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State deficit means cuts likely

Shortfall may lead to loss in funding

BY KATIE MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

With the state of Michigan facing a large budget shortfall, NMU and other higher education institutions are expecting further budget reductions in the near future.

On Oct. 15, only three weeks into the start of the new fiscal year, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the state will need to

make cuts to account for an \$898 million deficit.

The odds are that NMU will almost certainly be affected by any budgetary reductions, NMU Lobbyist David Haynes said.

"I'd say it's 100 percent that [Northern] will feel a cut," he said. "What is not known is how much of a cut. The rumors range between 5-15 percent."

Cuts to higher education could impact Northern in numerous

ways. If Granholm and the legislature agree to cut 5 percent of the state's funding to higher education, approximately \$2.3 million will come from Northern, Haynes said. There would most likely be an impact on tuition, services and programs.

If there is a 15-percent cut, Northern will have to reduce its budget by \$7 million, and there will be a major impact on tuition and programs across campus, Haynes said. Chances are, the cuts will fall somewhere in the middle.

"There is no scenario that doesn't impact higher education and potentially tuition," Haynes said.

Currently, Granholm is negotiating with the legislature, Haynes said. Once the legislature and Granholm reach an agreement on where budget cuts will be made, she will release an executive order. This will happen by the middle of November, he said.

The cuts could come from a number of different sources.

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ASNMU presents over 2,000 letters in Lansing

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
STAFF REPORTER

ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz and a group of five other delegates traveled to Lansing on Tuesday to speak with state legislators about the Higher Education Letter Project (HELP), which hit its 2,000-letter mark last Saturday.

Chair of Assembly Heather Mann, On-campus Apartments Representative Jamie Brisco, Professional Studies Representatives Ryan Charter and Mary Kirkwood and Arts and Sciences Representative Stephanie Scovill held a press conference in Lansing at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

HELP, spearheaded by Ortiz, involved students writing letters to state legislators to influence them to not reduce funding for state universities.

Representatives of at least three other publicly-funded universities also met in Lansing, including Wayne State

University, Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University.

Ortiz said the group made the journey to Lansing in order to follow-up on the HELP project and create public awareness on the issue.

"We did the letters on our own, — they were faceless," Ortiz said. "We wanted to back them up and get the press involved."

A couple of Associated Press reporters as well as some state newspapers attended the press conference, Ortiz said.

Scovill said she felt Michigan's budget cuts are inevitable, but she hopes the legislators will keep higher education in mind.

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Ortiz

POSSIBLE CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Possible Cut

5% Cut to NMU \$2.3 MILLION

15% \$7 MILLION

Jeremiah Britt/NW

Classroom technology raises security issues

BY SCOTT SWANSON
STAFF REPORTER

NMU is seeking different ways to improve the security of high-tech instruments in the classroom without disturbing faculty and students.

"The issue we're interested in is theft, Fred Joyal, provost and vice president of academic affairs said. "It's not about the protection of persons."

As technology has increased at Northern, the number of items that people are tempted to steal has also increased, Joyal said.

Last year, eight Proxima overhead projectors, worth \$4,000 each, were stolen from the West Science and Jacobetti buildings. The projectors are used to project video and computer images onto a large screen in the classroom. They can also project TV signals, and were being used by the perpetrators to create wall-sized televisions, Joyal said.

These types of incidents cost the stu-

dents, Joyal said. The items are insured, but the university does not get the full price for them, and insurance rates go up.

To combat such incidents from reoccurring, automatically locking doors were installed in some West Science classrooms. However, various faculty and students complained that the doors were an irritation, such as when a student was late to class and had to be let in.

"Someone was annoyed that the faculty wasn't always locking the doors, so they said, 'we'll fix them, we'll keep the doors locked all the time,'" Chemistry Professor Lesley Putman said. "Some faculty were propping the doors open with garbage cans. That's a fire hazard."

The automatic locks have since been replaced with the originals, Joyal said.

"We're trying to find ways of improving security without disrupting patterns in the educational community," he said.

Professors are now encouraged to lock

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Nancy Starzyk/NW

Assistant Mathematics and Computer Science Professor Gwen Hetler speaks with third year automotive student Ryan Anderson and freshman pre-med major Marquita Seals. Classroom security was tightened after eight overhead projectors were stolen last year. The overhead projector shown above is in no danger.

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Health care, public assistance, environmental funds, police, corrections, K-12 education and higher education could all face cuts.

"Nothing is untouchable," Haynes said.

Michigan's budget shortfall is, in part, due to lack of income and sales tax revenue.

Michigan's unemployment rate was 24.7 percent higher this September than the same time last year, according to a Citizens Research Council of Michigan Web site, a private non-profit group that researches government finance and organization.

"People out of work don't pay income tax and don't spend money," Granholm said on the Web site.

The state's cuts will be effective

immediately, he said. An increase in tuition and a loss of programs and services at Northern could come as early as next semester.

The possibility of future cuts to Michigan's universities greatly impacts freshmen, ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz said.

"By the time they are seniors, they could be paying twice as much as they are now," Ortiz said.

Northern's administration can only sit and wait until Granholm and the state legislature make their decision.

"We didn't know until [October 15th] that this was a likelihood," NMU Interim President Mike Roy said. "Assuming that there will be budget reductions, we would take a look at everything on campus to see where we could reduce our budget and have the least amount of impact."

ASNMU

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"We've already received one blow," Scovill said. "We want the state legislators to take fat from other areas."

The letter project is statewide, however the majority of the letters have come from NMU. At least 10 of the 15 state-funded universities had students write letters.

Most of the feedback the group received from state legislators was positive, Ortiz said.

The state legislators were very supportive of HELP, Scovill said.

"I left feeling that most of the representatives would back us up 100 percent," Scovill said.



Scovill

The group met with area representatives Stephen Adamini and Rich Brown as well as Senator Mike Prusi and legislators from the House Higher Education Committee.

Scovill said she also received some negative feedback from a few legislators.

Minority Chair from the House Higher Education Committee Julie Dennis thought the group was going about the process the wrong way, Scovill said.

"The rest of the legislators we spoke with were really excited to see us take a stand and rally for what we believe in," Scovill said.

Ortiz said a few of the legislators had a chance to review the letters before the group arrived in Lansing. He said the HELP Web site is still receiving letters from students. The total number of letters received as of yesterday afternoon was 2,036.

"We want to keep the pressure on, we hope to keep it up," Ortiz said.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Oct. 23 issue, an article on the swimming and diving team incorrectly stated that the swim team took fourth last year and second the year before at the GLIAC championship meet. The Wildcats actually took third place in the GLIAC last year and won the GLIAC championship two years ago.

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the doors when they are the last ones to use the classroom in the evening. Also, members of Audio-Visual Services will soon be required to wear badges, Joyal said.

"After we caught people, they said they just walked into a room and took [the projectors] in the middle of the day," he said.

A form of identification will be established for student members of Instructional Media Services who transport the projectors around campus, IMS Supervisor Keenan

Tunnell said.

Only authorized personnel are permitted to pick up and deliver the projectors, he said.

The biology and chemistry departments are currently looking at ways to keep laboratories open after-hours by hiring student monitors, Putman said. The laboratories are more likely to be used by students after-hours than in classes, she said.

However, Putman is mostly comfortable with the current system.

"I certainly understand the need for theft protection," she said.



Nancy Starzyk N/W

The university installed automatic locks on classroom doors to protect projectors earlier this year.



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BRIEFS

Local

Big Bay businesses talk of mining

MARQUETTE — Big Bay business owners met Monday to discuss possible mining and their feelings concerning the impact. Nine business owners attended the meeting at Big Bay Outfitters. The gathering was an informational meeting, and no formal stance was taken on the issue, said Martha Bush, owner of Little Tree Cabins in Big Bay. Concerns about a potential mine in the Big Bay area range from environmental impacts to employment opportunities to the length of time a mine would operate in the area, she said. Kennecott Mining Company, which has surveyed the area, said the operation would be a sulfide ore mine. These mines have previously been blamed for pollution.

National

Cooler weather alters killer fires

RIMFOREST, Calif. — Wildfires which have consumed more than 950 square miles in Southern California may shift their course as cooler, more humid weather takes hold. The fire has been driven by the hot Santa Ana winds, but the cooler winds are still expected to gust up to 35 mph in San Diego. The fire, which stretches from northern Los Angeles to Mexico, has destroyed nearly 2,000 homes and claimed the lives of at least 16 people since Oct. 21. A firefighter was killed yesterday in San Diego County after being overcome by flames. Tens of thousands of people have fled their homes. The cooler weather is expected to produce mixed results. High temperatures are expected to be in the 60s in parts of the San Bernadino Mountains, but winds off the ocean could push fires further east.

International

Conservative party leader ousted

LONDON — The leader of Britain's conservative Tory party has been voted out after a vote of no confidence by fellow lawmakers. Duncan Smith lost the vote in House of Commons, 90-75. Smith's leadership has been questioned from within his own party after failing to improve the party's opinion ratings despite sinking ratings for Prime Minister Tony Blair following the unpopular Iraq war. Smith, 49, surprised many traditional Tories through his progressive attitudes and actions. He appointed the party's first female chairman, supported a Tory legislator who admitted to being gay and attempted to make the party more appealing to young people, women and minorities. Several candidates are now jockeying to seek the party's vacant position.

Weird News

Boys take Viagra while in school

LONDON — Six 13-year-old British schoolboys were taken to a local hospital after ingesting the erection-enhancement drug Viagra on a dare. Paramedics were contacted after a fellow student notified teachers of the potentially arousing situation. One of the boys took the pills from home and shared them with five of his friends at the all-boys school, according to a local school authority. The students will likely face punishment, particularly the boy who brought the pills, authorities said. By the time the lessons resumed, a school official said there was no hiding what the boys had done. The boys were taken to a local hospital and monitored until the pills wore off. The effects of Viagra can last up to four hours, according to www.viagra.com.

— Compiled from news sources

Unresponsive landlords, cramped student housing and a lack of parking have created ...

Poor Compromises

In a three-part series, The North Wind examines student housing in Marquette. In the second installment, we focus on off-campus housing conditions.

BY JOSH JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Nails, screws and cat vomit littered the carpet when Shannon Cole opened the door to her new apartment on the 500 block of Front Street.

The walls were only painted as high as someone could reach, leaving splotchy areas near the ceiling. The paneling in her bedroom was coated with one thin coat of paint, and the water pressure from the shower produced barely more than a gravity-induced trickle, Cole said.

In short, it was gross.

"I walked in and thought, 'This is disgusting,'" the junior media studies major said. "I was appalled that this was where we were going to be living for the next year. I was sorely disappointed, because this is my first apartment."

Cole's experience may not be the norm, but with an increasing student population and on-campus housing full, problems concerning cleanliness, fire safety and a lack of parking plague off-campus student housing.

Living conditions are often determined by the conscientiousness of the landlords, Marquette City Fire Chief Tom Belt said.

"We've got some excellent landlords who are very responsive and they do a good job," Belt said. "We also have some situations where attics, basements and homes are overloaded, oftentimes with the knowledge of the landlord."

A proposed rental enforcement code is currently in draft form and will be presented to the city commission in January, City Manager Jerry Peterson said. Anticipated enforcement of the code is July 1, 2004. The code will involve inspections of all rental properties in the city in a three-year cycle, he said.

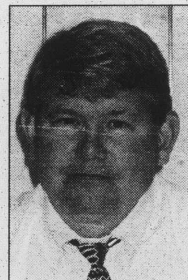


Josh Johnson/NW

This house on the 600 block of Fourth Street has little room for parking, leaving the residents to use the yard. Bans prohibiting overnight parking on city streets and parkways take effect Nov. 1.

There are approximately 1,200 rental units in the city of Marquette, Belt said. The inspections will involve one-third of the units each year.

Fire safety problems are often the fault of landlords who do not adequately maintain their property up to code, Belt said. The most common violation is a lack of or inoperable smoke detectors. Landlords can be at fault for not installing enough per residence, or it can be the fault of the resident for disconnecting or removing the batteries, Belt said. Students can obtain smoke detectors at no charge from the fire department.



Peterson

The availability of escape routes can also be problematic in student housing, Belt said. By law, rental units must have two exiting options. Escape problems often exist when windows are sealed with paint or are too small for someone to escape, Belt said. In this case, landlords are required to comply with building codes.

Violations may also exist when students reside in basements or attics, Belt said; these areas may become smoke traps if

a fire occurs, he said.

The number of students living in a residence also contributes to safety concerns, Belt said. A Marquette city ordinance limits the number of unrelated people per residence to four. If students decide to sublease their residences to more than four people or have multiple guests, a fire safety concern is created.

"That's a lot of people to get out of a single family residence when you have a fire," he said.

Concerns over adequate parking off-campus exist amongst students in Marquette. The ban on overnight parking on city streets starts Nov. 1.

Senior zoology major Amanda Degraeve lives in a house divided into apartments with five other people on the 600 block of Fourth Street. The living conditions are tolerable within the house, but parking is difficult because every resident in the house owns a vehicle, Degraeve said.

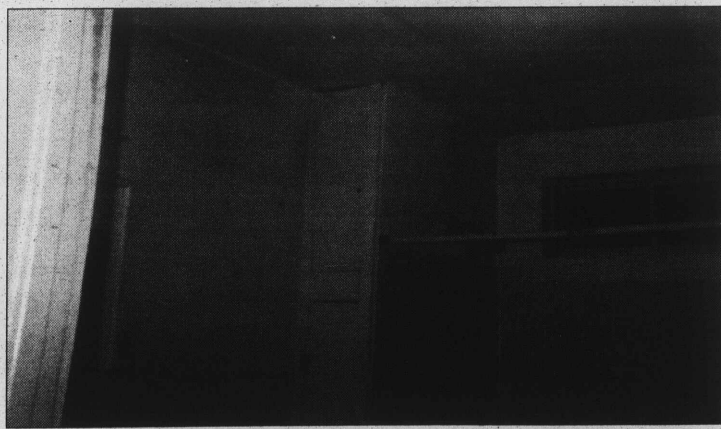
There are enough parking spots for each tenant, but once the parking ban takes effect, one of the tenants parks in the driveway of a neighbor who has offered an extra spot, she said.

Enforcement of an ordinance banning parking on the parkway, the section of city-owned property between the curb and the sidewalk, also begins Nov. 1.

Degraeve said students on Fourth Street park on the parkway because the side mirrors on some vehicles have been knocked off by passing traffic.

Peterson said poor living conditions and conflicts with landlords can be avoided if students are cautious when signing leases and inspecting the property.


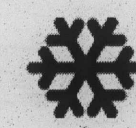

"I think [students] should inspect the property," Peterson said. "Perhaps ask the property owner what kind of commitment they have to life-safety issues and how they would address any concerns or any problems that would come up during the lease."



courtesy of Shannon Cole

Grime covered the walls and the shower barely worked in junior media studies major Shannon Cole's bathroom. Some students who choose to live off-campus encounter similar housing issues.

MARQUETTE AREA WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High: 50 Low: 33	High: 37 Low: 36	High: 42 Low: 35
30 percent chance of rain	30 percent chance of snow	30 percent chance of rain

NMU desires state funding for Cohodas

HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While capital outlay construction projects continue on campus, the university hopes to obtain approval for state funding for future renovations, Director of Engineering and Planning Kathy Richards said.

The university would like to renovate the Cohodas Administrative Center and Magers Hall, as well as construct new student apartments. However, in order to begin the Cohodas project, the university

must receive approval from the NMU Board of Trustees and the State of Michigan. The president's office decides when the projects will go before the board for approval, Richards said.

Every year, the university must submit a five-year plan. The plan includes project updates and requests for capital outlay projects, Richards said. The Office of State Budget sets the due date for the submission of the five-year plans. While the due date varies every year, it is usually in October or November, Richards said.

Capital outlay projects are projects that the state of Michigan offers to pay 75 percent for, while the university makes up the rest, Acting Chief Financial Officer Gavin Leach said.

Once capital outlay projects are approved by the state, the university then works with a financing organization to issue bonds, Leach said. Bonds are money borrowed specifically for construction, he said.

This year, the state of Michigan requested each university submit only one project as a top priority. Northern designated the Cohodas renovation as top priority, Richards said.

Once the Student Services Building is complete, four floors of Cohodas will be empty. The university would like to use the vacated space for faculty offices, general purpose classrooms and a conference center, according to the Engineering and Planning Department Web site.

The Department of Engineering and Planning chose to submit the Cohodas renovation as the top priority because most of the other projects the university would like to do are contingent upon it, Richards said.

The departments planning to move to Cohodas after the reno-



Nancy Starzyk /NW

Outside of Art and Design North crews work on the addition of an art gallery. The university receives state funding for the project.



Nancy Starzyk /NW

Construction crews dig up land and stairs outside of the TFA-McClintock connecting corridor in order to install conduit piping.

novation are currently in Magers Hall, and they need to be relocated so that renovations on Magers can begin, the Web site said.

The Magers Hall renovation is scheduled to begin in May 2005 and end in August 2005. The university will have a multi-shift work process so that the hall will be completed in time for classes to begin August 2005.

The Magers Hall renovation will lead to updates in the other residence halls, the Web site said.

Also on the construction schedule is the construction of

new student apartment buildings, to be constructed May 2005 through August 2006.

Construction companies are still submitting estimates on Quad II, which are due Nov. 4. Quad II is now scheduled for completion for July 15, 2004.

Construction on Quad II is behind schedule because of the multiple dynamics of the project, Richards said.

"When you invest that much money you want to make sure you're making the right decisions," she said.

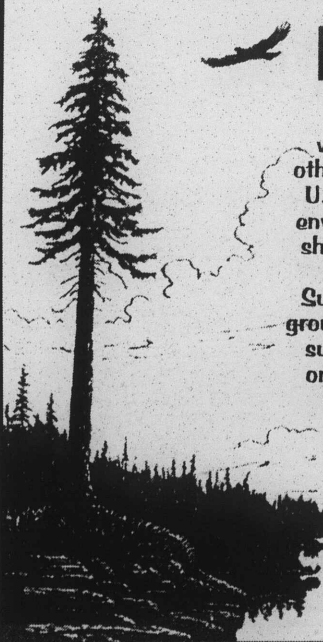
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Wisconsin recently legislated a moratorium on sulfide mining in their state. The Eagle Alliance is working toward similar legislation in our state.

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12am	Bill	Destruction in the Name of Creation	Ravishing Griminess	Last Few Hours of Your Life	Melodious Meanderings	@?x\$ metal/request	Show That's Not Cool Enough for a Name everything
1am	techno	alternative	metal!!!	techno/weird	hip-hop/alternative		
2am							
3am							
4am	TBA	Joe	TBA	TBA	TBA	Don	TBA
5am							
6am	J- Fizzle	Chromosome X	Huckleberry Grove	Skylar	Wake the #?? Up	Joe	Church Punk Singalong
7am	rap/ R&B/ jazz/ oldies		british stuff		everything but country		rock & christian
8am	Monday Morning Reality Shock	Q & T (radiology show)	Geezerdom	Pete	The Plenum	Slant Back Whistle	Trans-Atlantic flight
9am	loud music	all different types	obscure		techno/funk/dance	everything	alternative/electronic
10am	Damian	Don Katerba	Rock Garden	Nate	Tom Brown & Muzz	Andrew	Tom
11am	hip-hop/ R&B	rock 'n' roll 'n' soul	not country		everything		
12pm	Keith	Ruby	The Mid-Day Hump Show	Worst Show on Radio X	Marx Marvelous	Camping Music	Urban Lifestyle
1pm		blues	it's shastastic!!!	rock/ alternative/ punk/ emo		everything but punk	rap/ hip-hop/ R&B
2pm	Dante's Inferno	Sara	Doug in the Bath tub	The 45 min Mix Tape	Artful Noise	Karleen	Red
3pm	moderate rock/ alternative/ some metal		60's to current	techno & hip-hop	anything and everything	alternative rock	all request
4pm	Brand's Fantabulous	Turbo Renegade	Crazy A & Shorty J	Funk Dat	Rob	Newman	Aaron
5pm	2 hour Extravaganza	alternative metal/ industrial	everything request	rock/ jam/ funk/ hip-hop/ jazz		punk/ rock/ metal	
6pm	Cough Syrup for the Soul	Thrash and Trash	Big Bull	Dr. Collins & Chris	Dodger & Carly	A Smiral Pants	Dylan Watkins
7pm	punk		classic rock 60's, 70's, 80's	today's best indy pop rock	punk/ emo/ old	alternative rock	not rap, not country, not punk, not R&B
8pm	Derek & Will	Tuesday	The ABC's of Radio X	Josh	Sterling	The Johnny Johnson Show	Throat Wobbler
9pm		heavy metal	request w/ one of 2 letters a week	hip-hop/ R&B			Mangrove help me
10pm	The 2 Pathetic Losers	music	David and Alicia	The Philly Philmore show	Tom Brown Experience	Your Angel	Bucky and El Show
11pm	crap		hardcore/ punk/ indie	rock & roll		love songs request & dedication	request classic rock- 80's

Pulitzer poet reads prize-winning prose

BY BEN PADUA
STAFF WRITER

The NMU Masters of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing will present a reading by Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet Carl Dennis next week.

The reading will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Women's Federated Clubhouse located on 104 W. Ridge St. next to the Peter White Library.

The event, part of the MFA Visiting Writers Reading Series, is being sponsored by Passages North and Snowbound Books.

"When poetry scholars talk about American poetry, they refer to two sides: the realm of Emily Dickinson, which is poetry of the mind, and the realm of Walt Whitman, which is more poetry of the body", Beverly Matherne, English professor and director of the MFA program said. "Carl Dennis writes learned poems, which are the product of his brilliant background in philosophy and the classics."

Dennis currently teaches English and is the artist-in-residence at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

He is an occasional member of the MFA faculty in creative writing at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C.

The idea to bring Dennis to the area came from NMU English Professor Jim Livingston, who attended the State

University of New York at Buffalo where Dennis taught.

"Carl Dennis was the head chair of the committee for my Ph.D.," Livingston said. "Since then I had been collecting his books as they came out, and when I found out he won the Pulitzer Prize this following year, I decided to give him a call."

His first books were of a more scholarly nature, but Dennis has been writing creatively for the past 25 years, Livingston said.

Dennis will be reading from his most recent book "Practical Gods" which earned him the 2002 Pulitzer Prize, America's highest literary honor. He will be available to converse after the reading.

He is the author of eight other books including "Climbing Down" and "Signs and Wonders." He has received fellowships from Guggenheim Foundation as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 2000, he was the recipient of the Ruth Lilley Prize from Poetry Magazine.

His work has appeared three times in "The Best American Poetry Anthology" and twice in the "Pushcart Anthology," a publication of award-winning literature that were first published in magazines and small presses.

"Because of his stature, having won a Pulitzer Prize, we are hoping he will draw a good-sized crowd," Matherne said.

SOLAR remains in use

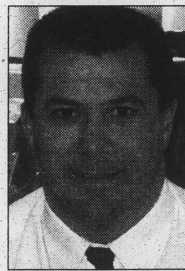
BY HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Due to time constraints and software changes, students will use SOLAR for two more course registration sections.

Students will register for the Winter 2004 Semester using SOLAR, Director of Support and Consulting Services Felicia Flack said.

Originally, students were supposed to register with Web for Students this semester. However, the department of technology services has been converting the mainframe system to Banner, a relational online Oracle database, Flack said.

"I think it (registering with SOLAR) was a smart decision right now," Assistant Registrar Mike Truscott said. "We want our emphasis to be on (converting to) Banner."



Truscott

Also, SCT, the company that produces Web for Students, has made changes to the registration program. With the work being put into Banner and the new changes to the program, the university felt it was not the right time to implement it yet, Flack said.

"Because of the changes the vendor made, it would have been like starting over," she said. "We don't want to jeopardize something as important as registration."

Flack added that the Web for Students registration system with the new changes has not been tested to hold 200 students registering at once.

In January, the university will do a software-simulated registration to ensure that the Web for Students registration system will be able to handle the registration load, Flack

said. The mock registration will also test the registration system on things such as registering for block classes like labs and lectures, as well as testing student holds.

To register, students may go to either my.nmu.edu home page and click on the registration link, or they may go to solar.nmu.edu, as they have in the past, Flack said. Students will still need their PIN numbers, the numbers used to register with SOLAR, she said.

The registration process will be the same as in prior semesters, Mike Truscott said. Students will be able to not only register via web, but also by telephone and in person at the Student Services Center as before.

Although students will still be using SOLAR to register, there are many functions my.nmu.edu has to offer, Truscott said.

The functions include viewing holds on registration, the name of the student's advisor and finding the PIN number needed to register this semester. Most of these functions were not available with SOLAR, Flack said.

The new registration system will be utilized in March, when students begin to register for Fall 2004 class, she said. Summer registration will also use SOLAR.

Winter 2004 registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Saturday. The largest group to register is the first one, Truscott said.

In it, post-baccalaureate students, graduate students, vocational students and seniors with more than 88 earned hours are allowed to register.

The other groups are smaller because they are broken up into groups of about 200, based on earned credit hours, he said.

"We know how SOLAR works, and we know how to handle glitches on SOLAR," Flack said. "Right now, we want to concentrate on our efforts on Banner."

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Catherine Sonaglia, MD, FACOG, Joins Bell Medical

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EDITORIAL

Halloween costumes

With an extensive budget deficit in the state of Michigan, further cuts to higher education appear to be on the horizon.

With these concerns on the minds of administration, faculty and students, life has become a little too stressful for many at NMU.

So in the spirit of the Halloween season, The North Wind would like to hold a costume party for the following people so they can lighten up, forget about financial woes and enjoy one spooky evening.

The first person invited to the party will be Gov. Jennifer Granholm. We would like her to dress up as a magician; after all, in the next few months we need her to somehow make an \$898 million deficit disappear.

NMU Interim President Mike Roy would also be invited. He would be asked to dress as the Grim Reaper because he may have the unfortunate duty of axing people and programs if cuts are made.

The rest of the administration members would also attend as "Oompa Loompas" (from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"). Their job would be to, of course, sugar coat everything.

The faculty would be invited to attend all dressed as skeletons. Without future raises, they'll be nothing but bones, but their jaws will keep on clapping.

ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz should come to the party dressed as Napoleon. The students' fearless leader has ruthlessly attacked the notion of further cuts to higher education ...and is of similar stature to the former French dictator.

Of course, we couldn't forget to invite former NMU President Judi Bailey. She could come to the party as the "wicked witch of the West" ... Western Michigan that is. While she's here, maybe she could leave us some ruby red slippers to bring us back to the days when the economy was thriving.

Finally, if you're going to have a party, you can't do it without students. We believe all students should dress as beggars, because by the time final budget cuts are made, it may be a permanent uniform.

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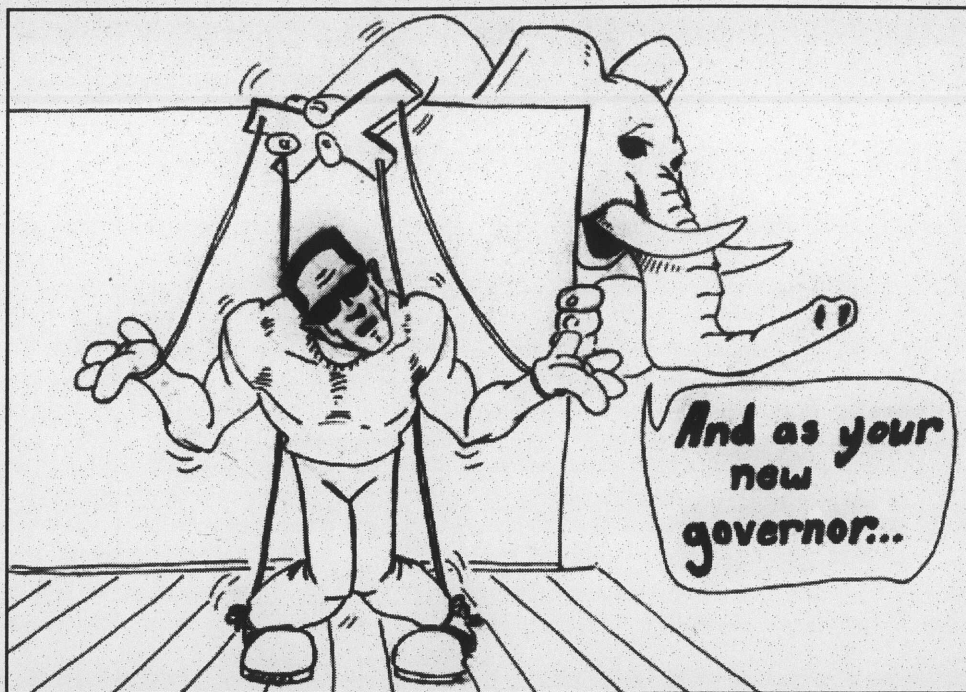
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God is the truth, Bible is not myth

In his perceptive Oct. 23 letter to The North Wind, Professor Rob Engelhart notes that much current thought, including some expressed in The North Wind, assumes that "all religious viewpoints are essentially the same," that they are nothing more than "beautiful myths," that there is no objective God, that the equivalent of truth is science, observable phenomena and that no objective knowledge comes to us via religion.

Phillip Johnson, the recent speaker at Northern on intelligent design, points out in his books, based on some solid recent empirical science, that science clearly points to an intelligent designer, an entity outside of nature who conceptualized it and essentially put it together.

So is it not reasonable to assume that this amazing supernatural entity is also a source of knowledge and truth?

Christianity informs us via the Biblical, book of John, who this designer/creator is.

"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is ... And Christ became a human being and lived among us."

Can we be certain that this Christ was the intelligent designer that science points to, and that he actually came to earth and proved his supernatural character and power over nature by the supernatural things He did? Is this based on solidly dependable history?

For a good introductory discussion, see "Surprised by Faith" by Don Bierle, a Ph.D. in science and former skeptic. The point is, isn't it more than a bit reckless to say that all religions are the same, subjective, without an objective god when the creator that science points to came and personally told us that it

isn't so and that He is "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Cliff Maier
professor of history, emeritus

Campus issues applicable to class

I am writing in response to the Oct. 16 editorial that held the belief that the contract talks between the faculty and administration should be left out of the classroom.

I agree that classes should not be cancelled, nor should the professor spend an entire hour on the issue.

I do, however, believe that the issue should definitely be brought up in the classroom, and by means of the media, so the truth can be put out there and this so called one-sided viewpoint for the purpose of sympathy for the faculty won't be the only information available to the students; I don't think sympathy is what the faculty wants, I think it is empathy.

Put yourself in the shoes of the faculty and think for a second how you felt when the people you were negotiating with were not willing to budge on certain issues that you felt were critical.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who is working without a contract — I don't know about many of you, but I know that I would have some issues.

The editor at the end of the article stated that the personal motives should not be brought into the classroom; I also disagree with this.

I don't think the word motive is a good word in this situation, a better word is experience.

This is an experience that we can all learn from — the word motive means that what the faculty is doing is wrong when in fact what the faculty is doing is not only extraordinary, but thoughtful.

They could walk out at any time and say we are not going to teach until we have a contract

that we like, but instead they are continuing to teach and continuing to be mentors for students.

Mike Brown
junior, political science

Student afraid of possibility of strike

I am deeply concerned by the possibility of a strike by the faculty. This would put me in the unusual position of crossing a picket line.

How can I cross a picket line full of the people responsible for my grades and my future as a teacher?

When I paid my tuition to NMU last fall I placed a great deal of trust in the faculty and the administration of this school.

I had to trust you to make sure I had a reasonable chance for an education.

I had to trust you to make sure my professors were qualified and excited about what they taught. But now that trust has been shaken.

I am not your usual student. I am the father of two teenage daughters. My wife and I work full-time. Soon my daughters will be attending college. If I can not trust you with my education then I certainly will not trust you with my children's education.

All I ask is that this is resolved and that the parties involved stop acting like children and start trusting each other's motives, which by the way should be the education of the current students and the future students.

In case you didn't notice the theme of this letter is trust — the trust in the student of the school, the trust from the faculty that the administration's motives are genuine and the trust of the administration of the faculty's motives. Please don't put me in the position of whether or not I should cross a picket line.

Thomas Claflin
non-traditional, history

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Halloween uncovered

SOUND OFF

What are you going to be for Halloween?

To help educate those of you not familiar with the history of Halloween, I've turned to renowned historian and biochemist, Dr. Phineas Speedstick, inventor of the deodorant gel. The following are excerpts from an interview conducted via phone from his office in Rome, Wisconsin.

Dr. Speedstick, is it true that Halloween is a pagan holiday?

"Yes, it is true that Halloween originated as a pagan holiday. In the mid 1400s, a young man named Allan Ween was constantly picked on by his classmates in Catholic school because of his unruly nose hairs. He became so bitter that he later converted to paganism and founded a holiday in his own name.

"Allan Ween Day became wildly popular in part because of the proliferation of his favorite game, horseshoes, and also because back then, it was easy to find virgins to sacrifice. After Ween's death, his former classmates changed the name of the day to Halloween, just to stick it to him."

What about All Saint's Day?
"Well, see, that was an effort by the Catholic Church to combat the pagan celebrations, much like Christmas was an effort to combat Seasonal Affective Disorder — talk about your backfires.

"Interestingly enough, I believe Reformation Sunday was a response to All Saint's Day. My guess is that, as an infamous beer-hound, Martin Luther placed it after All Saint's Day to give himself some time between Halloween revels and Reformation Sunday to sleep it off."

Where do pumpkins fit into

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BY MATTHEW SCHNEIDER

all of this?

"Pumpkin carving is a relatively recent development, where communities would get together and try and carve a likeness of their favorite Family Feud host."

Really?

"No. Actually, carved pumpkins were supposed to ward off evil spirits.

"Originally, they tried using kiwi, but kiwi attracted too many fruit flies and succubae. Besides, they weren't as much fun to smash. My favorite host is Richard Karn."

Um, okay. When did the wearing of costumes originate?

"Mostly, it was Christians who didn't want to be seen celebrating a pagan holiday. At first, they fashioned rudimentary masks out of burlap and duct tape, but eventually, it grew into an art form all its own.

"The French really took to it and incorporated the idea of costume-wearing into their 'masquerade balls,' which prior to Halloween pretty much just consisted of people wearing powdered wigs and elaborate codpieces.

"As the art evolved, Christians began dressing as their favorite saints, while the pagans began dressing as ghosts and demons.

"The first person to really

integrate the two traditions was the opium addict Sir Chadwick Worley, who went as the ghost of St. Stephen, the first saint to be stoned."

What about trick-or-treating?

"Fairly recent phenomenon. You see, once kids figured out that the adults were all dressing up and behaving like hooligans, they took Polaroids and used them as blackmail.

"They made outrageous demands, like later bedtimes and a moratorium on asparagus and broccoli.

"After a few years of this, parents wised up and started dressing their kids up and taking pictures, saying, 'How do you like it, huh?'

"Unfortunately, costumed kids are cute, and, feeling sorry for all the kids being paraded around like a freak show, the kinder neighbors gave them candy to alleviate the humiliation.

"The result was a higher demand for good dentists and psychoanalysts. So you see, the kids were tricked and then they were treated. Adults are so gullible."

One last question, Doctor. Next to Christmas, Halloween is the most-celebrated holiday in terms of money spent. To what do you attribute this?

"Very simple. October 31st is actually Christ's birthday."

At the time that this article went to press, I was still checking Dr. Speedstick's credentials, but I'm confident that his answers have been insightful and illuminating.

Happy Halloween, everyone!

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



Shannon Altic
freshman, electronic journalism

"A hoola dancer! I want to live in warm Hawaii while wearing a grass skirt and coconut bra."

Veronica Cicilian
junior, secondary education

"A pumpkin! Because Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin rock my socks off!"

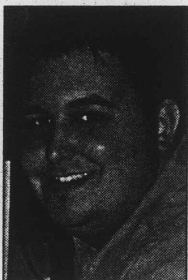


Jessi Benti
junior, health and fitness

"I'm going as a devil. It's fun to be evil sometimes and I like the color red."

Adam Hamari
junior, secondary education math

"A big pumpkin for no reason."



Jason Rybaczuk
sophomore, business management

"I'm going as Mr. Rogers because he was my boyhood idol."

Barrett Warmbein
senior, environmental construction

"Dr. Jean Ferill — her classes challenge me and I might have to retake them after saying this."

— Compiled by Nancy Starzyk

Fighting child abuse is ongoing battle

On Monday, nine employees were fired from New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services after four malnourished brothers were found in a foster home.

The kids were literally locked out of the kitchen and were reduced to having to sift through garbage and eat portions of the wall and insulation in order to survive. Raymond Jackson and his wife were charged with four counts of aggravated assault and 14 counts of child endangerment.

In a society where 56 percent of Americans are overweight, it's horrific and unbelievable that we should have people starving.

Although these children didn't have violent scars lining their emaciated bodies, they were still victims of child abuse and will always harbor the emotional

scars this abuse will leave them with.

Child abuse can come in all forms, and while no one ever asks for the abuse, I find it amazing to see a person's will to survive through it all.

According to The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, roughly 903,000 children were victims of child maltreatment in 2001. This includes neglect, medical neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and psychological maltreatment.

However, the study showed that of these abused children, less than 1 percent resulted in fatalities. Although this is a significant portion of the children, many of these victims were infants and toddlers — victims too young to use their strength to survive.

The other day my roommate

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BY YONIKA WILLIS

came home from school mortified by images shown to her class by a guest speaker regarding child abuse. The images included slides of an infant whose foot was severely scalded when his mother dipped it into a pot of boiling water, a baby whose whole leg was covered by a burn from an iron, a toddler with black and blue eyes, children with handprints on their faces and cigarette burns lining their skin and a baby whose

father had chopped off her hand.

Child abuse was a concept I couldn't grasp until I actually met someone a few years ago whose will to survive truly touched me.

I've seen the ripened, purpled bruises that patched my friend's back and the way she would duck when someone came near. I've stood in the pitch black closet that was her glorified bedroom — a space too crowded for one. And, I've heard the horrific stories she's told me about her life.

My family let my friend stay with us for a couple of weeks so she could get away from the life she was living. However, because many victims are so afraid to leave, they stay in their situation until someone steps in to help.

Recently, my friend got out and found freedom, but it took

years for her to build up the courage to do so.

I've seen her determination to eventually get out of her oppression. I've seen her struggle financially and enter failed relationships as a means to find an out, but she persevered and eventually found an outlet.

While I feel like I somewhat helped my friend cope with her situation, for nearly her whole life, she was just one of the millions of children across America who remained victimized by abuse.

No one should have to suffer unwarranted abuse and be so frightened by it that they won't escape. No one's life should have to be consumed with the willpower to stay alive.

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

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer upset by teachers, ASNMU

The faculty at NMU wants a pay increase.

I ask one question: why?

We live in Marquette County, which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state — they should just be happy they have a job.

The faculty at NMU are some of the highest paid individuals in the community. When I see a professor who is having troubles paying the electrical bill or sending his daughter to the dentist, then a pay increase will be necessary.

Marquette pays less than they do for the same jobs other places in the state. People at Burger King in Lansing make almost twice as much as people do in Marquette. People of our community are willing to be paid less so that they can live somewhere as beautiful, friendly and safe as the Upper Peninsula — why should our university be different?

What's more, the state of Michigan is in a deficit right now; the last thing we can afford to do is pay government employees more money.

I am also disgusted by the recent efforts of ASNMU and the fight for higher education campaign. They are trying to influence opinion of our legislators by giving away half price coffee at Starbucks if a student writes a letter.

Now, of course students who feel strongly on the issue are not going to be moved by a giveaway like this, but there

are a lot of people who don't care one way or the other — the standard "I-don't-care-icans."

They normally would not be writing letters to Lansing about anything, and now they are just so they can get some cheap coffee. How is this any better than buying votes for an election? I don't think it really is.

In addition they want you to write to increase spending at the university level so that our tuition can be lower. Isn't that a little selfish? Aren't there people who need state money a lot more than rich college students?

I know, everyone says, "College students are poor." That's baloney; only about one percent of the world population can afford to go to college, putting students at NMU as some of the richest individuals in the world.

Too many people in this country go to college.

Only about a half of the people who graduate college end up with college-level work, our society is still blue-collar no matter what we try to tell ourselves.

Not everyone needs to go to college, even though the NMU recruiting would tell you otherwise. If anything, we should cut funding and make it more difficult to get into Northern.

Then we may be able to end the "Northern-where the N stands for knowledge" slogan and make a degree from NMU mean something.

*Jim Fulner
junior, outdoor recreation
leadership and management*

Abortion reexamined

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BY JOSH JOHNSON

On Oct. 21, the most important piece of abortion legislation since 1973's Roe v. Wade passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 64-34. President Bush is expected to sign the bill into law this spring.

The legislation, referred to as The Partial-Birth Abortion Act of 2003, prohibits the killing of a fetus during delivery if "the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother." In the case of a breech delivery, it is defined as "any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother."

Doctors who knowingly kill a fetus under these conditions can face two years in prison and fines. The phrase "slap on the wrist" instantly comes to my mind.

While this bill may seem to be a watershed event for pro-life groups and a loss for pro-choice supporters, it's almost certain that the constitutionality of the bill will be challenged in courts for years to come. However, while the law is being debated by members of the judiciary, this sickening practice will continue in several states.

Perhaps this ban hit a nerve in me, as I had a cousin born last year, more than two months premature. The thought of a practice like this being conducted upon thousands of unborn children each year makes me sick.

The term partial-birth abortion was created by abortion opponents to describe a procedure that is done to fetuses in the late-second or early-third trimesters. The procedure is referred to as dilation and

viability is the concept of survival outside of the womb. As medical science and post-natal care advance, the viability of a fetus is being pushed further and further back towards conception. Any legislation which attempts to define life by physical development will be obsolete within years.

Abortion is never a pleasant experience, and those who have experienced it should never be barraged with hate or uncompassionate judgment. I could not imagine being in the position of a mother who is considering abortion.

The choice to carry that child, except through rare instances of rape, incest or perhaps just plain ignorance, is made at the time of conception. No matter how much protection is used, condoms break and contraceptives fail. Unwanted pregnancies are not uncommon. Pregnancy is a risk involved with sex no matter how much one tries to prevent it.

At one time in the U.S., some humans were counted not as full citizens, but as three-fifths of a person. They were treated as property, belonging to the landlords who claimed a right to their ownership.

Discrimination, whether by the color of skin or proximity outside of the womb, is still discrimination. It's my hope that abortion will end and be remembered as a black eye upon American history, just as slavery forever will be.

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

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VOX auction raises funds for production

BY SARAH WIENSCH
STAFF WRITER

VOX is holding an art auction to help raise money for the February 2004 production of "The Vagina Monologues."

The art auction will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 20.

VOX is a student organization sponsored by Planned Parenthood. They are planning on offsetting the costs of "The Vagina Monologues" by holding this art auction, senior English major Nicole Blemberg said.

For the art auction, VOX would like to be notified if anyone is submitting any art by Nov. 3, Blemberg said.

They would like the art dropped off no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 17. All donated art must be brought to Planned Parenthood.

The type of art being submitted can be anything.

They are accepting all types of media. Anything from jewelry to paintings, Carol Carr Community Development Coordinator from Planned Parenthood said. VOX is hoping to receive at least 10 submissions, Blemberg said.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a play that was written by Eve Ensler.

Ensler's goal in writing this play was to first make people aware about the violence that exists against women within their communities, their country and the world, Blemberg said.

The Nationwide College Campaign

was arranged so that any university could put on the play at their school to help raise awareness on the subject.

VOX participated in this campaign last year and succeeded in not only raising awareness, but also raised \$6,000 which was donated to the Marquette Women's Center, Blemberg said.

Each year, "The Vagina Monologues" changes a little through a means of having a theme, Blemberg said.

Last year's theme was "How would your community look without violence in it?" This year's theme is "Vagina Warriors."

A Vagina Warrior is someone who goes out into the community and helps to stop the violence in their community, Blemberg said.

Another fundraiser that VOX will be holding to raise more money is by selling T-shirts. These T-shirts will be Vagina Warrior shirts, Blemberg said. The shirts

will be appearing on campus soon, she said.

"We put on the play "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness on campus," Carr said. "The art auction helps the whole community because we have the ability to raise money to put on "The Vagina Monologues." It helps people to open their eyes and see

what's going around in the world, especially locally."

If people are interested in submitting something to help contribute to the showing of the Vagina Monologues they can either e-mail Nicole Blemberg at nblemberg@hotmail.com or call 486-8919.

"The art auction helps the whole community because we have the ability to raise money to put on 'The Vagina Monologues.'"

— Carol Carr
Planned Parenthood
Community Development
Coordinator

Monster's Ball



Heather Solgot/NW

Members of the Steppin' Out dance club held a Halloween dance last night where they practiced their ballroom dancing skills and served refreshments.

Students trick-or-treat for cans

A Northern Michigan University student organization will "Trick or Treat for Cans" on Halloween as part of its annual effort to collect canned food donations for the Marquette Women's Center and Harbor House.

The NMU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, will work with the Campus Girl Scouts to canvas Marquette neighborhoods between 5 and 8 p.m. tomorrow. Members will be going door-to-door asking for canned food donations.

Residents who are unable or unwilling to participate in the Halloween drive may donate canned goods or personal supplies directly to the Women's Center during its normal hours of operation.

Anyone interested in helping with the collection of canned goods on Halloween is asked to contact Alpha Phi Omega at mleewis@nmu.edu.

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Students volunteer within community for coursework

BY TRACI MAKI
STAFF WRITER

Students in Rick Hunter's EN 111 class probably never thought that an entry-level English course could be expanded out into the community.

However, Hunter, an English graduate assistant, assigned his EN 111 students to the new task of conducting a service learning project outside of the classroom.

Service learning, or SL involves volunteerism and internship. Many students are connecting with local organizations such as the U.P. Children's Museum, WNMU-TV, Graveraet School and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The students had the opportunity of choosing a fifth research paper or picking up a community service project, freshman child psychology major Monica Zavala said.

"Service learning is new...it's becoming more widely used by educators across the country," Hunter said.

Zavala's service organization involves Graveraet Elementary School, where she is trying to set up an after school-tutoring program for all students. She plans to write a proposal to express her ideas for tutoring at Graveraet while visiting the classrooms and working with the children.

Zavala hopes that college students outside of Hunter's class will volunteer to tutor, she said.

"I wanted my students to think critically about their everyday environment and experiences as well as social issues," Hunter said.

The concept of service learning was discovered in the summer of 2002 by Heidi Stevenson, Hunter's friend from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Stevenson needed research study for her dissertation and had to observe a class actively involved in SL, Hunter said.

"[I wanted to create] an assignment where students would go out and volunteer with some non-profit agency and return to the classroom to reflect upon those experiences," Hunter said. "When Heidi explained to me what SL was, I knew I wanted to take part in her study."

The students have just begun their projects over the past few weeks.

Ideas are still being formed and organizations are still being contacted.

At first, the project was unstruc-

tured and frustrating, Zavala said. Now, things are getting more exciting.

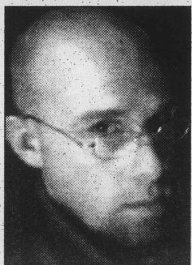
Hunter believes that service learning can benefit the university by strengthening ties between the university and the community. By getting involved in the community, SL can prepare students to become critical thinkers and life-long learners, he said. Service learning also discourages plagiarism, and takes writing beyond the classroom walls, Hunter said.

NMU faculty members are already developing SL into their courses. Assistant English Professor Kia Richmond uses SL in some of her educational courses. Political science, environmental science, HPER, math and computer science courses have also used the idea of SL in some of the courses, Hunter said.

By the end of the SL project, Hunter would like to see his students reflect on their relationship with the selected agency, he said. He wants the students to use their research and observations in the future, not just in his class.

Zavala plans to continue her project after the course is completed, she said.

Students interested in Hunter's EN 111 class can e-mail him at rhunter@nmu.edu for more information.



Hunter

Governor visits campus for town hall production

One of the six stops on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's statewide tour will be in Marquette at WNMU-TV on the campus of Northern Michigan University.

The event, being billed as "An Evening with the Governor," will take place live from 7-8 p.m., Nov. 4, from the Jeannette Bowden Studios. WNMU's Sonya Chrisman will serve as the host and moderator.

A press conference will immediately follow the live taping in the distance education classroom, Room 109 of the Learning Resources Center, which is located on the first floor of the LRC.

The setting for the town hall meeting will feature a studio audience by invitation only of about 50 people, representing a cross-section of the Upper Peninsula's population. The first 15 minutes of the program will be a presentation by the Governor.

The second 15-minute segment will be an interactive period where the studio audience will respond to questions posed by the Governor. The event will conclude with a 25-minute general question and answer period.


Media members are invited to watch the live broadcast of the meeting in the distance education classroom. News photographers and videographers will be provided studio access during the program, but must coordinate their activities with the WNMU staff. This coordination will be done prior to the start of the program.

The Governor's other town hall meetings will take place on Monday, Nov. 3, in Traverse City; Thursday, Nov. 6, in Flint; Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Detroit; Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Grand Rapids; and Thursday, Nov. 13, in Lansing.


If you have any questions about the Marquette stop, please contact Cindy Paavola (cipaavol@nmu.edu) or Kristi Evans (kevans@nmu.edu) at 227-2720. Questions about the statewide tour in general should be directed to Heidi Hansen, press officer to Governor Granholm, at 517-373-1769 or 517-335-6397.

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Math professor receives honors

Math Professor Peggy House was selected as the first recipient of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Contributions to Mathematics Education Award.

MCTM created the award to honor a mathematics educator in Michigan who has made significant contributions to the field for several years.

House was honored Oct. 16 at the 54th annual MCTM conference in Lansing.

House was Seaborg Center director from 1993-2003. Currently, she is the series editor for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics "Navigation" books. Also, she has contributed to numerous math books, journal articles and research reports and has made more than 230 mathematics presentations domestically and abroad.

Cat Pack gives away grill, money

Cat Pack will be holding two contests this weekend during NMU sporting events.

The first one will be held during the second intermission of the hockey game tomorrow. Wear a Halloween costume to the game, and during the second intermission the crowd will judge who has the best costume. The winner will receive \$50, second place will receive \$25 and third place will receive \$10.

The second contest will be a Johnsonville Brat-eating contest during halftime of the Saturday football game against Michigan

Tech. Each student must sign up with a family member and work as a team to eat as many brats as possible in 20 minutes. The winning team will receive a Weber grill. To sign up, send an e-mail to catpack@nmu.edu by 5 p.m. on tomorrow with the names of both team members.

Professor gives evolution lecture

Douglas Futuyma, University of Michigan professor in the department of ecology and evolutionary biology, will make two presentations on campus.

The first presentation, "Why We Need to Teach Evolution," is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in JXJ 105.

The presentation is free for NMU students with an I.D. and \$1 for non-students.

"Host Shifts in Herbivorous Insects: From Microevolution to Macroevolution," the second presentation, will be at 4 p.m., Nov. 7 in Mead Auditorium in the Seaborg Center.

The second presentation is free of charge.

Futuyma received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University. He received both his master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Futuyma wrote two textbooks used in an undergraduate study.

ASNMU, the biology and psychology departments, Sigma Xi, TriBeta and Psi Chi are sponsoring the event.

Singers perform global concert

The next concert event in the Northern Michigan University

Performing Arts Series will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 in Kaufman Auditorium.

It will feature Kate and Anna McGarrigle.

The McGarrigles are singers, musicians and songwriters whose albums include Kate and Anna McGarrigle, *Dancer with Bruised Knees*, *Heartbeats Accelerating* and the all-French *Pronto Monto*.

They have performed in several European countries, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Tickets are available in advance at \$6 for all students, \$14 for NMU faculty and staff, and \$15 for the general public. They are available at the Superior Dome, Forest Roberts Theatre and Willy's Snak Shak. At the door, tickets will be \$8 for all students, \$16 for NMU faculty and staff and \$17 for the general public.

Slam poets visit campus, perform

Three national slam champions, Buddy Wakefield, Regie Gibson and Sage Francis, are coming to NMU at 8 p.m., Nov. 11 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Poetry slams are competitive forms of poetry that emphasize words and how they are presented.

Wakefield was named favorite poet of the midwest in 2002 and is the poetry Grand Slam Champion of Seattle for 2003.

Gibson was the 1998 Chicago Tribune artist of the year as well as the 1998 national poetry slam individual champion. He is frequently featured on National Public Radio.

Francis has toured three continents and is the winner of several

freestyle awards. He is featured on ESPN and ABC X-game commercials.

For more information, contact Matthew Pardini at mpardini@nmu.edu.

University holds Halloween party

A Halloween party for the children of Northern Michigan University students, faculty and retirees will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. in the first floor in the University Center.

Children will begin trick or treating by the East entrance in the University Center. Trick or treaters will continue through the first corridor, stopping at each participating office and student organization until they reach the Wildcat Den.

Talent show will copy TV's "Idol"

"NMU Idol," a talent show, will take place at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Great Lakes Rooms.

The individual or group chosen as the "NMU Idol" will receive a cash prize.

The Black Student Union is looking for solo or group acts to participate.

Auditions will be held at 4 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Brule room in the University Center.

A registration form needs to be completed by 5 p.m. tomorrow. There is an entrance fee of \$5 for groups of less than five and \$10 for groups of five or more.

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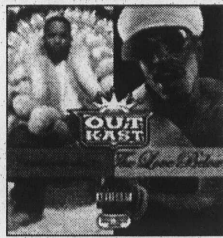
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OutKast keeps growing

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"Speakerboxxx/The Love Below"



Grade: A-

BY TRAVIS MARGONI
COPY EDITOR

After 10 years of growing under the hip-hop heat lamps, the Atlanta duo of Andre 3000 and Big Boi continue budding and producing progressive joints for all occasions. With the new release,

"Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," being a double album, OutKast has cultivated twice the hits as usual this autumn.

These dynamic musicians couldn't have released the album at a better time — as hip-hop continues to digress into popular Western culture, Andre 3000 (Andre Benjamin) and Big Boi (Antwan Patton) twist lyrics and beats in ways most lyricists cannot fathom. The group's sometimes-jazzy, soulful, 70's-funk inspired sound on "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," their sixth album, is incomparable to other current popular musicians.

Yet, despite their ability to continuously create some of the best hip-hop in the world, there is speculation that the OutKast boys may be growing apart. The new album, which is really two separate solo albums, may be indicative of some disparity between the old high school buddies. Andre, the more flamboyant, eccentric and innovative of the two, has begun taking acting classes and occasionally declares his desire to devote time to endeavors other than music.

Contradicting a Rolling Stone report, the first release off

Big Boi's half of the album ("Speakerboxxx"), "The Way You Move," looks to quell any speculations within the opening lines: "Ready for action, nip it in the butt/We never relaxin', OutKast is everlastin'/Not clashin', not at all but see my nigga went to do a little acting." Sleepy Brown later chimes in with the smooth hook, "I like the way you move."

OutKast's lyrics are as witty and intelligent as ever, with topics ranging from the lives of single mothers, religion, and current troublesome urban trends, to politics.

One of Big Boi's strongest tracks, "War," addresses President Bush and the administration's underhandedness; "When will we all, awake up out this dream/Come here and smell the Folgers, the soldiers are human beings/Man actin' as if he was the supreme bein'/Clockin' the souls of men out like he was G-O-D and/W-A-Rrah, there'll be no tomorrow but sorrow/And horror will follow the hollow hearts' battle for dollars."

"Speakerboxxx" includes appearances by two of hip-hop's other big, talented players: Jay-Z and fellow Atlanta lyricist Ludacris. Luda's cameo in "Tomb of the Boom" doesn't approach spectacular, but works well in bass-driven street anthem context.

Jay-Z brings his usual slick delivery to "Flip Flop Rock," but neither of these songs compare to "Knowing," a duet with Andre, whose bedroom floor became Big Boi's high school bed for two years.

For as much as Big Boi's disc wanders around between topics, Andre's creatively stays the same — the ladies are the focus of his album, "The Love Below." Dre's first release, the ultra-funky yet groundbreaking "Hey Ya!," is the catchiest track on either disc — this song will be played wherever people

dance, justifiably, for many years. "Now I wanna see y'all on y'all baddest behavior/Gimme some suga', I am your neighbor, ahh here we go!/Shake it, shake it...shake it like a Polaroid Picture, shake it..."

Amazingly, Andre raps relatively little on his album — he sings freely (in falsetto even) with his own guitar at times and speaks with a British accent on occasion, always over inventive beats.

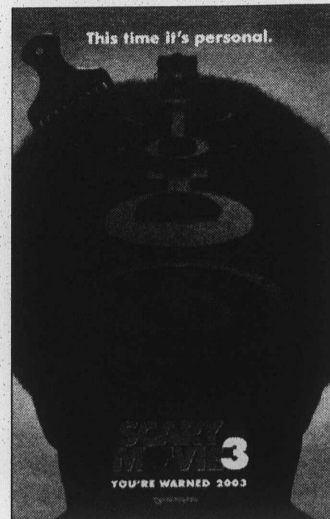
One of the smoothest (and loudest) songs on "The Love Below" is a serious and mellow tune, sung with the accompaniment of violins; "Pink and Blue" negates age in the eye of lovemaking Andre. "Miss lady/It looks to me like you need a little juice in your life/So call me when that big ole house gets lonelyfied/And I'll teleport from here to there/You show me how it's supposed to be done/I'll make sure you have young fun."

This album is indeed fun and intelligent.

Yet, few albums are ever flawless. Most rappers could make careers simply by having the ability to produce OutKast's mistakes. Nonetheless, in competing with Dre's album, Big Boi's sound and tempo could vary more — and in competing with "Speakerboxxx," "The Love Below" has one too many skits; furthermore, we have to wait for a few songs to pass before Andre 3000 hits his stride.

A far southern cry from the final productions of OutKast, "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" pushes hip-hop into the future and makes us long to hear their next cohesive album. Although other artists may not reach OutKast's endless horizons, at least we are lucky enough to hear the ethos of Andre and Big Boi echoing through speaker boxes with love.

Scary Movie 3 humors viewers



★★★★☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

"Scary Movie 3" proves that at least one genre can improve with successive sequels: comedy, specifically spoof comedy. The "Scary Movie" franchise is quickly becoming as successful, and hilarious, as "The Naked Gun."

"SM3" is not going to be critically acclaimed, because it isn't exactly a cerebral experience.

The jokes range from slapstick to cheap potty humor, and the relentless barrage of horror/popular movie references are enough to make anyone's head spin.

But "SM3" wasn't made as an art flick, it was made to give its viewers a short break from thinking and to supply a few laughs.

It succeeds.

The main movies spoofed are "Signs" and "The Ring," though the experienced parody great David Zucker ("Airplane," "Naked Gun") also throws in some "8 Mile" and various other movies. Not all the jokes work, but there are so many of them that do,

work well.

This movie even succeeds where some others fail, as Drew Mikuska plays the creepiest little psychic kid I have seen in a while. And even spoofed, the evil girl from "The Ring" was still disturbing as all get-out.

Other names in this movie are Charlie Sheen, Leslie Nielsen, plastic twins Pamela Anderson and Jenny McCarthy, a bunch of rappers and personal favorite Jeremy Piven.

For some reason, and I hope this doesn't reflect too badly on me, I was particularly amused by the slapstick scenes involving the strange little boy.

George (Simon Rex), who plays a combination of Jimmy Smith Junior of "8 Mile" and Merrill Hess from "Signs," also excelled at physical comedy.

I don't want to give too much away, since a lot of the humor lies in the surprise of the scene, but my personal favorite involved a dice game and an unexplained nap.

He also does a very, er, impressive, and very, very white, rap in which he exclaims that his hero is Martha Stewart.

I have been harsh in my review of horror movies in the past, and have many friends that liked them a lot more than I did. A good review of a horror-spoof might seem like adding insult to injury, but the reason I enjoyed "SM3" was because it delivered on its promises.

It made me laugh. I haven't seen a horror movie yet this year that actually frightened me.

So kudos "SM3," and I hope that the horror movie genre rises to your challenge.

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TODAY, OCT. 30

Meeting: First Aid Productions will meet from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Huron Room in the UC. First Aid Productions is a student run music collective serving the NMU community.

Film: "Dead/Alive" (R) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to students and \$1 for nonstudents.

Meeting: The members of the All Nations Club will be answering questions about studying abroad at 8 p.m. in the UC. They are also planning many activities this winter and next spring, including an international food festival and trips to Michigan Tech and Canada. Come and check it out at the All Nations Club. You won't be all by yourself as an American. For more information contact Yannick Grossmann, Press Secretary, All Nations Club, at 227-2510 or ygrossma@nmu.edu

Event: Halloween Blood Drive will take place from noon until 5:45 p.m. in the UC Atrium.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

Deadline: Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University with automatic "W" grade (full semester courses).

Deadline: Entrants for the Johnsonville Brat-Eating Contest at the football game this Saturday against Tech must sign up by 5 p.m. today. Entrants, along with one fam-

ily member work as a team to eat as many brats during half-time as they can. Whichever team eats the most in the 20 minutes wins a Weber grill. To enter, send an e-mail to catpack@nmu.edu with your name and your family member's name.

Event: A Costume Contest will be held during the hockey game against the U.S. National Team. During the second intermission any NMU student dressed up will have the chance to go out on the ice and let the crowd judge them on who has the best costume. Whoever gets the crowd to make the most noise for them wins. First place gets \$50, second gets \$25, and third gets \$10.

Athletics: The Wildcat men's hockey team will take on the U.S. National Team at 7:05 p.m. at the Berry Events Center.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

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

Athletics: The men's football team will take on Michigan Tech at 4 p.m.

Film: "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to students and \$1 for non-students.

Performance: Kate and Anna McGarrigle will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium located on 611 Front St. Tickets can be purchased at the Superior Dome, UC Snak Shak, Forest Roberts Theatre and at the door.

Event: The Emmaus House will be hosting a tailgate party before the Wildcats football game starting at 4 p.m. at the Campus House (right across from Spalding Hall) at 1522 Lincoln Ave. Everyone is invited, students, parents, and faculty. Come join us for some wonderful food, then head over to the football game. If you have any questions, or anything call Rachel or Jamie at 228-3047 or email jwilms@nmu.edu.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Film: "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde" (PG-13) begins at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to students and \$1 for nonstudents.

Event: The Culinary Students of NMU will be hosting their Third Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Culinary Cafe in the Jacobetti Center from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The price is \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. The Jacobetti center is located off of Sugarloaf. Children five and under eat free.

Meeting: The Black Student Union will meet from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Brule Room in the UC. All are welcome to attend.

MONDAY, NOV. 3

Meeting: Hip-Hop Coalition interest meeting will be held at 9 p.m. in the Backroom. The Backroom is located on the first floor in the UC, down the hall from Radio X. The HHC is a student organization dedicat-

ed to the growth of Hip Hop Culture at NMU. For more information contact Tom Murphy Jr. at 227-3328 or tmurphy@nmu.edu.

Deadline: Donations for VOX's art auction are due by 5 p.m. at Planned Parenthood. Help VOX raise money to help stop violence against women. If you are interested in donating for this event or if you have any questions, please call Nicole Blemberg at 362-2246 or e-mail her at nblemberg@hotmail.com.

Meeting: The NMU Steppin Out Dance Club will meet from 7 - 10 p.m. in the Brule Room in the UC. All are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

No events submitted.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

Meeting: "Community Resources" session will take place in Room "B" of the Marquette Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Meeting: The NMU College Republicans will meet at 9 p.m. in Room 311 in the LRC.

Meeting: Pagan Moon will meet from 9 - 11 p.m. in Pioneer A in the UC.

Meeting: The Lutheran Student Movement will meet from 8:30 - 10 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC.



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American Olympic medalist Apolo Anton Ohno, right, defeated Korea to take gold in the 500-meter race on Saturday during the ISU World Cup Short Track event held at the Berry Events Center last weekend.

Marquette hosts skaters

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno became somewhat of a celebrity during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games when he won a gold and a silver medal.

Last weekend, Ohno was in town for the International Speedskating Union World Cup short track speed skating event.

The crowd erupted in to cheers every time Ohno stepped on the ice.

"It was pretty loud out there for an arena that size," Ohno said. "The crowd support was huge. It is always great to have an event in your home country and have the fans support you."

On Oct. 25, the second day of competition, Ohno took first place in the men's 500 meter, much to the crowd's delight. It was a very close race throughout, but Ohno was able to prevail.

"They were closing in on me," Ohno said. "It was a tough race. The 500 meter is not my best race. I gave it my all. Luckily, I stayed ahead. I am very happy."

The event lasted three days and the Berry Events Center was packed with fans each day.

"Fan support has been amazing," U.S. Speedskating President Andy Gabel said after the

event. "[The Marquette community] embraced this event at a level that you don't see all the time."

Gabel said that even though the fans cheered louder for the U.S. skaters, they also cheered for the athletes from all around the world.

"I think the fans have been incredible," Gabel said. "They really seemed to enjoy it."

Gabel said he was very pleased with the whole event and because of how the event was handled and the fan turnout, Marquette will definitely be a location that will be looked at to host more events of this nature.

USOEC Director Jeff Klienschmidt said he was also very pleased with the community support.

"The community has really stepped forward to support this event," Klienschmidt said. "It exceeded our expectations by many times over."

Klienschmidt said the most common comment by athletes, officials and coaches was how happy they were with the way the fans came together and showed their support. He said everybody involved felt very welcome when they arrived and throughout the weekend.

The event itself was filled with fast-paced races. Two world records were broken.

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Team sweeps three foes

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In front of a packed house in Vandament Arena, the NMU Wildcats added another win to its undefeated season against Michigan Tech in three games.

Between last night's game and two road wins on Oct. 25 and 26 against Northwood (10-5 GLIAC, 15-10 overall) and Saginaw Valley State (0-15 GLIAC, 1-22 overall), the 'Cat's (15-0 GLIAC 20-0 overall) are now eight games away from the 1993 record of winning 28 consecutive games.

Northern won last night's match against Tech in three games, (30-19, 30-21, 30-28).

"Michigan Tech is always a hard team to play because they [are] such big rivals," junior middle blocker Beth Honaker said.

Head coach Jim Moore said the team has been focusing on two areas of its game.

"We wanted to work on blocking," Moore said. "And, blocking started off much better tonight."

Freshman Ashley Kiel is currently leading the GLIAC in blocking. At only 5-feet 11-inches, Kiel is not a typical middle-blocker. Moore said she is the smallest player on the court besides the setters.

Kiel had one solo block against Tech and two blocking assists. She led NMU in both areas. As a team, NMU had five blocks in the match.

"I didn't think I would be blocking that many balls," Kiel said. "So it is very special to me that I can be leading the conference in blocks."

Another area the team has been focusing on is stronger serving. Kiel led the team in this area as well with four service aces. The team had

seven services aces total, while Tech's only had one.

On Oct. 26, NMU beat SVSU in three games, (31-29, 30-18, and 30-17). Moore said the Cardinals played better last weekend than they did earlier this season when they played in Marquette.

The real focus for the Wildcats last weekend was Saturday's game against Northwood, Moore said.

"After we beat Grand Valley, we said we only had one really big road match the rest of the year, and this was it," he said.

They passed this road test in only three games (31-29, 30-23, 30-20).

Northwood has been a strong opponent for NMU, and this was the first time in several years that the 'Cats beat them in three games, Moore said.

Both weekend matches started
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NMU fumbles away victory

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

After Saturday night's loss, the team's fourth loss in a row, NMU head football coach Doug Sams was beside himself.

"This one can be chalked up to me," Sams said. "It's my fault that we lost the game, that's the bottom line."

NMU (2-5 GLIAC, 2-6 overall) lost 45-42 at home to the Wayne State Warriors (2-5 GLIAC, 3-5 overall).

WSU head coach Steve Kazor said this was just another wild game in what is becoming a great rivalry.

"What great battles we've had the past three years," Kazor said. "We won 42-41 up here two years ago on the last play of the game, [NMU] beat us last year in overtime at our place 49-46 and then [Saturday's game]. So it just goes to show you how much firepower both [WSU and NMU] have."

The Wildcats grabbed momentum very early in the game when NMU sophomore linebacker Chad Kurian recovered a Warrior fumble at the Wayne State 36-yard line right on the opening kick off.

NMU then marched down the field. Senior quarterback Kyle Swenor hit junior fullback Mark Jackan for a one-yard touchdown. Sophomore kicker Kyle Marotz made the extra point.

With 3:11 left in the first quarter, sophomore tailback Abram McCoy scored on a nine-yard run. The Wildcats gained a 21-0 lead at 10:57 of the second quarter when McCoy capped off a 10-play, 41-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run.

But the Warriors fought back and scored two touchdowns in the second quarter.

After Wayne State's second touchdown with 6:16 left to go in the half, NMU put together a 15-play, 83-yard drive that lasted 5:46. At the end of the drive, Swenor hit sophomore wide receiver Vinney Mayfield for a 10-yard touchdown pass. Marotz's kick made the score 28-14.

After Swenor was intercepted early in the second half, WSU senior tailback Craig Duppong put WSU within seven points with a two-yard touchdown run. The two teams went back and forth in the third quarter. At the end of the third quarter, NMU held a 42-28 lead.

"We started out playing hard," Sams said. "We were reading and reacting, then I thought we got a little indecisive."

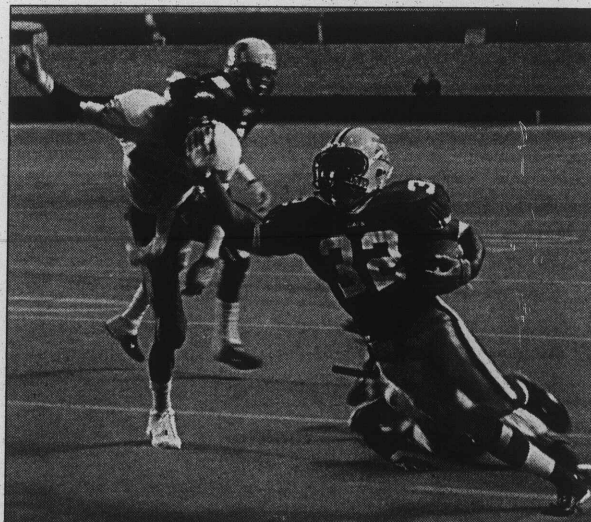
In the fourth quarter, the Warriors dominated NMU.

"I really liked their running back (Duppong) and I really liked their receiver (sophomore Nick Body)," Sams said. "They played great games and we didn't have an answer for them. They kept hurting us with the same stuff."

Duppong ended the game with 107 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries. He also caught five passes for 63 yards and a touchdown. Body led all receivers with 11 receptions for 170 yards and one touchdown.

The Warriors tied the game up at 42 with 7:37 to go in

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Don Lhamon/NW

Sophomore running back Abram McCoy ran for two touchdowns against WSU. NMU was defeated, 45-42.

Kowalski not enough against Michigan

BY ROB HAMILTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Michigan hockey team showed why it has one of the most highly touted programs in the country as the fourth-ranked Wolverines swept Northern Michigan University, 2-0 and 5-2, on Oct. 24 and 26 at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor.

"They dominated us," NMU head coach Walt Kyle said. "They were just a much better hockey team."

With nearly two thirds of the team comprising of freshman and sophomores, Kyle said senior goalie Craig Kowalski kept NMU in both games.

Kowalski stopped 55 shots in the series opener, missing an NMU record by only two saves. The Wildcats (2-2 CCHA, 3-3 overall) were outshot by 38 in the 2-0 loss.

"[Kowalski] just played awesome," sophomore defenseman and assistant captain Geoff Waugh said. "Since I've been

here that was the best game I've seen him play."

UM junior defenseman Eric Werner scored off a quick pass from behind the net at the 10:06 mark of the first period, but Kowalski stopped everything the Wolverines (3-1 CCHA, 6-1 overall) fired at him for the next 40 minutes.

UM junior forward Milan Gajic scored a power-play goal halfway through the third period to finish the scoring.

"We had a bunch of chances," Waugh said. "The game was lopsided, but we still were in it. We had eight or nine two-on-ones but we couldn't convert on those opportunities."

UM sophomore goalie Al Montoya picked up his first shutout of the season,

making 19 saves in the victory.

The 'Cats got on the scoreboard in the second game of the series with goals from freshman forward Darin Olver and sophomore forward Dirk Southern, but the Wolverines scored the final three goals of the game to take a 5-2 victory.

"With such a young team, there is a little apprehension when you're playing a team of that caliber for the first time," Kyle said. "The second game we were a little more composed and played better."

The teams traded goals to tie the game, 2-2, less than five minutes into the second period.

UM sophomore forward Andrew Ebbett scored his first of two goals in the game to give the Wolverines the lead at the 7:32 mark of the second period, and NMU could not score from that point on.

With over 6,700 in attendance both games, Waugh said Yost Ice Arena is a factor for opposing teams.

"It's probably one of the hardest barns in college hockey to play in," he said.

The Wolverines outshot NMU, 34-26, in the second game, going 3-7 with the man advantage.

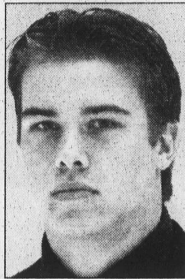
NMU did not have a goal on the power play in five chances.

Freshman forward Matt Maunu, sophomore forward Andrew Contois, senior forward Justin Kinnunen and Waugh all picked up assists in the game for NMU. Kowalski made 29 saves.

Sophomore forward Jeff Tambellini, and junior forwards David Moss and Eric Nystrom also scored for Michigan.

Kyle said his team struggled with its defense, special teams, and in the face-off circle during the series. The Wildcats have allowed an average of 47 shots in their last three games, all of which are losses.

"We're giving up way too many shots right now," Kyle said. "That's the first thing we need to get better on."



Waugh

Seniors honored at game

BY MATT WELLENS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Ten senior soccer players stepped out onto the field last weekend to play their final home game as Wildcats.

NMU (1-4 GLIAC, 9-6-1 overall) celebrated Senior Day on Oct. 25 by defeating Saginaw Valley State (GLIAC 0-6, overall 5-8-1), 4-0.

Head coach Carl Gregor started the seniors for the beginning parts of the first and second half before putting his regular starters into the game.

Many of the seniors on the roster have not had the chance to play in many varsity games over the years, he said.

"[The seniors] persevered," Gregor said. "This game was basically for [them] and they did a very good job for us out there."

Gregor said he also wanted to give both senior goaltenders Jamie Rocho and Alyse Shier playing time on Senior Day.

"I told both goalkeepers they would split halves," Gregor said. "We were actually contemplating putting Alyse on the field somewhere."

Rocho made four saves in the first half while Shier finished the Wildcat's seventh shutout of the season with three saves in the second half.

Kunas and senior midfielder Lindsey Mockenhaupt said the seniors have many memories from their seasons at NMU.

Mockenhaupt said her most memorable game at Northern was last year against Mercyhurst.

The temperature was around 32 degrees with driving sleet during that game, she said.

Northern lost by one, but Mockenhaupt said the team felt good about being able to stay with Mercyhurst through most of the game. Mercyhurst went to the Sweet 16 last season.

Kunas said her worst memory



Tom Jedlowski/NW

Sophomore midfielder Michelle Gillespie, right, had one assist during Northern's game against Saginaw Valley State on Oct. 25.

was a tie game against Northwood when she missed a game-winning goal.

She was two feet from the goal and chipped it over the net, Kunas said.

"I felt like I lost us the game," she said.

Mockenhaupt said her best memory of playing in Marquette was the new field with the scoreboard, the locker rooms in the Dome and the view of Lake Superior.

"I don't know of many fields with a view of Lake Superior," Mockenhaupt said.

Gregor said he wished the 'Cats had more home games this year, even if the games were as cold as the game last Sunday. Temperatures were in the low 30's.

Despite the weather, junior midfielder Rachel Vilders was able to give the Wildcats an early two goal lead scoring at 10:48 off a free kick and at 13:42 with an assist from senior forward Betsy Hubert.

Vilders later assisted senior forward Carolyn Kunas with her 10th goal of the season at 26:54.

"I told the players whenever there is an opportunity [when] the goalkeeper is setting up the wall that [they've] got to take the shot right away and [Rachel] did," Gregor said.

In the second half, freshman forward Hanna Marshall gave the 'Cats their fourth and final goal of the match at 75:39 with an assist from sophomore midfielder Michelle Gillespie.

Gregor said the weather gave his team an advantage.

"This is Northern at its best," he said.

With a cold wind coming off Lake Superior, Saginaw Valley went inside its heated bus during halftime while Northern stayed out on the field.

Gregor said he saw it as a disadvantage for Saginaw to go into its bus during the half because of the shock that can result from going from a warm to a cold environment.

"Even if we had a locker room that was closer, I would keep [the team] outside," Gregor said. "We train in this weather outdoors all the time and we're used to it."

Runners place second in GLIAC

BY ALEX PINA
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's cross country team narrowly claimed a second place team finish at the 2003 GLIAC Cross Country Championships last weekend.

Northern's GLIAC rival, Grand Valley State finished first overall with 27 points. NMU scored 96 team points to squeak by third place Wayne State University who finished with 99 team points.

Senior Jennifer Lahr led the way for the Wildcats with a fourth place overall finish with a time of 22:25. Junior Tami Kochen was right behind in sixth place with a time of 22:29. Sophomore Stephanie Howe was 24th, junior Jane Stieber was 28th, and junior Maria Stuber rounded out the Northern top five in 34th.

Assistant coach Jenny Ryan said the Wildcats ran against some tough teams, but overall they ran very well, placing about where they expected. She said senior Jennie Lahr ran smart and had an outstanding race.

Lahr and junior Tami Kochen ran most of the flat 6K course in about 12th to 14th place, just behind the lead pack of runners. When everyone stepped up the pace at the 5K mark, Lahr and Kochen followed suit.

"The whole race was fast," Lahr said. "The top girls went out really fast. I think I ran around 12th throughout much of the race. I took off at the 5K mark

and so did everyone else, but I was really able to put the hammer down for the last 400 meters. [The team] knew that we had to charge at the end. If we hadn't, it would have cost us second place."

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— Jennifer Lahr
senior runner

Ryan said the team is very strong endurance wise, and the longer and tougher the races are, the better the team runs.

She said the girls have been doing a good job of moving up in the pack toward the end of the race.

For their performances over the weekend, Lahr and Kochen were both named to the 2003 All-GLIAC First Team.

NMU is now looking forward to a weekend off and then the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 8 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lahr, Kochen, Stuber, Howe, Stieber, freshman Jessica Kalafut, senior Tracy Wills and junior Kara Farquhar (alternate) were all selected to represent Northern at the Regionals.

"There was very tough competition last weekend," Kochen said. "Grand Valley definitely has a very strong team and we are looking forward to meeting them again at Regionals. The course will be hilly, and that should switch things up a bit."

Ryan said if Wildcats run as well as they have been, then they should expect to finish in at least second overall.



Lahr

Swimmers finish third

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

New head coach Jon Wilson officially began his first season with the NMU swimming and diving team by leading the 'Cats to a third place finish at the North Dakota Open Swim Meet last weekend.

Northern took third place with 128.50 points. The University of North Dakota won the meet with 324 points and the University of Manitoba placed second with 143.50 points.

Wilson said he was pleased with the way the team swam at UND. Coming into the swim season as the new head coach, he said he knew the talent would be better than what he was used to coaching and was impressed with the quality of the team has from top to bottom.

"We are working differently than we did last year so it's a positive adjustment, but it's still different," Wilson said.

On Oct. 24, the first day of competition, the top finishers for NMU were junior Lindsey Vermillion, who placed fifth in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:22.77, junior Sam Pecheck, who placed second in the 200 freestyle (2:00.13), and senior Shelly Ruspakka, who placed fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:04.31). Junior Larisa Graham took fifth place in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.47) and freshman Sarah Bartosh placed third in the 200 butterfly (2:17.53). Pecheck was the only 'Cat to take a first-place finish on the night, winning the 50 freestyle (25.61).

Wilson said the team was excited for the meet and that even though they were tired, they were excited to get the chance to race and see the progress that they are making.

Senior Kathie Cole took a second place finish with 306.30 points in the one-meter diving event.

"As a team, I think we did really well," soph-

omore Anna Herman said. "After 11 hours on the bus and for it being the first meet of the season, we came together as a team even though we have small numbers and we had fun."

Freshman Kara Freebury swam in her first collegiate meet at UND. She said it was a little overwhelming but that overall it was a good experience and will prepare the team for weeks to come.

On Oct. 25, Pecheck took second in the 100 freestyle (55.63) and took third in the 500 freestyle (5:29.54). Ruspakka placed eighth in the 200 backstroke (2:24.49). Graham placed in the 200 breaststroke (2:34.97). Bartosh placed third in the 100 butterfly (1:01.86) and also had a second place showing in the 200 I.M. (2:16.95).

Cole had a career-high best score of 412.30 on the three-meter dive and took first. Sophomore Michelle Ruiz also had a career-best score taking sixth in the event with 254.05.

The team heads to the University of St. Cloud on Nov. 7 and 8 for a dual meet against St. Cloud the first day and against St. Cloud and Stephens Point the following day.

Wilson said his athletes are talented, but their lack of numbers may hurt them.

"We will swim tired again against St. Cloud," he said. "We'll start to rest for the Notre Dame Invite in hopes of getting some National [times]."

Herman said the team is looking forward to its second meet.

"We all did really well in the first meet, and we can only expect to get better in the second one," she said.

Wilson said the team has a shot at taking eight women to Nationals.

"Seventy-five percent of the team would be awesome," he said. "We've set big goals that are achievable and we are right on track."

Home play fuels volleyball team

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The undefeated Wildcat volleyball team could meet another milestone if its extends its winning streak by beating Lake Superior State University this weekend.

The 'Cats are still a few games away from the 28 consecutive win record set in 1993, but could break another record.

Head volleyball coach Jim Moore said in the '93 season, NMU had its first loss Halloween weekend. That team had more games scheduled earlier in the season than the current team.

If this year's team comes away with a win Saturday, it will be the latest in the calendar year NMU has remained undefeated.

NMU, (15-0 GLIAC, 20-0 overall), plays LSSU, (4-10 GLIAC, 7-19 overall), at 4 p.m. Saturday in Vandament arena. Several members of the team said they like the energy they get from playing at home.

"We always get energy from the crowd," senior defensive specialist Anne Kinsella said.

The energy from the crowd

got an additional boost last night as members of the NMU men's basketball team dressed in black t-shirts and led crowd antics to support the team.

Any question that it had an effect on the opponent was answered when Tech's coach complained about the group in the second match.

Moore said Vandament Arena is the best place to play in D-II volleyball. The team will finish the regular season in the arena with three home matches.

Freshman Ashley Kiel said the Lakers are neither a bad team nor a good team.

"We still have to play hard because every team is going to come out hard against us," Kiel said.

Junior Beth Honaker said LSSU has a good defense, but NMU has the height advantage.

"We always have an advantage (at the net) with every team we play," Honaker said.

Moore said the team has to do what it has been doing so far, and make sure it gets better each game.

"It is crunch time now, so we have to keep going," Moore said.

Club team beats U of M

BY TRACY MAKI
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's rugby team played its last match of the season against the University of Michigan last Saturday on Northern's intramural fields.

Northern defeated Michigan, 10-5.

"We were ready to play hard and win our line-outs," sophomore rugby player Kathy Gassner said.

A rugby line out is when the ball is thrown onto the field from out of bounds.

NMU scored two goals during the first half, bringing up the team's energy level, Gassner said.

"[During the] second half, our defense was trying to hold U of M from scoring," she said. "It was very nerve-racking."

Carrie Bowerman, a fourth year player, said the match-up was rough.

"[We wanted to] play hard and have fun," she said.

Last year, Michigan stomped NMU, but this year, with the new players learning their roles and many players participating in the last game of the season, Northern came out on top, Gassner said.

This year was a building year for NMU's rugby players, Gassner said. The team lost many players due to injury, but gained just as many novice players, she said.

Towards the end of the season,

the newcomers were learning their places and gaining an understanding of the game, Gassner said.

"Though this season went well, next season should be even better," Bowerman said.



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The NMU defense held the U of M offense in the second half to win, 10-5. Saturday's game was Northern's final game of the season.

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U.S. Development team comes to Berry

BY ROB HAMILTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For most freshmen hockey players, the jump to a collegiate level can be difficult as they begin playing against bigger, faster and more skilled opponents.

But for freshman forward Dusty Collins, facing highly-skilled opponents became the norm two years before he ever put on a Wildcat uniform.

Collins, a 6-foot-3-inch, 210 pound native of Gilbert, Ariz., played with the U.S. National Under-18 Development hockey team last season and was on the under-17 version of the squad the previous year.

He played 25-30 games against collegiate teams with the development team last year,

which prepared him for college hockey, he said.

"You have a lot better idea of what to expect in college," Collins said. "You're not going in blind to [your freshman] season because you've seen many of the teams before."

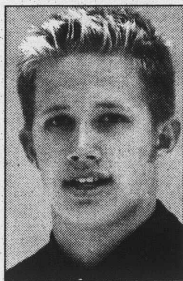
After spending two years wearing the red, white and blue, Collins will face his old program on Friday as the Wildcats (3-3 overall) host the U.S. National Under 18-team Development hockey team in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Berry Events Center.

The game is part of a 50-plus game schedule for the under-18 team. They play nearly 20 Division-I college hockey teams and travel to Switzerland, Finland and Belarus to take on teams from other nations.

"This is a highly recruited team," head coach Walt Kyle said. "To have these caliber of players coming into [our] building is great exposure for [our] program. It's a good recruiting tool as well."

Collins said he had a great experience with the development team and his time with the program made him physically and emotionally stronger.

"It helped me out tremendously in all aspects of hockey," he said. "They have one of the top training programs in the country. I grew as a hockey player and as a person while I was there."



Collins

In six games this season, Collins has predominantly centered NMU's fourth line, scoring one goal and assisting on another.

Collins was joined by current teammate, freshman defenseman Bobby Selden, on the developmental team last season.

Selden has played in two games this season and has not recorded a point.

Although Collins and Selden will face players that they knew from the under-17 team last year, Collins said he will not play against any actual old teammates because the team changes each year.

In its first five seasons where players were eligible, National Hockey League teams have drafted 76 players from the developmental team.

The program, based out of Ann Arbor, Mich., has also produced 125 D-I college athletes.

The under-18 developmental team is 6-6-1 this year.

It has played six games against college opponents, including the University of Denver, the University of Maine and Colorado College, who are all nationally ranked in the top eight.

The team's only win against a D-I opponent is against winless Sacred Heart University.

Collins said that last year's developmental team especially looked forward to games against collegiate opponents.

"The college teams were the teams to go after," he said. "These are [the development team's] big games. They're going to be a skilled team."

Team expects challenges in Pennsylvania

BY MATT WELLENS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU soccer team will be heading out on the road this weekend as it travels to Pennsylvania to play at Gannon and Mercyhurst.

Head coach Carl Gregor said in the past, the team has had problems with fatigue going into road games.

"The biggest problem we have had this year is the back-to-back games," Gregor said. "When [we] play teams that are not as strong as we are, we can get our starters off so they can rest a bit. But when we play against good teams, we have to leave our starters out there and they have been getting tired."

NMU will have a day off in between

games this weekend to help prevent fatigue. Northern will face Gannon on Friday and Mercyhurst on Sunday.

Gregor asked Gannon's women's head soccer coach to switch the game from Saturday to Friday due to the long distance Northern would be traveling and Gannon was willing to accommodate.

"Some teams won't [accommodate] because [they] just want to play Saturday games," Gregor said.

On Friday at Gannon, Northern will play on a surface that it hasn't seen this season. Gannon plays on an artificial surface called AstroPlay turf which is similar to the type of turf used at Ford Field in Detroit and Camp Randall Stadium in Madison. Instead of dirt, there are tiny, ground up, rubber pellets and it uses fiber

grass blades. Northern played on the AstroPlay two years ago at Gannon and lost, 5-2.

"It's a really fast surface," Gregor said. "It plays exactly like grass. The only thing is when you kick the pellets or land in the pellets, they stick to you and it gets in your mouth and in your eyes."

On Sunday, the Wildcats will face Mercyhurst freshman forward Lisa Casement. Casement rated in the top three of five different statistical categories in the GLIAC including leading the conference in goals per game with 16 goals in 15 games.

She is tied for second with four game-winning goals this season.

The 'Cats showed a lot of enthusiasm on Oct. 25 in their win against Saginaw

Valley State, and hope to carry that into this weekend's games, Gregor said.

"The hardest thing this year is we haven't had a lot of home games," he said. "The travel is grinding on everybody right now. It's not just physically draining, but mentally draining when we travel."

The Wildcats had Monday off and practiced Tuesday and Wednesday. The team will fly out today at 11 a.m. and is expected to arrive in Pennsylvania at 2:30 p.m.

With only three games to go, Gregor said it will be tough for the 'Cats to get into postseason play.

NMU was ranked as high as No. 6 in the NSCAA/Adidas Great Lakes regional rankings at one point this season, but have been absent from the rankings since Oct. 21.

Rivals compete for Cup

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU football team looks to take back the Miners Cup on Saturday as they host U.P. rival Michigan Tech.

The Wildcats (2-5 GLIAC, 2-6 overall) will also be trying to end a four-game losing streak.

Head coach Doug Sams said the team needs to be more consistent and stop committing turnovers if it is going to be successful.

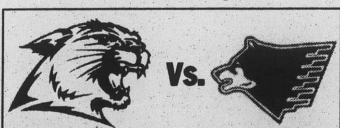
"It just continues to come back and haunt us," Sams said of his team's lack of consistency. "We're just going to have to look at some things. It's nice to play a wide open style of football, but if you keep shooting yourself in the foot and giving your defense bad field position and making the same mistakes over and over, you can't live with those things."

Sams said he blames himself for his team's errors.

Senior cornerback Sydney St. Hilaire said even though the team is very upset about the way the

season has been going, the Wildcats are staying positive and focused.

"Right now we just are trying to get better," St. Hilaire said. "We just want a win and there is no better time then against Tech."



THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L	MTU
2-6		4-4
OFFENSE		
24.5	Pts. (Avg.)	36.8
161	First Downs	174
122.8	Rush (Avg.)	234.2
282.1	Pass (Avg.)	197.9
29:00	Time of Possession	27:02
10	Rushing TDs	23
14	Passing TDs	17
1	Return TDs	0
541	Penalty Yards	471
DEFENSE		
35.9	Pts. Allowed (Avg.)	34.9
178	Opp. First Downs	220
175.6	Rush (Avg.)	174.6
241.9	Pass (Avg.)	323.1
25	Sacks	14
18	Interceptions	1

We know it's a big game. This can really be a bright spot, getting that Miners Cup trophy."

The Huskies won the Miners Cup in its first year of existence when they defeated the Wildcats, 31-13, in Houghton last year. The Huskies have defeated the Wildcats the past two seasons.

Michigan Tech is 4-4 in the GLIAC and has won three games in a row. In each of these wins, MTU has put up at least 42 points.

Northern is going to have to stop Tech's rushing offense.

This season Tech is averaging 234 rushing yards per game, while NMU gives up an average of 178 yards per game.

St. Hilaire said the team cannot dwell on negativity from the number of losses that it has this season.

"We all know that it hurts," St. Hilaire said. "But there is nothing we can do but buck up and handle our business."

Opening kickoff is at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Superior Dome.



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Skater returns for World Cup

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

For former USOEC athlete Allison Baver, last weekend's World Cup short track speedskating competition was a homecoming.

Baver, a 23-year-old Olympian from Reading, Pa., started training at the USOEC in September of 2000 and stayed for a little over a year.

"The USOEC was a stepping stone for me," Baver said. "Being here gave me a chance to train everyday and still go to school."

Before Baver came to Marquette, she was a full-time student at Penn State University. She was an accomplished inline speedskater before she began the sport of short track speedskating.

She said that she didn't start skating on ice until 1998 and only practiced about once a week for her first two years with the sport.

While attending NMU, Baver was able to further her education. She took the credits that she earned at Northern and went back to Penn State and graduated last May.

"Being a full-time student and an athlete was very hard," Baver said. "Most of my classes were at night so I could train during the day. I would take my school work to competitions overseas."

Baver said that before she came to the USOEC, she took care of most of her requirements for graduation such as an internship so that she could really focus on training.

"If you're training for the Olympics, you have to dedicate your life to it," Baver said. "It was really hard to move away

from all my family and friends, but actually helped me to be more focused."

Baver said she really enjoyed competing last weekend while the World Cup was held in her old training center.

"Having that comfort zone was nice for me — walking in the same door to practice that you used to and being in the same locker room and jogging where I used to jog everyday," she said.

This was the first competition of the season for Baver.

"The crowd was awesome. Training here everyday and then coming back to compete is very different. It's a different atmosphere. The support was phenomenal."

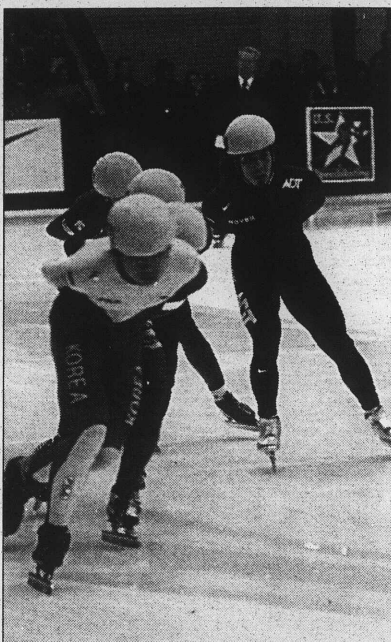
—Allison Baver
U.S. speedskater

She said she didn't really know what to expect from herself, or her competition but one of her goals was to finish in the top 10. She accomplished that goal Sunday when she placed in the top 10 in the women's 1,000 meter.

She also competed in the women's 1,500 meter and skated in the semi-finals. She was disqualified however for impeding.

She said she had the support of the Berry Event Center crowd the entire time.

"The crowd was awesome," Baver said. "Training here everyday and then coming back to compete is very different. It's a different atmosphere. The support was phenomenal."



Don Lhamon/NW

Top left: Korean skater Seung-Jae Lee signals to the judges after Apolo Anton Ohno, right, impeded his skating. Ohno was disqualified. Top right: Korea placed first in three men's events on Oct. 26 including the men's 3,000 meter. Bottom: Women's skaters from Korea, China and Canada led the pack during the women's 1,000 meter held on Oct. 26. Three Americans were eliminated in the heats.



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PERSONALS

Pooh — You are the superbest Cheesehead writer that side of Mississippi — **Ringpants by the WildFire**

E — You, me, a knife, some candles, and a couple of gourds. It may get messy. — **J**

Mom — Look at the pretty pictures I made throughout the paper. — **Op. Ed.**

Brown House — No, I haven't forgotten you. Just busy in sin. As sin. As hell. Ah hell... — **Leo DeCafe**

Mom and Dad — Thanks for coming to visit this weekend. Too bad the weather is not looking as nice as the last few weekends. — **Middle child turned Yooper.**

65 — You worked hard this week. I'm making you dinner tomorrow- your choice — **Brunette.**

NurseA — Thanks for the brownies. They went fast — **Staff**

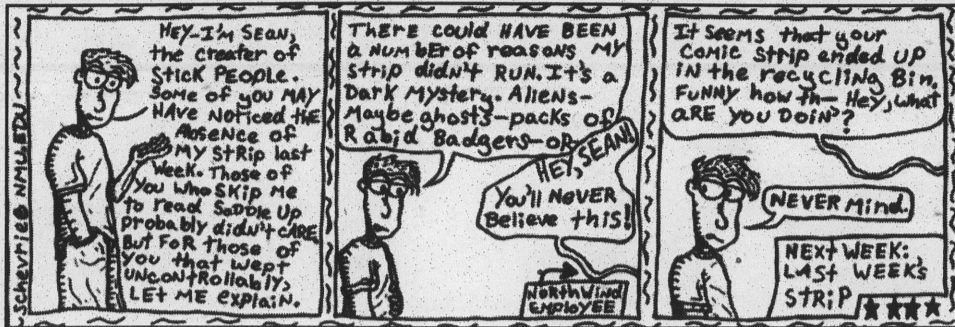
Steph — Quit wasting your time reading these things you freak — **Rob**

Ty — Congrats on the new job. — **Uncle Buck**

The Britt — Thanks for all the cool graphics this week. — **Staff**

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