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AAUP reaches tentative agreement

BY JOSH JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

A tentative, table agreement has been reached between NMU administration and the faculty union on a three-year contract last weekend.

The NMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors has been without a contract since July 1. The faculty has been working under the expired contract on a day-to-day basis.

AAUP President Carol Johnson said the faculty will be intrigued and relieved when presented with the proposed contract.

"I think they'll be interested in the details of the new language," Johnson said. "I think they'll be happy to see the process come to a close."

The contract represents the collective efforts of faculty and administration, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said.

"I'm fine with it," Joyal said. "The whole process is to bargain to satisfaction, so from my point of view, I'm satisfied."

University administrations almost always accept proposals which have been agreed upon by the bargaining teams, Joyal said. However, because of the varied

interests and issues associated with the contract, a unanimous vote is unlikely, he said.

"It won't be 100 percent," Joyal said. "It never, ever is, even if the contract by standards was quite generous."

Details of the tentative contract have not been released, pending notification of the faculty. A ratification vote can not be held until at least six days after the faculty

has received word of the vote, according to the NMU AAUP Constitution.

AAUP and administrative officials declined to comment on the specifics of the tentative contract.

Faculty picketing and an address of the NMU Board of Trustees by Johnson preceded the contract agreement this semester.

The AAUP Bargaining Council is meeting this afternoon to review the agreement, and will distribute it to academic departments, AAUP Information Officer Carolyn Myers said. A ratification vote will be held

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Johnson

Picture Perfect



Courtesy of Duane Pape

Members of the NMU volleyball team thank the more than 1,100 in attendance after clinching the GLIAC championship with a victory over Grand Valley State. Northern is still undefeated at 23-0.

Wildcats win GLIAC title

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Over 1,100 fans in Vandament Arena were on their feet, as NMU volleyed for the game point Friday night against GVSU for the GLIAC volleyball championship.

"It's been a long time since I won a conference championship, so it feels great," head volleyball coach Jim Moore said.

It took four games for the undefeated Wildcats

(18-0 GLIAC, 23-0 overall) to beat the Lakers (16-2 GLIAC, 24-6 overall), 3-1. The first two games were close with NMU winning the first game 30-28, and GVSU taking the second 30-26.

NMU made many errors in the second game of the match, Moore said. They got to a point where frustrations caused them to get on each other after mistakes. Junior Aimee Dewitt said the right things in the locker room to get the team to settle down and stop yelling at one another, he said.

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Student injured in auto accident

BY HEATHER SOLGOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

An NMU student was seriously injured in an auto accident that occurred last week in Sands Township.

Sophomore undeclared major Mikkel Gill, 23, was driving southbound on the morning of Nov. 4 on County Road 553 in Sands Township when he lost control of his 1988 Chevy truck on snow-covered and slushy roads and crossed the lane into oncoming traffic, Michigan State Police Sgt.

Brian Graustein said.

Steve Mattson, 50, was driving northbound when Gill's vehicle struck his 1992 Dodge van, Graustein said. The accident occurred two-tenths of a mile south of the County Road 480 intersection.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, Graustein said.

Michigan State Police were called to the scene at 10:10 a.m. The Sands Twp. EMS and fire department came to the scene of the accident. Gill and Mattson were both transported

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Non-clerical union ratifies contract

BY SHELLY RUSPAKKA
STAFF WRITER

NMU's administrative professional union has ratified a new three-year contract.

The UAW Local 2178 reviewed the contract proposal during a ratification meeting on Nov. 6. The members voted 92-22 in favor of the proposal, with one member abstaining.

The union's current three-year contract expired on Sept. 30.

Negotiations between NMU

and the UAW Local 2178 began on Sept. 9.

The contract will be brought before the NMU Board of Trustees at a meeting Dec. 11-12 where it will be finalized, President of UAW Local 2178 Kathy Godec said. The contract proposal is retroactive to Oct. 1.

The terms of the agreement state there will be no wage increase for union members during the current year. A 1-percent wage increase will

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either Nov. 19 or 20, he said.

Issues on the table in the contract negotiations included faculty salaries and health insurance. Faculty also wanted

more input in university operations.

Myers said the faculty would probably be disappointed with the salary compromise, but that the health insurance will be similar to that of other unions on

campus. The current state budget shortfall and the possibility of cuts to higher education in the next few months contributed to the outcome of the proposed contract, Myers said.

"I doubt that anyone came

out a big winner," she said. "I think some people will be disappointed with the result because there won't be a big salary increase. There can't be. I think you can't get blood from a stone."

UAW

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occur in the next year and a 3-percent increase will occur in the third year of the contract.

The new contract also includes an increase in the employee's out-of-pocket cap for health care expenses and an increase in the university's contribution to health insurance.

Godec said she is pleased with the decision.

"Over 80 percent voted yes," she said. "You're not going to get everyone to be pleased, but only 22 voted no."

UAW Local 2178 differs from the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) union because it does not include professors. It includes administrative and professional employees.

Godec said union members include a variety of NMU employees including people who work in computing, audio/visual, public television and accounting.

There are currently 170 NMU employees in the union, she said.

Gavin Leach, NMU's acting chief financial officer, said he was happy an agreement was reached in a timely manner.

It is helpful to have as many questions about the current financial position at Northern resolved as possible as NMU prepares for a reduction in state appropriations, he said.

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It was a different match when the players came out of the locker room after the break between games two and three.

NMU proceeded to win the next game by a huge margin, 30-12. The 'Cats carried the momentum into game four to take the match in a fine 30-18 win.

"It is the best feeling in the entire world," senior setter Anne Hasenstab said.

Hasenstab is the only senior on the team this year and will be able to graduate with a championship in her senior season. Hasenstab and junior setter Kelli McCune led the team with 27 assists each.

"We came back in the third and fourth to win it because we knew we wanted this," freshman Ashley Kiel said. Kiel has been putting up big numbers as a freshman especially in blocking, where she leads the conference. Kiel assisted on two of the six team blocks Friday night. Fans even made posters giving their vote to Kiel for GLIAC

freshman of the year.

In his pre-game chalk talk with fans, Moore said the game would be won by whichever team served and passed the best, and their focus was going to be putting pressure on the Lakers with serving. He said the team did not do that in game two.

"We were all over them serving and that is what made it so tough," Moore said of games three and four.

Another goal Moore had for the season and achieved Friday night was to bring over 1,000 fans into Vandament Arena.

He said even leading up to the National Championship in 1993 they did not bring in that many fans to a regular season game.

With a win the following night against Ferris State, NMU is now 23-0 on the season and is the only undefeated team in Division II.



Moore

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to Marquette General Hospital. The State Police Department is awaiting blood test results to confirm that alcohol and drugs were not a factor, Graustein said. Mattson's status was not available.

As of Tuesday, Gill was still listed in critical condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

Mary Etchison, Gill's mother and a professor in Counseling and Consultation Services, said she would prefer not to release the specifics of his injuries.

"We think he is making good progress," she said. "It will be a long road and we thank everyone for their support and encouragement. We ask you that you continue to pray for him."

Gill has many ties to the university community. Candra Gill, his sister, is an adjunct professor in the English department. Gill has also befriended many students on the NMU campus.

Undeclared junior Shea Fairclough said he's been friends with Gill for almost a year.

"The reason we became so close is because of our music tastes," he said. "He introduces me to new things and I introduce him to new things too."

Gill is a great guy, Fairclough said.

"He's so considerate, and I often laugh at him because of it," Fairclough said. "He's also very outspoken and opinionated."

Fairclough said he is confident Gill will make it through his injuries.

"I have not doubt he's going to be okay," he said. "It won't be easy, but he'll make it."



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Local

Munising schools denied millage

MUNISING — Voters in the Munising School district turned down a request for a three-mill increase, the second millage rejection since August. The proposed millage requested an increase of three mills for 13 years against non-homestead properties. The millage failed by a vote of 227 to 206. The school district sought the millage to allow compensation for Headlee Tax Amendment rollbacks and levy the 18 mills allowed under law by school districts to use for operations. Schools that levy more than 18 mills can lose state aid. Had the millage passed, it would have provided \$19,000 to the district. The school board will meet next week to determine how the defeat will affect academics.

National

Senate filibusters on judge picks

WASHINGTON — The senate is preparing to hold a marathon 30-hour session to discuss four filibustered U.S. Appeals Court judges nominated by President Bush. The Senate has accepted 168 of Bush's nominations, but the remaining four have not drawn the 60 votes needed to pass. The filibustering from both Democrats and Republicans is not expected to draw resolution to the blocked nominations, but will seek to bring attention to the matter. The debate was expected to start last evening and will last until midnight tonight. Both parties will participate in the debate, because if either party is not on the floor to object, a confirmation vote can be held. Coffee and cots were being prepared for the senators prior to last night's debates.

International

Palestinians overhaul government

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian Legislative Council approved a new government composed of 24 ministers yesterday. Prime Minister Ahmed Qorei, who presented the governmental proposal, said free elections will be held in June. Qorei also called upon Israel to withdraw from Palestinian territories to aid the peace process. The agreement on the Cabinet's composition brought an end to a feud between Qorei and Palestinian Council President Yassar Arafat. Arafat had previously disapproved Qorei's choice of interior minister, a position which includes control over security. Qorei had threatened to resign prior to the agreement. A swearing-in ceremony will be held at the National Security Council headquarters in Ramallah.

Weird News

Man's endowment prevails in trial

EASTON, Pa. — A 47-year-old man was acquitted of indecent exposure by using the defense that his penis is too small to have been seen by the prosecuting party. Robert M. Peters Sr., a locksmith, was working at the woman's residence when she claimed she saw three inches of erect penis protruding from the bottom of Peters' shorts. After displaying photographs of his anatomy and a brief drop of his pants in the courtroom, Peters convinced the jury he did not have enough endowment for such an incident to occur. A doctor was brought into the court to measure Peters' member, even giving him Viagra to determine the extent of his length. The woman may have seen some other part of his lower abdominal region, such as a roll of fat on his 312-pound body, he said.

— Compiled from news sources



Scott Swanson/NW

Members of the Committee on Recycling and Energy Conservation listened to a presentation on energy conservation at NMU by Mike Hellman. Northern has saved \$20 million in energy since 1973.

Conservation saves funds

BY SCOTT SWANSON
STAFF REPORTER

The newly formed Housing and Residence Life Committee on Recycling and Energy Conservation received information regarding NMU's past and future efforts to conserve energy and funds.

Northern has saved more than \$20 million since the inception of an energy conservation program in 1973, Facilities Specialist Mike Hellman said.

A presentation by Hellman, held last Friday in Room 132 of the Services Building, was an updated version of one he gave to the President's Committee in March 2002. The purpose of the presentation was to show what Northern has done as an institution in regards to conservation in the past 30 years.

"I like to think we've contributed to the overall goal of providing affordable education," he said.

NMU began their efforts to contain utility costs in 1973 as a result of the national oil embargo. The embargo effectively eliminated the availability of number 2 fuel oil, forcing the university to burn the less efficient number 6 oil, Hellman said.

To save money, quick fix solutions were instituted. Quick fixes are the cutting of unnecessary

energy use, such as setting temperature restrictions in the dorms and making sure lights and equipment were being shut off after-hours, Hellman said.

From 1976 to 1990, NMU participated in \$3.2 million of Energy Administration 50/50 grants, which are federal-level grants administered through the state of Michigan. NMU was originally the largest recipient of the funds in Michigan, until larger, wealthier universities caught up, Hellman said.

Examples of how the grant money was used include the installation of an energy management system in many major buildings on campus, which cost \$752,000 and saves approximately \$396,000 per year, and the placement of thermal efficient windows in the dorms, which cost \$604,000 and saves approximately \$160,000 per year, Hellman said.

These changes are still saving the university money, he said.

Over the last five years, NMU has avoided approximately \$2.5 million in expenses by buying energy wisely in light of energy

deregulation, Hellman said.

Deregulation opened the natural gas market for Northern, allowing them to buy energy from outside sources and have it delivered through the local distributor, Semco. In the past, they could only buy directly from Semco.

"My biggest concern is trying to buy energy at a reasonable cost," he said. "Timing is the key."

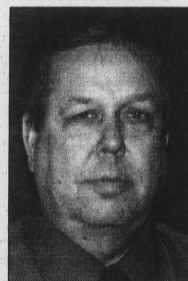
Future energy conservation projects at Northern include the extension of underground well systems for watering and the replacement of outdated heating plant boilers, Hellman said.

Students living in the residence halls can help conserve energy by shutting off anything that isn't in use and by turning the thermostat down a few degrees when they are leaving for an extended period of time, Hellman said.

"There's no better way to save energy than by shutting things off," he said.

Spooner Hall Resident Director Haley Rhoades said the presentation would help the committee to educate students regarding the university's efforts to save money through conservation.

"I was surprised by the wide variety of options they've looked at," she said.



Hellman

Frigid outcrop

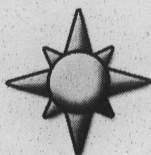


Don Lhamon/NW

Below-freezing temperatures caused waves from Lake Superior to freeze on the rocks on the northwest shore of Presque Isle Park Sunday. Temperatures will remain in the 40s next week.

MARQUETTE AREA WEATHER FORECAST

Friday



High: 41
Low: 32

0-percent chance of precipitation

Saturday



High: 42
Low: 36

30-percent chance of precipitation

Sunday



High: 41
Low: 35

30-percent chance of precipitation

ASNMU conducts survey

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

ASNMU recently conducted an online survey aimed at receiving student input towards assessing potential candidates in NMU's ongoing presidential search.

In the survey, originally posted on Nov. 6, students were asked what behavioral aspects were most important for the NMU president to utilize while providing leadership at the university.

Students who responded selected the president's openness to involving students in decision making as the top behavioral aspect, followed by supporting Student Discretionary Activity Fee finances and the allocation of this student money by students through the Student Finance Committee. A president who is direct and honest with students, faculty, staff and the community received the third-highest number of responses.

Students also cited personal approach to education and service, education both in and outside the classroom and academic excellence as the top priorities a president should value at the university.

As of Monday morning when the final results were tallied, 773

students had responded to the survey, ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz said. However, because of a glitch in the computer system, the first 500 votes come up blank, he said. The remaining 273 votes will be utilized.

"ASNMU decided to do our own survey to give the search committee a better idea of what issues students are concerned about and what characteristics they wish to see in a president," Ortiz said.

Earlier in the semester, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee carried out an initial survey where students, faculty, staff and Marquette community members could give feedback on the presidential search, said ASNMU Director of Information Technologies Chet Nichols.

Although more than 900 students responded to the survey, Ortiz said the questions posed were a little more vague in terms of where student interest stood.

"Having a new president is something that affects both NMU

and the entire Marquette community," Nichols said. "The PSAC survey collected more of a wider, more general input, and that is not a bad thing, but it really wasn't geared directly towards the students. [ASNMU] wanted a survey to get more comprehensive results from a student point of view."

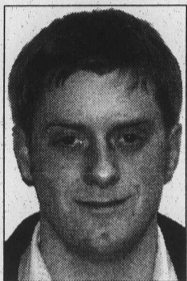
Ortiz presented the ASNMU survey results at the PSAC meeting on Nov. 10.

Sam Benedict, Board of Trustees member and PSAC chair, said he felt the ASNMU survey was helpful to the PSAC and reinforced a lot of the feedback the search committee had previously been receiving from students.

"[The survey] showed that students at the university are very concerned, and appropriately so, with the president's approachability toward students as well as the ability to address their issues and concerns effectively," Benedict said.

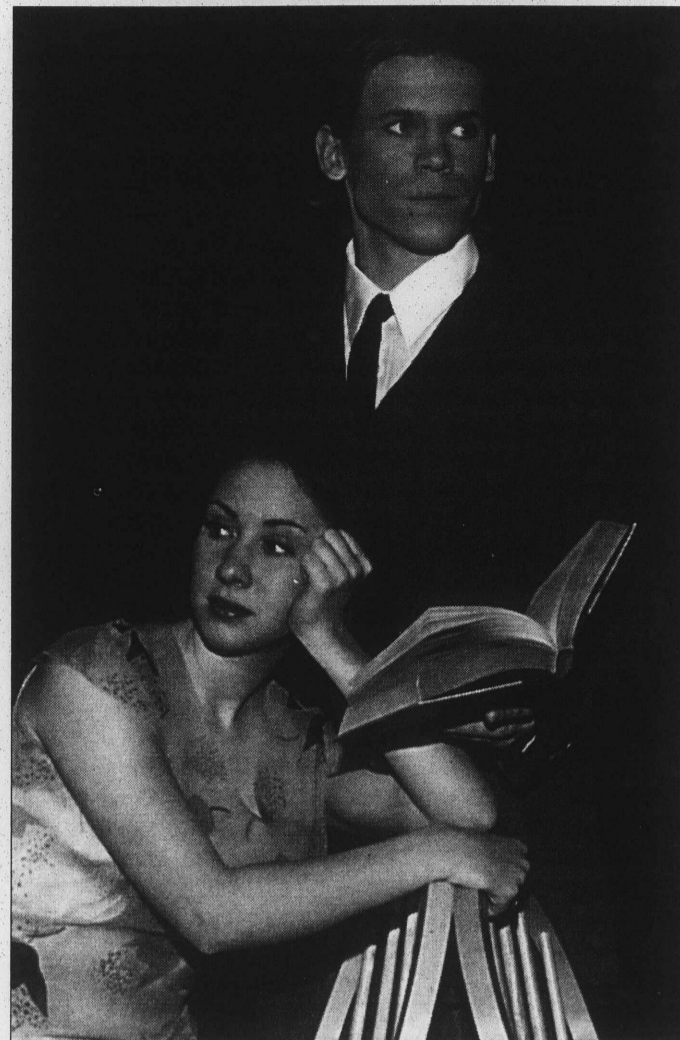
The committee will continue to take feedback from the students and the community as the search for qualified presidential applicants continues, Benedict said.

Should the PSAC find it necessary, more surveys may be possible in the future, Nichols said.



Ortiz

Delivering the line



Courtesy of Forest Roberts Theatre

Seniors Janel Cooke and Joe Rayome rehearse for "A Rembrandt's Eyes," a play by Cynthia Holm. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. and will run Nov. 13-15 at Forest Roberts Theatre.

University Forum Update

All NMU students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are encouraged to attend.



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Timeline for budget reduction decisions
Outline of the budget reducing process
Any "new" news coming out of Lansing

Facilities Projects

Find out how the budget situation is changing some of the upcoming facilities projects.

Enrollment

What do the current application numbers look like?
How do the enrollment projections impact the budget?

General question and answer period to follow.

Numbers to change

BY ANNIE SUTTER
STAFF WRITER

ASNMU and the AQIP Committee are currently working to change the method of student identification from Social Security numbers to another system on Northern's campus.

AQIP, the Academic Quality Improvement Program, has formed a committee designed to institute a renumbering system for student IDs, as well as modifying Northern's current Web site for student usage.

The committee is made up of students, faculty and a support staff.

Tim Tanis, a senior CIS major and up-campus ASNMU representative, currently serves on the committee, and identified security reasons as their primary concern.

"Northern uses Social Security numbers because it is the only unique identifier for a person in the U.S.," Tanis said. "A person's Social Security number is the first major piece of information required in order to do such things as get an ID card from a Social Security office, a loan from a bank or apply for a credit card."

Northern is implementing the Banner administrative database, which will automatically re-assign a new ID number to all students who currently are or will be attending NMU.

This new eight-digit number will be embedded within the barcode on students' Wildcat Express cards.

Specific divisions on Northern's cam-

pus that use Social Security numbers are the housing office, food service, payroll and financial aid.

The main goal is to recognize concerns or future initiatives among students at NMU, said Bill Bernard, associate provost for student services and enrollment and AQIP chair.

Potential problems include current students having to memorize another number associated with the university, though incoming freshmen will not be affected, Bernard said.

Students' opinions on the new system vary.

"I think the new system will be safer than using Social Security numbers," freshmen undeclared major Kimm Lepien said. "It's similar to my high-school, where we were given one student ID number to remember for the entire four years."

Others feel the switch to a different student identification system will be inconvenient.

"There's too many numbers to memorize already," freshmen pre-dental major Courtney Way said. "It would be easier to leave it the way it is."

The committee has tentatively set its goal for the project's completion for the start of the 2004 fall semester.



Tanis

Video interviews for students obtainable

BY SARAH WIENSCH
STAFF WRITER

Audio Visual Services and Jobsearch are offering videoconferencing services to make job or internship interviews easier for NMU students.

Videoconferencing is a two-way live video/audio interaction between two or more sites. It involves visual and audio interaction between the parties, though they are separated by distance. Videoconferencing also allows participants to show documents, videos and PowerPoint presentations, Technical Coordinator Max Graves said.

Videoconferencing in the past has been used for distant learning classrooms and has been used by administrators for the hiring process, Jobsearch Director John Frick said.

A student can now setup an interview with a potential employer and they can hold the interview in this technologically-based fashion, Graves said.

It is advantageous for students to utilize this service as it is cheaper and you still have the face to face value, Frick said.

"It would cost you, let's say, a couple hundred dollars to fly to a different city, for hotel and eating expenses for the interview," Graves said. "Here, it will cost you under \$100 to do an interview one-on-one. And a lot of the time, the employer

picks up the bill."

The videoconferencing costs students \$55 for the setup and the work Audio Visual Services puts into it. It will have an additional \$36 ISDN line cost. This will be at your expense or the employers, depending on who makes the call, Graves said.

"An example to explain this easier is it's like a long distance phone call," Graves said. It has a price to dial it up."

This is significantly cheaper than many other places, such as Kinko's, Graves said.

There it would cost about \$250, which would not include the line fee.

"This is meant for students who have an organization ready or have applied—maybe even have an interview set-up," Frick said.

Another important available service is if the future employer is not equipped with videoconferencing but would like to participate, Audio Visual Services can help them locate one nearest to them, Graves said.

Students interested in the videoconferencing internships can visit www.nmu.edu, or contact Max Graves 227-2912 or John Frick at 227-2800.



Graves

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EDITORIAL

Return to glory

On Dec. 6, 1993, screams of joy and triumph echoed through a packed Hedcock Fieldhouse as the NMU volleyball team won its first and only National Championship.

Ten years later, Hedcock sits empty. The only yells are those of construction crews while working to remodel the building into a student service center. Several coaching changes have also taken place since the championship season. After winning the championship, head coach Jim Moore left to take over at Division I Kansas State. While NMU was still a national threat for a few years after Moore's departure, the program eventually fell into mediocrity.

But as Moore returned to NMU this season, he brought hope to the athletic department and volleyball fans.

That hope has changed into awe as his return has been more successful than ever imagined. A .500 team last year has transformed into a serving, setting and spiking machine once again. The Wildcats are 23-0, the only undefeated team in Division II volleyball and GLIAC championships as they enter the postseason.

As the team began to dominate opponents and begin to show signs of becoming a national power once again, fans have returned in large numbers, this time to Vandament Arena. "The Matrix," NMU's new cheering section led by the NMU men's basketball team, has changed the atmosphere of this bland, yellow-tinted gymnasium, making it a very difficult place to play for opposing teams.

As NMU prepares itself for more possible budget cuts, athletics will likely become a target. While the purpose of NMU is to provide an education, the volleyball team has shown that athletics can provide this campus with a sense of unity and create a better connection between NMU and the Marquette community.

Whether the volleyball team goes on to win a National Championship or not, it has already given this campus something to take pride in and has shown the university the benefits of a strong athletics program. Congratulations to the volleyball team, and good luck in the postseason.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intelligent designer lacking reason

In an Oct. 30 letter to the editor, Professor Cliff Maier says that, "science clearly points to an intelligent designer," that "it is reasonable to believe that this entity is also a source of knowledge and truth" and that "the creator that science points to" is the Christian God.

Science has not proved intelligent design anymore than it has proved evolution. They are both theories.

By suggesting that science has proved intelligent design you are dogmatizing a supposed scientific theory.

But it is this dogmatic teaching that Philip Johnson claims is a major problem with evolution.

That is, that it is taught as though it has been proven. So now you are, as a teacher, suggesting that intelligent design has been proven? I guess you just didn't get it.

Even more so, it is a huge jump to go from intelligent design to the Bible and Christianity.

No, it is not "reasonable to assume this amazing supernatural entity is also a source of knowledge and truth."

The intelligent design creator could be anything; it could have died millennia ago; it might not care; it might reject us as an experiment gone wrong; it might have bumped its head on the big sink in the sky and have amnesia.

If intelligent design wants to be taught side by side with evolution in the science classroom it must show itself compliant to the rules of scientific method.

This means amongst other things that it must be objective and falsifiable.

To present itself as such it must remain free of subjective theological attachments such as the Bible and Christianity. If it doesn't, it isn't science, it is subjective religion, it is another attempt, like Creation Science,

to "scientize" Christianity in order to get it into the schools, and it has no place in the classroom.

The God of the Bible is not "the creator that science points to."

The intelligent design theory does not necessitate religion and certainly does not support one religion over any other.

It could be Buddha or Allah or Zeus or all or none of the above.

You (and perhaps Johnson himself) are trying to use it to support your side of the dichotomy between Christianity and evolution instead of embracing the refreshing synthesis that it possibly could be.

Science does not prove that Christianity is the only religion and Truth.

What you, sir, are talking about is dogmatic faith and not objective science.

I expect a little less closed minded, naive fundamentalism and a little more intelligence from a professor.

Jesse Koenig
senior, philosophy

Column interesting but inaccurate

Rob Hamilton had an interesting opinion column in the Nov. 6 issue of The North Wind.

Unfortunately, it seems to be a bit one-sided. He is basing his article strictly on news reports.

Maybe he should have researched some of the good things that are happening over there.

In fact, just the other day I read an article about how many schools we have rebuilt, power grids we have constructed, water systems we have restored, and roads and bridges we have built. It was very odd to see a news article that actually showed a little bit of support for what we are doing.

It is all too easy to sit here in the United States in all of our comforts and criticize the things

that are going on over there, but do you really know why the soldiers are there?

They are over there working hard representing America by working hard to give the life and freedom to a country.

The very freedoms that most Americans take for granted most people can only dream about in Iraq. I was in Iraq for six months and I saw many good things that most do not even understand.

While I was there I participated in rebuilding two schools, and the building of a brand new bridge for the citizens of a small town who needed it to cross the Tigris to access a school and a hospital.

I also had the joy of passing out food and water to thousands of starving children.

The intention of this letter is just to inform you that the media does no justice about what is really going on today.

I would like to write an opinion article in next week's paper on everything that is good over there.

Nick Huyck
senior

Column adequately informs on war

I am writing in reference to Rob Hamilton's Nov. 6 column. Great job covering some of the most recent facts and findings regarding the War on Iraq. You cannot find such articles in the Mining Journal or anywhere else in Marquette. I feel I am the only one who considers us to still be immorally at war with a nation that never deserved it.

Keep up the progressive work and look to the "Write On" newsletter for more information regarding the issue. It's a small newsletter and tough to find.

Thank you very much for your article.

Mike Adams
senior, entrepreneurship
off-campus representative,
ASNMU

Please see LETTERS on Page 8

Evolutionary education wins

Last week, the Texas School Board of Education approved a biology textbook over the objections of critics who felt that the books did not present an even-handed view of the theory of evolution.

To most people, the board's vote is probably just another victory notch in the corrective rod of enlightenment, curbing the misguided ideology of zealous conservatives who stubbornly reject the brainchild of secular Saint Darwin. After all, why not teach evolution, since it's obviously been proven correct time and again?

Samantha Smoot praised the school board to high heaven. Besides having a delightful name straight out of J.K. Rowling, Smoot is the president of the Texas Freedom Network, "a mainstream voice to counter the religious right" (according to their Web site) that has been promoting the teaching of evolution in schools. She was quoted as saying, "The voices of the science community have been loud and unified. This is not a theory. There's no question about whether evolution exists at all." While Smoot is certainly capable of wielding powerful rhetoric, she is certainly no scientist, nor does she seem to have attended a single higher-learning science course.

Perhaps it's just NMU, but all of the professors I've had in science-related courses have stressed that the first tenet of science is that you can prove nothing. As one of my professors once quipped (and I paraphrase), you never know when some smart-aleck grad student is going to come along and knock down your theory.

I don't regard evolution as a tenably objective position. There are a number of untestable hypotheses within the theory that make it intrinsically unprovable; while it is eminently flexible and useful for the interpretation of data in countless fields of research, it is merely one theory that should be taught as if it could be overturned by that pesky grad student at any time.

Evolution deserves to be taught in public and private schools for the simple reason that it is the most credible secular origin theory proposed thus far. But that doesn't make it unassailable, nor should its widespread acceptance among the scientific community preclude the adamant teaching of the theory's weaknesses as well as its strengths.

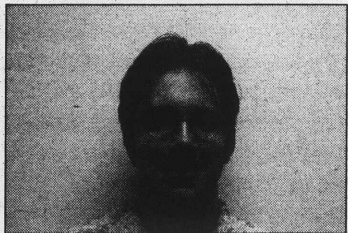
The school board operated within the confines of the law and curriculum, but I have to wonder to what extent opinions like that of Ms. Smoot influenced their decision. It's one thing to take evolutionary theory on faith, it's another to proclaim it dispassionate truth, and allow this bias to influence your decision to approve for the instruction of younger generation what may be an intellectually unsound textbook. While I strongly oppose the religious campaign to teach "intelligent design," a public relations code word for creationism in public schools, I also object to the scientific dogmatism (as one Texas board member called it) of presenting evolution as fact instead of the plausible fiction that it may very well be.

Smoot's brand of ideological elitism belongs in church pulpits or Internet message boards, not at the PTA. Her complete disregard for fairness (and her ignorance of the scientific philosophy) paints her less as a progressive activist than a real-world incarnation of Professor Delores Umbridge. On planet Smoot, perhaps every car does bear a Darwin fish and a bumper sticker saying "The Right is WRONG," but here on earth, I like to think that there is still room for good science in the high school classroom, untainted by sociopolitical prejudice. Perhaps right now the evidence truly is most widely interpreted as supporting the dominant theory of evolution.

There was also a time when the most widely accepted theory was that the world was flat. Or did Smoot skip her history classes too?

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

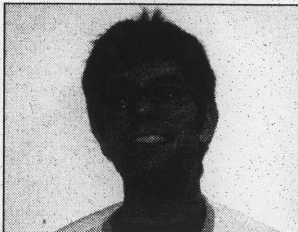
STAFF COLUMN



BY MATTHEW SCHNIEDER

Go indoor star gazing

STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

When I was in high school I envisioned a planetarium as the ultimate dating experience. Mind you, I was a teenager and also very socially awkward, but there was something endearingly dorky about a visit to a planetarium. Also, the ones near my house constantly did laser shows to Pink Floyd, and I imagine that the slightly reclining chairs and darkness are perfect for adolescent groping.

I was never able to check this out, a combination of gynophobia and terminal "undateability" barred me from any chance of testing my hypothesis.

Until Monday.

Accompanied by my girlfriend, who had been trying for months to convince me to go, I descended into the pit of insanity and astrology that is Shiras Planetarium. Stuck on the back of Marquette Senior High School, Shiras Planetarium has a show almost every Monday at 7:30 p.m. with the paltry admission fee of \$3.

The hallway leading toward the planetarium itself is lined with interesting displays and pictures that I ignored completely so that I could weigh myself on a magical scale that tells your weight on the various large bodies in the solar system. After discovering that I would be a robust two tons (give or take 100 pounds) on the sun - provided that I mysteriously did not vaporize into my component atoms from the intense heat, gravity and radiation - I went inside and settled down for the show.

Here's a tip, don't sit on the side

of the room opposite the door. It is the one spot where you can't see the interesting things on the dome well and your neck will hurt.

The "current sky" report, which includes all the fun of star gazing with none of the weather, is fun because I was able to entertain the delusion that I would remember the name, location and shape of any of the constellations other than Orion and the dippers. Even now, mere days later, I have only a vague notion of a swan, an eagle and some dame being punished for being pretty.

Pointing out the constellations, the presenter used a some sort of pre-laser pointer that seemed to be an arrow cut out on a flashlight. Not only less annoying than its younger brother, it also made me wish for a similar device that would work on the night sky.

Sometime after a large group of elementary school boys found delight and hilarity in the phrase "naked eye" the main presentation started up. Titled "Destination Universe" the show took a look at space exploration, its history, and where it might one day end up.

From this very informative, though slightly dated presentation, I learned a few very important things:

1) Despite my collection of irrelevant knowledge culled from years of consulting every sci-fi writer from Asimov to Zelazny, we will probably never make it past the solar system for a multitude of reasons, the two most important being that the universe is frikken huge and we will never really respect or fund NASA.

2) If we are to make really-really fast travel possible, we will have to abandon the stereotypical steel and white coloration of our rockets and start painting them red. Red, as we all know, makes things look faster, and if we are trying to move near the speed of light, looks are important.

3) When we finally contact alien life, somewhere around the year 350,000 by the presentation's guess, they will speak to us using a Speak n' Spell run through a very bad digitizer.

4) Terraforming Mars and Venus would be relatively easy, given several generations, some genetically altered algae and the proper narrator.

All in all, well worth the three dollars, though the small size of the planetarium prevented any groping. It's probably for the best - as enjoyable as the show was, no set of flashlights compares with the real thing.

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

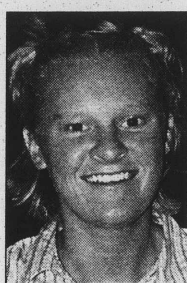
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What was your first car and what happened to it?



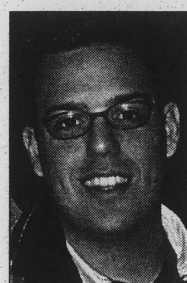
Heather Armstrong
freshman, art education

"My first car is a '93 GT Probe and she still runs like a charm."



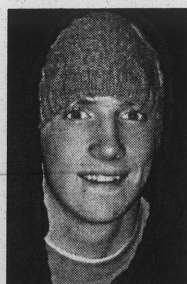
Cassie Gassner
sophomore, criminal justice

"A Toyota Tacoma. I sold it for a Sunfire."



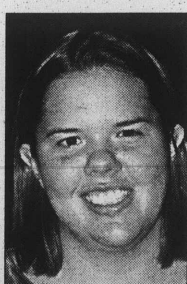
Ross Graham
junior, marketing

"A '99 GMC Safari, white. It was in a vicious roll-over accident involving some black ice and a trailer full of band equipment."



Wil Klinkenberger
freshman, photography

"A rebuilt '85 BMW 325. Within five days of my license I ran it into a tree at 60 miles an hour."



Jennifer Phenicie
sophomore, clinical lab sciences

"A white Toyota Corolla named Roy. I still have him, though his door handles are broken and some of his back bumper is coming off."



Meaghan Shedd
sophomore, social studies ed.

"A manual transmission '88 Mercury Tracer. My family sold it to a kid from my high school."

— Compiled by Nancy Starzyk

MORE LETTERS

Abortion column needs some reexamination

I'm writing in response to the Oct. 30 column "Abortion Reexamined."

First, I would like to point out that this so-called partial birth abortion act does not make an exception for a woman's health or life. Would it really be in everybody's best interest to not let a woman have this option to discuss with her physician, if continuing with a pregnancy would cost a woman her life? What if she already has children? Would it really be better to leave those children motherless? I am sick and tired of people (ironically they are mostly men, who will never be put in this situation) trying to take away a women's options for life-saving medical treatments.

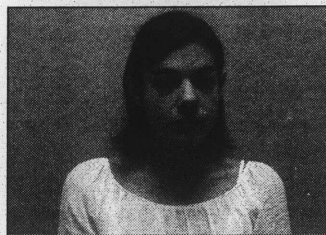
I am also extremely frustrated that most of these so-called "right to life" who spend so much time, money and energy lobbying against abortion, but rarely make any attempts to support accurate sex education in schools or expand coverage of emergency contraception, as these would drastically reduce the need for abortion.

Lastly, abortions have been happening in this world as long as women have been bearing children, legal or not. However, when abortion is not legal and safe, thousands of women die from infection and hemorrhage a year as the case before Roe vs. Wade. I don't know about Josh Johnson, but that is not something I want to go back to.

*Allene Lee Allen
graduate student*

Pill-popping poses problems

STAFF COLUMN



BY MARY ANN CANCELLA

A professor from the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta recently found a pill to help people overcome their fears.

While some discoveries in modern medicine have enriched many lives in varying ways, we are overmedicating ourselves.

In today's world it seems as though there is a pill for just about everything, from diet pills to sleeping pills to pills that help you stop smoking.

Now there is a pill that is supposed to make you unlearn your fears.

Perhaps people have begun to get lazy in the area of health; too much medicine can sometimes be dangerous — especially with mental health.

D-Clycloserine was originally used to treat people suffering from Tuberculosis, however, Dr. Michael Davis discovered this drug also aids in the transmission of a crucial protein critical to overcoming fear. He said the drug does not dissolve fear, but helps people unlearn them faster. Davis tested the drug on 28 Acrophobics (scared of heights) and found after one week most of the people on the medication were equal to other Acrophobes who had finished eight sessions of therapy.

But faster is not always better. What happens when these people stop taking the medication?

This entire scenario is comparable to the use of antidepressants. Antidepressants may be necessary to

help someone suffering a mental illness, but only in moderate to severe cases. However, people have grown to become too dependent on the use of drugs. And today these drugs, whether they be antidepressants or anxiety medication, are all too easy to get.

Approximately 28 million Americans have taken Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil or a similar anti-depressant. About 70 percent of these people got the medication prescribed by a family doctor and not a psychiatrist.

That's like seeing a foot doctor to treat strep throat. Family doctors may know a little bit about depressive illnesses and antidepressants, but not as much as a psychiatrist. When you're taking a drug as powerful as Prozac, wouldn't you like to know it was safe for you?

Without treatment, anti-depressants are said to make people feel better within eight months. But according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists, most depressive episodes resolve themselves within eight months.

People must learn to cope with their problems aside from the use of drugs. As one doctor put it, people who go through therapy without medication are better off in the long run because they learn how to handle their problems independently.

Many doctors do not believe it is enough to just take pills, but use therapy as well. They may begin prescribing antidepressants to a patient, but as therapy progresses, slowly wean the patient off them.

No one should ever have to learn to deal with their problems by themselves, but there are alternatives to pill-popping.

A report published in Consumer Health said the use of anti-depressants among young people has resulted in an increase in suicide, violence and school shootings. In 1998, 1.5 million children were on Luvox, one type of antidepressant.

Interestingly enough, Luvox was found in Eric Harris' bloodstream, one of the Littleton Colo. shooters. Prozac was also found in Oregon school shooter Kip Kinkel's bloodstream.

These antidepressants alone may not have led to Harris' or Kinkel's rage, but it may have emboldened them.

While Dr. Davis' discovery of a medication to help people unlearn their fears may seem like a medical breakthrough, how badly do we want a population of people who aren't afraid of anything?

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

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Guess first snow day, win \$50

Hoping for snow? Well, if you are and don't mind winning a \$50 gift certificate, then Northern's eleventh annual "Snow Day at NMU Contest" may interest you.

The contest is sponsored and paid for by the snow day czar, Provost Joyal (Academic Affairs). Whoever predicts the first day that on-campus classes are canceled on the Marquette campus due to inclement weather—that could include extreme wind chill, etc.—wins a \$50 gift certificate at the Marquette restaurant of his/her choice. The contest is open to all NMU employees and students.

In case of a tie (one year there were nine correct entries...) the winning entry will be drawn from all entries with the winning date.

The contest begins December 8 and runs through March 26 (supposedly after which date there will not be any more "inclement weather"...). Saturday, Sunday or holiday entry dates not valid.

If on-campus classes are not canceled due to inclement weather by the end of the contest, all entries will be eligible for the prize through a drawing to be held March 29th. Only one entry per person, please.

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Franken to visit campus

Emmy award-winning writer speaks on politics

BY KRISTEN KOHRT
STAFF WRITER

Political satirist Al Franken will be visiting NMU next week to share his own brand of politics with the student body.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in Vandament Arena.

Tickets are \$1 for NMU students, \$2 for those 18-years old and under and \$5 for the general public.

Franken is being brought to campus by Platform Personalities. The event is funded by the Student Activity Fee.

Franken was awarded four Emmy Awards for his writing on the popular variety show Saturday Night Live, according to his biography provided by his agency, Keppler Associates.

He is also the author of several books including "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot and Other Observations" and "Why Not Me: The Making and Unmaking of the Franken Presidency."

His most recent publication, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," continues to be on the New York Times Best Seller List for nonfiction.

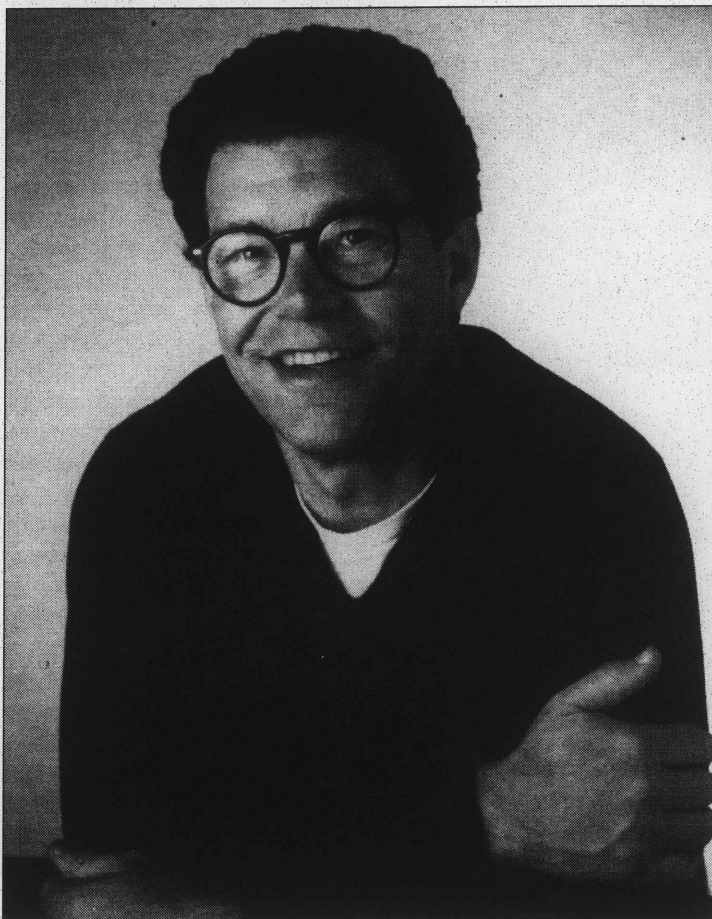
President of Platform Personalities Tina Sherburn said Franken was high on the list of speakers that the organization wanted to bring to campus.

"There are lots of students interested in politics who are involved [with Platform Personalities]," Sherburn said. "Franken has a political side, but is also humorous and lighthearted."

People who go will receive a good mix of fun and education with Franken, Platform Personalities Adviser Rachel Harris said. Speakers like Franken give students a chance to think outside of the classroom, she said.

"Franken will bring different insights on the political world," Harris said.

While Franken has most recently been famous for upsetting FOX News and Bill O'Reilly with his latest book, many students fondly remember his SNL



Courtesy of Keppler Associates

Al Franken will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 in Vandament Arena. He is famous for his work on Saturday Night Live and for authoring several books. He is sponsored by the Student Activity Fee.

days and his famous character Stuart Smalley.

Franken's first book, "I'm Good Enough, I'm Smart Enough and Doggone It, People Like Me," used the Smalley character as the subject.

"Al has a way of talking about serious issues in a not so serious way. He will make people laugh and make them think."

— Tom Brown
electronic journalism and political science major

The book was then the basis for the movie "Stuart Saves His Family," in which Franken starred in 1995.

Junior electronic journalism and political science major Tom Brown, a co-chair for the event, read Franken's latest book and believes students will get a lot out of his appearance.

"Al has a way of talking about serious issues in a not so serious way," Brown said. "He will make people laugh and make them think."

Franken's appearance comes in a timely manner as our country nears another election year, Harris said.

Most people are aware of what is going on politically, which

makes this event relevant.

This is a good time for Franken to come to NMU, because students will be able to hear different sides of the wide spectrum of topics that politics provides, freshmen hospitality major Josh Reinaas said.

Reinaas said he would attend the event because he is a huge fan of Franken and has respect for his opinionated personality and accomplishments.

"Getting to see an original from Saturday Night Live will be a real treat," he said.

Because many of Franken's views conflict with conservatives, Sherburn said the audience will consist mostly of people who consider themselves to be liberal, independent or someone who simply wants to be entertained by nationally-known speaker.

Harris agrees.

"There may be some conservatives who come just to hear him and then say that what he says is not true, but not very many," Harris said.

Overall, Sherburn said people should be entertained and educated.

"People should go because it is not often that Marquette gets speakers of this political caliber."

Childcare grant given by ASNMU

BY MELISSA SALAGOVICH
STAFF WRITER

ASNMU has been giving out the Anna Marie Cream Childcare Scholarship to students with children once a semester since 1995.

The scholarship, which has averaged from \$100-150, is given to a student with children. However, the money will be given to their licensed child care provider.

"The idea behind the scholarship is to help a nontraditional student, especially with kids," Dean of Students and ASNMU Adviser Ed Niemi said.

The scholarship started eight years ago when cans were collected to give the students with children a night out to study, Niemi said. It has evolved over the past eight years from can collecting to donating on the Internet.

ASNMU have been trying to increase the amount of the award, ASNMU Chair Heather Mann said.

"Things we have tried this year are to keep it low cost on our end to get more money out,"

Mann said. "We have been collecting cans in the community around the town. We actually had someone taking money out of their paycheck each week for donations to raise over \$300."

ASNMU has also set up a Pay Pal account on its Web site for those who wish to donate online.

Other fundraisers for the scholarship this year include money collecting, can collecting, Mann said.

Students can obtain applications for the scholarship on the Web site for next semester.

"We are looking for NMU students who are sincere and need this money," ASNMU representative Stefanie Scovill said. "We are looking for people who are truly struggling financially and need assistance in childcare."

The ASNMU committee will be awarded on Nov. 18. ASNMU determines how many people apply and how much money is raised before giving out the money over two semesters, Mann said.

The amount awarded depends on the applicants and the scholarships given out.



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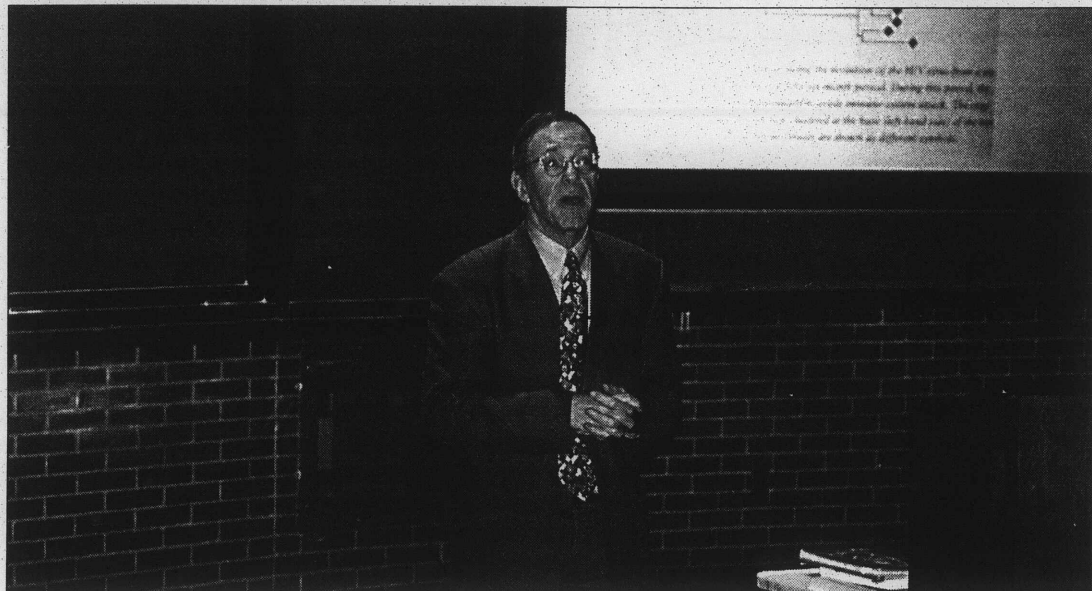
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Dr. Douglas Futuyma, evolutionary biologist and a professor at the University of Michigan, spoke last week. He gave two lectures, one on evolution in education and another on host shifts in insects.

Speaker talks evolution

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
STAFF REPORTER

Douglas Futuyma, an evolutionary biologist and professor at the University of Michigan, visited NMU last week to advocate why he feels evolution should be taught in schools.

"Why We Need to Teach Evolution," the title of Futuyma's discussion, was held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Jamrich 105.

"History is what is necessary to understand life today," Futuyma said. "All species are related to one another through a common ancestor."

Futuyma began his lecture by offering milestone statistics on genomes. He said that in February of 2001 scientists completed the sequencing of the human genome. The data was published in "Nature," a scientific journal, in what Futuyma referred to as the "Genome Papers."

"The impact of this over time is indescribable," Futuyma said. "We can learn everything about human organism functions."

Approximately 74 percent of all human proteins match that of a fruit fly, Futuyma said. In addition, 64 percent of all human proteins are identical to a mouse's and about 40 percent of human proteins are the same as the proteins found in yeast, Futuyma said. He said all of this would not be possible unless organisms had some common ancestor.

Futuyma further discussed how genes change through diseases, specifically HIV and bacterial infections. He spoke of how bacteria evolve to become immune to antibiotics, as does the gene composition of HIV.

"The transition of HIV to AIDS onset is caused when the disease evolves and there are so many different sequences that it overwhelms the immune system," Futuyma said. "HIV evolves and rapidly evades drugs. This is also true of bacteria."

The more antibiotics are used, the less effective they will become, he said.

"Doctors and patients ought to be trained in this to learn how the body works," Futuyma said.

Molecular biologists and geneticists should take evolution to be a fact, to make sense of what they see, Futuyma said.

"The twentieth century has been called the century of physics," Futuyma said. "I believe the Human Genome Papers inaugurated the century of biology."

Biology Professor Alec Lindsay said there were a number of reasons why Futuyma was brought to campus.

"He is a leader in the field of evolutionary biology," Lindsay said. "There is clearly an interest in this type of lecture."

Many students wanted to bring Futuyma to campus as a scientific response to the creationist speaker who visited NMU a few weeks ago, Lindsay said.

"I think Futuyma gave an excellent talk that outlined the necessity of evolution and biology literacy in society," Lindsay said. "I would hope that this would open people's minds and eyes to the relevancy of [evolution] in everyday life."

CAMPUS NOTES

Forum, chat will discuss budget

There are two upcoming opportunities to learn more about higher education and the impact of the state's economy on public universities.

The first one is a university forum which will take place from 3-5 p.m. today in the Michigan room in the University Center. Topics to be discussed include NMU's budget reduction plan timeline, enrollment and discussion of State of the Public Universities address.

The second opportunity is "Let's Talk: A Student Conversation with the President." It will be held from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Marketplace.

VOX makes list for production

VOX has announced their wish list of things they need for the production of the "Vagina Monologues." The wish list is a list of costs and donations that VOX needs to produce the show. The requests include red accessories such as boas and necklaces for costumes for the

cast. For a list of items needed, or to donate items, call Nicole Blemberg at (906) 362-2246.

Freedom march needs students

VOX is seeking students to attend "March on Washington: For Freedom of Choice" on April 25, 2004. They would like to fill at least one bus (56 seats) with students from campus.

There will be two separate buses going to the event. One bus will leave on April 23 and arrive in Washington, D.C. on April 24. Students will march on April 25 before packing up for home on the same day.

The express bus will leave April 24 and arrive on April 25 just before the march. It will leave Washington the same day.

The cost for the bus is \$55 per person until Dec. 1, and \$65 thereafter.

There is a hotel cost for those spending the night in Washington.

Scholarships are available for those in need.

For more information, contact Carol Carr at Planned Parenthood by e-mail at vox@nmu.edu.

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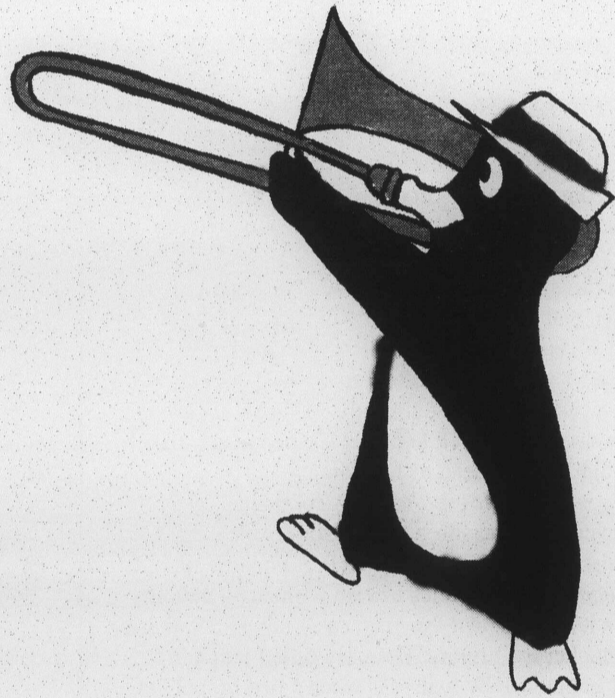
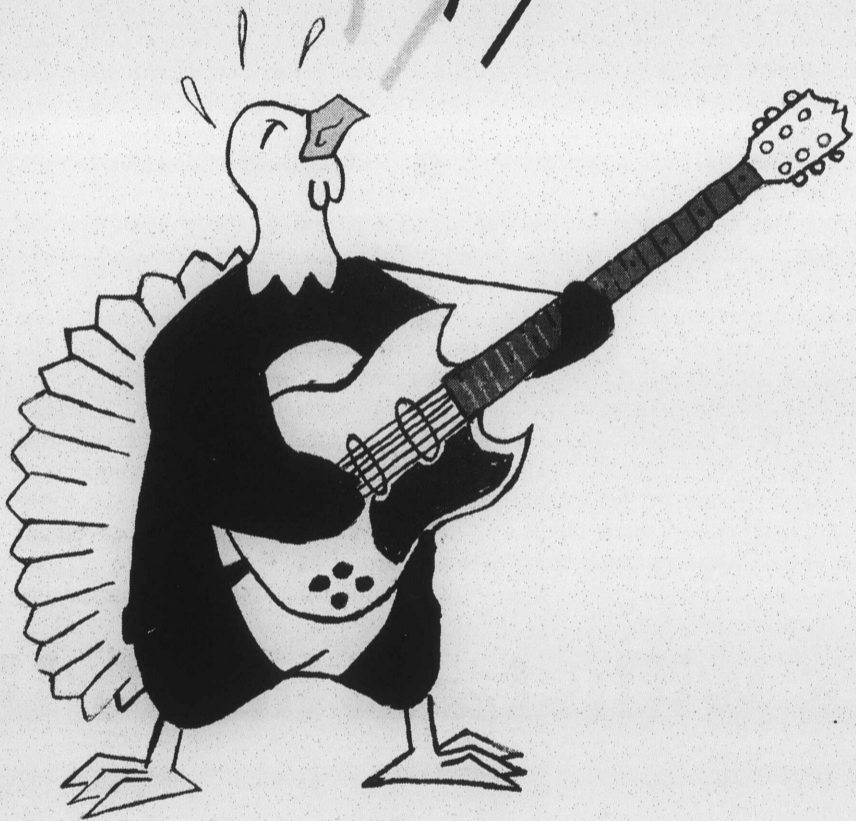
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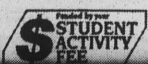
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Bumper stickers provide insight

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

"I cleaned up my act once, but I decided it was more fun when it was dirty," the bumper sticker said.

Image is everything, so the cliché goes. Knowing that the world functions in clichés and outward appearance, it's no surprise that I've come to judge people based on their bumper stickers. Last spring I started to jot down stickers that caught my eye.

I know immediately that if a sticker says "Don't laugh, it's paid for," that person is potentially in less debt than I am, at least for our means of transportation.

Religion and worldly views get slapped on rear ends all the time. It seems like somewhat of a sad reality that people can't love a religion and leave others alone without it.

"Smile, God loves you," one sticker told me on Monday. I couldn't help but grin as this sticker brought me back to a bumper sticker I saw driving back from Minnesota: "Darwin is my god."

"My other car is a broom" gave me a little insight ... and I found myself looking to the sky for the rest of that July day. I naturally assumed the driver practices Wicca, and is not into any of the Future Horizons products. Although, extroverted, progressive ultrageeks may one day bring bumper stickers to hoverboards and jetpacks, too.

Maybe the two largest groups of people who stickerize their vehicles are women and conservative white men.

"Eve was framed" is a common feminist claim made by bumper stickers, and I'm not sure if this proves the person is a devout Christian or just another hated heathen. This same group of sticker users tends to post "Well behaved women never make history." Fair enough. Ladies, lead us to anarchy!

One of my personal favorites is "You just got passed by a girl." I've never even had a person with this sticker pass me. I think many feminists would say that this type of taunting ultimately furthers unbecoming attitudes toward women — calling attention to the social fallacy that "women can't drive" is rather foolish. And, the sticker isn't funny. The only time I laugh in reading "You just got passed by a girl" is when I pull up behind these vehicles at stoplights.

Some women apparently try to lure in men as they leave the bars. "Nobody's ugly after 2 a.m.!" one glittery sticker says. Next to it: "Sex is a misdemeanor ... the more I miss it, the meaner I get!" And the chase is on.

While women never hesitate to take a stand on the back of a car, neither do America's beloved Bushites.

There are enough "Sportsmen for Bush" stickers on the back of beat up trucks and minivans around Marquette to make me want to paint my car, perhaps I'd explain the ways in which The Fearless Bushmeister has trashed environmental protection laws from Alaska to Florida. But, I drive a small two-door and all that text wouldn't fit.

Several vehicles, if not for all the rust and pre-Regan production dates, look as if they are driven right out of the FOX News staff parking lot. "Save the U.S. Constitution — vote Republican," a couple of cars on campus suggest, much to my disgust.

But there are plenty of nerdy stickers available, even if they are more difficult to find than typical slogan stickers.

"I like you, but I wouldn't want to see you working with subatomic particles." I have no idea what to think of that person; nor do I know what that person thinks of the rest of the world. I still don't regret creeping up on this car to get within reading range at 65 miles per hour.

So, please keep putting labels on your vehicles for me. It really makes discriminating easy. As one sticker quipped, "I just love nonverbal communication."

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

Auto Care Quick tips to ensure reliable winter vehicles

BY SHELLY RUSPAKKA
STAFF WRITER

Each winter morning senior history education major Traci Byykkonen looks outside the window at her car and the snow bank it's buried in. She wonders how long it will take to shovel it out and knock off the foot of snow piled on top. She also begins to wonder if her car will even start, or if she'll hear the familiar groan and putter of her engine trying mercilessly to start.

When it comes to the proper procedures needed to make her car start each winter morning, Byykkonen is clueless.

"I don't do anything. What are you supposed to do?"

Unfortunately, this is the response heard time and again when students are asked the same question, but there is a solution to the engine groan-and-putter problem. Of course, nothing can prevent the need to occasionally shovel your car out of a snow-packed ditch, but preparing your car for each winter can help ease some automotive woes.

If you're from warmer climates, winterizing your car might sound like a foreign idea. However, when the U.P. air can reach freezing temperatures, taking the extra time to get your car ready for the winter is an important consideration.

Winterizing your car can also prevent serious damage (not to mention repair costs) and potentially save lives.

Properly winterizing your car before the winter hits is an important procedure, Public Service Garage Service Manager Don Erkkila said.

Automotive Professor Al Starrine agrees, and said students should either check their cars over themselves, or bring the car into an auto shop to get a professional check-up.

For those who are still unsure of what winterizing means, automotive professionals have laid out some helpful tips:

1. **Check the condition and strength of your antifreeze.**

Students coming from warmer climates may have too much water in their antifreeze and it will freeze up on them.

Quality Car Care Service Writer Mike Grange said it's also important to make sure the level is full.

2. **Make a visual inspection of all hoses and belts.**

Grange said checking hoses and belts is important because it can save on towing bills and major repairs. He said once a belt breaks, the car will stop.

3. **Check your tire pressure.**

"The tires need to be checked more often with cooler weather because for every 10 degrees drop in temperature, tires lose one pound of pressure," Starrine said.

4. **Check the condition and strength of your battery.**

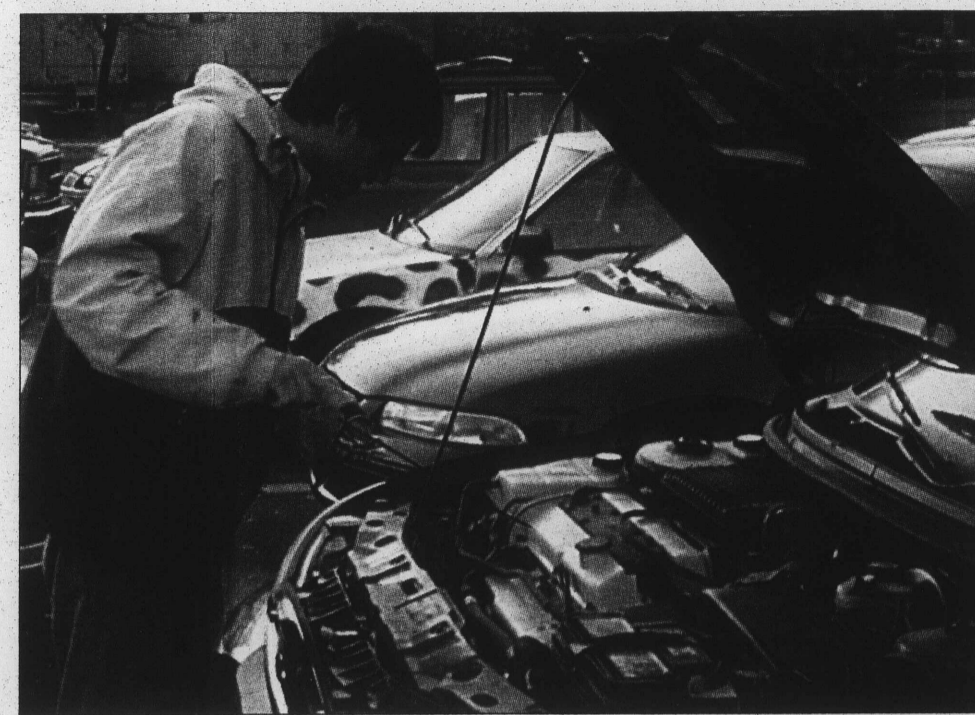
If there is a problem with the battery, it is magnified with colder temperatures, Erkkila said.

5. **Have a professional check your brakes to make sure they're safe for the winter weather conditions.**

If a car has anti-lock brakes, the driver should apply steady pressure and never pump the brakes, the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site said.

6. **Make sure there is proper coolant in the car.**

Coolant is a liquid that keeps the radiator



Nancy Starzyk/NW

Freshman undeclared major Dave Helwig looks under the hood of his car. Before the weather starts to get bad, many drivers get their cars checked out to prepare for winter.

stabilized.

"If you don't have proper coolant in the car it could cause the engine to overheat and destroy it," Grange said.

7. **Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle.**

People should always keep emergency supplies in their vehicles.

These supplies should include first-aid kits, battery-powered radios, flashlights, extra batteries, matches, blankets, warm clothes and non-perishable foods, the MDOT Web site said.

8. **Always keep your gas tank full.**

Problems while traveling can be avoided

by keeping vehicles properly maintained and filled with fuel, the MDOT Web site said.

9. **Clean your car off completely before driving.**

Before driving, motorists should clear ice and snow from windows, mirrors, hoods, roofs, headlights and taillights, according to the MDOT Web site.

For those who are not automotively inclined, Grange and Erkkila said their garages offer complete inspections at an affordable price. The inspection takes about 20 to 30 minutes.

"It's a very good investment," Erkkila said.

Cars withstand harsh Upper Peninsula weather

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Last winter, as junior history major Shaun Carlin approached his 1972 Volkswagen bus, two things were certain: his bus would start, but it was going to be a cold journey to wherever he was going.

Carlin said his bus started up every time he went to drive it, but the down side to his reliable hippy-mobile was that the vehicle had no heat.

"Dependability is a must in the North Country," Carlin said. "Heat is just a luxury."

Carlin said he drove his bus everywhere, including a frigid 500-mile ride to his home in Coldwater, Mich. during spring break.

"When I drove home I had to really bundle up," Carlin said. "I also had to constantly wipe down the windshield because it kept fogging up."

Carlin said his bus didn't have the reverse gear either.

"What a pain," Carlin said. "I would have to make sure I parked in a place

where I could easily get out of, which would be very hard with mountains of snow all around. Gas stations were the worst."

Carlin has since stopped using his bus and now drives a 1991 Ford Aerostar mini-van.

"The heat doesn't work on this vehicle that well either," Carlin said. "I'm anxious to see if this car will hold up in the winter as well as the bus did."

For a lot of NMU students, especially those living off campus, a dependable vehicle is an important element to surviving the harsh Upper Peninsula winters.

Sports Utility Vehicles are generally preferred by motorists who drive in harsh winter climates such as the Upper Peninsula.

Some qualities a driver should look for in a reliable SUV include traction control, good engine types and size — the bigger the engine the better the quality of it, all wheel drive, off-road ability, a cold climate package, engine heater, anti-lock brakes and air bags, according to the Car Value Web site <http://www.carvalu.com/qualities.asp>.

There are some vehicles that are more winter-efficient than others.

Tim Leahy, a sales representative at

Crown Subaru of Marquette, said having control of your vehicle when it comes to driving on slippery and icy roads is extremely important.

"A good thing about Subaru is that they come with all-wheel drive," Leahy said. "All-wheel drive gives a lot more traction and control."

Leahy said all-wheel drive is better than four-wheel drive because it is always working.

There is no hesitation, compared to a vehicle with four-wheel drive where the four-wheel drive has to be switched on.

Terry Surrell, a sales consultant at Crown Chevrolet of Negaunee said one of the most popular cars to drive in the winter is the Chevy Impala because it has excellent traction control and the engine is transversely set in front of the car making it easier to control in bad weather.

"If a wheel starts to spin, it automatically slows down," Surrell said. "A computer monitors the tire speed compared to the ground speed."

Surrell also said Trailblazers handle great in bad weather conditions and the big trucks such as Suburbans are also a favorite because of their ability to handle the winter conditions.

Marquette motorists steer clear of danger

BY JANICE OESTRIKE
STAFF WRITER

Nearly five years ago, Kim Dykwel, and her older sister were driving on a down state highway going the posted 70 mph speed limit when they hit a patch of ice.

"It was snowing pretty hard out," said Dykwel, a sophomore elementary education major. "We did a 360 and then another car hit us. It was really scary. If we hadn't been driving so fast, we may have avoided the accident."

The Federal Emergency Management Web site, www.fema.gov, said that the leading cause of death during winter storms are automobile accidents. Last year between Nov. 1 and April 1, 682 car accidents occurred in the city of Marquette, said Cpt. Kilgren of the Marquette Police Department. This figure also includes accidents which occurred on private property as well.

In order to prevent injury and accidents, The Federal Emergency Web site gives many tips to prepare drivers for winter driving.

Before taking off in sub-zero conditions, a mechanic should check the battery, ignition system, thermostat, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater and most importantly the brakes to make sure everything is working properly, the Web site said.

This will help prevent any mechanical errors from occurring that may cause an accident.

When driving during the winter more separation is needed between vehicles.

Drivers never want to get into a race with the clock while driving in the winter.

Motorists need to allow themselves extra

time for traveling during harsh conditions, the Web site said. Motorists should also avoid traveling alone and make sure the car is stocked with emergency supplies in case the driver gets stranded.

If conditions get too dangerous on the road, pull off, the Web site said. ASNMU has implemented a program known as Dozing Discounts for students traveling in severe weather conditions.

The program lists motels located along popular student driving routes where students can stay if road conditions get too harsh and receive a discounted price.

Motels found on the list include locations in Upper and Lower Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Students simply need to show their NMU ID.

"I think it (dozing discounts) is a great thing for students," said Ryan Charter, a senior biology major and ASNMU representative. "It gives them a place to go to when roads are bad."

In the event that a motorist does get stranded, the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site provides safety tips.

These tips include attaching a cloth to the car's antenna to attract attention and then remaining in the vehicle, running the motor for about 10 minutes each hour for heat, and slightly cracking the window in case the exhaust pipe isn't blocked.

Drivers should also attract attention by turning on the car's dome light and emergency flashers when running the engine and exercise by moving arms, legs, fingers and toes to keep blood circulation going and to stay warm, the Web site said.



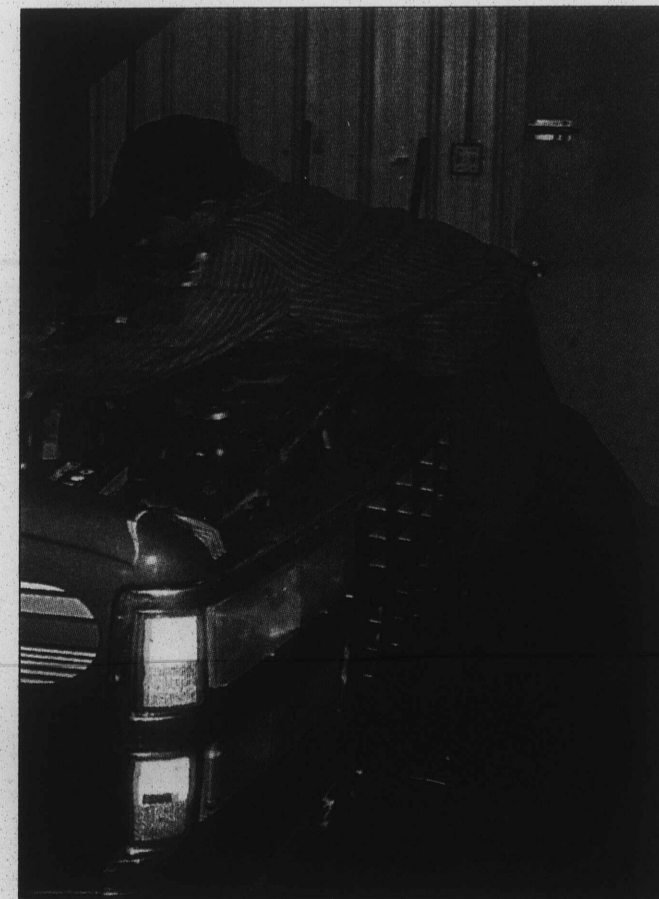
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Many U.P. motorists endure severe driving conditions. Drivers should keep more separation between them and the cars around them during harsh weather, and avoid traveling alone.

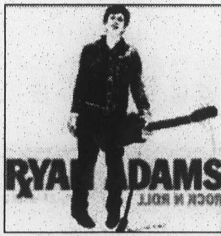


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Heritage Motors mechanic Phil Canon works on an SUV. SUVs are among the top vehicles of choice in the U.P.

Former indie artist releases sketchy album

Ryan Adams
"Rock and Roll"



Grade: **B-**

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

These days it's easy to take a few cheap shots at a guy like Ryan Adams. The former Whiskeytown frontman (not to be confused with Bryan "Summer of '69" Adams) has quickly transformed from indie-rock singer/songwriter to the new alt-country poster boy.

Suddenly he's wading into the treacherous waters of rock-star-wannabes — shooting GAP commercials, enjoying a fling with Winona Ryder and publicly feuding with other rock-star-wannabes.

Of course, the music should always speak for itself, but even so, many accuse Adams of being increasingly self-absorbed and derivative of his many musical heroes, whether it's Bob Dylan or Black Flag.

His latest album, the audaciously-titled "Rock and Roll," will probably only intensify the dispute on whether Adams is a genius or a complete hack.

One thing can be said about Mr. Adams: he's never made the same record twice, either solo or with Whiskeytown.

On "Rock and Roll," his third official solo outing, Adams ditches the folksy leanings of previous albums for a gritty rock sound complete with loud guitars and hoarse singing.

There's a lot of attitude in these songs, and whether that attitude is justified and well-executed is up to the listener.

Kicking off with the punchy, infectious "This Is It" (most notable for its cheeky opening lyric: "Let me sing a song for you/That's never been sung before"), the album settles into a series of songs where lyrics are borderline-crass and guitar licks are mere re-writes of several well-known classic rock staples (see if you can name those tunes yourself).

Luckily, the fifth track, "So Alive," breathes some life back into "Rock and Roll," and is perhaps one of the best tunes the singer/songwriter has released to date.

With its shimmering, reverb-drenched guitars and Adams' desperate vocals, the song immediately evokes the feel of bands such as U2, The Cure and The Smiths.

"Anybody Wanna Take Me Home?" is cut from a similar cloth, sounding like a pessimistic bookend to The Smiths' classic, "There Is A Light That Never Goes Out." It's a wistful, breezy song, if

not a bit overwrought with self-pity, where Adams isolates himself in the corner of a bar and gazes at the world through a half-finished bottle: "I'm in the twilight of my youth/Not that I'm going to remember."

As a vocalist, Adams has always had a knack for using his voice as instrument, tailoring his singing performance to perfectly fit the emotion he is attempting to get across.

On more than a few occasions, Adams manages to make his vocals croon just like The Smiths' infinitely-sad lead singer Morrissey.

In the album's better songs, Adams explores themes of relationships and uses character sketches to paint tragic figures, whether it's a strung-out, lovesick girl or his own maladjusted self.

Still, in spite of themes of sadness, this isn't a depressing album to listen to.

However, when Adams can't come up with a winning lyric or a memorable chorus, the songs often fall flat, such as on "Luminol" or "She's Lost All Control."

"Wish You Were Here" is arguably the weakest song here, where a decent melody is off-set by repetitive, mindless lines like "It's all a bunch of shit."

For the most part though, his songs strike an emotional chord, such as the bitter kiss-off "Burning Photographs" where Adams sings, "I used to be sad/Now I'm just bored with you/You're doomed to repeat the past/Cause noth-

ing's gonna last/I burned all your photographs."

The album's lone ballad, the oh-so-ironically named "Rock and Roll," also adds a brief but welcomed earnestness from some of the arrogance that is found in much of Adams' material.

In the song, he quietly sings: "Everybody's cool playing rock and roll/But I don't feel cool at all/Send all of my best out to the band/I don't think I'll make it to the show."

It's a mixed bag, but "Rock and Roll" is mostly an enjoyable listen, even if it often seems as though Ryan Adams is performing cover songs written by his mentors rather than actual songs by Ryan Adams.



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Veteran singer continues to inspire music

Paul Westerberg
"Come Feel Me Tremble"



Grade: **B+**

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

I'll be honest — Paul Westerberg isn't hip. In his 40s, some might say he's just an old war-horse, a has-been. His songs no longer hold "top 40 hit potential" and his days with his old band, The Replacements, are history. But it'd be

criminal to say the guy is washed up. A quick history lesson: during the 80s, a decade of mostly horrible music, Minneapolis' Replacements carved their own niche into what would become known as indie rock, balancing Westerberg's brilliant heart-on-sleeve songs while playing concerts drunker than sailors on shore leave.

For what it's worth, the band's influence can be heard in acts as diverse as Nirvana, The Get Up Kids and Ryan Adams.

Today, Westerberg keeps a lower profile, recording out of his own basement studio for the indie label Vagrant Records, including his latest, "Come Feel Me Tremble."

Full of dirty electric guitars, unsteady rhythms and haphazard recording, "Come Feel Me Tremble's" sound can be off-put-

ting at times. But these are mostly sturdy, emotional pop/rock songs.

"My Daydream" is among the album's high points, with a sing-along chorus and a groovy slide-guitar solo.

The blistering "Pine Box" runs too long, but it sports a riff that could peel paint off walls, sounding like Led Zeppelin meeting with the Rolling Stones in a filthy alleyway.

Two alternate takes of "Crackle and Drag" are paired together; the song is a portrait on the suicide of poet Sylvia Plath, where Westerberg grimly sings: "She closed the window/She made a pillow on the oven door/And took a long deep breath/While her baby slept/Now they're zipping her up in a bag."

There are a few clunkers on "Come Feel Me Tremble," tunes made up of only a simple guitar figure and half-improvised

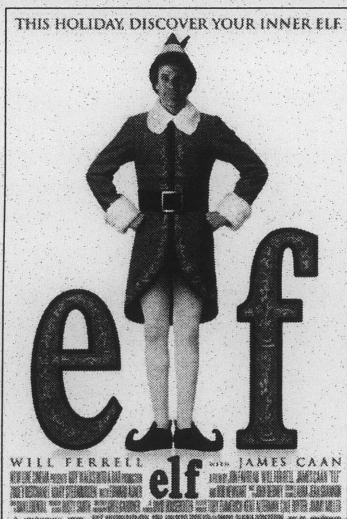
lyrics (see "Making Me Go" and "Soldier of Misfortune").

But the best moments here are the quieter ones. "What A Day For A Night" is vintage Westerberg, teaming a lazy acoustic strum with an aching voice that has never sounded better.

The album closes with two lovely numbers: "Meet Me Down the Alley," a ghostly epitaph to adolescence, and a countrified cover of Jackson Browne's "These Days," where Westerberg might as well be singing about his own career: "Please don't confront me with my failures/I have not forgotten them."

Oddly, by holing up in his own basement, Westerberg is back to writing songs that could inspire nearly anyone else to get out of the house, hop in the car and crank the stereo on a drive to nowhere in particular.

'Elf' successful holiday movie



★★★★☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT
OPINION EDITOR

"Elf" takes a weak premise and presents it with such earnest abandon that I couldn't help but like it.

Buddy (Will Ferrell) plays a 30-year-old human raised by elves at the North Pole. He spends his life ignorant of his origins, towering above his "peers" and never quite measuring up with his toy production at quota time.

When he finally discovers that he isn't just "special," his surrogate elf father (Bob Newhart) reveals that his biological dad Walter (James Caan) heads a children's book division of a publishing company in New York.

What's more, Walter is currently on Santa's (Ed Asner) naughty list ... Dun dun daaa!

Thus begins Buddy's odyssey to find his father and revive his Christmas spirit.

I would love to have been in the room when they were pitching that idea to the movie executives. And as cheesy as that sounds, Will Ferrell is the one to

pull it off. Ferrell's comedic genius lies not in overtly trying to be funny, but in putting such sincerity and belief into ridiculous characters that hilarity ensues.

With various nods to classical Christmas claymation, including Leon Redbone as a very familiar looking snowman, "Elf" delivers the yearly fruitcake of holiday smarm in the most appetizing way that I have seen in years.

Whilst frolicking about the Big Apple, Buddy falls for a Jovie (Zoey Deschanel) a Gimble's store employee dressed as an elf for holiday promotions.

Zoey Deschanel, besides having the coolest movie star name ever, is a much less annoying and creepy version of Reese Witherspoon with a marvelous singing voice.

This movie dares to ask the questions: Can a manic elf-man find love and happiness in one of the countries rudest cities? Why isn't Buddy a raving diabetic?



Favorite movie moments: Buddy's amazing use of Lite Brites, Legos and Etch-a-Sketches; the snowball fight; Buddy's diet and sleeping patterns; and of course the hilariously inappropriate boardroom scene featuring Peter Dinklage of "The Station Agent."

This movie is all about Will Ferrell in the same way that Martin Lawrence's "Black Knight" and "Big Mama's House," not to mention the Sandler Series, are vehicles for their comedy.

This, to me, is not a bad thing, since I have been a huge fan of Ferrell since his wonderful skits on Saturday Night Live.

However, if you don't particularly like him or his humor, you may want to pass this one up (and I think you are a fool).

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Meeting: First Aid will meet from 5-6 p.m. in the Backroom in the University Center. First Aid Productions is a student operated music collective open to all students.

Meeting: Singles Social will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Backroom in the University Center. Singles Social is a club designed for singles to meet other singles and hang out. So show up and have some fun. If you can't come to the meeting, but would like to know what went on or give your input e-mail jmusket@nmu.edu.

Forum: A University Forum will be held from 3-5 p.m. in the Michigan Room in the University Center. The focus topics are NMU's budget reduction plan timeline, facilities, enrollment and a discussion of the State of the Public Universities address.

FRIDAY, Nov. 14

Performance: NMU Idol Talent show begins at 7:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. \$1 admission for students. All proceeds go to the Arthur Walker Scholarship fund.

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

Play: A Rembrandt's Eyes begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre.

SATURDAY, Nov. 15

Meeting: Ever want to learn martial arts? Now is your chance to try it for free from a 12th degree black belt. Anyone is welcome. Just wear loose clothing and come try it out. We will meet from noon to 3 p.m. in the PEIF dance studio. For more information visit www.myweb.nmu.edu/~joyang

Play: A Rembrandt's Eyes begins at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre

Athletics: The men's football team will host Northwood at 7 p.m. at the Superior Dome.

Seminar: Get introduced to a Japanese martial art, Budo Taijutsu, at a two-day seminar from noon until 3 p.m. Free to students (nominal fee to public). Wear loose clothing. Call 227-4589 for details.

SUNDAY, Nov. 16

Meeting: The All Nations Club is still holding informational meetings on study abroad and traveling opportunities this winter. The meeting is at 6 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge. There will be some food and drinks, so please bring \$1.50. We are still looking for new members, so come and check it out at the All Nations Club!

Meeting: There will be a martial arts meeting held by a 12th degree black belt from

10 a.m. -1 p.m. in the PEIF dance studio for more information visit www.myweb.nmu.edu/~joyang

Seminar: Get introduced to a Japanese martial art, Budo Taijutsu, at a two-day seminar from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free to students (nominal fee to public). Wear loose clothing. Call 227-4589 for details.

MONDAY, Nov. 17

Forum: Do you have specific questions that you would like to ask Interim President Mike Roy? Are you concerned about ongoing or upcoming issues at NMU? If you answered yes to any of these questions you should attend the "Let's Chat" forum featuring Interim President Mike Roy. ASNMU and the office of the President will have an open forum at 5 p.m. in the Marketplace. Please come with any questions that you have.

TUESDAY, Nov. 18

Meeting: Don't freeze to death in the woods! Shelter is the #1 necessity if you ever find yourself lost in the wilderness for the night. Come to OORP's shelter building workshop and learn the ins and outs of tents and tarps or learn how to build a debris shelter with nothing but sticks and leaves. Meet at 4 p.m. in the PEIF Pit (upstairs next to the elevator). Dress according to the weather as you will be going outside. For questions e-mail Mike Reynolds at ekim189@yahoo.com or

oorp@nmu.edu. Remember, don't get left in the cold!

Meeting: Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCA) will discuss the hard-hitting controversial look at The Good Life, a recent best seller by Peter Gomes, from 7-8 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge. Gomes is an African American, Gay, Republican and a faculty member of Harvard Divinity School.

Meeting: Chess club will meet at 7 p.m. in West Science Room 3810. Everyone is welcome to to come and play a couple of games. No experience is necessary. For more information contact Brian Psciuk or Janice Oestrike at 249-5257.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 19

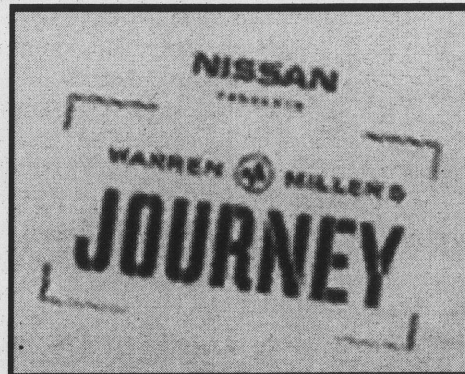
Event: NMU Steppin' Out Dance Club will host a 70s and 80s Dance Party from 8-10 p.m. in the Cadillac Room in the University Center. Come join us for a night of ballroom dancing!

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

Meeting: The NMU College Republicans will meet at 9 p.m. in Room 311 of the LRC. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Fight the left on campus, join the College Republicans.

Meeting: His House Christian Fellowship will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at 1701 Presque Isle Avenue. Dinner will be served beforehand at 6 p.m.

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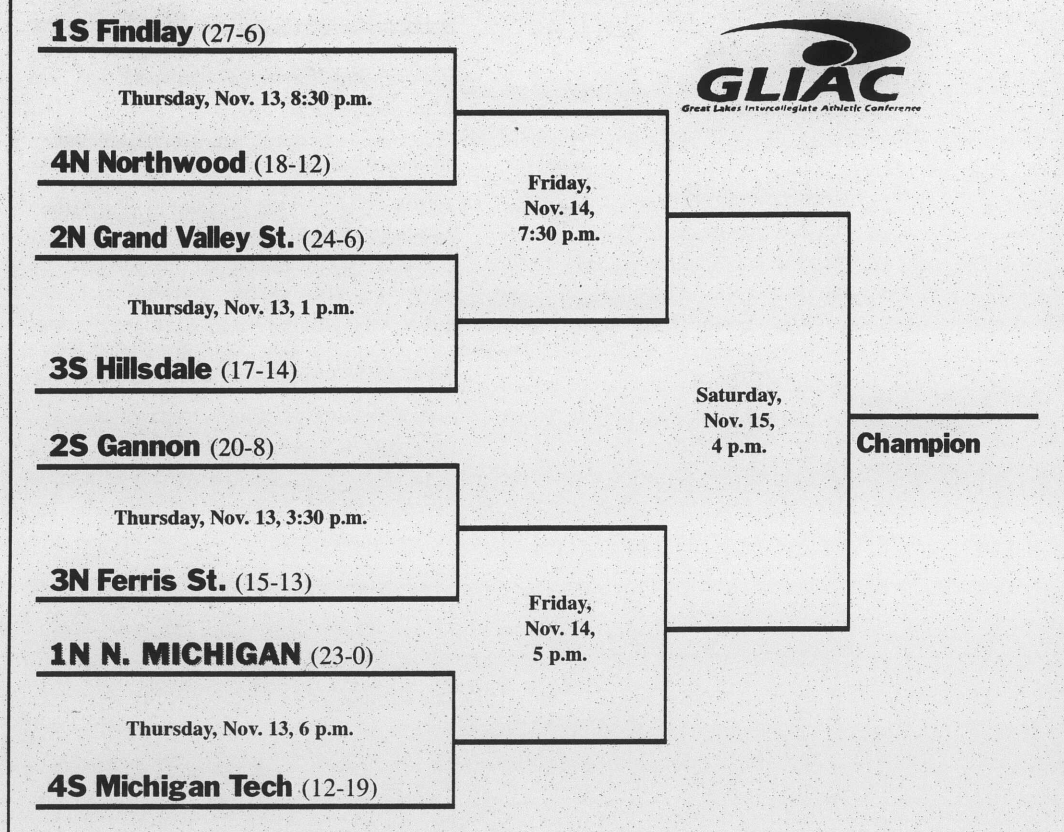


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2003 GLIAC TOURNAMENT

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Tournament play begins

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The post-season begins for the NMU volleyball team today with the first match of the GLIAC tournament against a familiar foe — Michigan Tech.

NMU earned the No. 1 seed in the North Division after recording the first perfect regular season in NMU volleyball history. The season already earned the team the GLIAC championship regardless of tournament results.

How well the team does in the tournament may have an effect on the regional or national tournament, head volleyball coach Jim Moore said. But, in the worst case scenario, NMU will come out of the single elimination tournament this weekend with one loss.

Playing two strong teams — Grand Valley and Ferris State — back-to-back on Nov. 7 and 8 will

help the team this weekend as it may play three matches in three days (if they go to the final match), Moore said.

Depending on how the tournament unfolds, NMU could have a repeat of last weekend's games by facing Ferris in the second round and GVSU in the final.

"That's what you have now (in the tournament)," he said. "You have back-to-back tough opponents."

The team will continue to play as it has been through the season with the attitude of one match, one game, and one point at a time, Moore said.

The 'Cats made what may have been the greatest transition in college volleyball between last season when they had a 15-15 record and this season's undefeated record. However, the program produced a string of GLIAC championships

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NMU takes loss in season finale

BY MATT WELLENS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Head soccer coach Carl Gregor will not be joining head football coach Doug Sams as the next NMU hair victim due to a team bet.

Going into last weekend, Gregor made a deal with his team that if they broke the NMU record for wins in a season, he would dye his hair blond.

But, the Wildcats (2-5 GLIAC, 10-7-1 overall) were unable to pick up their 11th victory, losing, 3-2, on Nov. 8 at Northwood University.

Northwood's freshman midfielder Vanessa Seguin picked up the first goal of the game at 39:13 after an apparent miscall by the official.

Senior midfielder Lindsey Mockenhaupt said the referee had signaled a Northern ball on a throw-in and then switched it to a Northwood throw-in.

NU acted on the call right away while Northern was still caught up field.

"The officiating was really bad," Gregor said. "The referee gave them their first goal."

At the half, the referee came over to the Northern bench and admitted her mistake, Mockenhaupt said.

The referee lost control of the game, having to stop play a number of times due to fan distractions, she said.

"It's something different every time," Gregor said about the team's visits to Northwood.

Two years ago at Northwood, current senior forward Carolyn

Kunas was assaulted by Northwood's goaltender at the end of the game, he said.

Northwood was able to pick up two more goals in the game from freshman midfielder Lindsay Kennedy at 43:55 and from sophomore forward

Ashleigh Lynn at 70:11.

"After the second goal, the team really got down," senior goaltender Jamie

Rocho said.

Mockenhaupt

Gregor said two of the goals were preventable.

The team was exhausted from the long season going into the game, Gregor said.

"I never had a team that traveled so much," he said.

The team was not concentrating and was really hyper before the game, senior forward April Gieseke said. Junior midfielder Brooke Beckmann agreed.

"It was hard for people to keep their full mind on the game," she said.

The game was really disappointing for the seniors because it was their final game, she said.

Senior players scored both of Northern's goals against NU. Forward Betsy Hubert scored Northern's first goal just before the end of the first half at 44:27. The final goal of the 2003 season for NMU was scored off of a free kick by Kunas at 87:51.

The free kick was awarded to

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Mockenhaupt

Buckeyes come back to tie weekend series

BY DOUG DRAKE
STAFF WRITER

The NMU hockey team split a two-game series with the 13th-ranked, CCHA-leading Ohio State Buckeyes last weekend at the Berry Events Center.

On Nov. 7, the Wildcats were able to hold off the Buckeyes in the third period for a 2-1 victory.

NMU gave up a power play with four minutes remaining and the Buckeyes pulled their goaltender for an extra skater in the final 65 seconds, but could not score.

The Wildcats ended a five-game winning streak by Ohio State (6-2 CCHA, 7-4 overall).

Head coach Walt Kyle said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"We got a win against a really good team," he said. "We were fortunate enough to jump out early on them. They put a lot of pressure on us and (senior goalie Craig) Kowalski played very well for us again."

Kyle said his team showed growth against OSU in the first game.

"We definitely took a step forward in some areas

of the game that I haven't seen us do well lately, certainly not down at Michigan," he said.

Senior forward Justin Kinnunen tallied Northern's first goal off a pass from sophomore forward Andrew Contois over a sprawling defenseman at 6:48.

At 15:28, sophomore defenseman Jamie Milam fired a slap shot past a screen set by sophomore forward Pat Bateman.

"I just shot the puck as hard as I could," Milam said. "[I] closed my eyes and hoped it went in. (Freshman forward) Rob Lehtinen set a nice pick that gave me the chance to get the shot off."

Kowalski took over in the second and third periods, giving up just one goal on 32 shots and earning him the Perani Cup First Star of the game.

Buckeyes senior forward Paul Caponigri scored the lone goal for Ohio State as he fired a wrist shot that beat Kowalski at 5:36 in the second period.

On Nov. 8, the Buckeyes took the lead and control of the game early and never relinquished either all night.

They defeated the Wildcats, 6-1.

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Don Lhamon/NW

Sophomore forward Dirk Southern scored Northern's only goal against Ohio State on Nov. 8. The Buckeyes defeated NMU, 6-1.

NMU defeats FSU to earn perfect season

BY DAVE MOSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The day after a win against Grand Valley clinched the conference championship for the NMU volleyball team, it beat Ferris State in three games to complete their regular season with a perfect record.

This year's Wildcats (18-0 GLIAC, 23-0 overall) are the first team in NMU volleyball history to complete the season undefeated.

"It was hard for us to come back from a lot of emotion," head volleyball coach Jim Moore said about the Nov. 8 game.

He said Ferris is a tough team to play. The Bulldogs (12-6 GLIAC, 15-13 overall) lead the conference in blocking and showed their strength against the 'Cats.

Ferris had six blocks in the match while NMU had five.

"They don't have a tremendous amount of height, but they are good at reading hitters and have good blocking technique," junior outside hitter Beth Honaker said.

"The biggest difference is the people that have been here a few years are out to win."

— Jennie Little
junior outside hitter

In the end, it was the 'Cats height advantage that overcame Ferris' blocking ability, Honaker said.

NMU won the three games, 30-28, 30-27, and 30-25. The 'Cats never had a large lead and came from behind in two games.

Ferris physically outworked them, Moore said.

"A lot of it was we wanted to just play. We wanted to get it over with," Moore said.

Junior outside hitter Jennie Little said it was unbelievable to finish the season undefeated.

It was such a huge change from last season that the prospects of possibly ending the regular season undefeated did not cross some of the player's minds until this weekend. It wasn't until the night before the Ferris Match that Honaker said she really thought about an undefeated season.

"The biggest difference is the people that have been here a few years are out to win," Little said.

She said it is a relief for her that they have more certainty about where they

stand as far as the NCAA tournament.

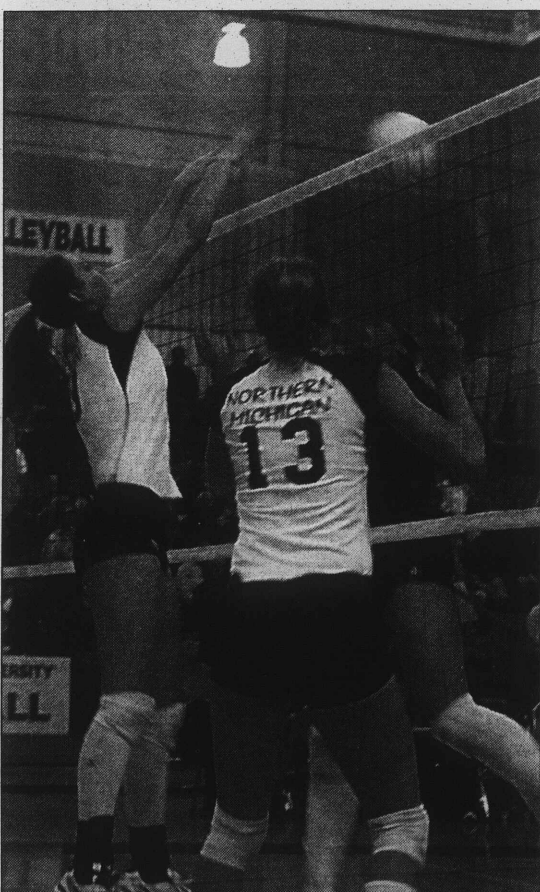
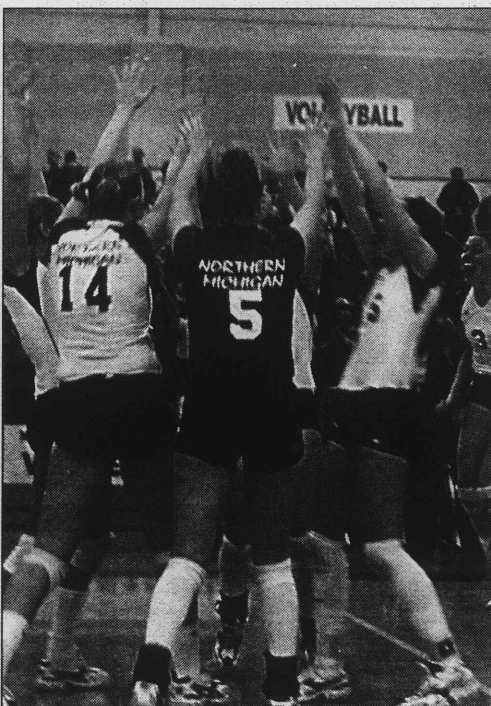
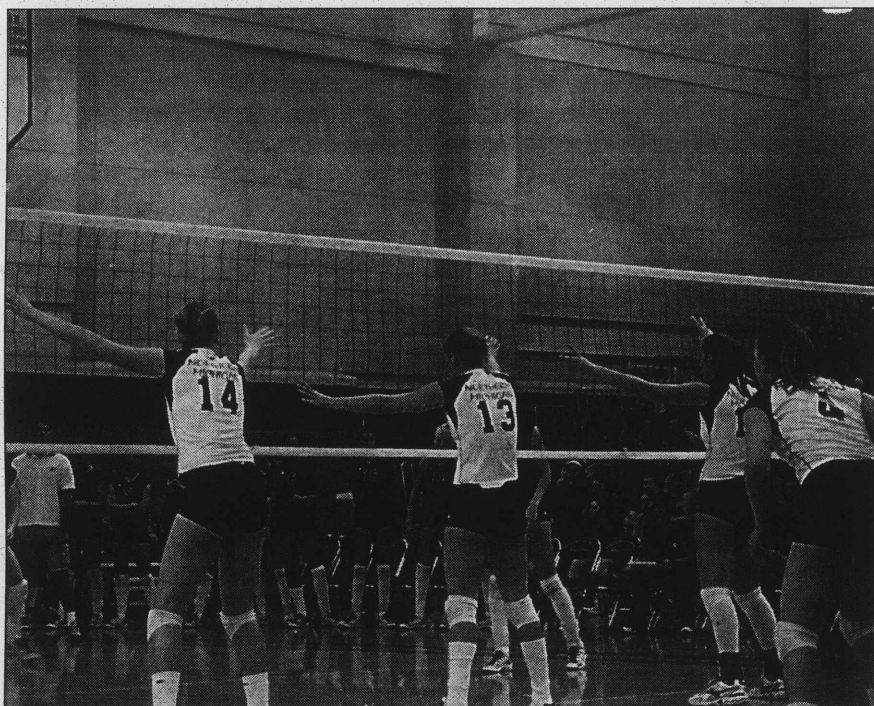
Last year they had the mindset that each loss might have been the one to keep them out of the tournament. This year, because they have not lost yet, they are automatically in.

Junior outside hitter Karla Fairbanks was a key player for Ferris State.

Moore said she is very good and swings hard when she hits the ball.

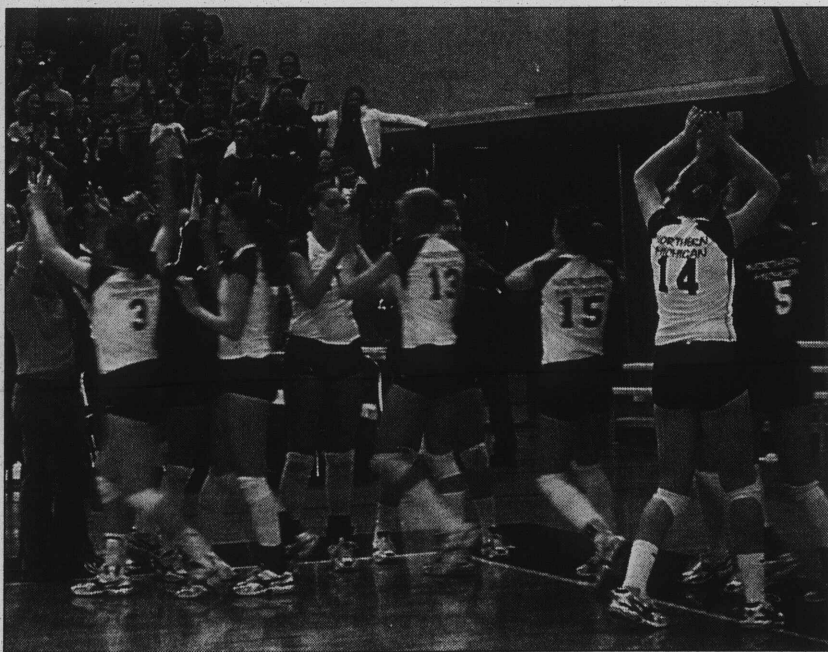
Fairbanks received credit for half of Ferris' 42 kills in the match. Fairbanks played well and led Ferris State throughout the match, Honaker said.

Leading Northern in kills was junior outside hitter Aimee Dewitte with 11. She also recorded two assists and one block assist. For her efforts, Dewitte was named the GLIAC North Player of the Week for the second time this season.



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NMU Volleyball



Tom Jedlowski/NW

Bottom left: Sophomore middle blocker Holly Greenamyre, left, and junior Aimee Dewitte go up to block a GVSU hit. Top left: Junior middle blocker Beth Honaker, Dewitte and Greenamyre signal to teammates before a play. Top right and bottom: NMU celebrates after defeating GVSU to claim the conference championship on Nov. 7.

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Lahr leads 'Cats to second-place finish

BY ALEX PINA
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's cross country team placed second overall last weekend at the NCAA II Regionals and earned a bid to the NCAA II Cross Country Finals in North Carolina on Nov. 22.

On Nov. 8 in Hudsonville, Mich., the Wildcats finished the meet with 82 team points. Grand Valley State University won the meet with 35 points.

Senior Jennifer Lahr led the way for NMU with a strong seventh place finish and a time of 22:14. Junior Tami Kochen pulled through with a 14th overall finish running the course in 22:34. Junior Maria Stuber followed in 15th place with a time of 22:36. For their performance, Lahr, Kochen, and Stuber were named to the

All-Great Lakes Regional Team.

Sophomore Stephanie Howe (17th overall) and junior Jane Stieber (29th overall) also scored points for Northern.

With solid individual performances throughout the team, head coach Sten Fjeldheim said NMU ran much better than was expected of them and put out an unbelievable effort to pull through.

"It has been a great year so far, and [last weekend] was a great way to cap the regionals," Fjeldheim said. "The team effort was unreal."

Finishing in 7th, Lahr ran what both she and Fjeldheim said was one of her best races in her career. Fjeldheim said Lahr ran a very determined race and was able to pick up her pace and move up through the pack a mile and a half into the 6k course.

"I ran in front of a large pack and knew

that I had to keep pushing it the whole race," Lahr said. "I was very motivated to do well here and I finally ran with confidence."

Overall, Fjeldheim said he was very pleased with how NMU has come together as a team this season, and have met and broke many of the pre-season expectations.

"I am more proud of this team and have had more fun than [with them than] any other team that I have ever coached," Fjeldheim said. "The girls have really worked and stuck together as a team, and they absolutely deserve all the credit. Behind our top seven runners, we

have 20 other women on the team that show up to practice, run the miles and push our top girls."

Northern is now looking ahead to the NCAA division II National Cross Country Championships on Nov. 22 at the SAS Soccer Park in Cary, N.C. It is the team's goal to run a solid race and have Lahr, Kochen, Stuber, and Howe make the All-American Team, Fjeldheim said.

Lahr said she is already excited for Nationals. Her goal is to make the All-American Team, and with the way she has ran this season, she feels like it is a very realistic goal.

"I am not worried about the outcome at the Nationals, we will run to try and win, but our focus will be to run every step that we can, as well as we can," Fjeldheim said.



Lahr

Small numbers hurt team

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN
STAFF WRITER

The NMU swimming and diving team recorded two losses last weekend in St. Cloud, Minn.

The team's first loss came on Nov. 7 against St. Cloud State in a dual meet with a score of 148-90.

Junior Sam Pechek said for the most part, the team swam strong all weekend and many people had good times.

"The meet was really fun for me because I am from Minnesota and it gave me a chance for my family and friends to watch me swim," she said.

Pechek took NMU's first win of the night in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25:16. Freshman Sarah Bartosh recorded the next first-place finish in the 200 individual medley (2:14.94). Senior diver Kathie Cole won the one-meter board event with 231.35 points. The

'Cats also received back-to-back wins with Pechek, winning her second event of the night in the 100 freestyle (54.50) and senior Shelly Ruspakka, winning the 100 backstroke (1:03.34).

"We only took 10 people to the meet," Ruspakka said. "St. Cloud had all of their swimmers (approximately 30) and Stevens Point had approximately 40, so it was the numbers that killed us. In bigger meets, there is a limit to how many people you can put in it, so that's where we'll do better."

The second loss of the weekend came in the tri-meet with St. Cloud and Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The 'Cats took a second place finish with a score of 65 points. St. Cloud won the meet with 110 points.

Wins for the 'Cats included Pechek in the 200 freestyle (1:58.50), Bartosh in the 200 butterfly (2:18.43) and Graham in the 200 breaststroke (2:33.39).

Cole took a first-place finish in the three-meter diving event with 208.20 points.

The team is swimming better than they did in North Dakota, Ruspakka said.

"We're swimming tired, practicing really hard, and overall it was a good meet," Pechek said.

The team heads to Green Bay on Friday to swim in a tri-meet with UW-Green Bay and Butler University.

Although they did not compete against Green Bay last year, the team expects a tough meet, Ruspakka said.

"We're driving down that same day, swimming and driving back, so they'll be rested where we won't be," Ruspakka said.

To prepare for UW and bigger meets down the road, the team is beginning to work on more technical aspects and is beginning to fine tune its skills, Ruspakka said.

Halftime lead not enough

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

On the road and with less than 30 minutes to go, the Northern Michigan University Wildcat football team held the lead against the No. 1-ranked Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals.

But a punt return for a touchdown and a tipped interception changed the tide for the Wildcats and the Cardinals kept their undefeated record intact.

SVSU (9-0 GLIAC, 10-0 overall) defeated NMU (3-6 GLIAC, 3-7 overall), 42-15, on Nov. 8.

The Cardinals gained a 6-0 lead in the first quarter with two field goals. In the second quarter, Northern came back and took the lead at 12:59 of the second quarter when sophomore tailback Abram McCoy scored on a four-yard run. Sophomore kicker Kyle Marotz added the extra point.

A minute later, the NMU defense recorded a safety, making the score 9-6. At 7:10 of the second quarter, the Wildcats scored when junior quarterback Kyle Swenor hit sophomore wide receiver Nick Mauthe for a seven-yard touchdown.

"Our team is a lot better than our record shows," Swenor said. "I don't know if they thought they saw something in us where they thought they could come out and not play their best or what. Maybe

they were (playing their best). We were just doing what was working for us. We were just doing what we do."

At halftime the Wildcats held a 15-13 lead.

In the third quarter, Saginaw Valley returned a punt for a touchdown, but on the ensuing drive, the Wildcats moved the ball inside the Cardinal five-yard line. Swenor threw a pass that was tipped and intercepted.

"Things just went down hill from there," Swenor said.

The Cardinals drove down the field and scored another touchdown.

"Unfortunately we had that turnover — from then on they made it very tough for us," head coach Doug Sams said. "(The Cardinals) are a very good, experienced football team."

NMU did not score in the second half of the game.

"I think we had them worried," Sams said. "But they answered, they picked it up."

McCoy led all backs with 92 yards on 25 carries. McCoy also led the Wildcats in receiving with seven receptions for 56 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Vinney Mayfield had six receptions for 51 yards. Swenor was 23-37 for 206 yards. He threw four interceptions.

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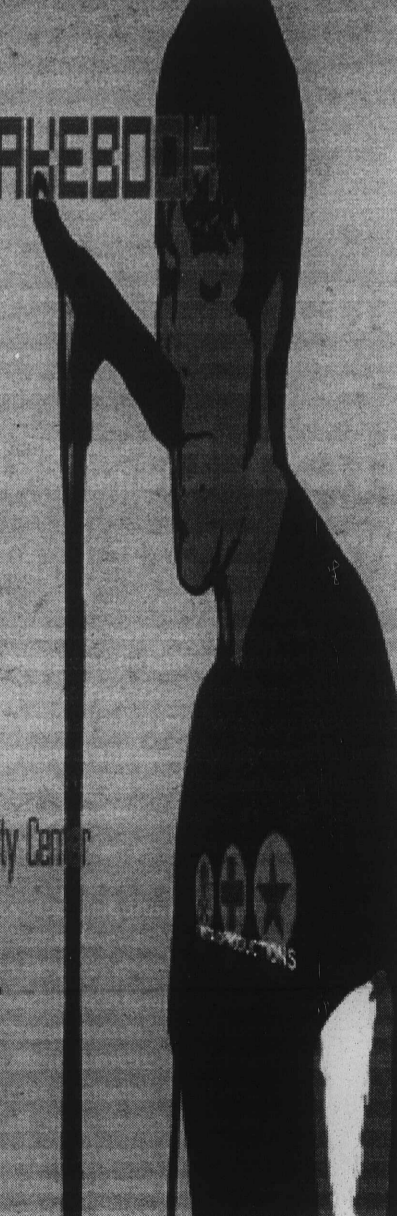

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Sams, seniors aim to end season with win

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

For the nine seniors on the NMU football roster, Saturday's game will mark the last time they put on the pads, march out on to the Superior Dome field and feel the rush of the energetic crowd.

"There's an old saying, 'leave it all on the field,'" senior wide receiver Micah Billingsley said. "This is my last go-round and you don't want to turn away from the game and not have put forth 100-percent effort."

For Billingsley, defensive back Drew Buyarski, linebacker Brandon Genwright, wide receiver Chris Messano, offensive line-

man Dan Nett, tight end Justin Orvis, wide receiver Pat Rouzard and defensive back Sydney St. Hiliare, this game will be their last as Wildcats.

"This is going to be 60 minutes of football that they are going to remember for the next 40-50 years of their lives," head coach Doug Sams said. "That is very significant."

But Sams said this game is not just about the departing seniors.

In a season that did not quite live up to expectations, Sams said it will be important to end the season with a win.

"For our guys coming back next year, this is the first game of next season," Sams said. "It is a

very important game. A win can give us a lot of momentum going into next year."

Billingsley said that not only do the seniors want to end on a positive note, they also want to leave something for the team to build off.

"Despite the nine seniors, overall this team is still very young," Billingsley said. "Last year, we ended with three straight losses and that led into this season. It's important for the seniors to leave something positive for these young bucks to start on a positive note next year."

NMU (3-6 GLIAC, 3-7 overall) will be competing against the Northwood Timberwolves (5-4

GLIAC, 5-5 overall) at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Superior Dome.

Northwood runs the option, a style of offense the Wildcats have seen very little of this season.

Sams said the team is preparing to defend against NU's style.

"We spent some time on the option in training camp," Sams said. "For this week, we taught a scout team how to run the option and we have our (offensive starters) run it in practice so that our defense gets used to seeing it."

Sams said practice is key to defending the option because it is rare.

"It's different," Sams said. "It requires a different type of mentality."

THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L	NU
3-7		5-5
OFFENSE		
24.6	Pts. (Avg.)	25.1
217	First Downs	159
126.4	Rush (Avg.)	214.5
287.2	Pass (Avg.)	105.6
29:52	Time of Possession	26:50
11	Rushing TDs	24
19	Passing TDs	9
2	Return TDs	1
DEFENSE		
35.3	Pts. Allowed (Avg.)	23.3
218	Opp. First Downs	194
169.5	Rush (Avg.)	152.7
241.9	Pass (Avg.)	147.2
27	Sacks	34
15	Interceptions	11



Don Lhamon/NW

NMU sophomore defenseman Nathan Oystriek and OSU sophomore defenseman Nate Guenin received 10-minute misconducts for the fight in the third period of the Nov. 8 game at the Berry Events Center.

Team faces UN-O on road

BY ROB HAMILTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University of Nebraska-Omaha hockey team hasn't experienced much success lately.

The Mavericks (1-6-1) had gone winless in their last 14 consecutive games dating back to Feb. 21 before beating Lake Superior State on Nov. 7. UN-O followed its only win of the current campaign with a 4-1 loss to the Lakers the following night.

After falling to 1-4-1 in the CCHA, the Mavericks will attempt to turn their season around as they host the NMU hockey team this weekend in a two-game CCHA series.

"I expect [UN-O] to be very hungry," NMU head coach Walt Kyle said. "They are feeling a lot pressure to win, especially when they're playing on their home ice."

NMU (4-4 CCHA, 3-3 overall) will look to earn its first road win of the season and gain some ground in the league standings as they play UN-O at 8:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

While NMU has a few more wins, both teams have depended on many underclassmen for scor-

ing this year and have mixed a lot of younger players into the lineup.

"I think we're probably two similar teams right now," Kyle said. "They are in the same situation we are, in that they're playing a lot of kids. At this level, it's just very hard to be successful when you're playing so many younger guys."

Kyle spoke with the team in

practice on Tuesday about the importance of coming out with the right mindset this weekend, sophomore forward Jamie Milam said.

"Any team can beat anybody else in this league," Milam said. "We're traveling half way around the country to play them at their place. We can't underestimate them at all."

In his second year with the Wildcats, Milam is in the top 10 in the nation in defenseman scoring with three goals and four assists this season. Milam said experience at many levels has helped him know when to jump into an offensive play.

"If there is ever an opportunity for me to step up into the play and create an odd-man rush, I will do it," Milam said. "This year it's been going well for me."

After being outshot in all but its first game of the year, senior forward Alex Sawruk said the team will not look down on another opponent.

"Our mindset right now is that we can't think we're above any team," he said. "We have to use our team strength which is speed."

THE MATCHUP		
NMU	W-L-T	UN-O
4-4-0		1-6-1
OFFENSE		
2.9	Goals (Avg.)	2.4
39	Assists	31
62	Points	50
24.6	Shots (Avg.)	26.9
DEFENSE		
0	Shutouts	0
3.5	Goals Against (Avg.)	3.6
37.9	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	31.6
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SPECIAL TEAMS		
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Let button bucks go for bigger trophies

The countdown is almost over. Blinds are built, bait is piled in the woods and Saturday, blaze orange-clad hunters across the Upper Peninsula and the rest of Michigan will trek into the woods to get their trophy buck.

The regular firearm deer season runs from Nov. 15-30 each year. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Web site, Michigan outranks every other state in the U.S. or province in Canada in deer hunting; thus all the excitement as we approach the firearm season here in Michigan.

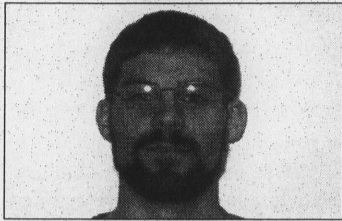
It is important to remember while heading to the deer blind and hoping to find the legendary

30 pointer that hunting is not only an exciting tradition, but an important part of managing the ecosystem.

How you choose to hunt can have both positive and negative effects on deer management. It is the sportsman's responsibility to make the right decisions while hunting.

One key decision is what kind of deer to take. Many hunters are willing to take any deer that presents itself for a shot. And, when for some hunters, the major goal is food without interest in a "trophy," this does not sound like a bad idea. However, for a lot of hunters this means taking a "button buck."

OUTDOORS COLUMN



BY DAVE MOSS

Button bucks are young male deer whose antlers are shorter than the legal three inch limit. Button refers to the small nubs of antlers found above the deer's skull. While taking a deer with less than three-inch antlers is illegal with a regular antlered deer

license, it is perfectly legal to do this with an antlerless or "doe" permit.

Taking a button buck is poor management of the ecosystem, and it reduces the number of "trophy" deer in the future.

The DNR has come out to say that the doe population in Michigan is too high. Using an antlerless deer permit to tag male deer wastes that tag, meaning that the male deer population will be another deer short and the female deer population will still be high.

While a button buck here instead of a doe there doesn't seem like that big of a deal, multiply that by the three quarter million deer hunters in Michigan and

this can become a big problem.

Since young bucks grow up to be big bucks, letting the button bucks live means more big bucks next season, and since hunting is a tradition not likely to die anytime soon in Michigan, letting that deer go doesn't have to be the last time you see it.

Maybe that buck will grow up to be the elusive 30-pointer. Whether your goals for opening day on Saturday are food, a trophy or both, save antlerless permits for the does and look forward to a healthier herd in Michigan.

Besides lets face it, a button buck won't look good over the fireplace in the den.



Don Lhamon/NW

The NMU women's club hockey team could only put two goals past the WMU goaltender in its two games last weekend in the Berry Events Center. The team plays Michigan twice at home this weekend.

Club learns from losses

BY MICHELLE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The NMU Women's club hockey team took two losses against Western Michigan University last weekend, but members of the team saw it as a learning experience.

Northern lost both matches on Nov. 7 and 8 at the Berry Events Center after the men's hockey team played Ohio State University. Going into the weekend, NMU was only one point behind Western, who holds first place in the league.

NMU was down, 2-0, with 10:48 left in first game when junior right wing Stephanie Madziar put a shot in past Western's goalkeeper.

Northern was unable to capitalize on any other shots and the final score remained, 2-1. Junior Tara Trombly had 15 saves in net for NMU.

On Saturday night, Western scored in every period. Northern's only goal came in the third period when freshman center Laura Amenson put in a rebound with 2:07 left on the clock. The final score was 3-1. Trombly had 31 saves in goal.

The weekend against Western was a disappointment and the girls did not step up their level of play until it was too late in both games, head coach Mike

Zorza said.

He said his young team may not yet fully appreciate the importance of keeping constant pressure on the puck throughout the game.

The weekend was more of a learning experience, Madziar said. The team is not doing as well this year as they were at this point last season, which may be because half the team is new, she said.

"I think we are a team that is slow to start and we always pick up intensity at the end," she said. "We call ourselves a third-period team. I think we just tend to play at full strength towards the end of the game."

The team has been focusing on building chemistry between players on the same lines at practice, she said.

"Once we get more into the season and knowing each other as players, we will be implementing that chemistry more," she said.

Zorza said the team will be emphasizing its defensive zone coverage, puck control and getting the puck into the net this week at practice to prepare for its home games against the University of Michigan at 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Both games will take place at the Berry Events Center.

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HOCKEY

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Caponigri netted two first-period goals and completed the hat trick in the second period to earn the stat of first star of the game.

Kyle said he was impressed with the Buckeyes performance.

"They are a good hockey team," he said. "They went out early and we weren't able to get to their net. The goal that really hurt us was when they scored early in the second period. That goal broke our back."

NMU continued to struggle with its play and had a difficult time establishing any offensive threat, Kyle said.

"They scored six goals on (the first) 18 shots," he said. "It wasn't that we gave up chance after chance, but the chances we gave up were quality."

OSU recorded 28 shots in the second game, which was down from 32 the previous night.

"We gave up less chances [Saturday] than [Friday] night," Kyle said. "We failed to threaten their net, which allowed them to

really come at us. We hate to split at home, but they are a very good team and definitely deserved to win."

Ohio State altered the way they went at the Wildcats and came out with a different mindset, Caponigri said.

"We watched the whole tape of [Friday] night's game and saw that Kowalski made about 10 or 12 stops with his glove, so I decided to try something else," he said. "When we lost the first game, we came out with some desperation. We didn't get a lot of shots, but [NMU] only got two so we took care of our own end and the rest worked out."

Northern struggled to make anything happen offensively, getting just seven shots on goal in the first two periods and totaling 14 for the game. Its only goal was the product of a five-on-three powerplay.

Sophomore forward Dirk Southern scored the goal from the left side of the net off the leg pad of senior goalie Mike Betz before he could close the short-side opening.

SOCCER

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NMU after NU's sophomore goaltender, Caroline Bonyng, picked up the ball after one of her defenders made an illegal pass back.

Rocho said junior midfielder Rachel Vilders was supposed to take the kick but instead wanted Kunas to take it. Kunas finished her career at Northern as the all-time leading goal scorer with 38 goals.

Bonyng played for the Wildcats last season before transferring to Northwood.

Gregor said she left Northern because she wanted to be closer to home.

Bonyng is the conference leader in saves with 116.

Rocho said the team was pumped to play their former teammate. Gieseke and Mockenhaupt said the team really wanted to score on Bonyng and beat her.

Northwood finished the regular season at No. 6 in the conference, one spot above NMU.

TOURNAMENT

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throughout the '90s.

"I knew we were going to be good," junior outside hitter Jennie Little said. "And, we knew some other teams in the conference were going to have down years, but I never ever expected this."

The top eight teams from the conference get to play in the tournament.

There are three rounds of single elimination, with matches today, tomorrow and Saturday. In today's match-ups, Grand Valley plays Hillsdale at 1 p.m.; Gannon plays against Ferris State at 3:30 p.m.; NMU takes on Michigan Tech at 6

p.m. and Findlay is up against Northwood at 8:30 p.m.

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— Jennie Little
junior outside hitter

The winners will play in the semifinal games tomorrow, and the finals are at 4 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be played at the Kellogg Arena, in Battle Creek, Mich.

SCOREBOARD

WEEKEND CALENDAR

—FRIDAY—

- The NMU volleyball team play in the GLIAC tournament semifinals at 5 p.m. at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich.
- The NMU swimming and diving team has a meet at UW-Greenbay at 6 p.m.
- The NMU hockey team plays at Nebraska Omaha at 8:05 p.m.

—SATURDAY—

- The NMU women's basketball team plays at St. Leo at 3 p.m. in St. Leo, Fla.
- The NMU football team hosts Northwood at 7 p.m. in the Superior Dome for senior day.
- The NMU hockey team plays at Nebraska Omaha at 8:05 p.m.

—SUNDAY—

- The NMU women's basketball team plays Florida Gulf Coast at 1 p.m. in St. Leo, Fla.

GLIAC N. VOLLEYBALL

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. N. MICHIGAN	18-0	23-0
2. Grand Valley State	16-2	24-6
3. Ferris State	12-6	15-13
4. Northwood	11-7	18-12
5. Michigan Tech	7-11	12-19
6. Lake Superior State	4-14	7-23
7. Saginaw Valley State	0-18	2-26

NMU 3, FSU 0

N. Michigan	30	30	30	3
Ferris State	28	27	25	0

KILLS — NMU 42 (Aimee Dewitte 11), FSU 42 (Karla Fairbanks 21). **Assists** — NMU 37 (Anne Hasenstab 18), FSU 36 (Ashley Green 34). **Digs** — NMU 43 (Ashley Kiel 9), FSU 46 (Danielle Baucher 16). **Service Aces** — NMU 5, FSU 6.

NMU 3, GVSU 1

N. Michigan	30	26	30	30	3
Grand Valley State	28	30	12	18	1

KILLS — NMU 66 (Aimee Dewitte 19), GVSU 50 (Sabrina Bird 18). **Assists** — NMU 56 (Kelli McCune 27, Anne Hasenstab 27), GVSU 42 (Nicole Bayle 41). **Digs** — NMU 66 (Liz Kohn 17), GVSU 59 (Melissa Reneski 18). **Service Aces** — NMU 7, GVSU 3.

GLIAC FOOTBALL

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

SVSU 42, NMU 15

N. Michigan	0	15	0	0	15
Saginaw Valley	6	7	16	13	42

FIRST QUARTER — SV Eric Houle 23-yard field goal, 12:29; SV Houle 20-yard field goal, 3:32.

SECOND QUARTER — NMU Abram McCoy 4-yard run (Marotz kick), 12:59; NMU safety, 11:57; NMU Nick Mauthe 7-yard pass from Kyle Swenor (Drew Buyarski pass failed), 7:10; SV Ruvel Martin 9-yard pass from Mark Radlinski (Houle kick), 3:26.

THIRD QUARTER — SV Glen Martinez 79-yard punt return (Martin pass), 12:41; SV Martinez 24-yard pass from Radlinski (Radlinski run), 4:48.

FOURTH QUARTER — SV Joe Johnson 1-yard run (Houle kick), 14:28; SV Houle 43-yard field goal, 9:03; SV Houle 35-yard field goal, 3:38.

FIRST DOWNS — NMU 22, UND 21. **RUSHING** — NMU, 39-138 (McCoy, 25-92); SV, 39-156 (Damion Bridges 18-84). **PASSING** — NMU, 26-43-4 223 (Swenor 23-37-4 206); SV, 16-36-2 212 (Radlinski 15-34-1 203). **RECEIVING** — NMU, McCoy 7-56; SV, Bridges 4-37.

CCHA STANDINGS

Team	CCHA	Pts.	Overall
1. Ohio State	6-2-0	12	7-4-0
2. Michigan State	5-2-1	11	6-3-1
3. Notre Dame	4-3-1	9	1-2-0
4. Michigan	4-2-0	8	8-2-0
Alaska Fairbanks	4-2-0	8	5-5-0
6. Miami (OH)	3-2-1	7	5-5-2
7. N. MICHIGAN	3-3-0	6	4-4-0
8. Bowling Green	2-3-1	5	3-4-2
W. Michigan	2-5-1	5	3-5-2
10. Ferris State	2-6-0	4	3-7-0
11. Nebraska Omaha	1-4-1	3	1-6-1
12. Lake Superior State	1-3-0	2	3-3-2

OSU 6, NMU 1

Ohio State	2	3	1	6
N. Michigan	0	1	0	1

FIRST PERIOD — 1. OSU Paul Caponigri (Sean Collins, Dave Steckel), 5:59. 2. OSU Caponigri (Doug Andress, Collins), 17:14.

SECOND PERIOD — 3. OSU JB Bittner (Scott May, Collins), 0:09. 4. NMU Dirk Southern (Nathan Oystriek, Jamie Milam), 9:06. 5. OSU Caponigri (Dan Knapp), 13:50. 6. OSU Reed Whiting (Lee Spector, Daymen Bencharski), 19:46.

THIRD PERIOD — 7. OSU Matt Beaudoin (Andrew Schembri, Dave Barton), 2:20.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 1-5; OSU, 0-5. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 10-28; OSU, 10-28. **SHOTS** — NMU, 14; OSU, 28. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, 22 (Craig Kowalski 16-22); OSU, Mike Betz 13-14.

NMU 2, OSU 1

N. Michigan	2	0	0	2
Ohio State	0	1	0	1

FIRST PERIOD — 1. NMU Justin Kinnunen (Andrew Contois), 6:48. 2. NMU Jamie

Milam 15:28.

SECOND PERIOD — 3. OSU Paul Caponigri (Dan Knapp, Dave Steckel), 5:36.

THIRD PERIOD — No Scoring.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES — NMU, 0-3; OSU, 0-4. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 6-12; OSU, 5-10. **SHOTS** — NMU, 23; OSU, 32. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, Craig Kowalski 31-32; OSU, Mike Betz 21-23.

GLIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Ashland	7-0-1	16-1-1
2. Grand Valley State	6-0-2	16-1-2
3. Mercyhurst	5-1-1	10-5-2
4. Ferris State	5-3-0	11-5-1
5. Findlay	4-4-0	9-7-1
6. Northwood	3-5-0	8-9-0
7. N. MICHIGAN	2-5-0	10-7-1
8. Gannon	1-7-0	2-16-0
9. Saginaw Valley State	0-8-0	5-10-1

NU 3, NMU 2

N. Michigan	1	1	2
Northwood	2	1	3

FIRST HALF — 1. NU Vanessa Segun, 39:13; 2. NU Lindsay Kennedy, 43:55; 3. NMU Betsy Hubert, 44:27.

SECOND HALF — 1. NU Ashleigh Lynn (Amy Snyder), 70:11; NMU Carolyn Kunas penalty kick, 87:51.

SHOTS ON GOAL — NMU 6, NU 7. **SAVES** — NMU 1, NU 1. **CORNER KICKS** — NMU 4, NU 3. **FOULS** — NMU 10, NU 4.

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TEAM RESULTS

- Grand Valley State
- N. Michigan
- Southern Indiana
- Wayne State
- Hillsdale

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — 1. GVSU Natalie Ewing 21:31.3 2. SIU Breanne Steffens 21:42.9 3. GVSU Kara Egan 21:49.2 4. SIN Jenny Farmer 22:10.2 5. SIN Heather Cooksey 22:11.7 6. GVSU Krista O'Dell 22:11.7 7. NMU Jeniffer Lahr 22:14.1 8. MTU Kristina Owen 22:21.4 9. GVSU Megan Doerr 22:25.1 10. HC Stephanie Carroll 22:26.3 11. SIN Casey Schneider 22:28.0 12. FSU Rachel Cox 22:29.6 13. WSU Jeni Culbertson 22:30.6 14. NMU Tami Kochen 22:34.0 15. NMU Maria Stuber 22:36.0.

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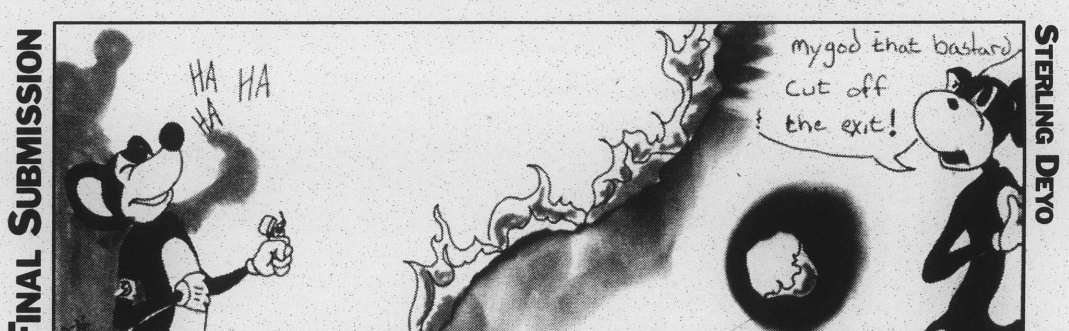
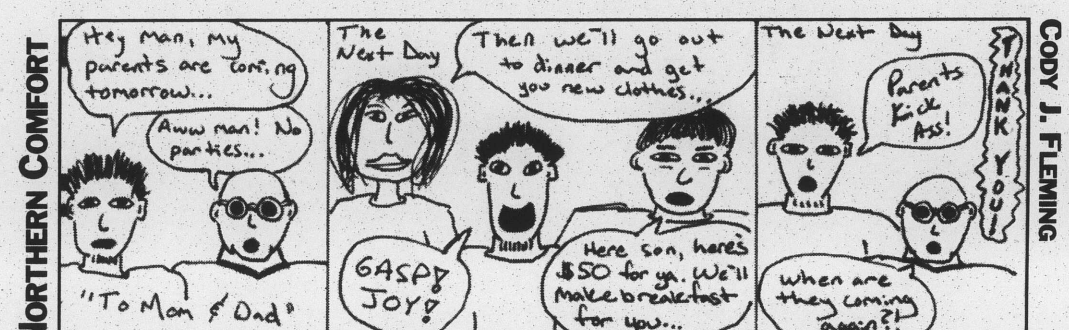
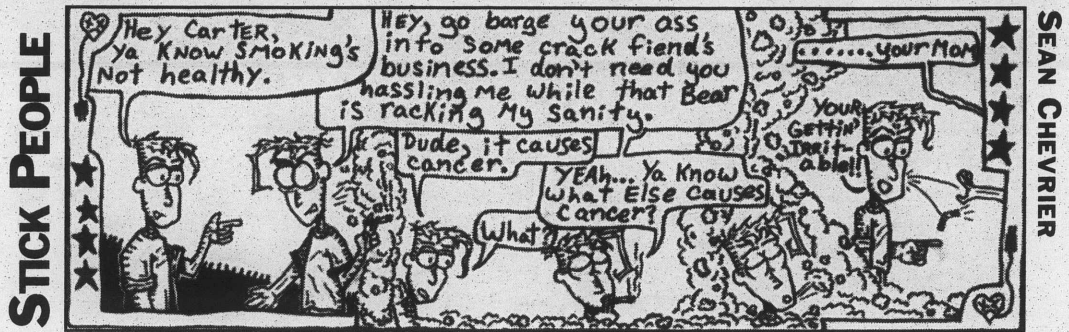
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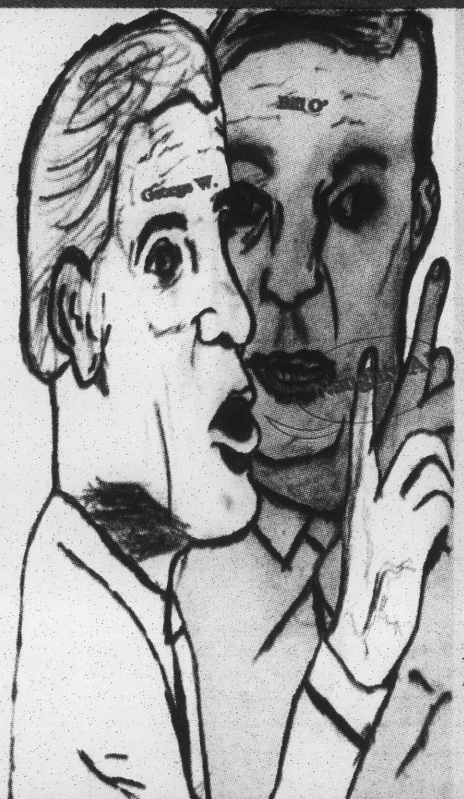
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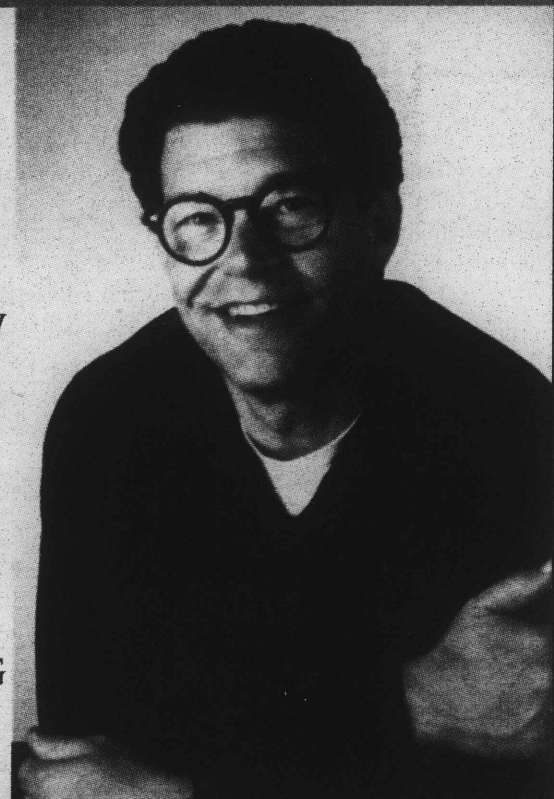


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