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NMU plans to defend itself in Lansing

BY ROB HAMILTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

NMU officials are preparing to battle other universities for limited state funding this year after Northern was allegedly attacked by a group of schools during last year's lobbying process.

Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University broke from an unwritten coalition of all state universities and began publicly attacking other schools including Northern, said David Haynes, an NMU lobbyist from Public Affairs Associates.

Instead of asking the state for more funding to higher education, this group asked state legislators to cut funding from other institutions and give it to theirs, Haynes said at the university update forum held on Sept. 11 in the University Center.

"In the past we all fought hard, but we did not have much attacking of universities

on other universities, at least not publicly," Haynes said.

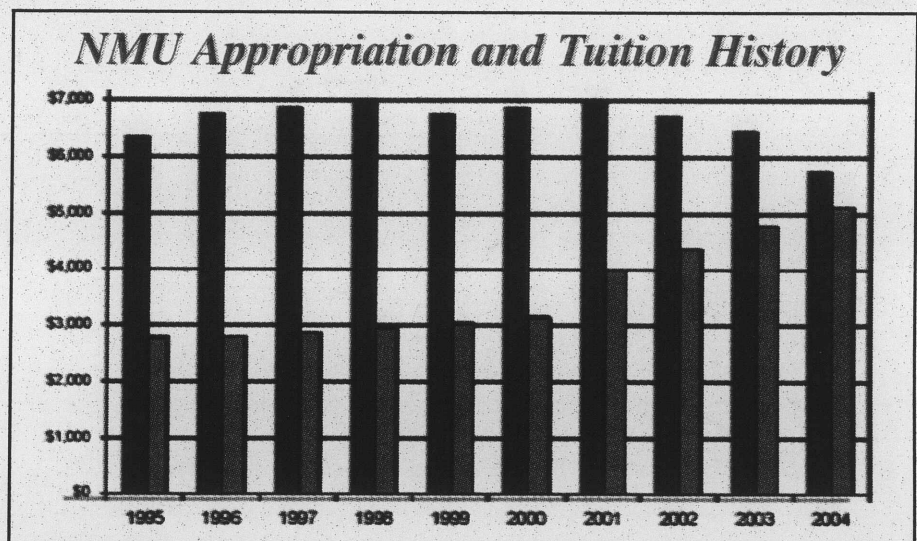
NMU is currently projecting a \$2.46 million budget shortfall for the next fiscal year if they are given the same allocation in funding as last year, acting Chief Financial Officer Gavin Leach said. Unless revenues improve dramatically in September, the last month of the current fiscal year, NMU could be in for another tough year, he said.

"I don't want a precedent set here where Northern students get punished."

— David Haynes
NMU state lobbyist

Leach said because tuition increases were high elsewhere, Northern actually went from the fourth lowest tuition in the state to the second lowest with a 6.9 percent increase.

Schools began criticizing Northern dur-



The demand for tuition (yellow) to cover costs of higher education has increased as state appropriation per student levels (blue) have dropped in the past 10 years.

ing the last lobbying cycle in Lansing for having higher per-student funding among other things, Haynes said. These schools were rewarded with more funding rather than punished for breaking the coalition,

he said.

Both Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State University were awarded more funding through enrollment growth

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On the rocks at dusk



Travis Margoni/NW

Christina Hordos, a sophomore elementary education and outdoor recreation major, enjoys last night's warm breeze on Lake Superior's shoreline near the breakwater at Presque Isle Park.

Questions raised over lack of input in search

BY JOSH JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Students and faculty have raised concerns over a lack of input in the search for a new president at NMU.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee met Monday to discuss the issue along with others, said ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz, who is on the committee.

Currently, students may offer input and rank the qualities they desire in a president via a survey on NMU's Web site. Ortiz said some students and faculty felt the survey did not adequately address issues relevant to members of the university.

Professor Ray Ventre of the English department said the current survey is not thorough enough.

"It didn't cover everything it should," Ventre said. "Some of the qualifications they were listing seemed a bit strange."

Ventre said a question concerning the ability of a president to make the right decision could be interpreted in many different ways by faculty, administration and students.

Board of Trustees member and Presidential Search Advisory Chair Sam Benedict said the survey asks questions pertinent to the presidential search and offers a chance for com-

ment at the end.

"The characteristics for most jobs are fairly generic," Benedict said.

Benedict said the members of the PSAC reflect the broad range of those associated with the university, including students, faculty and administration.

Ortiz said an updated survey will be offered for students in the weeks to come. The survey will be designed by either ASNMU or through a class. The new survey will be approved before Nov. 10, he said.

"It'll be a survey that expresses student concerns in what they want to see as a president," Ortiz said. "As always, it's just for input. The final decision is the Board of Trustees'."

Ventre said he is also concerned about the lack of information students and faculty are receiving about the presidential search. He said he would like to see potential presidential candidates visit campus.

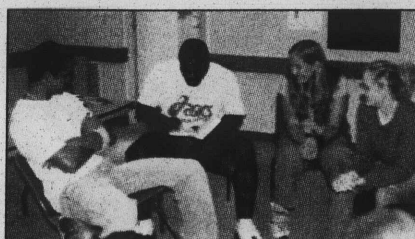
"I hoped that they would not be conducting a completely closed door search," Ventre said. "Their argument is, the best candidates won't come forward because of their present job situations."

"While I understand that, if a high ranking president is seeking another position, if they leave

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bonuses than in the previous fiscal year. Most state universities received a 6.74 percent cut in state funding.

Leach said the NMU administrators understood the budget difficulties the state was facing, but did not believe schools should have been given enrollment growth bonuses during a budget crisis last year.

"There were not many dollars to distribute, but we thought that giving more funding to growing schools during a year with more funding would be a more proper approach," he said.

The university must now decide how to fight this "Axis of Evil," Haynes said in jest at the update forum.

"The thought is that all three schools are going to be way out in front attacking Northern and three or four other schools (once again this year)," Haynes said. "We are going to have to fight the same fight, but we are going to do it a little different this time. I don't want a precedent set here where Northern students get punished."

Haynes said the university has not formulated a plan, but he will sit down with Interim President Mike Roy and other school officials in the next 30 days to come

up with a new aggressive and direct advocacy program to try to protect NMU in Lansing.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm will release her state budget for the 2004 fiscal year in February.

Haynes said the university would have an idea of what funding for higher education may look like near the end of December.

Former NMU president Judi Bailey was trying to defend NMU from attacking schools last year, but she is now the president at Western, Haynes said.

"I think Dr. Bailey will raise the level of the debate," he said. "I'm hoping for Dr. Bailey's presence to help find a reasonable response that doesn't hurt Northern, Ferris (State University) and (Michigan) Tech and protects [Western's] interests as well."

Bailey was unavailable for comment.

WMU Vice President of Legislative Affairs Gregory Rosine did not return phone calls from *The North Wind*.



Haynes

ASNMU seeks to increase funding for every university

ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz has been elected Commissioner of Legislative Affairs for the Association of Michigan Universities, an alliance of all of Michigan's student governments.

In this position, Ortiz said he is responsible for meeting with state legislators and lobbying for AMU.

All resolutions passed by AMU must be passed by each of the 15 student governments, Ortiz said.

"We are only going to be lobbying for things that will help all of the schools," Ortiz said.

Ortiz said the higher-education letter writing campaign, which has been passed by the student governments of all 15 public universities in Michigan, will be used to lobby for increased funding for higher education.

The campaign solicits letters from students, faculty and anyone else who is willing to write Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the speaker of house to tell them the value of higher education.

NMU lobbyist David Haynes said ASNMU has set a perfect example of how lobbying should be conducted by taking the lead in this campaign and by looking to increase funding for everyone.

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in the middle of a crucial time for the university, then I have some questions on whether we would want that person, frankly."

Ortiz said no plans are being made for potential presidential candidates to visit campus.

However, he feels that Shelly Storbeck, managing director of the presidential search firm A.T. Kearney, should visit NMU this year, he said.

Storbeck previously visited the campus and met with members of the university in August.

"I constantly tell Shelly that we'd like her to come back to campus," Ortiz said. "She should come back. I would like and expect her to come back."



Ortiz

Ventre said he was concerned that A.T. Kearney, the same search firm Western Michigan University used to recruit former NMU President Judi Bailey in a closed search, was being utilized by NMU.

Ortiz defended the use of the search firm as an efficient way to choose a qualified candidate.

"Western got their candidate," Ortiz said. "It works. It's the kind of search you want to do when you want the best candidate."

Ortiz also plans to hold forums where students can express the qualities and qualifications they desire in a president, he said.

Students can also give input on the presidential search by contacting members of the PSAC or writing letters to various local media, he said.

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Local

Police searching for missing man

GWINN — Authorities are searching for a Forsyth Township man who has not been seen since late August. Jack Haataja, 52, of Princeton Location, was last seen at a Gwinn gas station on Aug. 29. Police said there is no indication of foul play. Haataja apparently turned over the key to his house to a neighbor and asked them to watch his cat, authorities said. He lived alone. Haataja has family in Bruce Crossing, but they have not heard from him since his disappearance. Authorities have been unable to locate his vehicle, a blue and gray 1990 Ford Bronco. Haataja is 6-foot 1-inch tall, white, weighing about 180 pounds with gray hair and blue eyes. If seen, contact the state police at 475-9922.

National

Hurricane Isabel close to landfall

NORTH CAROLINA — Forecasters predict Hurricane Isabel to make landfall on the coasts of North Carolina by midday Thursday. In North Carolina, about 100,000 have been ordered to evacuate. A mandatory evacuation has been put in place for another 100,000 in Virginia. Experts say inland cities like Richmond, Va. may be affected by hurricane-strength winds. The Office of Personnel Management announced last night that federal government offices in and around Washington were to be closed tomorrow. Governors of Virginia and North Carolina have declared states of emergency. There is a possibility of flooding from New Jersey to South Carolina.

International

U.S. vetoes recent U.N. resolution

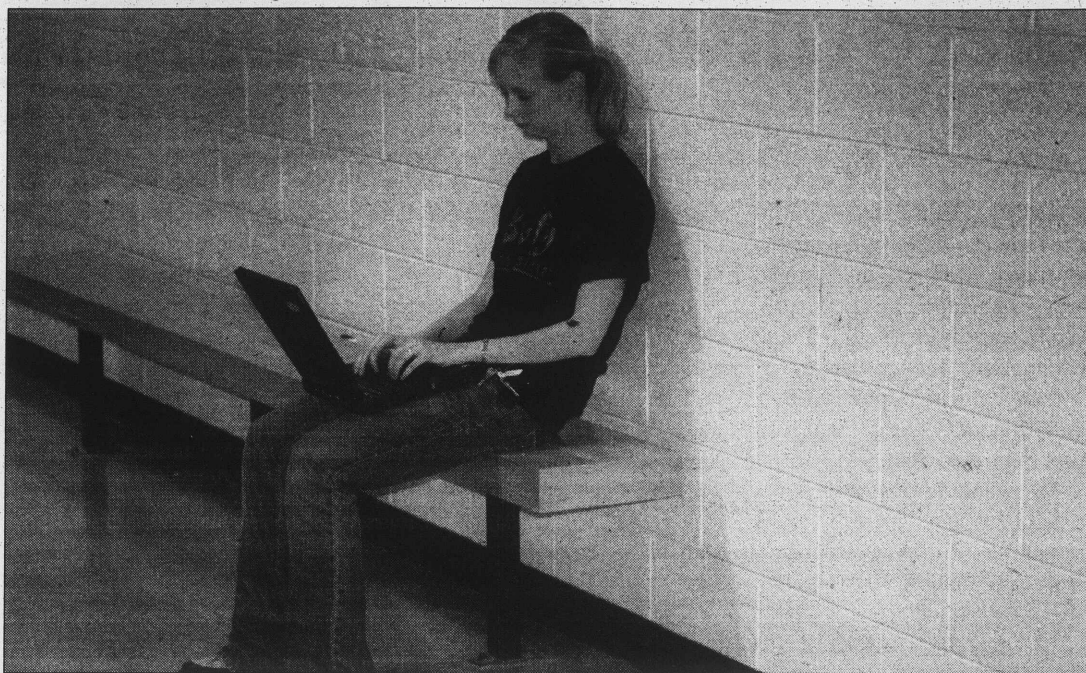
UNITED NATIONS — During a U.N. security council meeting, the United States vetoed a resolution calling for Israel to cease threats to expel Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. Sudan and Syria proposed the resolution, which demanded that Israel withdraw threats to "remove" Arafat. Britain, Bulgaria and Germany abstained from the vote. International criticism heightened after Israeli Vice Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's said that killing Arafat was an option. The Arab League proposed the U.N. resolution through Syria, a Security Council member. The Israeli government blames Arafat for allowing terrorist attacks to continue, killing dozens of Israelis in recent weeks.

Weird News

Playboy seeks women of Wal-Mart

NEW YORK — On Sept. 15, Playboy.com announced it was seeking the sexiest women of Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer. Playboy has ran themes of "Women of Enron" and "Women of Starbucks" in the past. The announcement, took Wal-Mart by surprise, prompting a spokesman for the retail giant to comment that Playboy is outside of the realm of desired interaction. John Thomas, editor of Playboy.com, said the business will be accepting of the spread after noticing how empowering the women will feel. Wal-Mart recently banned the sale of three men's magazines, FHM, Maxim and Stuff. The company will also put covers on women's magazines which feature pictures deemed racy after receiving customer complaints.

— Compiled from news sources



Don Lhamon/NW

Junior English writing major Courtney Patrick uses her laptop in a hallway in Jamrich Hall. Jamrich has between 20 and 22 classrooms that need upgrades in wiring to add additional power outlets.

Classroom outlets lacking

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

A shortage of electrical outlets for student laptops in campus classrooms has prompted university officials to assess costs and a new timetable for upgrading classroom rewiring.

Currently, there are between 20 and 22 classrooms in Jamrich Hall that will likely need rewiring. Associate Vice President for Business Services and Facilities Carl Pace said.

Pace said if rewiring is to be worked on this semester, it will be done in a manner that will minimize the effect on faculty and students who use Jamrich Hall classrooms.

Because of the variety of classroom sizes and designs in Jamrich Hall, university officials must ascertain the most time and cost-efficient methods of rewiring in the next few weeks, Pace said.

The schedule for beginning any renovation would either be

between the fall 2003 and winter 2004 semesters or during summer 2004, Acting Chief Financial Officer Gavin Leach said.

Power outlets in several West Science classrooms were also recently discovered to be working improperly or were completely disconnected for unknown reasons, ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz said. The problem is currently being amended.

The lack of outlets issue was raised by ASNMU after a number of students had voiced concerns of not being able to maintain power on their laptops in class, Ortiz said.

ASNMU subsequently set up an online survey asking whether or not students found a sufficient amount of electrical outlets in their classrooms. Out of 99 students who responded, 33 percent said there are not enough outlets to serve all students. Fifty-three percent of the respondents said an ample amount of electrical outlets depended on the classroom, while 6 percent said they

had no problem finding electric hook-ups.

Seven percent of the respondents do not use their laptops for class.

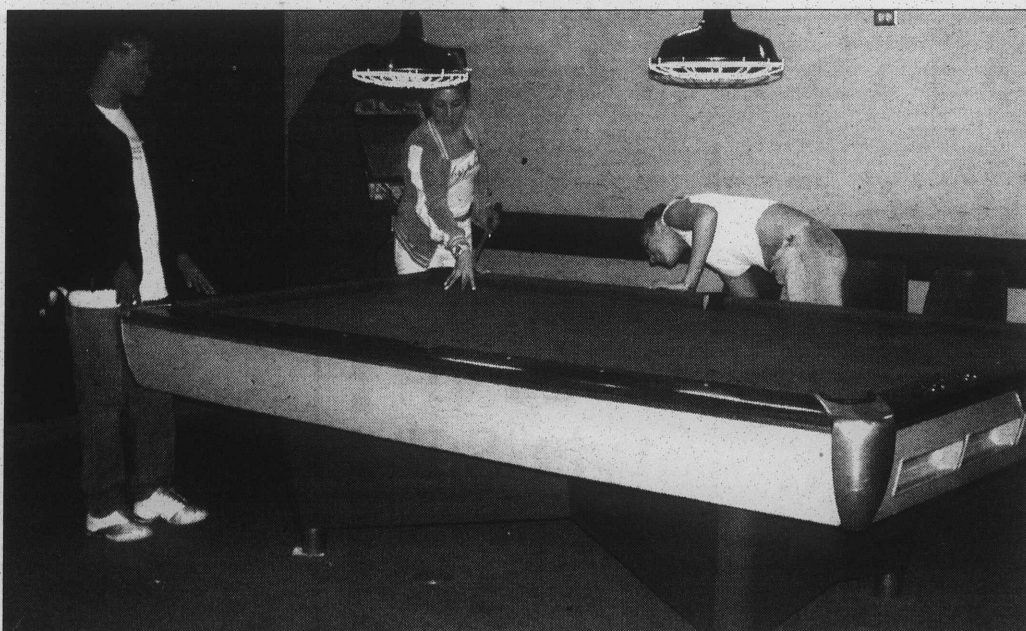
"Students are being encouraged by the administration to use laptops in their classrooms," Ortiz said. "However, students are being provided the wireless capabilities but they are not being provided the outlets to power their computers for class periods."

Freshman Native American studies major James Christensen said he finds that his battery won't often last the length of class. Christensen has class in Jamrich 101.

"I take notes with my laptop and outlets are definitely needed along the walls and on the tables throughout (the lecture hall)," Christensen said.

A primary problem with working on Jamrich is that the building is not currently scheduled for renovation for several years, Leach said.

Rack 'em up



Jacalyn Urbaniak/NW

Freshman international studies major Austin Tukes plays pool with his guests Sarah Ashanti and Whitney Fissette. The pool table is located in Willy's Arcade on the first floor in the UC.

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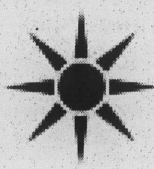
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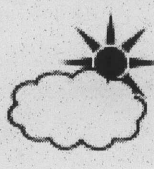
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Sunday



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Fraternities rush to gain new members

BY SCOTT SWANSON
STAFF REPORTER

NMU students interested in going Greek will have the opportunity to get to know the brothers during Tau Kappa Epsilon's rush, which started on Sept. 12 and will continue through Sunday.

Lambda Chi Alpha, NMU's other fraternity, held their rush from Sept. 4 to Sept. 9.

The whole idea of rush is not to build membership, but to make friends, said freshman secondary education major Erik Olson, TKE's rush chair.

"A fraternity is really just a

shared group of knowledge," Olson said. "People think we have these horrible, sinister motives, but that's just not the case. You learn morals to live by."

On Sept. 12, TKE threw a concert with local bands and DJs and a baby oil slip and slide. TKE will host the same event once more on Friday at 3 p.m. in the Van Antwerp courtyard.

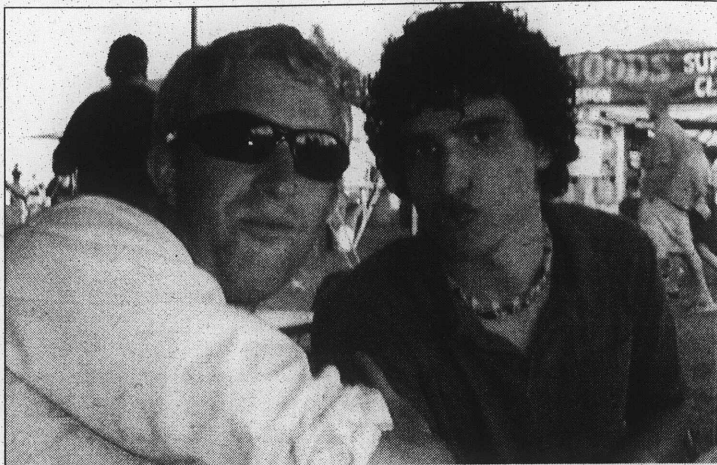
"It was just a massive success, and we had so much fun that we wanted to do it again," Olson said.

The concert is free to all students, but TKE will be collecting

donations. Other TKE rush events that occurred earlier in the week included a Regional Leadership Conference, their weekly chapter meeting and a chapter history night. They will be holding a barbeque at 5 p.m. tonight in the Payne-Halverson courtyard. The food is free, Olson said.

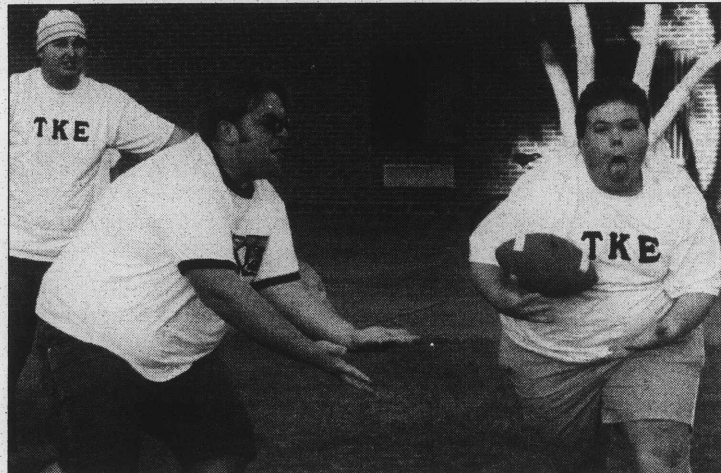
"People think we have these horrible, sinister motives, but that's not the case. You learn morals to live by."

— Erik Olson
TKE rush chair



courtesy of Brad Sheehan

Junior health and fitness major Chris Kohler and sophomore psychology major Nick Kilduff enjoy the culinary fare while at the International Food Fest. Both are members of Lambda Chi Alpha.



Allison Tyndall/NW

TKE members Jason Rybaczuk, Brandon Johnson and Ike Chavalia enjoyed a game of football this past Monday evening.

Rush commences with the building of TKE's Homecoming float at noon on Saturday and the annual Dead River Games on Sunday. After the rush, TKE holds interviews with interested students. If they feel they are a "good fit, the frat "bids" on them, and the party can accept or decline the bid.

If they accept, they are "pinned" with the fraternity pin, and become pledges for six weeks. During this time, the pledges learn about the history and ideas behind TKE. Finally, the pledges are initiated.

"This is essentially a period of education," Olson said. "That's when we let you in on all our little secrets."

TKE can bid people all year, not just during rush.

Lambda Chi Alpha has 14 guys who received bids following their rush, said Ed Brown, a freshman media production and new technology major and LCA's rush chair. LCA's rush events included a scavenger hunt, a barbeque, bowling and mini-golf.

Following the rush, the bids become associate members of the fraternity before becoming offi-

cial members.

"This gives us time to get to know them a little better," Brown said.

Olson said that TKE has a friendly rivalry with LCA.

"You always have a rivalry with your competition, but we still get along," he said. "There's no hard feelings."

Lambda Chi Alpha will hold a "watermelon bust" at 11 a.m. on Saturday at 619 Fourth St.

Anyone interested in attending one of TKE's remaining rush events should meet in the Payne-Halverson lobby beforehand.



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Homecoming events embrace the past

BY ANNIE SUTTER
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University students are gearing up for another fun filled week of Homecoming activities from Sept. 21 through 27.

Northern Michigan University's homecoming festivities kick off this Sunday with the Dead River Games, followed by the Scavenger Hunt and King and Queen Competition during the week, and conclude with the football game versus the University of Indianapolis on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Superior Dome.

The theme for this year is "Green and Gold, Young and Old."

Student Special Events Coordinator Kerry Wallaert feels this theme will encourage a diverse audience for homecoming events.

"I think it will work well with alumni and current students," she said. "Ideas will be more creative for banners, floats and theme wear."

Starting off the week is the traditional Dead River Games on the Dead River beach off Lakeshore Drive. The event starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, and will

include past activities such as the ice cream scoop, sand castle construction, obstacle course, egg toss and tug of war.

The Scavenger Hunt takes place at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center. Teams may consist of no more than six people, and students are given a list of random items to find around Marquette.

The event concludes at 9 p.m. with the improv group, "On the Spot" performing in the Great Lakes Rooms.

The homecoming king and queen competition will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Great Lakes Rooms. This year's competition will be run slightly differently than in years past. While a panel of judges was once responsible for the final decision, now student votes will comprise 50 percent of the competition. Students must fill out the entire ballot in order for their vote to count.

Contestants are judged on

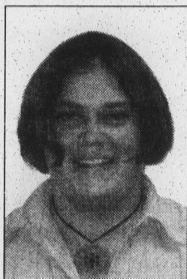
theme wear and semi-formal wear, as well as a question and answer session with the judges. Guest comedian MC Joel Chasonoff will be in charge of commentary.

The deadline to sign up for all homecoming events was 5 p.m. on Sept. 16.

Teams placing first in any of the Dead River Games as well as the entire homecoming court will receive homecoming T-shirts. The king and queen are given a tiara and sash, and dinner for two at the Casa Calabria.

New to this year's festivities is the NMU Block Party, which takes place from 5-7 p.m. Saturday in the Superior Dome parking lot prior to the football game. The event will feature music by Jim & Ray and the band Honey Tongue will be sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha. "Celebrity" sumo wrestling, skydivers and two \$100 cash giveaways will be sponsored by Cat Pack. Food will be \$5 per plate, provided by NMU Conference & Catering, though anyone may bring their own to grill.

The week wraps up when NMU's Wildcats challenge the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in the football game at 7 p.m. in the dome. The game



Wallaert

HOMECOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 21
Dead River Games
2-4 p.m.
Dead River Bridge

7:30 p.m.
Great Lakes Rooms

Tuesday, Sept. 23
Scavenger Hunt
7 p.m.
Great Lakes Rooms

Friday, Sept. 26
Parade
5:30 p.m., Third Street

Wednesday, Sept. 24
King and Queen
Competition
7 p.m.
Great Lakes Rooms

Saturday, Sept. 27
VA Wellness Run/Walk
10 a.m.
Pine Street Parking Lot

Thursday, Sept. 25
Javier Mendoza Band

NMU Block Party
5-7 p.m.
Superior Dome Parking Lot

Football vs. Indianapolis
7 p.m., Superior Dome

is free for NMU students.

"I've been most impressed with the effort put forth by all the students organizing this event," said Dave Bonsall, director of the Student Activity and Leadership Program. "That's what makes homecoming special at

Northern."

Junior pre-law major Alyssa Bosel said this year's homecoming theme reflects tradition at NMU.

"People will walk away from this year's NMU homecoming with a feeling of pride," she said.



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EDITORIAL

Students left out

Northern currently faces what could be its most important decision for years to come in its search for a new president. Unfortunately, students have little input in the choice of a new leader.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee has made a half-hearted attempt to gain student feedback through a forum and an on-line survey, but these attempts have failed to provide students with a real opportunity to discuss their concerns.

A.T. Kearney, a search firm chosen by the PSAC to aid in the decision, had the right idea when it decided to hold a meeting with the public on campus, but the timing for their visit could not have been worse.

With most students home for the summer and others vacationing or unaware of the event, only about 10 people attended the early August forum, giving the firm very little input from the campus community.

The Board of Trustees also created a survey for students and faculty to respond to on NMU's Web Site. While this survey did allow for comments at the end, many questions were too simplistic or inadequate. The survey asked students to rank the importance of qualities such as being a strong leader, creative thinker, hard worker, and being able to make the "right" decision. Asking students to rank these qualities is ridiculous. They are all necessary traits for a good president. It's like asking a patient if he would rather have a doctor with a medical license or clean hands.

ASNMU is currently working on a new survey that will concentrate on student issues. This could be an important tool for the PSAC if it is done the way it should be. The PSAC should also consider inviting back A. T. Kearney for another forum, now that campus is bustling once again.

Our next leader must be accepted by the community. He or she should be someone the students, faculty and administration all feel is a good fit.

Empty forums and dummed-down surveys may appear to give students a chance to speak, but while the PSAC makes this momentous decision students, have only a whisper of a voice.

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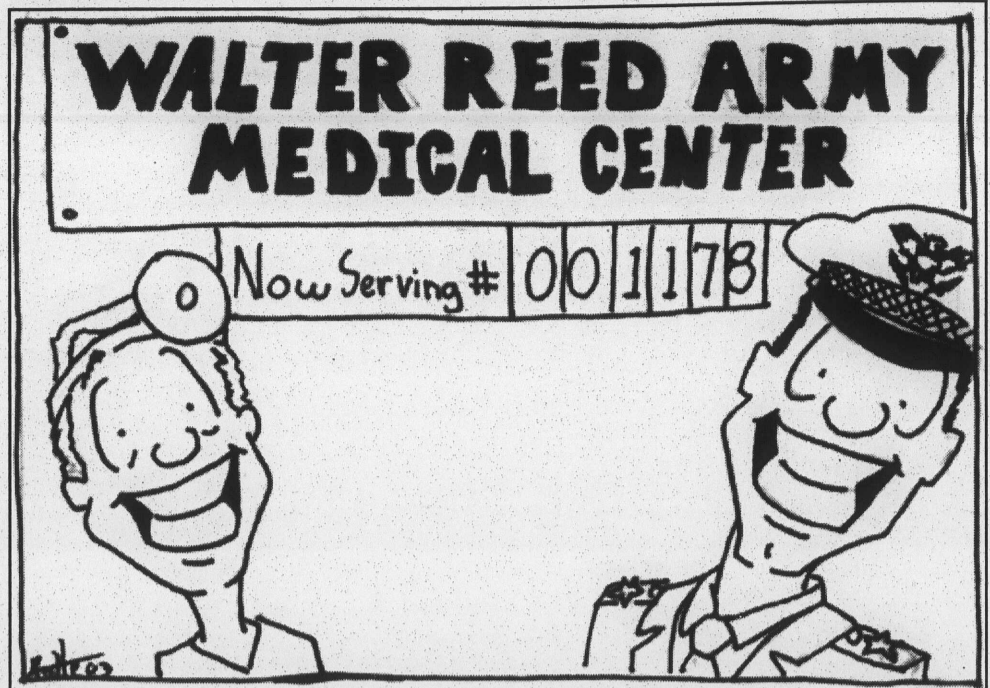
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Chasing the followers

Why do the cute ones always love Jesus?

It's just one of the wicked rules of nature. It really is quite disappointing.

I can't tell you how many times I've approached the cutest boys, only to be first asked "Have you found Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?"

Talk about a stab to the chest. "Well, I...um...as a matter of fact...I, uh...um...I'm Catholic." I was falling back on Catholicism, the tried and true method of getting out of risqué behavior.

"Well that's good that you have God in your life, but have you ever thought about how fulfilling that religion actually is for you?"

On some level, I'm happy that I get to perpetuate the conversation with the pretty boy, but on the same level, I'm really not interested in radical televangelism. "Uh...no...tell me more about the Jesus that Tammy Faye Baker knows."

Droning incessantly about the Good Book, cutie's friend waves a banner that says "JESUS LIVES" and I can't help but think to myself "Didn't he 'die,' a long, long time ago?"

Why has he stopped talking, and why is that adorable face now scrunched up as if I offended him? Oh crap, I said that out loud didn't I? I did.

"Well, if you're not interested, then take this pamphlet and have a blessed day," he says. Well that royally sucks. Not only was he unattainable and full of sinful regret, but now he thinks I'm a heathen.

Oh well, add him to the tally. It's moments like that one that really make me bent on Jesus.

But you know, the good thing about Jesus is that even if you don't like Him, Jesus still likes you.

I swear, I read it on the pamphlet that cute boy was giving out. Actually, I was wafting the pamphlet under my nose because it had that cute boy's man scent

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BY ERIC GRUSE

on it, something by Ralph Lauren... I swear, I'm not a freak, just really, how shall I say...without.

For way too long, I could qualify as celibate, almost, kind of, I swear on the Greatest Hits of Gloria Estefan. The Jesus just has a better recruitment strategy than my boudoir, and that's all there is to it.

Jesus: millions of followers, Eric: as a matter of fact, no, let's not go there, I may be outspoken, but I'm not that generous with the number(s). It's not very polite to talk about one's bedroom habits, especially not in the same sentence as the Savior of Man.

It's just not right. It's like wearing a black belt with brown shoes. It's just not right. What is right is how good cute boy looked in his jeans, hugging in only the right places.

The way that crucifix dangled between the defined pectoral muscles of his "just tight enough" shirt, warding me off as if I were a vampire wanting to bite his neck, which is half true if you think about it. Sweet Jesus, religious paraphernalia never held my attention like this before.

Then, there was the way that blond hair fell on his forehead, highlighting his blue eyes, and how his lips glistened when he moved them as if they were saying "kiss me," but actually they were saying something more along the lines of "In the Book of Genesis..."

Seriously, though, why does Jesus get the pretty ones?

He gets millions of followers,

is worshipped and adored almost as much as Cher, and on top of that has a retention rate that would make any university envious.

He has millions of large women in the South shouting out an "Amen" in his name, and an entire continent of followers in South America. I hear the Spanish Inquisition worked out in his favor.

That's just a small section of worldwide, some three billion people are Christian, so what does it matter if the pretty boys don't want to be crazy for Christianity?

If you ask me, it's just selfishness on Jesus' part. I think maybe Jesus is an O-Town fan, living off the motto of "Cuz I want it all, or nothing at all."

That's the only rational explanation I can think of. I mean seriously, he has that many followers and still he sends missions to people that may not be following that "light of eternal truth."

It's like a giant game of Risk, the game of global domination — right now the score has Jesus in the lead, General Motors closely behind and MTV running to catch up.

So I'm telling Jesus, General Motors will never get to those Peruvians high in the Andes like you have. MTV won't ever get to those old ladies that say a Hail Mary after scorning the contestants on "The Price is Right."

You can still win. All you need is control over Mongolia and you'll have bragging rights over GM for the next millennia.

Just let the pretty boys go. They really aren't that important to your victory, so just send them off... in my direction please.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Graduate Office service falls short

I have a small problem that could have turned into a major one had not a friend called me this weekend.

I finished work on my Master's Degree several years ago and wanted to go through commencement.

The university official I called when I didn't receive any graduation information told me there were signs all over the university.

"How could you have missed them?"

Well, for one thing, my last three classes were in Escanaba and I finished in the summer.

I was not on campus to see the signs and I live in Menominee County.

Is there some way someone in the Graduate Office could take the bull by the horns and notify prospective graduates when the cap and gown rental deadline is coming up?

I am sure I am not the only one who has missed the deadline and not gotten the chance to make the walk.

I certainly paid enough money to obtain the degree.

I would have missed it again had not a phone call saved me!

I hear talk that the university wants to be more customer service oriented.

Well, here is one way you can be proactive.

When you post things on campus that are this important, put a copy in the mail to those that live off campus.

Michael P. Lyons
Graduate Student

Credit is given where credit due

I must give kudos to whomever it is that does layouts for the NorthWind.

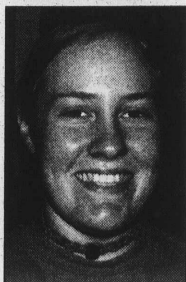
The fact that Travis Margoni's column about the use of Sept. 11 as a vehicle for propaganda was run opposite of Erin Vrtis' article about remembering the tragedy that was Sept. 11, really made me feel like your editorial staff knows what they're doing.

Keep up the good work- I know you don't get all the credit you deserve.

Shawna O'Neil,
sophomore, English education

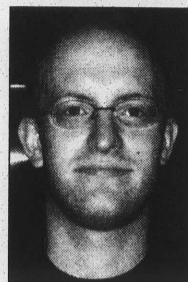
SOUND OFF

With possible new budget cuts upcoming, where do you think funding should be cut from?



Shana Cobb
senior, English

"From the air conditioning budget, because this is the U.P. darn it!"



Levi Haske
senior, art education

"I think there should be a flat cut across the board, with everyone getting a small cut. Share the pain."



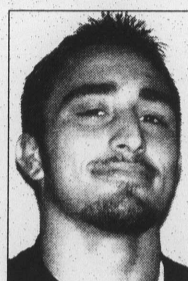
Karin Horning
senior, art and design

"The university president's pay. It seems like programs get cut and this person's pay goes up."



Elizabeth Hurley
freshman, chemistry

"The art department and faculty raises."



Marco Lara
sophomore, business

"Football, because they suck. Everyone knows it."



Marquita Powell
freshman, social work

"The budget can always be partially cut from athletics. While some sports build the name for the school, it is the student who should be accommodated academically."

— Compiled by Allison Tyndall

Johnny Cash defied definition

For all of my life, the incessant thumping and growl of Johnny Cash has rattled my ears and beat in my blood.

Whether from an ancient 8-track in my grandfather's gun shop, a cassette in my father's truck or a CD in my car, the man and the myth that was Cash never ceased.

When I woke up Friday morning, I was saddened to hear of his death but had long been expecting the vocal giant to pass on. Cash battled an increasing number of health problems for the past decade, and his wife and soul mate June Carter died suddenly in May.

The music and entertainment industries lavished praise and expressed sorrow for the loss of one of the most influential musicians of the last century.

Artists put in their two cents on why Cash was such an institution. TIME magazine ran his photo on the cover.

In my little world, I tried to comprehend how the music of one man had linked three generations of my family through song.

Cash's music was rarely complex, if not utterly stripped to the most basic elements of

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BY JOSH JOHNSON

rhythm, guitar and voice.

What links Cash to so many people, from truck drivers to U2's Bono, is pure honesty and relevance of his music to those from every walk of life.

Cash had been there, and then some. From his start in the mid-50's era of rockabilly at the legendary Sun Records, Cash set himself apart from his flamboyant peers with music of a darker tinge.

In perhaps his most famous line, Cash proclaimed "I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die." Cash, like many current rap artists, sang of violence, murder and drugs.

However, Cash sang of the consequences of prison life, corporal punishment and the physical pain of drug addiction through songs of lament.

Audiences listened, because he knew these roads far too well.

In the early 60's, Cash developed an addiction to amphetamines which continually tempted him throughout his life.

The pills made him thin, restless and slithery, adding to his increasingly dark personality and affecting his career through canceled concerts and the disintegration of his first marriage.

Amidst his struggles, Cash tackled issues outside of the realm of country music.

He championed Native American rights and opposed the Vietnam War through song.

When Cash sang about walking the line, people listened, because he had been from the mountaintop to hell and back.

Cash felt compassion for the plight of prisoners, recording two extremely successful live albums to audiences of inmates in San Quentin and Folsom prisons.

After kicking drugs and marrying June Carter, his popularity soaring, he hosted a nationally syndicated variety show from 1969-71.

Cash brought on talent including Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and other progressive artists from the era beyond the conservative realm of country music.

Cash also displayed Christian faith amidst his struggles. Johnny Cash embodies the reality of contradiction in everyone's lives.

Popularity brought praise and addiction brought consequence.

When Cash sang about walking the line, people listened, because he had been from the mountaintop to hell and back.

In an era of prefabricated music and staged publicity stunts, Cash represents the transparency of a man with a voice and a microphone.

Perhaps it was his style or sound that drew my family to his music.

Honesty, however, is what set Johnny Cash apart from most music of the last century.

I hope that voice of truth will still resonate with my children and the generations to come.

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Johnny Cash

(1932-2003)

- Selected discography:**
 1959 - Songs of Our Soil
 1960 - Ride This Train
 1963 - Ring of Fire
 1963 - The Christmas Spirit
 1964 - I Walk the Line
 1965 - Mean as Hell
 1966 - Happiness is You
 1968 - At Folsom Prison
 1968 - The Holy Land
 1969 - At San Quentin
 1969 - Johnny Cash
 1969 - Got Rhythm
 1970 - The Blue Train
 1970 - Sunday Down South
 1971 - Man in Black
 1972 - A Thing Called Love
 1972 - America
 1973 - The Gospel Road
 1974 - Ragged Old Flag
 1975 - Look at Them Beans
 1975 - Strawberry Cake
 1976 - One Piece at a Time
 1977 - The Rambler
 1978 - Gone Girl
 1979 - Johnny Cash - Silver
 1980 - Rockabilly Blues
 1980 - Classic Christmas
 1981 - The Baron
 1981 - Encore
 1982 - The Survivors
 1983 - Johnny 99
 1984 - I Believe
 1985 - Highwayman
 1986 - Rainbow
 1986 - Believe in Him
 1988 - Classic Cash
 1990 - Boom Chicka Boom
 1991 - The Mystery of Life
 1996 - Unchained
 1999 - Just as I am
 1999 - Rickabilly Blues
 2000 - Super Hits

CDs, memories stolen; columnist weeps

"Tonight I feel ambitious and so does my foot as it sinks on the pedal. I press it to the floor. I don't need a girl, don't need a friend 'cause my friend Lonesome's unconditional..."

It was Sunday night and I was singing tunelessly along with an Eve 6 ditty, "Open Road Song," as it spun over and over in my head. A nice little song, as it goes, but I needed to purge the demon, since I had only been able to remember the first six lines or so and had thus far been cursed with their unrelenting internal repetition.

Thankfully, I had the purgative in my car, in the form of the Eve 6 self-titled debut CD. One spin through the song and I would be free to hum other things, such as the theme to the cartoon M.A.S.K.

Except it wasn't there. None of my CDs, or the wallet that contained them was there. I searched my car five times, each time twice as futile as the last, since my car was clean and uncluttered and not prone to spontaneously generating CDs.

And yes, I checked under the seats.

Even though I knew, just knew, that I hadn't taken them out of my car, I searched my

apartment top to bottom six times, and The North Wind office twice.

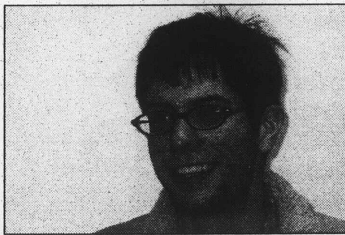
They were in there Thursday, but betwixt giving rides to people and not paying attention to whether or not doors were locked, they seem to have "gotten disappeared." Some moron who lacked the ability to steal music the honest way, via piracy, had taken my tunes.

This, beyond being extremely annoying, is also a little disheartening. Those weren't just overpriced plastic-coated aluminum sheets to me. Materialism aside, these CDs each represented a host of memories more lucid and immersive than a photo album each, some symbolizing years of searching, others limited edition releases from independent labels or friends.

There was, of course, my first CD ever — Silverchair's "Frogstomp." Maybe not the most musically creative or dynamic of CDs, but that was the music I listened to when I was in high school and could finally afford the damn things.

Smashing Pumpkin's "Pieces of an Iscariot" was my next one, and arguably a better buy, though not one of the Pumpkin's better works.

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BY JEREMIAH BRITT

Cake's "Fashion Nugget" always reminded me of my old buddy Justin Maiers, and sitting in his father's hot tub out by the lake, talking about movies and girls (still two of my favorite pastimes) and sneaking the odd cigar. We shrieked in sync to their cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive" while taking the boat out to the island to do stupid dangerous stuff with fire and sharp objects.

I'm sure he still has the scar on his hand from his bottle fight with the birch tree...

The Red Hot Chili Pepper's "One Hot Minute" was admittedly just a re-release of some of their earlier work, but one song, "Aeroplane," always brought me back to that painful four-hour layover in Atlanta where at the time the song reminded me of my friend Matt and his rather

impressive vocal and guitar skills.

There was Elvis Costello best of, and anytime a girl got me down I could spin up "Watching the Detectives" or "Allison" or "Ship Building" or any of his songs. Shannon Schneider, perhaps one of the coolest girls I had ever met, used to love Costello.

Black 47's "Home of the Brave" was an amazing CD, one that I fear very few people have gotten a chance to hear.

Wherever that jerk is that stole it, I hope he or she appreciates Black 47's take on "Danny Boy," or "American Wake."

I doubt they'll even listen to I Ching's "Of the Marsh and the Moon," lacking the ability to appreciate Chinese trance featuring traditional instruments.

There were some classic jazz thrown in, Muddy Waters and Louis Armstrong, as well as some newer artists like John Zorn and his CD "Naked City," the consummate album for acid jazz.

One of the CDs I'll miss the most is my Amanda Ghost CD. It took me two years to find a copy, because I was trying my best to buy it from an actual music store and not online. Her

music is a mix of Morrisette and Moby, and her voice is beautiful.

And she's gone now. I don't have the money to replace all of the CDs, if I could find them again. Goodbye Tenacious D. Farewell geek-rock Barenaked Ladies. Not to mention my lovingly crafted mix CDs.

And I can't even restore my music using downloaded mp3's, since, though I have technically paid for them, the Recording Industry Association of America would still slap me with fines, since their prime goal now seems to be getting themselves as much bad press as possible.

So, wherever and wherever you are, you thief of art, vandal of memories and future book-burner: enjoy. Maybe you'll make new memories to my old tunes, a new movie with the same soundtrack. But mostly I hope that you get mauled by a tiger.

In fact, I'll give a reward to anyone who helps reunite me with my music.

A cash reward, with an added bonus if you tell me who the song-stealing shmuck is.

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Spirit organization expands membership

BY KATIE MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A rising NMU organization now provides students with the opportunity to show school spirit.

Members of Cat Pack, NMU's spirit squad, have catapulted in a human sling-shot and stuffed themselves at pizza eating contests in efforts to show school spirit.

Before sporting events, Cat Pack hosts tailgating parties, paints banners and decorates, said senior marketing and Spanish major Sarah Breen, Cat Pack's president

and founder.

The group does all of this for NMU's athletes, and they have a blast doing it, she said.

Breen has vigorously promoted the organization, she said.

In its three year run, Cat Pack has grown from just under 15 members to over 500 members.

Breen said she took a different approach to recruitment this year, including attending all of the freshman orientation sessions and the Be A Part From

The Start student rally. Over 200 people

signed up for Cat Pack at the rally alone, she said.

Sophomore biology major Lisa Williams was recruited by a friend last year during homecoming season.

"They way we're able to get the crowd excited and motivated is really energizing and we have a good time while we're doing it," Williams said. "This year it's crazy We're going to be loud"

Breen said this is an exciting year for Cat Pack, especially because of support from athletic programs.

"My favorite aspect of Cat Pack is just creating an awesome environment that gets the fans excited as well as the players," she said. "The coaches and the players are constantly thanking us."

Head football coach Doug Sams said the team appreciates the efforts of Cat Pack.

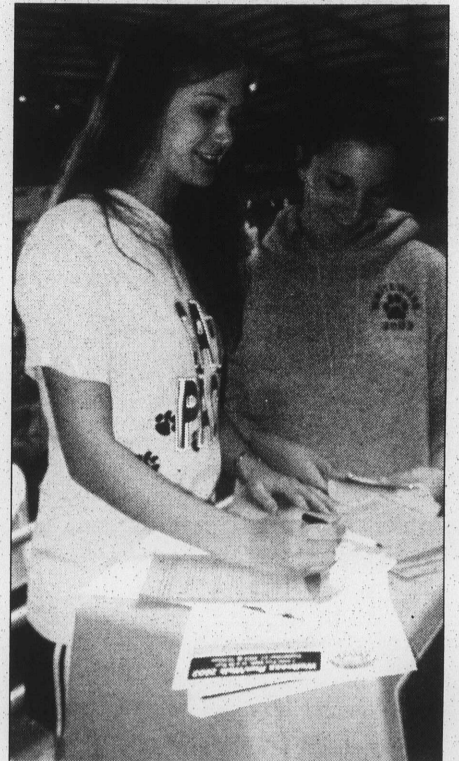
"The players are always motivated when they see the effort the group has put into decorating," Sams said. "They work very hard."

Cat Pack receives funding from any excess of the sports fee which every freshman is required to pay, Breen said.

The money is not only used to pay for decorations, T-shirts and human sling shots, but it is also given back to the students, she said.

"We're always giving away prizes," Breen said.

Money, gift certificates and T-shirts are meant to get students out to support sports teams and increase student attendance at athletic events, she said.

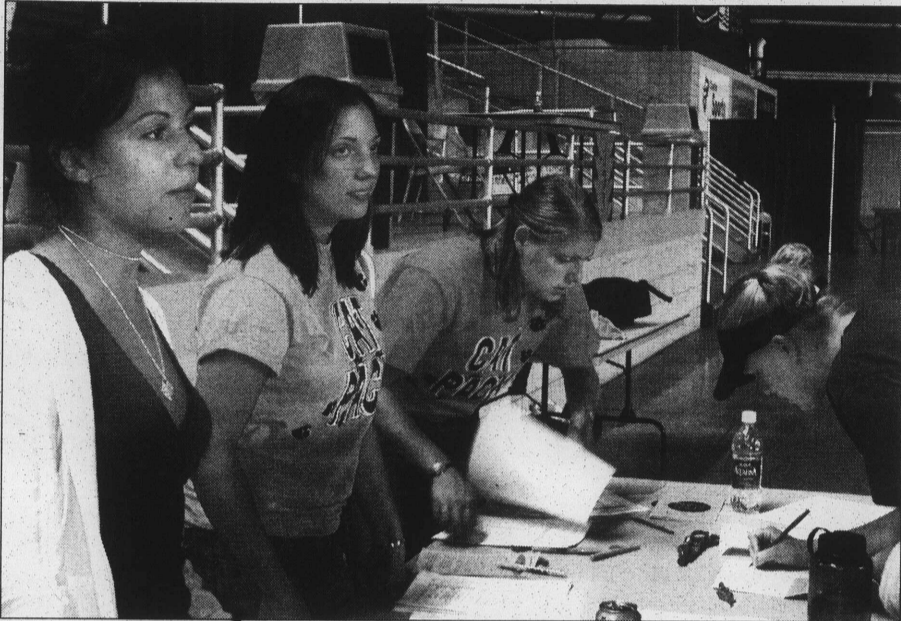


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Senior Sarah Breen and freshman Amanda Raymond sign up Cat Pack members for an organization retreat.

"We're really trying to see the whole sports program grow, and we want the sports events to be the thing to do on any given weekend," Breen said.

If you'd like to know more about Cat Pack or are interested in becoming a member you can contact them at 227-2856 or at catpack@nmu.edu.



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Freshman Ingrid Ringsby signs up Wednesday to join Cat Pack while senior Layla Khoury-Hanold, sophomore Danya Keranen, and junior Linnea Olson look on.

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Students produce, star in media shows

BY SHELLY RUSPAKKA
STAFF WRITER

Communication students will have the opportunity to test out classroom skills in a working environment through the production of two separate television shows on campus.

Members of the Media Alliance of Communication Students will produce the shows in the McClintock building's television studio.

"Down in Front," a media review show, will focus on movie, record and student media project reviews, said Tracy Turner, a post-baccalaureate media production and new technology major.

She said students will be in charge of directing, producing and appearing in each show. Professor Dwight Brady of the Communications and Performance Studies Department will oversee the project.

"He is leaving the work completely up to the students," Turner said. "He's just there for help."

The second show, "Standing O," will spotlight local bands, senior electronic journalism major Chris Glowa said. "Standing O" will feature live performances by local bands and interviews with the band members.

He said it's a good way for local bands to get their music out and a good way for

students to gain field experience.

"It's kind of rare for college-age students to be involved in something like this," he said.

Other schools that have done projects like this have had great results, he said.

Junior media production and new technology major Larisa Graham said focusing on what students like is an advantage of this program. She said students can earn practicum credit for working on the shows, and it's a great way to gain media production experience.

Graham said they will know exactly what to do when they enter the work force and have an edge over other graduates.

"Students can get hands-on experience, which looks great on resumes and helps with future internships," she said.

The idea for the shows originated last semester when a questionnaire was circulated around the CAPS department. The questionnaire asked what kinds of shows students would like to see, and these are the two which ranked highest, Brady said.

Brady said approximately 30 students will be involved in this project.

"Standing O" will begin filming Sept. 29 and air a week later. "Down in Front" will begin filming Oct. 1 and it will also air a week later.

The shows will air on Mondays and Wednesdays on cable access channel 20.

SOLAR to phase out

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students will have to register for classes using a different Web site beginning winter semester.

My.nmu.edu is the new portal that students will use to register for classes. A portal is a Web site that is an entryway to other sites. From my.nmu.edu, students can check their NMU e-mail and access Web for Students. Web for Students allows students to access student records online.

To access Web for Students, student must log onto my.nmu.edu. Once they see the My Pipeline screen, they must click on "my services" and then click the link "Web for Students."

For the first time, students were able to sign up for payment plans on my.nmu.edu. This fall, 1,256 students signed up for a payment plan online this year, Director of Support and Consulting Services Felecia Flack said.

In the future, students will be able to change their personal information and receive targeted personal messages, she said.

The university will communicate to students details about processes of registering with my.nmu.edu to eliminate confusion, Flack said.

"I think it's a move in the right direction," Help Desk Manager Chris Wagner said of the change. "Providing a single point for students to access services makes sense."

Last April, senior marketing major Robert Rustman coordinated a meeting with Dean of Students Ed Niemi, members of ASNMU and student service members to demonstrate my.nmu.edu and Web for Students.

"I love it," Rustman said. "Students won't have to walk all the way to Cohodas."

Former ASNMU president Carissa Waters attended the meeting.

"My.nmu.edu has everything under one site," Waters said. "I like having everything in the same place, but I am still unfamiliar with the site."

For previous semesters, students have used SOLAR, a Web site that gives students on-line access to university records. About two years ago, the university decided to switch from SOLAR because it wanted a more updated, integrated system, Flack said. SOLAR was put in use for students in 1999.

"SOLAR is old hardware and an old operating system," Flack said. "It's a good system, but it's outlived its time."

On the Web site, students could view account balances, view grades and schedules and register for classes.

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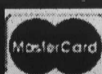
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Local band to play AIDS benefit

There will be a benefit for AIDS orphans at 7 p.m., Sept. 20 at EmmaJoe's.

Local band Munbut will perform.

For more information, please contact Tom Laverty at 225-0876 or tlaverty@nmu.edu.

Public Radio 90 seeks volunteers

Public Radio 90 is looking for student volunteers to help in the Public Radio 90 studio during the October On-Air Pledge Drive.

The student volunteers will answer phones. Various food and beverages will be provided by local businesses.

For more information, contact Volunteer/ Development Director Elizabeth Koski at ekoski@nmu.edu.

Northern alumni to be honored

Three NMU alumni will be awarded at the annual alumni awards breakfast on Sept. 27.

David Gregory of East Lansing will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards are Mark Lovell

of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., and Albert Milford III of Flossmoor, Ill.

Gregory graduated with a political science degree in 1992. In 1999, he joined Kelley Cawthorne; PLLC where he specializes in legislative, regulatory and state executive branch matters. He becomes an NMU alumni association board member this year.

Lovell received his bachelor's degree in psychology from NMU in 1977. Currently, he is the director of the sports medicine concussion program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Milford is a 1966 graduate of NMU. Milford will be sworn in as president of the American

College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

United Students meets Thursdays

United Students will meet from 6-7 p.m. Thursdays in front of Starbucks in the LRC basement.

They invite all students interested in raising awareness about issues among members of the campus and community.

Dr. Ruth to talk relationships, sex

"Sexually Speaking with Dr. Ruth" is rescheduled from 7 p.m.

Tuesday to 7 p.m., Monday Sept. 22 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

Ruth Westheimer is a sex therapist known for her radio call-in shows, books and appearances in television and radio.

The event is free for NMU students and \$2 for non-students.

Dr. Ruth is being hosted by Platform Personalities.

Club hockey team to play on Friday

Men's club hockey hosts their first homes series against Muskegon Community College at 10 p.m. on Sept. 19 and at 6 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

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Pride remains social problem

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

"There is not one wise man in 20 that will praise himself," William Shakespeare once said. Billy knew pride was futile.

Starting in preschool, we're all taught to be proud individuals, to take pride in what we do and therefore what we do will be crafted by our true spirit — the spirit of motivated people who have applied thought to effort. But pride, like most sentiment, harms as often as it helps and cuts as often as it creates.

Pride is everywhere, sticking to this society like butter to bread, fattening our egos and slowing our development. We see it every day in professors too proud to consider student voices or change teaching styles. We see it in our peers when they strut proudly up to potential mates and assume they see beauty behind presumptuous pickup lines. We see it take shape in business suits and sports jerseys.

Pride is not necessarily a terrible innate trait when it surfaces at the right times. Most of us could not do our jobs effectively without some sense of pride, whatever jobs those may be. But even in that regard, I generally feel that doing a job well is an expectation shared by me and my employer. I'm not sure that meeting expectations is something to feel proud about; however, exceeding them may rekindle conceit for those with low expectations.

The problem is that many people allow pride to blind. We often become defensive when proud. Worst of all, proud people tend to stop thinking critically; everyone should attempt to become productively self-analytical, but pride doesn't allow this to happen.

I've witnessed people who were strapped with pride lose jobs or become reprimanded by superiors. As editor in chief of this newspaper two years ago, I managed fellow students too proud to adjust their work habits and improve for the sake of the organization. Pride sent them on their way with lessons either learned or lost. I, too, had to adjust and oppress my pride at times.

"Temper gets us into problems and pride keeps us there," said Stephen R. Covey, author of "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

To many, this is a matter of common sense. But a quick look around at most large groups of people will bring to light all too much ignorant pride. Living in a predominantly Christian nation, I find a bit of dark, sorry humor in the waves of pride that rise and fall over time.

Not being a religious person, I'm not personally concerned with pride's weight in a religious sense. The religious aspect is noteworthy for some, however, because pride is one of the seven deadly sins that many Catholics believe will land people in Hell. And then, it is said, the punishment in Hell is to be broken on the wheel.

Political leaders who are strong Christians, such as President George Walker Bush, promote the phrase "proud to be an American." Since the Sept. 11 tragedies and Bush's war on undetermined terror, the concept of pride has been endorsed more than most of us can remember at a national level. Suddenly, many citizens were brainwashed to become proud rather than being told seek and understand the real reasons for attacks on the United States.

Perhaps the political overuse of this sometimes-blinding word is intentional.

Broken on the wheel, Mr. Bush, broken on the wheel. Clearly, the concept of pride being detrimental is not new. I'm hardly breaking ground over intellectual gold. By raising awareness, though, humility has a chance to permeate our population. It's hard to find solid footing with one's nose in the air.

"In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes," 19th century social critic John Ruskin said.

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

Athletes strive for spiritual endurance

BY ERIN VRTIS
STAFF WRITER

Athletes are known for their intense focus on their physical well being and competitive edge, but Athletes in Action, a new student organization, takes it a little further. The students' spiritual well being takes precedence as they put their faith and beliefs through a workout that rivals the substantial physical training they are accustomed to in their respective sports.

"AIA really focuses on using your faith in your sport," senior elementary education major Emily Lapinski said. "Just like the other Christian organizations on campus, we work to glorify and spread the word of God; however, the focal point is on sports."

Lapinski, a former NMU swimmer, is a second year member of the organization and a part of the Athletes in Action leadership council.

AIA had its beginnings on Northern's campus last year when two students, Ben Laarmen, a former NMU football player and Eric Johnson, a current NMU football player, were looking for a Christian outreach specifically for athletes and decided to initiate the organization.

They were searching for an outlet in which they could spotlight their beliefs in their particular sports, said Jason Kittle, a junior physical education major who is also a part of the Athletes in Action Leadership Council and a former NMU football player.

Though AIA is based largely on athletic competition and sportsmanship it is not confined only to hard-core athletes.

"We've had all sorts of athletic people involved," Lapinski said. "Students from intramurals, club sports, varsity sports, USOEC or just people who are generally athletic. We've even had students who are involved in triathlons and marathons join us."

The group meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. in Pioneer Room A in the University Center.

Their meetings generally consist of a small bible study and then food, fellowship and activities afterwards that range from bowling to hiking.

The bible study, though organized, isn't set in stone. Open questions are welcome and encouraged by the group.

There are different discussion topics on a monthly



Don Lhamon/NW

Christian athletes from various sports groups around campus form the new Christian organization Athletes in Action. AIA was formed last year when two students were looking for a Christian outreach on campus geared specifically towards athletes. AIA meets every Sunday evening in the University Center.

basis.

This month's is "Getting to know God," which looks at the many different characteristics and names of God in the bible, and their applications today.

Next month's will be a look at different leaders in the Bible.

"Our group is pretty relaxed and comfortable," senior sports science major Bret Wickstrom said. "We have a sort of lesson plan, and we don't really get off track, but it's not like a rigid class. If anyone has a question on anything at all that they are really curious about, we will discuss that. Our format will change to accommodate."

Wickstrom is the current president of AIA.

Through their fellowship outside of their weekly meetings, relationships are formed and ties are committed between the members of AIA.

"We like to keep in contact and check in on each other throughout the long school weeks," Lapinski

said.

The experiences of going bowling or hiking outside of the Sunday night meetings are where relationships grow from simple acquaintances to deeper friendships amongst the members of AIA, Kittle said.

The organization, which is a branch of the Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry, is worldwide and while the organization does put certain emphasis on mission opportunities all over the planet, their central focus is much smaller.

To find out more about AIA on its national scale, check out their Web site at www.AIA.com

"We aren't a closed group," Wickstrom said. "Anyone and any questions are welcome. We aren't only about athletes; we are about getting to know each other and getting to know God."

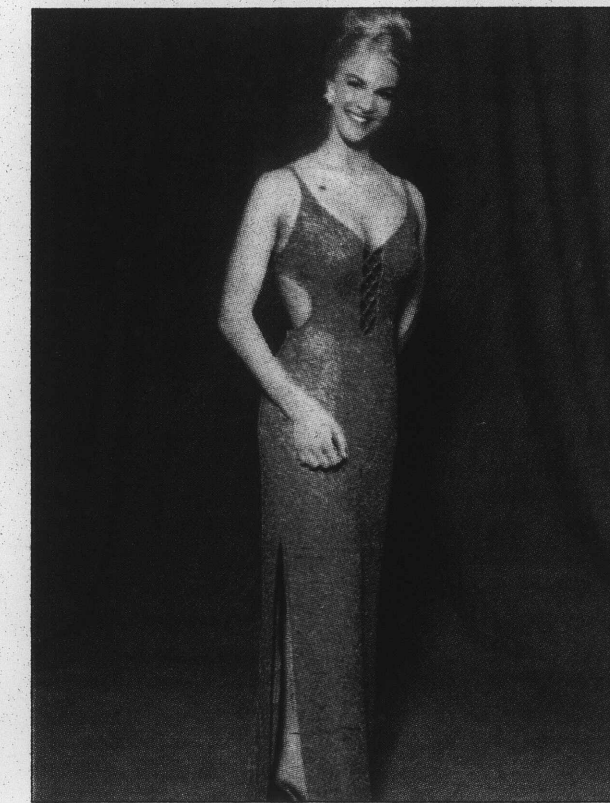
For more information on NMU's AIA, email the organization at nmuuia@yahoo.com, or call Wickstrom at 396-1642.

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- Pagan Moon
- Presque Isle Zen Community
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*According to Student Organizations and Activities Guide

Miss Michigan USA Student competes for crown



Courtesy of Photomaster

Senior electronic journalism major Gina Bjorkman will compete next weekend in the Miss Michigan USA.

BY YONIKA WILLIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Next weekend 68 women from all over Michigan will grace the stage of the McMorran Theater in Port Huron, Mich., to vie for the title of Miss Michigan USA.

Among the women preparing to compete for the crown is senior electronic journalism major Gina Bjorkman.

Last spring, Bjorkman competed in the Miss U.P. USA pageant, held in the Kaufman Auditorium. With no previous pageant experience, Bjorkman was pronounced first runner up and earned the title of Miss Northern Michigan.

"I entered because my roommate told me I'd be good at this," she said. "I didn't care if I won or lost. I never thought I'd get this far. I just really had a good experience."

Unlike most pageants, Miss Michigan does not have a talent portion in their competition. The contestants are judged in three competitive areas: interviewing, swimsuit and evening gown.

"I'm nervous for this pageant to a point, but it's my second pageant and I don't care if I win or lose or draw."

— Gina Bjorkman
Miss Michigan USA
contestant

Bjorkman bought her gown at Trillium Bridal, her shoes at Younkers and traveled to Appleton, Wis., to buy a swimsuit.

"My swimsuit was mismatched because I couldn't find a set that I liked," she said. "I took a spray can of glitter and sprayed it on my swimsuit after I bought it."

Bjorkman said although not having a talent portion makes the competition easier, she would probably have played the piano if there were a talent portion.

Her goal for this pageant is to make the top 15.

"I'd like to make the top 15, but I'm just going to have fun," Bjorkman said. "Some of these girls have been groomed for this all of their lives, but that's not really the case with me."

If Bjorkman goes on to place in this pageant she will then be eligible to ultimately compete in the Miss USA pageant next spring.

This semester, Bjorkman is taking 14 credits and works in the disability services office. She is also a certified massage therapist.

Aside from working out five to six days a week for at least two hours, Bjorkman prepares for the pageant by keeping up on current events for the interviewing portion of the competition.

"I watch the news," she said. "It's also very important for me to be comfortable speaking to people."

Bjorkman said she would partake in her preparatory activities regardless of whether she was preparing to compete or not.

Bjorkman also has a beauty coach, Tricia Signs, who gives her drills and exercises in order to feel more at ease when on stage.

"We had 'beauty boot camps,' where we would put on our shoes and walk four to six hours at a time in them," she said.

Some of the other exercises included being conscious of posture and what your hands are doing. Bjorkman said some of the things she's learned from her beauty coach have helped her in everyday life.

"I notice now that I don't slouch as much anymore," she said.

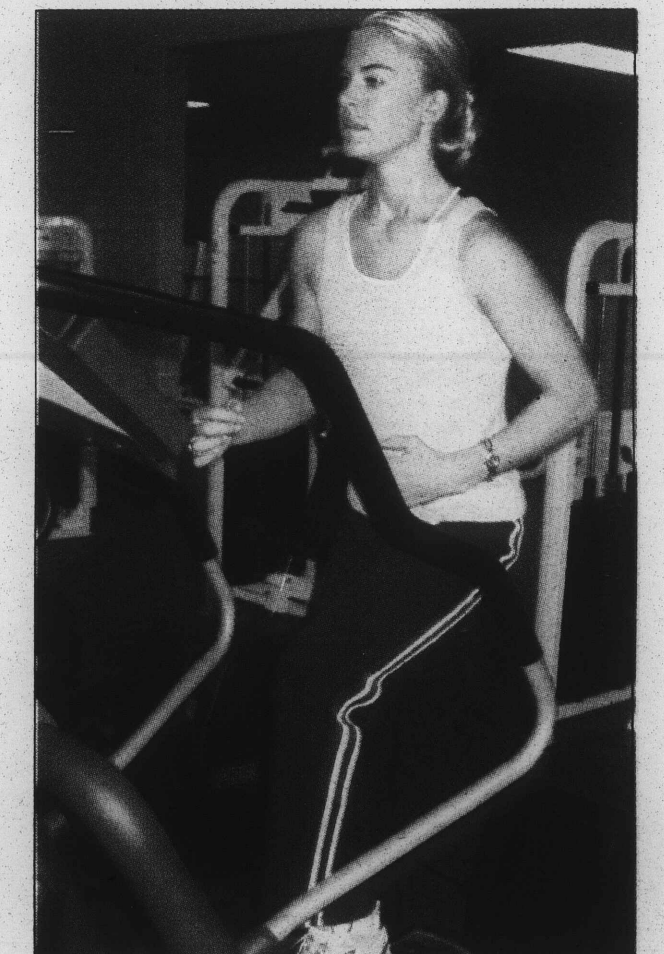
Bjorkman said pageants are not as glamorous as they appear. She said some of the girls in the preliminary pageant were catty and prissy and would go to outrageous efforts to win.

"I did see a girl Saran Wrap her legs and I couldn't figure out what she was trying to do," she said. "Of course backstage there were fits of tears, but the older girls stepped up and helped the younger girls out a lot. If someone needed bobby pins she would yell out 'I need bobby pins' and then someone would toss some bobby pins to that girl. It was more of a family-network."

After she graduates, Bjorkman hopes to pursue massage therapy as much as possible.

She said she has no plans to leave the U.P. immediately, and would eventually like to work at a radio station selling commercial air time.

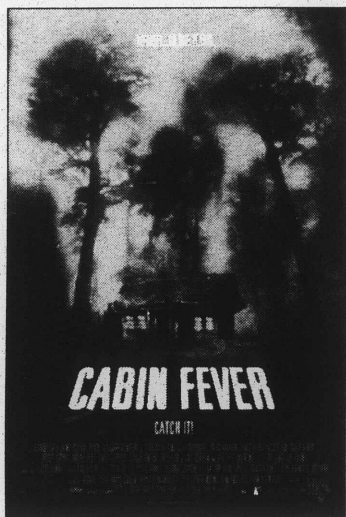
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One way pageant contestant Gina Bjorkman prepares for the Miss Michigan USA pageant is to workout between five or six days a week for two hours a day.

Teenage horror flick lacks depth, plot



BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

"Cabin Fever" is a cute love story about some loveable college students and the flesh-eating bacteria that devours them alive.

It's has your average horror movie ingredients — sex, protagonist stupidity and gore — mixed at such tasteless extremes that the movie becomes a crap soufflé.

The movie, makes a conscientious (I hope) effort to make

the characters unappealing. The prissy boy is really prissy, the jerk is a real jerk and the whorish college gal is an extreme backwards step for feminists everywhere. Even the nearly likeable main character Paul (Rider Strong) eventually starts hitting people with stuff for no reason.

Rider Strong, you say, where have I heard that name before?

He was Shawn Patrick Hunter on "Boy Meets World," one of my favorite shows to watch before I got a car. Now I hate him, because of this movie.

Let's look at its main horror-movie aspects in part.

Sex: There are two main sex scenes with the same girl and two different guys, though the second time was because, as she said, she knew she was about to die and wanted to grab whomever was near and have coitus. Except she said "have coitus" with an "F."

This second time involved a lot of cringing on my part because I had already seen two people turn to jelly and didn't want something to go horribly horribly wrong.

There was also some other

pointless nudity, but if this movie succeeded anywhere, it was in making me feel supreme disgust and fear when viewing a naked woman. At any moment, it appears, their skin will boil off and they will projectile vomit blood.

Protagonist stupidity:

In one scene that makes me very glad that Paul is having the worst few days of his life, he climbs down a rotting ladder to poke a floating corpse with a stick.

These acts of righteous idiocy made me want to jump through the screen and kill him myself.

Why poke it? It was floating face down and missing a lot of flesh; there really wasn't any hope of revival.

Of course the ladder will break and dump you in the bacteria-infested water. Idiot.

Gore: It was the first time I had covered my eyes during a movie since my preteen years of my father slapping his hand over my eyes during a "naughty" scene in a rented video.

It wasn't the amount of gore; "House of 1000 Corpses" pretty much blew the top off of all the

stuff I had seen before. It wasn't even the violence of the scene, for I had giggled my way through "Freddy vs. Jason" a week before.

No, for some reason I can dismiss a machete cutting a man in half, or some girl falling into a wood-chipper, but with the right dramatic tension and music a naked chick shaving her legs in the tub just sickens me.

I mean, decapitations aside, the dame was going to skin herself accidentally. Her legs are rotting to bits, and still she drags the razor shnik-shnik down each dissolving limb.

That's just gross.

And this was not even the most disgusting of scenes. In an impressive disregard for romance, the movie, well, I can't even say in this paper.

It's not the worst they could have done, but it would still be a very effective pro-celibacy clip for high school sex-ed classes.

Squishy noises and then horror. Utter horror. That's all I'm going to say.

There are, of course, also moments where it is so over the top that my brain shut down

and I could just dismiss it all. There is a scene where the pretty girl has no lower face and Paul bashes her grimace away with a shovel.

Another scene features a dog eating a girl and leaves only her sandaled foot.

There are some very hilariously confusing bits as well, such as the ninja-feral boy, the harmonica player, the party deputy and the crazy old bigot.

It was not, I wager, worth the price of a ticket.

It did not scare me, or even startle me. It did make me cover my eyes a few times, but that kind of negates the purpose of "seeing" a movie, now doesn't it?

In fact, I'll give you the best part of the movie right here and save you your money:

One of the dumb girls: "Your dog's name is Dr. Mambo? Like a physician or professor? Is he a professor?"

Stoner: "Yeah, he's a professor...of being a dog! Face!"

No, I don't know what "face" means.

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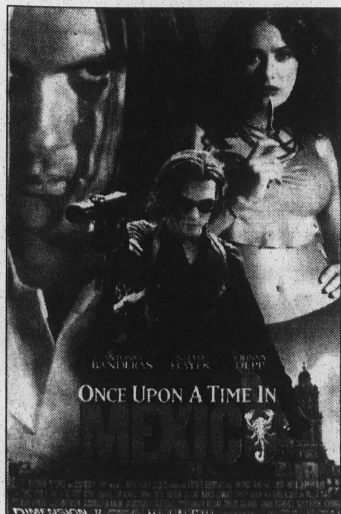
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Once upon a time, a movie blew me away



★★★★☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

'Once Upon a Time in Mexico,' there was a beautiful woman (Salma Hayek), a mariachi (Antonio Banderas), a drug dealer (William Defoe) and the scene-stealing psychotic CIA agent (Johnny Depp) who tries to make sure everyone dies.

This is hope for Hollywood; a trilogy that starts out strong and gets stronger with each movie, neither pandering nor relying too extensively on back

story or fan loyalty. Each movie stands well on its own merit, but as a whole it will make one fantastic box set of DVDs.

Ouatim rounds off a consistently enjoyable series, proving to a movie fan losing faith that it still can be done.

Besides the top names Hayek, Defoe, Depp and Banderas, Ouatim also has returning star Cheech Marin.

Other stars brought into the fold include Enrique Inglesias and Mickey Rourke.

One thing you have to realize if you want to enjoy these movies to their fullest is that they are, beyond just being action/dramas, comedies.

Regular action fare has a gunshot impossibly blowing a guy back five feet; Ouatim throws the fellows back twenty, sliding across the floor and smashing through prop furniture.

A far cry from "El Mariachi's" \$7,000 budget, Ouatim has gun fights galore, and a fairly intense chase scene on a dirt bike.

Ouatim succeeds in hyperbole where other summer "blockbusters," such as "Charlie's Angel's: Overdrive,"

failed horribly.

The movie is well worth the ticket just for the chance to see Enrique Inglesias toast some bad guys with a guitar case/flame thrower. I mean, and Enrique Inglesias killing people, does it get any better than that? Well, actually, yes.

The story is thus: legendary gun slinger and hitman El Mariachi is forced by a corrupt and insane CIA agent to kill a military general after said general's successful completes a coup with the help of a drug kingpin, but after the CIA agent runs away with a Mexican police woman and the money...

Yes, Ouatim flaunts not only an amazing assortment of action sequences, but also a complex yet followable plot, offering twists and humorous banter.

And the cast is nothing to shake a stick at either.

Banderas is once again impressive as El Mariachi, wielding guitar and gun with equal prejudice. I was confused for his almost Spiderman-esque penchant for climbing walls, but in the purposeful extravagance of the movie I quickly grew to accept it.

Johnny Depp steals some of Banderas' thunder, but that is because for all the sex appeal and talent Banderas brings, Depp brings in two magazines and chamber more. The man is dead sexy, and one of my favorite modern actors. Not only that, but in the movie he hosts an impressive array of pointless, yet hilarious, inflatable arms.

And he gives informants not briefcases of money, but lunch boxes. Children's lunch boxes, one of which was "Clash of the Titans."

Salma Hayek's character is dead before the movie starts, like Yurik in "Hamlet," but unlike Yurik she is shown via flashback in some impressive action sequences.

Also she is a lot more attractive than Yurik, who was an old clown. And a skull.

She is El Mariachi's reason for revenge, as her murder is the very general he has been hired to kill.

The soundtrack, as well, was amazing, and Banderas can either actually play some of the songs, or he had a great coach that taught him how to mime amazingly well.

Depp reminds me of The Raven late in the film, after he loses his eyes, you'll see what I mean, but he pulls it off in a way that is purposefully impossible.

Late in the film he's a blind gunman, who walks into window sills but still manages to catch a cell phone.

Go figure.

The movie may not be thought provoking or issue-driven, but then again it's not supposed to be. It's supposed to be fun, and it is, a whole mess of fun.

It is purposefully over-the-top, an exercise in excess. I don't ride a roller coaster for the lumbar support, I ride it because it is enjoyable.

Ouatim turns out to be one of the best movies I have seen in a few weeks, and certainly the strongest to come out last Friday.

If you're looking for a good time, go see this movie.

If you're looking for a great time, rent "El Mariachi" and "Desperado" first.

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TODAY, SEPT. 18

Meeting: First Aid Productions will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Superior Room in the UC. First Aid Productions is a student run music collective that puts on shows with D.I. Yethas. This meeting is open to all students.

Performance: NMU presents the Hip Hop Explosion. Digital Underground will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Also appearing: Platinum Dice featuring Co Shyne, Leif Kolt, Rich Harris, Luke Strom and Common Ground. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$5 for non-students. This event is the kick off for the newly formed Hip Hop Coalition, a showcase for NMU hip hop talent. For more information contact Tom Murphy Jr. at 227-3328 or tmurphy@nmu.edu.

Performance: Dan Chaon will be reading some of his fiction at 7:30 p.m. in The Women's Federated Club House at 104 West Ridge Street. This event is presented by NMU's Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing and Passages North. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Film: "Brazil" (R) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Tickets are \$1 for non-students. Admission is free for students.

Event: The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is hosting a free barbeque at 5 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson courtyard. Come rush TKE. For more information contact Erik Olson at 227-3321 or tke@nmu.edu. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Retreat: The Student Organization Retreat will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

Event: The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is holding a TKE-A-Poluzza, including a baby oil slip-n-slide, at 3 p.m. on the Quad II lawn. Come rush TKE. For more information contact Erik Olson at 227-3321 or tke@nmu.edu.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Exam: The writing proficiency exam.

Athletics: The Wildcat women's volleyball team will take on Northwood at 4 p.m.

Film: "The Hulk" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Tickets are \$1 for non-students. Admission is free for students.

Event: NMU's Block Party will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Superior Dome parking lot.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

Athletics: The Wildcat women's volleyball team will take on Saginaw Valley at 1 p.m.

Film: "The Hulk" (PG-13) begins at 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. in JXJ 102. Tickets are \$1 for non-students. Admission is free for students.

Event: The Homecoming Dead River

Games will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dead River Bridge. For more information call 227-1622. Come and support your school.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Deadline: Last day to obtain 50 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the university (full semester courses).

Event: Dr. Ruth Westheimer, a famous psycho-sexual therapist, will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. Tickets are free to students and \$2 for non-students. This event has been rescheduled from last week. Read more at ww.drruth.com.

Meeting: Crew 380 is holding a meeting in the Superior Room in the UC at 7 p.m. Learn about Venturing, a division of the Boy Scouts of America. Men and women ages 14-21 are welcome to join. For more information email Jim Fulner at Rfulner@nmu.edu.

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

Event: Unleash Your Inner Monster! Begins at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Event: Homecoming Scavenger Hunt begins at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms. Come show your school spirit.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Deadline: Registration deadline for intramural Softball Tournament.

Meeting: His House Christian Fellowship is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Campus House at 1701 Presque Isle Avenue, across from the Dome.

Event: The Homecoming King and Queen Competition begins at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.

THINGS TO DO

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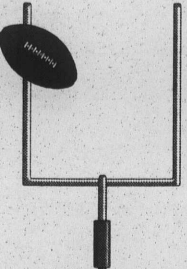
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Team continues winning streak

BY KATHIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

The NMU volleyball team remains undefeated as it won all five of its games last weekend and into this week.

Northern went 4-0 at the Great Lakes Region Crossover Tournament hosted by Northern Kentucky University Sept. 12 and 13. The team also captured a win over rivals Michigan Tech on Tuesday night.

Head coach Jim Moore said the main goal during the tournament at Northern Kentucky was to get through the weekend.

"It was important for us to be successful," Moore said.

The team focused on improvement and treated the weekend no

differently than any other match, Moore said.

Junior setter Kelli McCune said that although the team had not faced any of the teams it played last season, the team had set pretty high expectations for the weekend.

The team won the first match against Alderson-Broadus, 3-0, on Sept. 12. The 'Cats continued to win throughout Friday with a 3-1 win against Lewis University later that evening. On Saturday, NMU defeated Indianapolis, 3-1, and West Virginia State, 3-0.

McCune said the toughest match was against Indianapolis.

"Lewis and Indianapolis are solid teams," Moore said.

For her performance during the

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Ready, set, hike



Don Lhamon/NW

Members of the NMU football team faced off against local children during the NMU Sports Festival held on Sept. 15. This all-sports event was put on by the athletic department to encourage the surrounding communities to meet and support student athletes throughout the year.

Mercyhurst hands NMU second road loss

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU football team came off the road last weekend with a 41-29 loss to the Mercyhurst College Lakers.

"The long bus ride may have taken a toll on us," sophomore running back Corey Woods said. "We had our opportunities early, but we just didn't take advantage. We had a lot of dropped passes and things like that."

This was the second straight loss on the road for the Wildcats, who are now 0-2 (0-1 GLIAC) on the season.

The Lakers took the lead early in the first quarter when freshman quarterback Jeff Nowling broke free for a 34-yard

touchdown run. Mercyhurst continued from there, scoring another three touchdowns before the Wildcats were able to put any points on the board.

"We just didn't come out and play right away," Woods said. "For some reason, we play better when we're down."

With the score 27-0, the Wildcats orchestrated a 10-play, 69-yard drive that was capped off by a touchdown run by senior quarterback Kyle Swenor.

The Wildcats were able to close the gap

to 27-13 when freshman wide receiver Corbin Walker recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

NMU's momentum didn't last long as Mercyhurst immediately drove down the field controlling the ball with a 12-play, 72-yard drive that lasted 5:07. The drive ended when Nowling hit Brad Thompson for a 10-yard touchdown pass making the score 34-14.

"Confidence is huge in football," Swenor said. "Mercyhurst had a lot of confidence going into this game. We didn't and it showed."

Woods said that despite the loss, Swenor played a fantastic game at quarterback.

"Swenor played great," Woods said.

"We just didn't catch any breaks. We had a lot of things go wrong."

For the game, Swenor completed 24 of 46 passes for 370 yards and two touchdowns. He threw two interceptions.

Swenor did spread the ball around to many receivers. Sophomore wide receiver Vinney Mayfield caught 6 passes for 110 yards and senior wide receiver Pat Rouzard had six catches for 96 yards.

Rouzard caught a 21-yard touchdown pass from Swenor at the end of the game.

Walker caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Swenor in the fourth quarter, giving him two touchdowns on the day.

"We got a glimpse of what our offense is capable of in the second half," Swenor said. "It just took us too long to get going."



Woods

Northern splits weekend series at home

BY MATT WELLENS
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats split their first two home games last weekend in the Holiday/Ramada Inn Second Annual Soccer Tournament.

Northern played its first home game under wet and windy conditions against St. Cloud on Sept. 13.

The Wildcats (4-2-1) came up short against St. Cloud, losing the game, 2-1. Northern was unable to score until the 88:43 mark in the game after outshooting St. Cloud, 18-7.

Only four of NMU's 18 shots made it on goal. Of the other 14 shots, seven were blocked by St. Cloud's defense.

"We can't find the back of the net," head coach Carl Gregor said. "It's been the story of the season."

Gregor said St. Cloud had the wind to its advantage in the first half. He said his team opted to take the wind at their back in the second half to have the advantage late in the game. When the second half came though, the wind had

died down.

Senior forward Carolyn Kunas had the Wildcats' lone goal in the game. She had taken four shots total. Anne Litecky scored both goals for St. Cloud.

She had her first goal at 30:47 with an assist from Abbey Fredrickson. She also had an unassisted goal at 41:25.

Each goalie for Northern and St. Cloud had three saves in the game. In goal for Northern was senior Jamie Rocho and representing St. Cloud was Stephanie Brendel.

In the 'Cats' second game of the weekend against Bemidji State, Gregor said Northern's attacking style of play helped the team to a 5-1 victory for its first home win of the season.

Gregor said this was the team's best game of the year. The disappointment from the previous game helped motivate them, he said.

Northern was able to score early to go up, 2-0, at half time. Kunas scored the first goal at 39:38 with an assist from Rachel Vilders. At 42:47, senior

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Don Lhamon/NW

Junior midfielder Rachel Vilders had two goals and two assists against Bemidji State on Sept. 14 during the Holiday/Ramada Inn Second Annual Soccer Tournament in Marquette.

Kochen leads Northern

BY ALEX PINA
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's cross country team continued its winning ways and made a statement as it won the Lester Park Invitational in Duluth, Minn. on Sept. 13.

With a time of 19:00, junior Tami Kochen won the 5K race over a field of 143 girls from twelve schools. It was the first victory of her college career.

"It was a challenging course, but I felt great the whole race," Kochen said. "The first mile was uphill. I used the hill to get the pace going and get out in front of everyone."

Assistant coach Jenny Ryan said Kochen ran the hilly 5K course very well.

Kochen was in the lead pack at the end of the mile-long uphill section after the start. By the time she hit the second mile marker at the bottom of the hill, she had a 10-second lead. She would go on to preserve her lead and win by six seconds, with no other runners ever seriously challenging her.

Sara Fredrickson of Minnesota-Duluth finished second with a time of 19:06. Wildcat runners swept the next four positions, all scoring points for the team, tallying up 19 points for the team win.

Last week's overall winner at Houghton, senior Jennifer Lahr finished third with a time of 19:10.4. Sophomore Maria Stuber finished fourth at 19:26.7, sophomore Jane Stieber finished fifth with a time of

19:32.6 and sophomore Stephanie Howe came across the line in sixth with a time of 19:36.6.

Northern freshman Jessica Kalafut would also finish inside the top 10 at ninth place with a time of 19:38.7.

Twelve teams attended the Lester Park Invitational this year. Minnesota-Duluth, Michigan Tech, Winona State, St. Cloud State and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls provided some of Northern's tougher competition, Ryan said.

"The Lester Park Invitational is a good meet to start the year off before we meet the real heavy hitters," Ryan said. "It's a good course and a good race."

Kochen said she felt that the team as a whole did very well.

"I am very proud of our finish and our team finishing so close together," she said. "I don't think that we could have done much better."

Even though Kochen finished six seconds ahead of second place, only 36 seconds separated Kochen in first place and Stephanie Howe in sixth, so it was a very close race for Northern, Ryan said.

The Wildcats will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside this weekend to take part in the Midwest Cross Country Championships. The Wildcats are the defending champions after winning the event last year for the first time in 14 tries.

With about 500 runners representing 30 schools - many of them conference teams - there should be some tough competition for Northern this weekend, Ryan said.

"We have a shot at winning this year if the girls run like they did this last week," Ryan said. "If they focus on their own race, then they should do well."



Kochen

'Cats remains unbeaten going into home series

BY KATHIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

The Northern Michigan University volleyball team will strive for improvement as it faces two important conference matches against Northwood and Saginaw Valley State University this weekend at home.

Currently the Wildcats are undefeated in six games and sit in first place in the overall North Division GLIAC standing.

"[Northwood] is someone we want to go after," junior setter Kelli McCune said. "To upset them would be great."

NMU will start weekend play with Northwood at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Northwood was ranked second in the North Division GLIAC Preseason Poll this year followed by NMU at third.

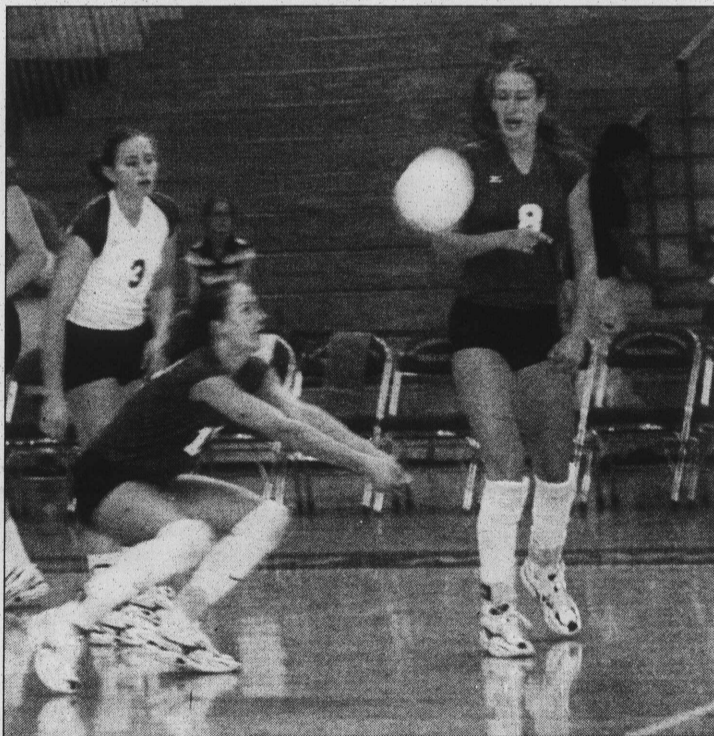
Northwood is currently ranked third in the overall standings for the GLIAC North with an 8-5 record.

Northwood is coming off a 3-1 win over Saginaw Valley State University.

NU is led by sophomore Jelena Mijatovic, who recorded 21 kills against SVSU.

Northwood will meet with Michigan Tech on Sept. 19 before it travels to Marquette.

On Sunday, Northern will



Don Lhamon/NW

Freshman outside hitter Ashley Kiel, left, had nine kills against MTU on Sept. 16. Junior outside hitter Jennie Little, right, had 21 kills against SVSU on Sept. 15.

Kiel will play Saginaw Valley State at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Saginaw Valley's record is 1-8 overall. They currently sit at the bottom of the GLIAC standings.

The Cardinals are coming off a loss to Northwood. They will begin play on Friday with a game against Lake State before traveling to MTU and Marquette.

Moore said the 'Cats plan on taking the weekend not only one match at a time, but one play at a

time. "We aren't good enough to worry about matches weeks in advance," Moore said.

McCune said the team is focused on improving from Tuesday night's 3-1 victory against Michigan Tech.

The 'Cats are excited to play two games at home this weekend, said McCune.

"It's always more fun to be at home," she said.

Team prepares for Ferris State

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU football team will play its third straight road game this weekend as it faces the Ferris State Bulldogs.

With two losses to start the season, NMU (0-1 GLIAC, 0-2 overall) will be looking to get things going early in the ball game.

"We can't drop passes," head coach Doug Sams said. "Last week (against Mercyhurst) we misfired on too many opportunities. We had six dropped balls. You can't have drive killers like that."

Sams said the Wildcats are not worried about being 0-2. He said they take one game at a time, so the focus is not on what happened in the past but what can be done this week.

"We prepare the same every week," Sams said. "It's not a matter of changing anything. We just have to execute better. It's a matter of doing things right."

NMU plays an up-tempo style of game going with the no-huddle offense most of the time.

Senior quarterback Kyle Swenor said he likes this style of offense and feels that it gives the Wildcats an advantage over opposing defenses.

"It helps us dictate the tempo," Swenor said. "Last week we worked the offense pretty well at times and the defense had a hard time keeping up with us."

Swenor said the team is in great shape and that is the key to running an up-tempo offense.

"With the hurry up offense, you get the defense really tired," Swenor said. "When the defense starts getting tired, they get confused and start making mistakes."

Ferris (0-1 GLIAC, 1-1 overall) is looking to rebound from a 40-10 loss to the Grand Valley State Lakers.

The Bulldogs hung with last season's D-II National Champions, but the Lakers took over in the second half.

Last week, in Northern's second consecutive loss, they had the opposite problem of the Bulldogs.

The Wildcats could not get anything going on offense early and were unable to get points on the board until late in the game.

Swenor said his team is going to have to come out with a lot of focus this week.

"It's going to be tough after the loss (to Mercyhurst)," Swenor said. "We just have to take it one game at a time. We are preparing for Ferris as we would any other team. We prepare the same way. We just have to play our game and not beat ourselves."

Going into the weekend, Ferris sits at No. 8 in the GLIAC. Northern holds the No. 10 spot.



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Waterfall hike reveals changes

Drops of rain slid from my hood and ran down my nose as I hiked up the slippery path just outside downtown Munising.

It didn't bother me that my hike was a bit on the damp side, as the Central U.P. needed the rain that fell last weekend. Dressed for the rainy weather, two of my friends and I ventured to see a waterfall.

As an outdoorsman, there are hikes, like this one, that I can take over and over, and views I choose to see again and again without getting bored of them. Although I am always interested in exploring new places and finding new hikes, but not revisiting a favorite place would be like hiking Hogback Mountain as a freshman and never going back again while at NMU.

Places like this waterfall never lose their excitement to me. The thing that makes the outdoors and nature exciting is how easily some things can change, while others stay the same for longer than any of our lifetimes.

You may have seen something once, and yet never seen it at all. So, for some of you, that means put down the PS2 controller, get off the couch and get in touch with the real world.

The particular hike I took last weekend was to a waterfall I had not seen in about a year. Until this week, I never knew the fall was called Memorial Falls, but that is not necessarily a bad

OUTDOORS COLUMN



BY DAVE MOSS

thing.

Names can take away from something when we try to describe it with only one or two words.

I remembered the waterfall as a free falling narrow tower of water that I could walk around the bottom on all sides. Green moss covered sandstone formations around it, making it seem somewhat cavernous.

While walking along the trail, I noticed some minor changes. Improvements made along the lines of steps and erosion control stood out, but man made protection is sometimes necessary in a developed and heavily traveled natural area.

Approaching the falls we walked along a sandy trail with a sandstone wall along the right side. Following the rocky wall around I finally came within view of the fall itself, and it was not as I remembered it. There was a much larger volume of water than before.

Ongoing rainfall may have had something to do with it, but

not the time of year or seasonal changes as my hike was nearly one year after the original hike.

The rain slowed to a drizzle as my friends and I took some pictures and enjoyed the white pillar of water. A larger volume of water was not the only change we noticed about the waterfall; its path had also been altered.

No longer could we walk all the way around the fall, as the water now flowed all the way back to the sandstone and followed it out of the cavern before it flowed downhill.

As we looked closer, a pile of sand, mud, rocks and dead trees was the telltale sign of what caused the changes we saw. Mud and rocks had broken free from the top of the waterfall like a landslide and piled up on the ground below accounting for many of the differences we saw in the waterfall and surrounding area.

With a little looking we found the now dry naturally dammed stream bed now green with plants already taking back over the forest floor.

Like the Dead River flood of this spring, seeing the waterfall was a reminder of how powerful water can be, and how futile it is sometimes for man to try to control it.

The changes we saw were reminders of why it is nice to make repeat visits to some of those cool places.

If you want to check out the

moderately easy hike to Memorial Falls for yourself, drive to Munising.

In Munising M-28 makes a right turn, but you will want to go straight as if heading towards Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. About two miles down the road, as you start to head up a hill, there is a path on the right starting with a built set of stairs.

Signs indicate that roadside parking is illegal, but there is a side street on the left side of the road where roadside parking is legal.

The hike itself is fairly short, probably less than half a mile from the road. There is a path leading to the base of the falls as well as a patch that crosses the stream above the waterfall.

Waterfall hunting, as some people call hiking to waterfalls, is a popular tourist and recreational activity in the Upper Peninsula. If you want to find waterfalls closer to Marquette, there is a brochure available at many tourist locations that maps and describes waterfalls in Marquette County.

If you go to Munising to check out Memorial falls, take advantage of other falls in the area.

Within only a few minutes of downtown Munising, there are at least two other scenic falls with signs to help you find them: Horseshoe Falls and Munising falls.

VOLLEYBALL

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weekend, junior outside hitter Jennie Little was named the Northern Division GLIAC Player of the Week.

"She deserves it. We're proud of her," McCune said.

Little posted 44 kills, 42 digs, 14 service aces, 10 blocks and nine assists during the tournament.

After the road trip, the 'Cats returned home to play Michigan Tech on Tuesday night.

NMU defeated the Huskies, 3-1, in the first conference match of the season.

The teams played a close four game match with scores being 30-24, 35-33, 24-30 and 30-26.

Little led the 'Cats with 21 kills.

"It's always a big rivalry," McCune said.

Last season, NMU split two games against MTU. Northern came away with a 3-0 loss at Tech but defeated the Huskies in Marquette, 3-0, later in the season.

The 'Cats overall record is currently 6-0. They remain one of two teams still undefeated overall in the GLIAC. Gannon University is also currently undefeated, 11-0.

"On paper we're doing OK," said Moore. "I'm not that concerned with results as I am our level of play."

McCune said it feels great to say the team is undefeated.

"We're 6-0 but there's still a long road ahead," she said.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Head hockey coach names captains

Head hockey coach Walt Kyle announced the captain and the alternate captains for the 2003-04 season. Senior goaltender Craig Kowalski was named the captain of the team. Nathan Oystreck, Alan Swanson and Geoff Waugh were named alternate captains.

Kowalski is entering his senior year in Marquette with a 51-35-8 record in goal. He is a native of Clinton Township, Mich.

He is currently tied for the top spot with Dan Ragusett with eight career shutouts in his NMU career. Kowalski has a career 2.61 goals against average (GAA) and a career .908 save percentage.

Last season, Kowalski was 20-16-2 with a 2.82 GAA and a .902 save percentage.

Oystreck is in his sophomore year at NMU. He is a native of Regina, Saskatchewan and was a seventh-round pick to the Atlanta Thrashers in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

He appeared in 34 games last season for the 'Cats and registered two goals and 10 assists for 12 points. Oystreck was named an honorable mention selection to the 2002-03 Bauer/CCHA All-Rookie Team.

Swanson, a native of Marquette, is entering his junior season at NMU. He has appeared in 76 games in his career and has 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points.

Waugh is in his sophomore year at NMU. He is a Winnipeg, Manitoba native and was a third round draft pick to the Dallas Stars in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

He appeared in 39 games for NMU during the 2002-03 season and had seven assists for seven points.

Basketball team signs two players

Head men's basketball coach Dean Ellis announced that Jake Suardini from Gwinn and Ricky Volcy from Montreal have both signed financial aid tenders to attend NMU and play basketball for the Wildcats.

Volcy is the brother of current player, Marco Volcy.

Suardini, from Gwinn High School, averaged over 27 points a game during his senior year.

He also averaged almost nine rebounds and over three assists per game for the 2002-03 season.

Volcy played at Montmorency College in Montreal last season.

"We decided to sign these two players, as they both will become an integral part of the team for years to come," Ellis said.

— NMU Sports Information



Kowalski

Experienced players unify men's club team

BY R.J. WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

In its second season as an official club team at NMU, junior captain Ryan Anthony said the men's club soccer team is looking forward to what should be a tough, yet successful year.

Having gone 12-2-1 last season, he said the expectations are high.

"Our goal this season is continue to establish our place with the best teams in Michigan as well as the Midwest," Anthony said. "We're playing a very tough schedule this year and hope to have a good record when it's over, but we'd also like to see some more support from the community and the students."

The team returns 23 players to this year's squad of 28.

Sophomore Brad Filips said the team has already displayed many differences from last season's team.

"We're a lot quicker this year, with some new players starting to contribute right away," Filips said. "Overall we are just a more unified, mature team."

NMU is not officially part of a league yet, which means a surplus of away games, with only a few home games on the schedule.

This season's schedule took the team on the road immediately to start the season when it participated in the Eau Claire Invitational in Wisconsin on Sept. 6 and 7.

After a 3-0 win over Michigan Tech in the season opener, Northern suffered losses to the University of Minnesota's A and B squads, 3-0 and 2-1, respectively.

Last weekend, NMU took on even greater challenges when visiting Michigan

State and the University of Michigan.

On Sept. 12, the team faced Michigan, who boasts recent back-to-back National Championships and over 50 years of successful men's club soccer history. NMU lost the game, 4-1.

They went on to meet Michigan State on Sept. 13, which also resulted in a loss, 3-1. State went 5-2-5 last season including a 0-0 tie with rival Michigan.

Despite the weekend's losses, sophomore Geoff Rockhey said the team came back encouraged by how the team played together.

"After having played well against teams of that caliber it only makes us want to keep improving," Rockhey said.

Anthony, who scored both of NMU's goals during the trip, his third and fourth of the season, also said the team was encouraged by the weekend.

"It was good exposure for our team to get out there and experience playing against big time teams," he said.

The team holds a 1-4 record going into the rest of its season.

Next up for the men's club is a scrimmage against the Marquette High School team at 2 p.m. on Saturday on its home field behind the Superior Dome.

Following that game, the team hosts its first official home game on Sept. 28 against the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

On Oct. 4 and 5, the team will host a five-team tournament. The teams traveling to Marquette will be the University of Wisconsin-Stout, the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Michigan Tech and Finlandia.

Anthony said that any fan support would be much appreciated.

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—SATURDAY—
 • The NMU volleyball team hosts Northwood at 4 p.m. in Vandament Arena.
 • The NMU football team plays at Ferris State. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

—SUNDAY—
 • The NMU volleyball team hosts Saginaw Valley State at 1 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

GLIAC FOOTBALL

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Mercyhurst	1-0	2-0
2. Grand Valley St.	1-0	2-0
3. Saginaw Valley St.	1-0	2-0
4. Indianapolis	1-0	2-0
5. Findlay	1-0	2-0
6. Michigan Tech	1-1	1-1
7. Ashland	1-1	1-2
8. Ferris St.	0-1	1-1
9. Wayne St.	0-1	1-1
10. N. MICHIGAN	0-1	0-2
11. Northwood	0-1	0-2
12. Hillsdale	0-1	0-2

NMU FOOTBALL

N. Michigan 0 6 10 13 29
 Mercyhurst 13 14 7 7 41

FIRST QUARTER — MC Jeff Nowling 34-yard run (Phil Scanlon kick failed), 11:14; MC Justin Adams 30-yard run (Scanlon kick), 8:12

SECOND QUARTER — MC Adams 11-yard run (Scanlon kick), 12:25; MC M. Governor 2-yard run (Scanlon kick), 4:00; NMU Kyle Swenor 1-yard run (Kyle Marotz kick failed), 1:01

THIRD QUARTER — NMU Corbin Walker 0-yard fumble recovery (Marotz kick) 11:57; MC BradThompson 10-yard pass from Nowling (Scanlon kick), 6:31; NMU 23-yard field goal Marotz, 3:27

FOURTH QUARTER — MC Campbell 10-yard pass from Nowling (Scanlon kick), 11:05; NMU Walker 8-yard pass from Swenor Marotz kick, 6:31; NMU Pat Rouzard 21-yard pass from Swenor (Swenor pass failed), 0:15

FIRST DOWNS — NMU 26, UND 26. **RUSHING** — NMU, 34-110 (Corey Woods, 26-57); MC, 50-197 (Justin Adams, 23-130). **PASSING** — NMU, Swenor 46-24-2 370; MC, 32-20-1 293 (Nowling 28-18-1 260). **RECEIVING** — NMU, Vinney Mayfield 6-110; MC, Jeff Theil 4-89.

GLIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Grand Valley St.	0-0-0	5-1-0
2. Ashland	0-0-0	4-1-0
3. Ferris St.	0-0-0	4-2-0
4. N. MICHIGAN	0-0-0	4-2-1
5. Saginaw Valley St.	0-0-0	3-2-1
6. Findlay	0-0-0	2-2-1
7. Northwood	0-0-0	3-4-0
8. Mercyhurst	0-0-0	2-3-1
9. Gannon	0-0-0	1-4-0

NMU 1, St. Cloud 2

N. Michigan 0 1 1
 St. Cloud State 2 0 2

FIRST HALF — 1. SCSU Anne Litecky (Abbey Fredrickson), 30:47. 2. SCSU Anne Litecky, 41:25.

SECOND HALF — 1. NMU Carolyn Kunas, 88:43.

SHOTS ON GOAL — NMU 18, SCSU 7. **SAVES** — NMU 3, SCSU 3. **CORNER KICKS** — NMU 5, SCSU 2. **FOULS** — NMU 9, SCSU 8.

NMU 5 Bemidji 1

N. Michigan 2 3 5
 Bemidji State 0 1 1

FIRST HALF — 1. NMU Carolyn Kunas (Rachel Vilders), 39:38. 2. NMU Betsy Hubert (Kunas), 42:47.

SECOND HALF — 1. NMU Vilders (Michelle Brown), 46:10. 2. NMU Kunas (Vilders), 54:52. 3. BS Katie Meinhardt - penalty kick, 55:56. 4. NMU Vilders (VanderVelden), 76:31.

SHOTS ON GOAL — NMU 18, BS 5. **SAVES** — NMU 1, BS 6. **CORNER KICKS** — NMU 8, BS 4. **FOULS** — NMU 9, BS 4.

CROSS COUNTRY

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TEAM RESULTS
 1. N. Michigan
 2. Michigan Tech
 3. U-Minn Duluth
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 5K — 1. NMU Tami Kochen, 19:00.0 2. UMD Sara Fredericksen, 19:06.0 3. NMU Jennifer Lahr, 19:10.4 4. NMU Maria Stuber, 19:26.7

5. NMU Jane Stieber, 19:32.6 6. NMU Stephanie Howe, 19:36.6 7. MTU Leslie Semler, 19:37.7 8. MTU Christy Knoch, 19:37.9 9. NMU Jessica Kalafut, 19:38.7 10. AUN Rachel Daw, 19:41.4 11. NMU Tracy Wills, 19:45.0.

GLIAC N. VOLLEYBALL

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN	1-0	6-0
2. Northwood	1-0	8-5
3. Grand Valley St.	0-0	8-4
4. Ferris State	0-0	3-7
5. Lake Superior St.	0-0	3-9
6. Michigan Tech	0-1	4-8
7. Saginaw Valley St.	0-1	1-8

NMU 3 Lewis 1

N. Michigan 27 30 30 30 3
 Lewis 30 20 28 19 1

KILLS — NMU 64 (Beth Honaker 17), Lewis 61 (Katie Gilman 21). **Assists** — NMU 61 (Kelli McCune 55), Lewis 48 (Abby Hodge 45). **Digs** — NMU 75 (Ashley Kiel 22), Lewis 74 (Katie Gilman 19). **Service Aces** — NMU 12, Lewis 0.

NMU 3 Indianapolis 1

NMU Michigan 28 31 30 30 3
 Indianapolis 30 29 26 21 1

KILLS — NMU 70 (Holly Greenamyre 22), UI 55 (Whitney Boling 17). **Assists** — NMU 66 (Kelli McCune 61), UI 45 (Deanna McClure 41). **Digs** — NMU 75 (Jennie Little 18), Ashley Kiel 18), UI 52 (Shaun McAllister 13). **Service Aces** — NMU 8, UI 11.

NMU 3 WV SU 0

N. Michigan 30 30 30 3
 West Virginia State 15 14 16 0

KILLS — NMU 38 (Honaker 9), WVS 19 (Ashley Cundiff 6). **Assists** — NMU 33 (Kelli McCune 29), WVS 1 (Leah Wilson). **Digs** — NMU 36 (Kiel 7, Anne Kinsella 7), WVS 38 (Jamie Adkins 8, Jayme Barber 8). **Service Aces** — NMU 19, WVS 2.

NMU 3 MTU 1

N. Michigan 30 35 24 30 3
 Michigan Tech 24 33 30 26 1

KILLS — NMU 65 (Little 21), MTU 19 (Julie Motz 17). **Assists** — NMU 61 (Kelli McCune 53), MTU 54 (Amanda Mackenthun 47). **Digs** — NMU 68 (Kinsella 17), MTU 77 (Rebecca Kaukola 18). **Service Aces** — NMU 7, MTU 5.

SOCCER

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forward Betsy Huber got the 'Cats' second goal of the game with an assist from Kunas. It was Huber's first goal of the season.

The Wildcats were able to carry their momentum into the second half with a goal at 46:10 by Vilders. She was assisted by sophomore midfielder Michelle Brown.

Kunas picked up her second goal of the game at the same time that Vilders picked up her second assist of the game at 54:52.

Gregor said that the 4-0 lead took a lot of pressure off the team.



Don Lhamon/NW
 Senior forward Carolyn Kunas had two goals against Bemidji.

Bemidji State scored its only goal of the game at 55:56. Vilders scored NMU's last goal at 76:31 with an assist by junior forward Kerri VanderVelden. Vilders had a total of four points on the day.

The Wildcats will be on the road again for another five games until they return home for conference play.

Gregor said he would like to win their last five non-conference matches before returning home.

Northern left at 6:30 a.m. yesterday to fly out to West Virginia to play three games in four days.

They will be playing their first game today at the University of Charleston. Tomorrow, Northern will play again at Davis and Elkins.

After taking a day off on Saturday, Northern will close out its trip to West Virginia at West Virginia Tech.

Gregor said that this is the team's first trip to West Virginia.

He said he wanted to play the three West Virginia schools because they are in the team's region and they may see them again in the post season.

Northern is going into the weekend at No. 4 in the GLIAC standings. Grand Valley State sits at No. 1 with an overall record of 5-1-0.

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**SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE/PREVENTION POLICY
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Introduction

Sexual assault, including acquaintance or date rape, is criminal sexual conduct and a violation of the Michigan Penal Code. Sexual assault also violates the University's Student Code of Conduct.

A reported sexual assault will be treated with the highest degree of concern by the University. A University student charged with sexual assault may be prosecuted pursuant to the Michigan Penal Code and/or be subject to University disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. In addition to criminal prosecution, a University employee charged with sexual assault may be subject to University disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

The University affirms the need for a comprehensive sexual assault prevention education program. Prevention education and awareness efforts are essential in order to better ensure a positive experience for all members of the University community.

This policy provides the following information to members of the University community:

- Definition of sexual assault;
- Policy concerning sexual assault victims;
- University response to reported sexual assault, including services available to victims of sexual assault;
- Education and prevention efforts and programs; and
- Information regarding periodic review of this policy.

Definition

Sexual assault is sexual contact without consent. More specifically, "sexual assault" for purpose of this policy means any of the forms of criminal sexual conduct described in Sections 520(b) through 520(g) of the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.520(b) - (g)). A victim of sexual assault may be either male or female. Regardless of the relationship that exists between the parties, if consent is not given or force or coercion is used against a party, any sexual contact is within the definitions of criminal sexual contact and sexual assault. Sexual assault is intrinsically injurious and degrading, and will be treated as resulting in injury for the purposes of the University *Student Handbook*, Part 2, Section 2.2.1, General Regulatory Statement, and as a violation of the *Student Handbook*, Part 2, Section 2.2.21, Personal Abuse, which prohibits acts which injure, threaten, endanger, or degrade a member of the University community. Use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs by a person charged with a sexual assault does not diminish, and may increase, personal responsibility. The same criminal offenses and penalties apply in cases of acquaintance rape or date rape as in cases of rape involving a stranger.

Policy Concerning Sexual Assault Victims

If you are the victim of a sexual assault which is reported to the University, it is the policy of the University that:

1. You and the matter you report will be treated respectfully and with the greatest concern and seriousness, regardless of your gender or the gender of the suspect.
2. Your name will not be released to the public or to the media.
3. You will be advised of and, if you desire, assisted in receiving services from University departments and in accessing services from community agencies that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault.
4. You will be provided with information regarding your options for reporting the sexual assault, and your right to make choices based on this information will be respected.
5. If you file a complaint with Public Safety and Police Services, staff from that office will investigate your complaint. You will be notified of victim's rights and remedies accorded in the Crime Victim's Rights Act and you will be kept up to date on the status of the investigation. If the Health Center provides medical assistance, appropriate methods for preserving evidence of criminal sexual assault will be followed.
6. University staff will neither coerce you to report a sexual assault as a lesser offense nor prevent or discourage you from reporting a sexual assault to another person or authority.
7. If you request, the University staff will take any reasonable steps to prevent unnecessary or unwanted contact or proximity with the suspect.
8. You will be made aware of options provided under law regarding the mandatory testing of sexual assault assailants upon conviction for communicable diseases and notification to the victim of the results of the testing.

University Response to Reported Sexual Assault

The University departments listed below are most appropriate to receive a report of a sexual assault and to provide support and other assistance:

- Office of Public Safety and Police Services, 911 (Emergency) or 227-2151 (100 Services Building)
 - Office of the Dean of Students, 227-1700 (1104 University Center)
 - The Health Center, 227-2355 (Gries Hall)
 - Counseling Center, 227-2981 (201 Cohodas Administrative Center)
- Office of Housing and Residence Life (any residence hall or on-campus apartment staff member)

While each of the above departments is different from the other and have different functions, the staff from those departments will work very closely with one another to provide assistance to those involved, to review available services and options, and to coordinate appropriate problem solving and prevention activities.

Students who have been sexually assaulted are strongly encouraged to file a complaint with the Office of Public Safety and Police Services so that criminal charges may be pursued against the assailant, or with the Office of the Dean of Students to initiate charges within the University judicial system. All complaints of sexual assault, whether made to the Office of Public Safety and Police Services or the Office of the Dean of Students, will be investigated by Public Safety and Police Services.

In cases in which Public Safety and Police Services is not the first office contacted by the victim, information regarding the incident will be reported to Public Safety and Police Services in accordance with the Student Right to Know and the Campus Security Act. This report **will not include the name of the victim or other identifying information**. In addition, Public Safety and Police Services is required to report information concerning criminal acts on an annual basis under the requirements of the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, but such a report will also not include the victim's name or other identifying information.

A report of sexual assault will initiate a response from the University as explained below.

The Office of Public Safety and Police Services. When a report of a sexual assault is received, the Office of Public Safety and Police Services will immediately assign a specially trained "case officer" to investigate the incident and work with the victim through all stages of the investigation, prosecution and/or University judicial system action. The case officer will also inform the victim of other support services available including the services of the Marquette Women's Center Rape Victim Support Team.

The Office of the Dean of Students. The Office of the Dean of Students will provide information to the victim about options for pursuing a charge against the assailant through the University's judicial system. After receiving a complaint, the Dean of Students will request an investigation by Public Safety and Police Services. If the results of this investigation indicate that the regulations of the University's *Student Handbook* have been violated, the Dean of Students will initiate the appropriate judicial proceedings. If the investigation yields unclear evidence, appropriate follow-up activities may be initiated. The Dean of Students will also determine the necessity for safeguards in the best interests of the students involved.

The Health Center. The Health Center provides services to NMU students and staff who have been victims of sexual assault. The physician provides examination, treatment, and information about the possibility of sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy and provides referrals to other support services as appropriate. Health Center hours are from 8 AM to 5 PM throughout the academic year and during posted summer hours. If a student is in need of emergency medical services after 5 PM or on weekends, he or she should go to Marquette General Hospital Emergency Room (225-3560). Note: If possible, when receiving medical care after a sexual assault, it is important to have physical evidence collected for possible future legal action.

The Counseling Center. The Counseling Center counsels students dealing with the emotional impact of a sexual assault. The Counseling Center staff will provide assistance in decision making regarding reporting of the assault to Public Safety and Police Services or the Dean of Students, contacting parents or significant others, modification of living arrangements, handling academic schedules and commitments, etc. Services are also provided to students who come to the Counseling Center for other reasons and in the course of treatment disclose a past sexual assault. Strict confidentiality is maintained.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life. Residence hall and on-campus apartment staff will provide immediate support and assistance to a student who reports a sexual assault as well as to others who may be involved. Staff will inform the victim of the services that are available from the Counseling Center, the Office of Public Safety and Police Services, the Health Center, and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will help the victim obtain those services that are desired. These staff members can also be helpful when the student returns to his or her room or apartment. In addition, the Office of Housing and Residence Life staff may provide alternative living arrangements for the accused or the victim, if the victim and the accused live close to one another.

Other Support Services. Faculty and staff who are contacted by someone who has been sexually assaulted are encouraged to provide empathetic support, to respect the victim's privacy, and to consult with or refer the victim to Public Safety and Police Services, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Counseling Center. If the victim declines University services, she or he may be referred to the Women's Center (225-1346), a private therapist, or other help as appropriate.

Timely consultation will be initiated by the University office receiving the complaint with one or more of the offices listed above which may have a support role for the victim or others affected by the assault.

Prevention Education

Northern Michigan University provides ongoing prevention education of faculty, staff, and students in an effort to decrease the incidence of sexual assault.

Prevention Education for Faculty/Staff. A copy of this revised policy will be sent to all University departments by September, 1999, and subsequent revisions will be sent to all departments as they are approved. The policy will also be distributed to all new faculty and staff by the Human Resources Department. Staff members of those offices which are most likely to deal with prevention/response to sexual assault - the Office of Public Safety and Police Services, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling Center, the Health Center, and the Office of Housing and Residence Life - will receive regular in-service training to review office and University policies regarding the prevention of and response to sexual assault.

Prevention Education for Students. This policy will be published annually as a supplement to the *North Wind*. To request a copy of the policy, contact the Office of the Dean of Students (227-1700) or the Office of Public Safety and Police Services (227-2151).

The University also provides a variety of programs on sexual assault prevention for students:

Yearly Programs. Each year a session at orientation containing information about the prevention of sexual assault will be presented to all incoming freshman students and accompanying parents. Printed material providing information about safety, sexual assault, and acquaintance rape will be distributed to all attendees. Additionally, residence hall staff encourage and support residence hall student programs which focus on healthy relationships, personal safety, and sexual assault prevention.

Programs Offered on Request. Both the Counseling Center and the Office of Public Safety and Police Services will present sexual assault prevention programs tailored to the needs of student groups. These offices encourage interested student groups to call and schedule a presentation.

Periodic Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually by a committee composed of representatives from the Office of Public Safety and Police Services, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling Center, the Office of Housing and Residence Life, and two students appointed by ASNMU. Other individuals may be included as appropriate. The Dean of Students will convene the committee. Any changes recommended by the review committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

Revised 7-13-94; 4-8-99 Approved by the Board of Trustees August 11, 1994; April 30, 1999

Victim's Rights Policy

Introduction

Northern Michigan University is committed to ensuring that the rights of an individual who is the victim of an act of violence, sexual assault, and non-forcible sex offenses are protected. All students will be afforded these rights in addition to the rights acknowledged in 3.11.3 concerning sexual assault victims, and 3.15 Sexual Harassment, Consensual Relations Policy.

Specific Rights

Students who are the victim of a sexual offense or an act of violence (as defined in Section 16 of Title 18, United States Code), that violates the Student Code or other University Policy when said act is committed by another student will have rights to the following information:

- The name of the student who perpetrated the act of violence or sexual offense.
 - The type of violation that was committed, and any charges issued.
- The opportunity to make a recommendation with regard to any disciplinary action taken, or sanction imposed, if any.
 - The general outcome of the sanction imposed by the university, if any.

Notification

The Dean of Students shall be responsible for advising the victim of his or her rights.

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STOLEN

All of the CDs out of my car. I was parked in the lot across from The Portside last weekend. They were in a black leather wallet and included Amanda Ghost, Red Hot Chili Peppers, I-Ching, Muddy Waters, Elvis Costello, Cake, and others. Reward for information leading to their safe return or for helping me catch the jerk who took them. E-mail opinion@thenorthwind.org

PERSONALS

Editorial Staff — The paper looks great! Keep up the good work! — **Business Staff**

Jacqué LeBleugh — I love you, always have, always will. — **SK-70**

Girl's Soccer — Congrats on your win Sunday. You all did awesome. — **Drenched Fan**

DOT — Can I play with your cat? — **Charlie**

Alexander Hamilton — Learn to write good. — **GR**

JB — All night, all right. Any way you want it. — **TH**

Books — Why me? — **Joe**

Sarah — You #\$\$%, you know what you did. Don't talk to me again! I hope it all was true. — **Stabbed in the Back**

Notorius TMJ — I'm so glad that you found out you're a man! I didn't want to fish you out of the lake. — **bmcpoppins**

Mom — Happy birthday. Sorry I forgot. I'm a terrible son. Karma stole my CDs to avenge you. — **Jeremiah**

Katie — Thanks for sparing my ear. — **Cut**

E — Eeegah! Control your Rage! — **J**

Hated — Good luck with that love thing. May your hand heal in one piece. — **Fyrecracker**

Sal — Don't just burn it, torch the sucker! — **Mel**

Ruby — No, you're MY favorite. — **Spice**

Mom and dad — Looking forward to gambling this weekend. — **Heather**

53 — Good luck this weekend! — **Heather**

AK — Another late one. Thanks for hte excellent dinner and all your love — **exhausted**

This week's inspirations:
Chiropractic
Book of Jacalyn

STICK PEOPLE



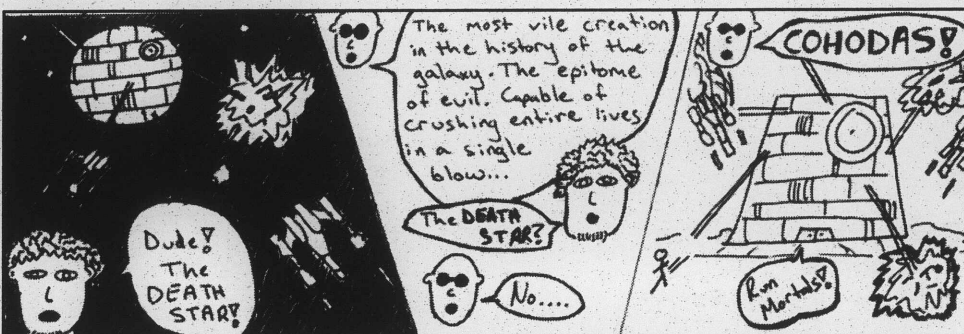
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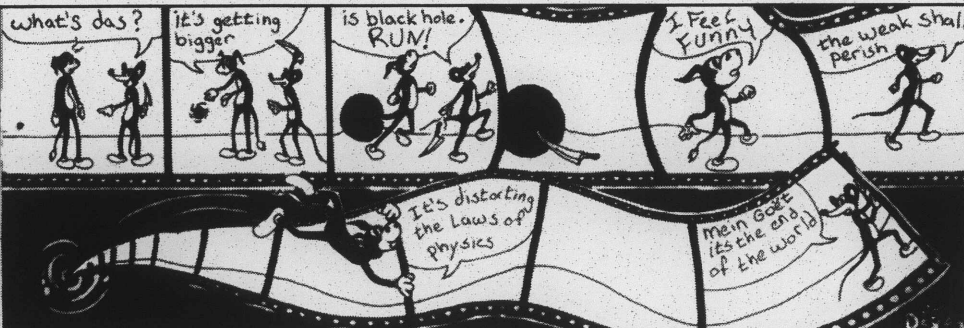
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NORTHERN COMFORT



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FINAL SUBMISSION



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