. The competition began Aug. 24 and runs through Aug. 31. The U.S. team is coached by USOEC's Ivan Ivanov.

Second-year USOEC wrestler Harry Lester is undefeated through two matches at the 145.5-pound weight class. Lester scored an 8-0 win over Christian Feltzer of Germany. In Lester's second match, leading by a 9-0 margin, Lester pinned Ismael Navarro Sanchez of Spain in just 38 seconds.

Other wrestlers who have won matches this week include USOEC wrestler Joe Betterman at 121 pounds; USOEC wrestler Casey Lawson at 132 pounds; USOEC wrestler Bobby Fisher at 163 pounds; Jeff Courtney of Mountaineer WC at 211.5 pounds and Cody Parker of Rosenburg, Ore. at 264.5 pounds.

Betterman defeated Mikhail Siamiouniou from Belarus, 9-3. He also lost to Tomasz Swierk of Poland, 5-0.

Lawson pinned Bernado Circottola of Italy in one minute. He went on to lose to Artak Hartyunyan of Armenia, 5-0.

Fisher was pinned by Jonne Jokela of Finland in 1:20. He went on to pin Adrian Anghenica of Romania in 4:43.

The U.S. Greco-Roman team will finish-up competition today.

Opponent, illness defeat Guillermo

USOEC boxer Samsom Guillermo of Waianae, Hawaii fell to Canada's Andrew Kooner by a 37-13 margin Aug. 10 at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Guillermo came into his bout fighting dehydration and illness, but was able to keep up at the

beginning of the competition. Kooner took a 3-1 margin after the first round, and continued to build his lead and took the victory-over Guillermo.

"Samson was a little dehydrated," head coach Anthony Bradley said. "He was sick going into the bout and it showed in his performance. He gave us 100 percent of what he had. We could have pulled out of the bout, but we came out as proud Americans and gave it everything we had."

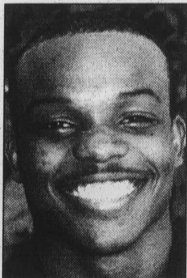
In preliminary action, the U.S. team has taken two bouts and lost two bouts. Light fly-weight Rayonta Whitfield of Augusta, Ga. took a 39-17 victory over Giliard Silva of Brazil. Welterweight (152 pounds) Juan McPherson of Cleveland, Ohio, stopped Jinner Guerrero of Ecuador in the third round of competition. In addition to Guillermo's loss, middleweight (165 pounds) Andre Dirrell lost a close bout, 21-20, to Yordanis Despaigne of Cuba.

Bradley loses in final round bout

In a battle for Olympic trial berths, USOEC boxer Timothy Bradley of Palm Springs, Calif., missed securing a spot at the National Golden Gloves at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. on May 26 through 31.

Bradley had the best finish of the USOEC boxers making it all the way to the championship round.

In the welter-weight (152 pounds) bout, Bradley faced rival Andre Berto of Winter Haven, Fla. In their last meeting at the U.S. Championships, Bradley took a loss. This year's championship bout was a closer match. Berto dominated the first round and much of the second. In



Bradley

the third and fourth rounds, Bradley came back strong almost stopping Berto in the third.

Although Berto took the bout, 5-0, USOEC coach Al Mitchell was pleased with Bradley's performance.

"It was one of Tim's best bouts," he said. "He proved he could compete with Berto."

Berto landed a trip to the Olympic trial. Winners of each weight class earned spots to the 2004 Olympic trials.

USOEC boxer and three time national champion Roberto Benitez of New York, N.Y., also made a run all the way to the semifinals before taking a loss to Ron Siler of Cincinnati, Ohio, 4-1. The two met in the finals of the 2002 Golden Gloves as well as at the U.S. Championships, going 1-1 in their last two meetings. This year's bout was almost too close to call with the judges picking Siler as the winner. Both athletes' experience showed throughout the bout as they competed to earn a berth to the championship round.

USOEC boxers Ray Robinson of Philadelphia, Pa., Van Oscar Penovaroff of Kailua Kona, Hawaii, Jaidon Codrington of Bridgeport, Conn., and Davin King of Temple Hills, Md. made it all the way to the quarterfinals before taking losses, while Jose Villareal of Milwaukee, Wis., Check Mussachio of Wildwood, N.J., and Rudy Cisneros of Chicago, Ill. were upset in the earlier rounds.

The USOEC boxers who represented the Wisconsin Region were fortunate to have their own coaching staff at the tournament. USOEC boxing coach Al Mitchell served as head coach of the Wisconsin region team while Larry Nicholson went as the assistant.

The Golden Gloves began in 1928 making it one of the nations longest running boxing tournaments of its kind. Many boxing legends including Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali are Golden Gloves Champions.

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PERSONALS

Business Staff — Great job on the first issue. Thanks for the hard work — **Editorial Staff**

New Writers — Thank you for jumping right in under time pressure. Your work is the bread and butter of this paper — **Staff**

Jacalyn — Excellent job learning on the fly this week. We look forward to working with you — **Staff**

Andy N-Z — Thanks for your assistance and advice — **Staff**

Sisters — I miss you so much! Hope you had a great first week of school! Love ya — **Sister Halrhonda**

His House — Sorry about being a stranger this year. Hope you enjoy the paper as much as I miss Wed. meetings — **Josh**

Demo — Monster fish are within

grasp — **Fat roomie**

Jenny from the Corner — Let's party soon — **Jackie from da Hood**

Readers — Remember, as long as I am Opinion Editor there will be free personals for all, and plenty of butterscotch disks for me! — **opinion@thenorthwind.org**

A — I met someone else over the summer. Don't bother calling — **B**

Old ass. news editor — You better come out tonight — **Tease 1 and 2**

Ed. Staff — Thanks for all the advice and patience — **New ass. news editors**

50 — Glad you're up here. Looking forward to this weekend — **Lover**

"Kaiser" — Be cool. Stay in school — **Your nurse upstairs**

Editor — Congrats on your first issue. Can't wait for Tahquamenon Falls this weekend. Hope the car gets us there this time — **Baby life saver**

Ex Pres — We better still have study groups, even with your new live-in boyfriend — **Type A**

All pro — It will be before you are 56, I swear — **Burger Flipper**

Nantucket Man — Are the stories about you true? — **Lady from Limerick**

Buffalo Gal — Won't you come out tonight? — **Son of Sam**

E — I did NOT do that to my dog — **J**

New Boss — Good job. — **Staff**

SM — Where are you on these cold northern nights? I need a cuddle buddy — **SF**

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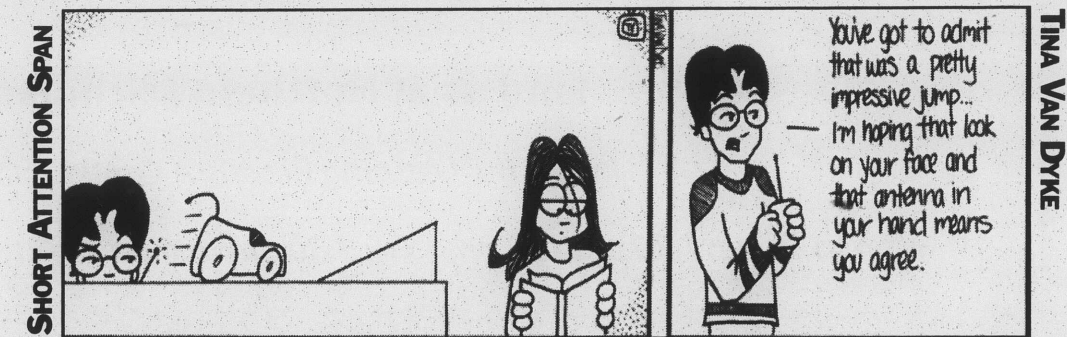
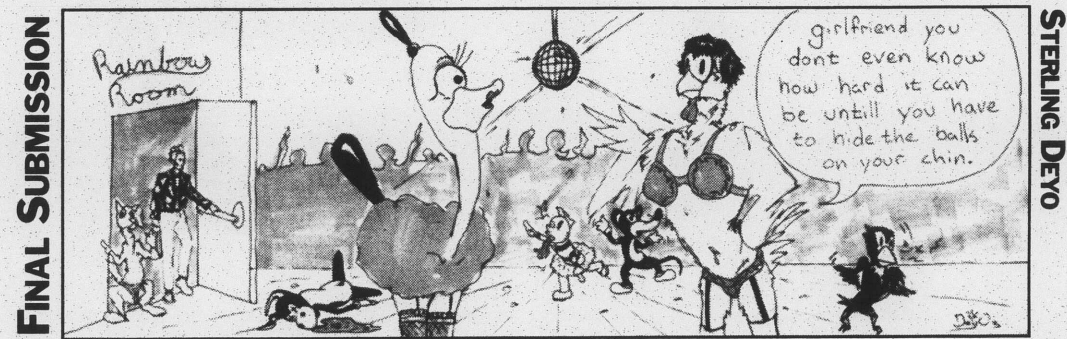
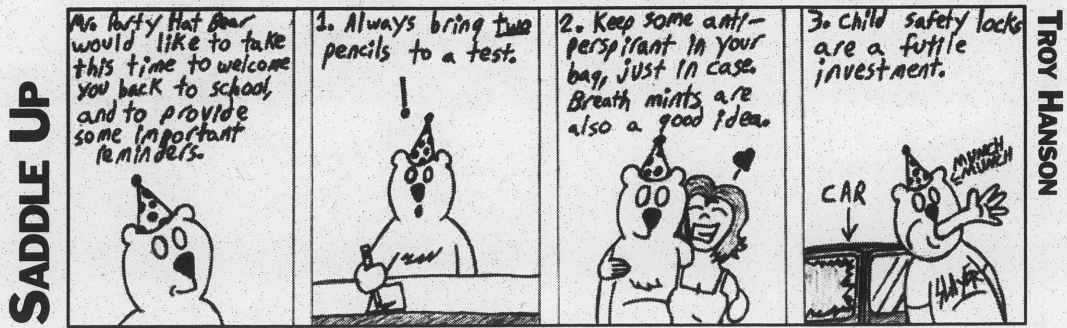
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Angie — Another year, aren't you excited? — **Mel**

Oni — Sorry if I'm a jerk when I push you. You're becoming a great bitch, in management terms...and in a nice way. — **Assface**

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Tali — Heeeeey! I'm going to miss you more than you know. You'll do fine in B-town. Keep in touch, girly, and no more Taxi Tycoon. I love you — **Nika**

BELP — Stop stalking us — **M and B**

Ruby — We need to gossip — **Spice**

Ross — Take your meds — **Concerned Ex**

Old Photo Ed. — Thanks for the help and training this week. — **Staff**

Travis — Your advice is a big help. Thanks for keeping it real. Really. — **Editorial Staff**

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- Firsts
- Lasts
- Nubile freshman leg amputees
- Cool weather
- DARPA
- Long-distance darts
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