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## Faculty to vote on contract

### Proposed terms given to professors

NMU faculty will vote to ratify a proposed contract for the next three years this afternoon.

The vote comes after a tentative contract between NMU administration and the NMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors was reached Nov. 7.

AAUP representatives and NMU administrative officials declined to comment on the specifics of the agreement until the vote has passed.

The following are selected changes in the proposed contract, which were distributed to faculty members by the AAUP:

- Across-the-board salary raises will increase by 0.75 percent during 2003-2004, effective Jan. 1, 2004. These will increase 1 percent during 2004-2005 and 3.25 percent during 2005-2006.
- In 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, fac-

ulty can receive a base salary bonus of 0.25 percent for every 1 percent increase in student credit hours at the university, with a maximum of 0.75 percent per year.

• Department heads, directors and Dean of Academic Information Services will be evaluated every three years. Previously, evaluation of these administrators was discretionary.

• Overload courses, which are courses with more than the maximum of students enrolled, can be banked to provide release time in future semesters for professional development, curriculum development, research or to supplement sabbaticals.

• Department heads, along with departmental faculty, will determine qualifications for associate and assistant department head positions.

• Faculty hired into tenure-track

positions at the rank of instructor will advance to assistant professors. Salary adjustments will be processed at the beginning of next fall or winter semester.

• The number of sabbatical units will increase from 16 to 18. A sabbatical is a leave of absence taken by a faculty member to conduct research. The maximum support for sabbaticals will increase from \$150,000 to \$175,000. Applicants must have completed five years since the last sabbatical in order to apply.

• Optical benefits will increase from a single person-plan to a two-person or family plan.

• All faculty will receive one free parking pass.

• Retirement contributions for faculty who participate in certain retirement funds will remain at 15.64 percent of salary.

— Josh Johnson

## Women's and Men's Basketball Insert

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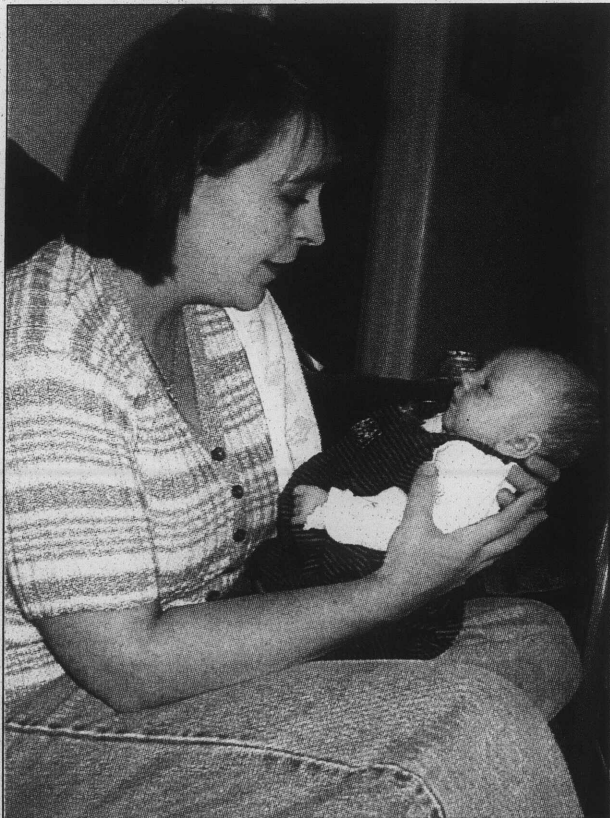


### Section B

## Labor Intensive

### No doctor, no midwife, no problem

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
STAFF REPORTER



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

Sophomore criminal justice major Tami Florio delivered her baby, McKenna, in her own home with the assistance of senior psychology major Kelly Graham.

University life is sometimes full of surprises, as two NMU students proved a month ago when one delivered another's baby on her living room floor, unexpectedly.

Sophomore criminal justice major Tami Florio went into labor around 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 and by 12:49 p.m. her daughter, McKenna Jean Markantony, was born. Florio was at home alone when her labor began.

"My labors are really fast," Florio said. "My contractions were coming a minute apart from the time they started."

A friend of Florio's, senior psychology major Kelly Graham, coincidentally stopped by just as Florio was preparing to give birth.

"As I was getting out of the shower Kelly stopped by," Florio said. "I have only seen her four times in the last four months so it was pretty amazing that she was there when I needed her."

By the time Florio had finished getting dressed and walked down the stairs of her house on Wilkinson Street the baby's head was already starting to come out, Florio said. She said Graham began calling 9-1-1 as Florio laid down on her living room floor. When Graham removed Florio's jeans, the baby's head was out to her ears.



Graham

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## Student allegedly robbed of jacket

A male student reported to Public Safety that he was allegedly robbed at knifepoint at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the academic mall area of campus.

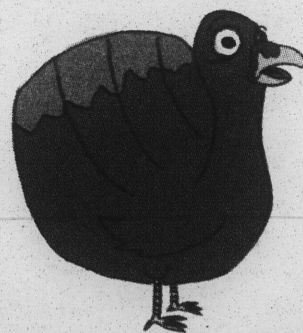
The student said the only thing taken from him was his Columbia ski jacket. According to a press release issued earlier this week, the student described the perpetrator as a white male in his 30s, approximately 5 feet 11 inches with short red hair and wearing a dirty short-sleeved shirt and blue jeans.

Public Safety did an immediate sweep of the area and did not find any sign of the alleged robber. However, they issued a BOL (Be on lookout) for anyone that matches this description.

Because the investigation is still ongoing, Public Safety was unable to comment on the incident.

— Yonika Willis

## Happy Thanksgiving



Due to the Thanksgiving recess, The North Wind's next issue will not print until Dec. 4. It will be our last issue of the semester

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**BIRTH**

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"Kelly explained to the 9-1-1 dispatcher that I was giving birth on the floor and she didn't know what to do," Florio said. "The dispatcher had her hold for a moment while they dispatched an ambulance."

Graham finished delivering the baby while 9-1-1 was sending the ambulance.

She told Florio to push twice and after the second time Florio's water broke, Graham said. She said she thought the pressure from Florio's water breaking is

what forced the baby to come out.

"It was an awesome experience to have," Graham said. "It's a bond we have, her kids call me Dr. Kelly."

Graham was frightened after Florio had given birth, due to sanitary reasons. She said Graham is now listed as Florio's delivering physician.

"I am so intrigued with birth, but I have no prior experience with it," Graham said. "I watch 'Baby Story' a lot. But after I saw the baby's head — it was nothing."

Florio said there was no complications with the baby's birth, thankfully. Markantony is Florio's fourth child and second daughter. Her oldest son, Jordan, is nine and her oldest daughter, Mariah, is eight. Her other son, Dominic, is 4 years old. None of her other children were home at the time of Markantony's birth.

"This was my fourth baby and I knew what to expect," Florio said. "All I remember worrying about was that the baby's [umbilical] cord was not wrapped around her neck. There wasn't time for panicking."

Markantony weighed six pounds and was 19-inches-long at the time of birth. After Markantony was delivered, Emergency Medical Technicians arrived at Florio's home and took her and her baby to the hospital.

"I am so glad nothing went wrong because the EMT's took so long to get here," Florio said. "McKenna came out crying, pink and perfect."

Florio was not scared of giving birth in her home, but was concerned about not lying on her new living room carpet to have the baby, because she did not want to ruin it, she said.

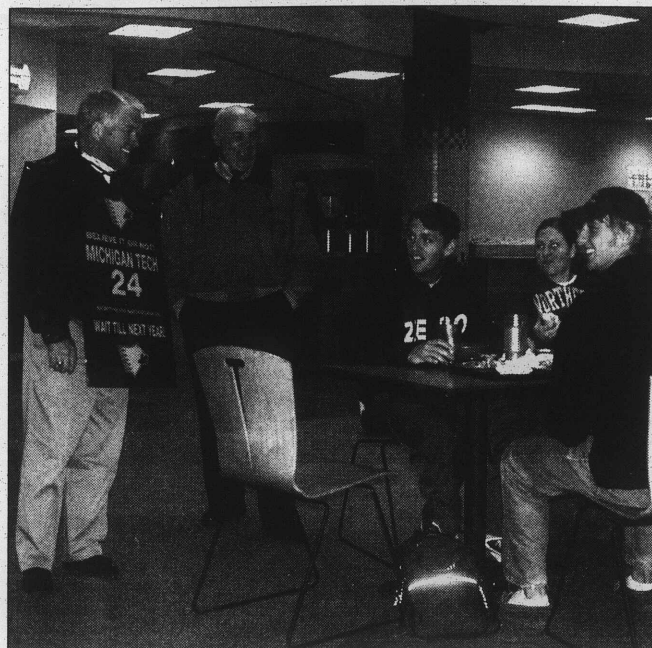
"There was nothing painful about the delivery, but I hope it never happens again, this is my last one," Florio said. "I don't know where I'd have the next one."



Mary Ann Cancilla/NW

McKenna Jean Markantony was born on her mother's living room carpet on Oct. 25. She was 19-inches-long and weighed six pounds at the time of birth. The labor lasted less than 20 minutes.

**Humbling experience**



Don Lhamon/NW


Michigan Tech's Athletic Director Rick Yeo visited campus on Nov. 19 dressed in a sandwich board proclaiming his football team's 35-24 loss on Nov. 1. Yeo was on the losing end of a bet made with NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey.

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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Warm weather slows deer hunting

MARQUETTE — The recent warmer weather has slowed the deer kill throughout the state of Michigan. The milder temperatures mean deer are not often moving, said Brian Roell, a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The number of deer registered at DNR stations is slightly up this year, but this may be caused by hunters who do not want to let deer hang at camp, Roell said. With the 16-day gun deer season opening on a Saturday, initial deer kills are slightly lower because many hunters had to return to work after a day or two, said Lorraine Garries, Mackinac Bridge Authority operations supervisor. About 480,000 deer were killed last year.

## National

## Blackout traced to Northern Ohio

WASHINGTON — A report from a joint Canadian-American team has concluded the cause of the massive power blackout of Aug. 14 originated from Northern Ohio due to various circumstances. The outage was caused by several small, preventable instances which snowballed into something much bigger, the report said. The initial failures were the fault of the FirstEnergy Corporation of Ohio. Trees which fell on power lines had not been adequately trimmed, a high energy demand because of the heat and faulty situational awareness were to blame, the report said. Computer hacking and tampering with equipment were ruled out by investigators as causes. The blackout left 50 million people without power throughout the East Coast, Midwest and into Ontario. Some areas were without power for almost a week.

## International

## Warship makes shore in Vietnam

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — A U.S. warship has docked in the Saigon port of Ho Chi Minh City for the first time in almost 30 years. The USS Vandergrift, a guided missile frigate, made the highly symbolic visit, reflecting a warming of relations between the communist nation and the United States. The Vandergrift will spend four days in port, allowing sailors to tour the city and conduct "community relations," military officials said. Officials from both nations were on the dockside to welcome the arrival of the ship. Last week, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld met Vietnamese Defense Minister Pham Van Tra, the first time a Vietnamese military official has visited Washington since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

## Weird News

## Judge lets convict stay for game

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A judge has granted the request of a prisoner to stay in jail a bit longer before moving to prison so he can watch the Michigan-Ohio State football game on TV Saturday. Jeff Renne, who was convicted of forgery, told Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard Sheward he would plead guilty to the charges if he could stay in the county jail through the weekend. Inmates are allowed to watch TV in the jail, but not in the Orient reception center, where inmates are held prior to a transfer to one of the state's prisons. If Ohio State wins, Renne said he will "be on cloud nine," despite going to prison. Sheward said he agreed to the terms because the game is significant and he thought he should do his part for the Buckeyes.

— Compiled from news sources

## Address analyzes budget woes of state universities

BY SCOTT SWANSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Michigan is currently lagging behind other states in higher education funding per student, is beneath the national average of students graduating from college, and tuition costs for its universities are continuing to rise.

These and other issues were outlined in the inaugural State of Public Universities Address, which was broadcast live to all of Michigan's 15 public universities on Nov. 12 from the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

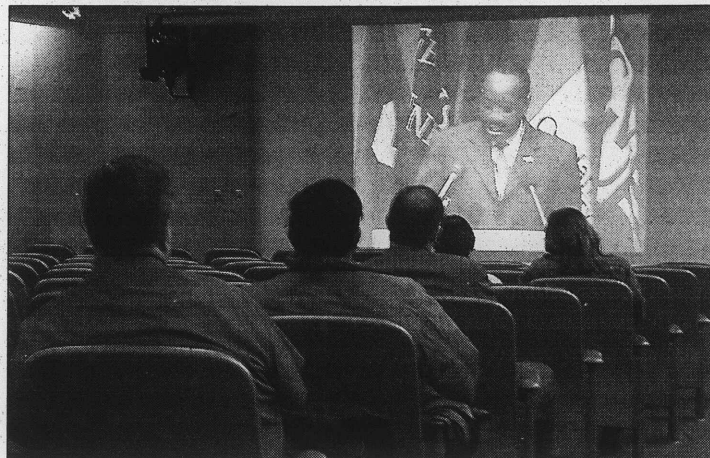
The half-hour address was presented by Irvin Reid, president of Ferris State University and chair of the Presidents' Council, State Universities of Michigan.

Michigan's universities are the primary incubators of the state's human capital, and must work together to develop, test and implement strategies to assist the state on its road to economic renewal, Reid said.

"Our universities have been called on many times in the past two years to assist in balancing the state's budget, and we understand that we may be called on again," he said.

Student enrollment at Michigan's public universities has increased 9.9 percent over the past year, directly proportionate to the cut in state support over the same period, Reid said. During the past two decades, state spending on corrections has increased at a rate of five times that of higher education.

Today, less than one half of general university funds come from the state, down from three-fourths 25 years ago, he said. The trend of declining state support has led to increases in tuition.



Don Lhamon/NW

A broadcast of the State of Public Universities Address from Lansing talked of Michigan's current budget deficit and the effect reductions may have on the 15 public universities in the future.

"They are inversely related," he said. "By not bringing the level of state appropriations into equilibrium with tuition dollars, we will eventually turn a Michigan public university education from a public good to a private benefit."

Being that current conditions do not allow for immediate increases in state support, Reid

requested that state leaders formulate a multi-year strategy to achieve a level of per-student appropriations that rises to the average of Great Lakes states, such as Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois.

Michigan lags behind that standard by approximately \$1,000 per student, Reid said.

"We are at a crossroad," he said. "Let us take the right path, a path that ensures continued qual-

ity and affordability for our state universities, a path that will make certain Michigan's economic renewal."

NMU Director of Communications Cindy Paavola said the State of the Public Universities Address and the President's Council has allowed universities to spread their messages to the public.

**"By not bringing the level of state appropriations into equilibrium with tuition dollars, we will eventually turn a Michigan public university education from a public good to a private benefit."**

— Irvin Reid  
Ferris State president

"We quite often forget to talk about the benefits of universities," she said. "People hear that tuition is up, but they don't hear that state funding is down the same percent."

Michigan is currently in a poor economic situation, but the message is that universities are still staying strong, Paavola said.

"They are the lifeblood of the state," she said. "This is our first attempt to get our story out."

## Skankin' it up



Don Lhamon/NW

The Indecisives, a Chicago-based ska band, played at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Great Lakes Rooms. The concert, dubbed SKAnksgiving, featured four bands from the Midwest and was sponsored by Radio X. Concert-goers vigorously "skanked" to the horn-driven style of music.

## MARQUETTE AREA WEATHER FORECAST

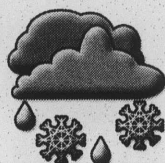
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## VOX attends march

BY HEATHER SOLGOT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Members of VOX, Voices for Planned Parenthood and the Marquette chapter of Planned Parenthood are organizing a trip to attend the March for Freedom in Washington D.C.

The purpose of the March for Freedom, scheduled for April 25, 2004, is to raise awareness about women's rights in the current political situation, Planned Parenthood Community Development Coordinator Carol Carr said.

"Lately, the political landscape has been particularly hard on women," Carr said.

Planned Parenthood would like to fill two buses with 112 residents from the Upper Peninsula, Carr said. VOX has an organization goal of gaining 56 NMU students to go to the march, VOX President and senior psychology major Jessica Blanton said.

The march is not just for women, Blanton said.

"This is very much a co-ed march," she said. "We need guys to say that women's choices are important too."

Currently, there are 35 community members and students signed up to go, Carr said.

Graduate student in public relations Allene Allen is registered to go on the trip.

"(I'm going) because I think a woman's right to choose is one of her fundamental rights of being a human being," she said. "I don't think the government has any right to interfere with that."

There are two buses going to

Washington, D.C., the weekend of the trip. A weekend bus will leave Marquette on Friday, arrive in Washington on Saturday and leave after the March on Sunday. An express bus will leave on Saturday morning and arrive in Washington Sunday morning. It will also leave immediately after the march.

The cost of the trip is \$55 before Dec. 1 and \$65 after Dec. 1, Carr said. The price does not include the cost of the hotel for those taking the weekend bus. There are scholarships available for those who are unable to cover the costs themselves and are on a first-come, first-serve basis, Carr said.

Federal changes made under President Bush could restrict women's rights in the future, which prompted the March, Carr said. She cited the cancellation of U.S. funding from the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA, which provided family planning services for other countries as one of the reasons that concerned women's rights advocates.

Another reason for the march is the passing of the partial-birth abortion ban, Carr said.

VOX wanted to join Planned Parenthood in the march because it embodies what VOX stands for, Blanton said.

"The fundamental purpose (of VOX) is to stand up and be heard," she said. "We want to help people find their voices, and make voicing their opinions easier."

To sign up for the March for Freedom, visit the March for Freedom Web site at [www.miplannedparenthood.org/march.org](http://www.miplannedparenthood.org/march.org) or call Carol Carr at 225-5070.

## 'Let's Chat' discussed state, NMU budgets

BY NICHOLAS BODETTE  
STAFF WRITER

The current Michigan state budget deficit and the ramifications for NMU were the main focus of a "Let's Chat" session with Interim President Mike Roy held Nov. 17 in the Marketplace.

About 40 students were in attendance, along with ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz, other ASNMU members and a handful of faculty and staff.

After a brief introduction, Roy immediately delved into the budget situation facing NMU.

The current fiscal year, which started July 1 and ends June 30, 2004, contained a \$5.2 million reduction to NMU's budget, 10 percent of total state appropriations, Roy said. In addition, the state budget is \$930 million in debt, almost assuring cuts will occur, he said.

"The governor pretty much said when she was here that it's not a question of whether or not we're going to be cut, the question is how much," Roy said.

Though it is still not clear exactly where cuts will be made, NMU has to plan around the fact that millions of dollars will be cut from our budget, he said. A step already taken is the halting of the Quad II remodeling project. The estimated cost of the project is around \$5.675 million, of which Northern pays 25 percent, Roy said.

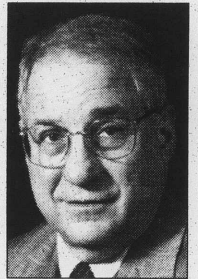
Ways to save money are currently being analyzed by the President's Council, which is composed of major departmental heads, academic deans and

distinguished faculty.

"Using that group, we're proceeding with weekly meetings to identify potential ways in reducing the budget, and after we have a list, try to prioritize those reductions," Roy said.

One student asked Roy if he would take a salary reduction.

"I'm not personally taking a salary reduction, but I have assumed the position of interim president," Roy said. "I am paid less than the former president, but I still have part of my old job and the responsibilities of interim president. I haven't agreed to a reduction in my salary at this point."



Roy

About two years ago, former President Judi Bailey started meeting with students about three times a year in similar sessions, Director of Communications Cindy Paavola said. Roy is continuing the sessions to keep students updated on campus happenings.

Sessions are geared toward students, said Mike Adams, a senior entrepreneurship major and ASNMU representative.

The "Let's Chat" session was informative, but was reflective of students' apathy, junior outdoor recreation major Jim Fulner said.

"In general, I don't think the student body cares as a whole," Fulner said. "The students who were uninformed chose to be uninformed."

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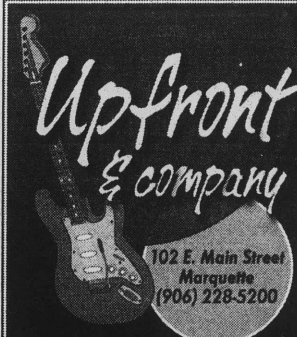
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# Students compete for NMU Idol crown

BY EMILY RIDER  
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 14, the Black Student Union put on NMU's first "NMU Idol" talent show as 10 singers, dancers, musicians and comedians performed to a packed crowd in Jamrich Hall.

The show included singers, dancers, musicians and comedians.

The audience and three NMU faculty members judged sophomore undeclared Jake Ward to be the "NMU Idol," winning \$100 cash.

The performers were judged on how loud the audience's applause was at the end of each act.

Associate Dean of Students Chris Greer, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs Dave Bonsall and Associate Provost of Student Services and Enrollment Bill Bernard, played "American Idol" judges Simon, Paula and Randy.

Ward won by serenading the house with his voice while on guitar.

"I am honored but am sorry no one else could win," Ward said. "I thought Rebecca Thompson would win, actually."

Though Thompson, a junior

marketing major, did not win the competition with her vocal performance, she enjoyed the showmanship of the event.

"I had fun and am really glad so many people came," Thompson said. "It turned out to be really successful."

Hosting the show was sophomore marketing major Kirby Shotwell and sophomore political science major Sean Kotwa.

"[The hosts] were very lively and made the show flow - which helped some of those not so good acts, but was a little excessive with the 'flaming' homosexual jokes."



Brisco

freshmen engineering major Adam Naab said. "It was a constant referral to homosexuality, which was why I guess it made the show so entertaining for the audience."

Jamie Brisco, president of the Black Student Union, said the emcees' dialogue was strictly spontaneous.

"Nothing was scripted out for the hosts," Brisco said. "It was Kotwa and Shotwell's own ideas

and humor. It was all out of fun."

The dance group "Secret Society" ended the show with a unique performance, freshmen biology and math major Heather Farr said.

"That I really enjoyed watching," Farr said. "It was a remix of up-to-beat songs that everyone knew. That made it fun to watch."

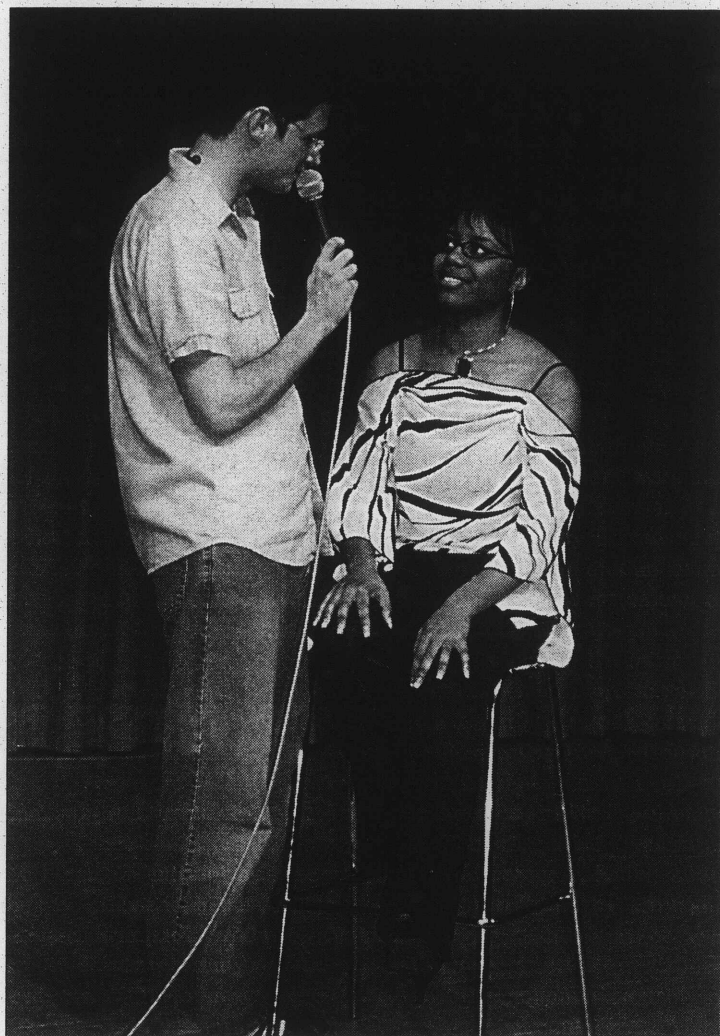
Another exciting act of the night was freshman undeclared major Jeremiah Davis with his acappella rendition of "Musical Soul Child."

"His voice literally took my breath away," sophomore environmental design Rebecca Mahlow said. "I was really surprised and sad he didn't win."

The first NMU Idol turned out to be a tremendous success, Brisco said.

All of the proceeds are going to help fund the Dr. Arthur Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is offered to minority students here at Northern.

"It was completely [BSU's] idea to put together this show," Brisco said. "Everyone pitched in to do everything they could to help promote. They hung up poster after poster. I'm glad it's over. It was a lot of work for 10 acts, but hopefully this will become an annual thing."



Amanda Shellnut/NW

Sean Kotwa, a host for NMU Idol, chats with Rebecca Thompson on stage. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union.

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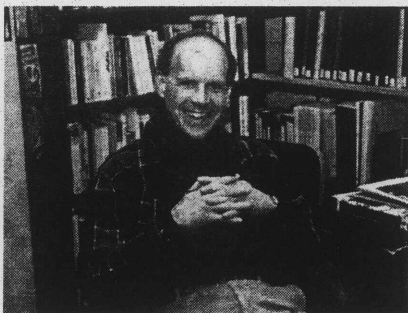
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EDITORIAL

Take control, vote

From the day we are born, everything in our American lives is affected by the government, from what we learn in school to the prices we pay for food. The influence of government upon the lives of America's youth has always come with a certain amount of trust that those in power have the best intentions for their citizens.

Now, however, students are bearing the brunt and burden of recent and future political decisions and yet are the least likely to vote. Tax cuts have left several states with massive deficits. Michigan faces a budget deficit of nearly \$1 billion this fiscal year. Because of these debts, state programs will be cut, and the funding for higher education is being pushed towards the chopping block.

Attending college — an opportunity that should be available to any student who has the desire and ability to succeed academically — is becoming a privilege for those with enough money to afford skyrocketing tuition.

The war in Iraq, which has been hotly debated for months and still divides Americans, is being carried out by college-aged citizens at the mercy of politicians who are more concerned about campaign fundraising than the blood of their constituents.

"Since this war started in Iraq, the president has not attended one funeral for a soldier, but has gone to 39 fundraisers," Al Franken said at his speech Nov. 18.

The energy, vigor and idealism of youth is needed in our culture and manipulated by those in power to carry out their decisions. Perhaps young people are underrepresented in politics because they lack the money and standing of older citizens. However, the low voting rate of those 18 to 24 underscores the apathy of young adults.

According to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, in presidential election years between 1972 and 2000, the national youth voter turnout rate has declined by 13 percent among 18 to 24-year-old voters. Students need to mobilize through voting and become politically involved for their voices to be heard. With an election year fast approaching, students need to finally take control and vote.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nov. 6 letter full of inaccuracies

I am writing in response to Ms. Allen's Nov. 6 letter to the editor regarding abortion. I would like to take issue with a few major points that she brought up. Ms. Allen states that within the partial-birth abortion there is no exception made for a woman whose life's is threatened by the pregnancy.

However, Chapter 74 Section 1531 of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban says "This [ban on partial-birth abortion] does not apply to a partial-birth abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself."

Secondly, I believe Ms. Allen is a little misguided when she attempts to blame the high number of abortions in this country on "right to life" constituents.

The majority of those who support the right to life movement are religious and/or very moral.

They do not believe in supporting contraceptives or sex education in schools because they believe this is immoral and only adds to the number of teen pregnancies.

Perhaps if sex was treated as a subject which is sacred, rather than as an activity as normal as brushing your teeth, teens wouldn't be so apt to partake in sex, and teen pregnancy wouldn't be so high.

Lastly, I do not think a good argument can be made for legalized abortion by saying that "abortions have been happening in this world for as long as women have been bearing children, legal or not."

By this same logic, murder, robbery, and cannibalism, which have been happening since the beginning of time, should be

legalized as well. This type of logic just doesn't work in this instance.

Jason Ingersoll  
sophomore, nursing

Occupation of Iraq lacking merit

On Nov. 13 I read two letters to the editor about the war in Iraq. One of these columns went like this: "They (soldiers) are over there working hard representing America by working hard to give the life and freedom to a country."

First of all, Nick, I respect your opinion and since you were over there personally, I imagine that after seeing those faces you have a respect for these people that others cannot touch.

I have a much more worldly view about what is happening overseas and the color of my view is green.

That's right, money. Does anybody really think that America cares about the Iraqi people (Have you hugged an Iraqi today?), or does America really care about all that oil over there? Black gold? Texas tea? Where did Bush spew forth from, Texas?

So when it comes down to the final line, I have to ask, "What is it worth?" How many American soldiers and innocent Iraqis have to die in order to build a school? A bridge? A water system? How many American lives are we willing to sacrifice in Iraq?

I want a number! Calumet lost a soldier to this war — that community paid the price.

I have a buddy in the 82nd airborne (God bless ya Jake, keep your head down!) and I am not ready to trade his life for a cheap tank of gas. How long is it until someone you know personally, a friend, uncle, brother, spouse is killed?

I believe that ousting the dictator was definitely in our best interest.

The threat of Saddam using chemical warfare, at the time and in the possible future, against the U.S. and his own country justified Bush flexing his military muscle.

So why are we pumping all this money into Iraq and losing lives at the same time? I do not think that a rich America will ever make amends with countries in the Middle East.

Did you know that we only make up 5 percent of the world's population and yet we consume 25 percent of the available energy!

Think about that the next time you order your \$5 Extra Tall Arabian Mocha Java with heavy froth from Starbucks — maybe you should have it delivered to Iraq for restitution.

Overall, I think that the price is just too high. The next time you go on a road trip or head back home on break and stop for gas, you're not just paying a dollar something per gallon.

Think of yourself pumping a few drops of an American soldier's lifeblood for every tank you fill. That is what it really costs.

Courtney Timmons  
junior, environmental science

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# Kennedy remembered

I gazed out through a sixth-floor window at the sacred ground below me.

Three busy streets formed sort of triangle around a patch of grass in the middle of a large metropolitan area.

The scene would have been nothing spectacular to many young people. But the pictures, sounds and artifacts all around me made it impossible to forget where I was — the sniper's perch.

I was overlooking Dealey Plaza — where John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

On a trip to Dallas a few weeks ago, I visited the Sixth Floor Museum at the former Texas School Book Depository, where exactly 40 years ago Saturday, Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot and killed one of the most prominent figures of the century.

For those that grew up during the Kennedy era, the museum stirs up memories and brings back Kennedy's life and his mysterious assassination. Though I only know of this incident or the tumultuous time that followed through history books and documentaries, the museum was fascinating.

Exhibits accurately portrayed Kennedy's rise to power and his instantaneous fall. There was a variety of timelines, many eye-witness accounts, films and radio broadcasts and of course all the conspiracy theories with the grassy knoll.

## STAFF COLUMN



BY ROB HAMILTON

But maybe the most powerful exhibit I came across was a television screen showing the black and white tape of Walter Cronkite as he slowly took off his glasses and delivered the solemn news.

"The President was pronounced dead at one o'clock, Central Standard Time."

A chill ran down my spine as the words echoed around me. Forty years after the event, the shock of this broadcast still takes one's breath away.

There are very few events in our history that capture the emotions of nearly every American and grab the attention of the entire world.

These great tragedies like Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 or Sept. 11, 2001, unite the country in grief.

Much like the events of Sept. 11 will be forever etched into my mind, the Kennedy assassination held that sort of powerful impact on our nation.

His idealistic nature, demand for reform and brave undertakings while in office made him

one of the most remarkable Presidents in our history.

After winning the election in 1960, Kennedy started the Peace Corps, vowed to put a man on the moon, avoided nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis and began taking critical steps towards passing Civil Rights legislation for African Americans and other minorities.

The controversy surrounding his death and the dozens of theories that have circulated concerning many different plots for his demise have increased the aura and mystique of this American legend.

As I exited the museum, I walked out into Dealey Plaza and stood near the spot where Kennedy was shot.

Forty years ago, in a fraction of a second, the world changed forever at the place I stood.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces by also by the men it honors, the men it remembers," Kennedy said less than a month before his murder.

Everyone who was living at the time will always remember where they were on Nov. 22, 1963 and what Kennedy brought to the world.

In a way, Kennedy became a martyr. Years my pass, but Americans will always remember what could have been.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rob welcomes reactions to his columns at [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org).

# Is network TV on the way out?

## STAFF COLUMN



BY JEREMIAH BRITT

Network television is dying.

With sweeps week looming on the horizon, and the traditional scrambling for the dwindling investments from sponsors, the networks are getting more and more nervous, cutting promising new shows and sitcoms after only a few episodes. According to USA Today, the new picks of Fox, NBC and the WB ("Skin," "Coupling" and "Tarzan" respectively) have been axed first, and the controversial movie "The Reagans" has been moved to Showtime by CBS.

What this means is a sudden influx of reruns, a dangerous move during a time when the new models should be paraded proudly under the eyes of sponsors.

It is as if the major automakers pulled their concept cars from an auto show at the last minute and replaced them with last year's model of minivan. I don't think that would necessarily impress the buyers very much.

Part of it, admittedly, stems from the fact that television of late has been a mixture of complete crap and series that have aged well into the stages of senility and repetitiveness. The pandering repulsiveness of reality television alone drives all but the most voyeuristic of viewers away in droves. Even the old favorite "The Simpsons" seems to be floundering lately, lacking the creativity and energy that it had just a few seasons ago.

Another factor is the increasing hold that basic cable and subscription cable shows are having on viewers. Part of this is from an increase of cable and satellite subscribers, the rise in ratings is also due to the cable stations' increasing development of new shows. Because cable stations don't receive as much of their money from sponsors, they do not have to worry as much about quick returns and can allow a show to develop a following over time.

Subscription cable stations like HBO can even offer more adult oriented programming ("Sex and the City" and "The Sopranos") because the only sponsorship they worry about is product placement. Even basic cable stations only adhere to certain FCC guidelines out of respect for their few sponsors, but they are willing to explore topics

that the relatively conservative network crowd will not touch.

With an inability to take the long view on shows — a show like "Seinfeld" could not survive in today's market for two years before gaining popularity — and an omnipresent theme of recycling ideas, it's no wonder that each network is losing its target demographic.

It may not all be doom and gloom, however; it wasn't so long ago that people thought that UHF would spell the death of VHF. (Stations over 13? Madness!) People don't even remember the difference anymore, save perhaps for the odd beat-up old television with two knobs sitting in a garage or tool shed.

Also, the WB continues to draw in teen viewers. Hell, I watch "Smallville" with geek-like religion, even if it is only "Dawson's Creek" with superpowers.

There is even talk of Fox reviving the outrageous "The Family Guy." The possible resurrection is based on the show's syndicated ratings on Cartoon Network and explosive DVD sales, a first according to USA Today. In a strange way, the cable stations are acting as sort of a pawn shop for canceled shows — the networks pawn them off when they can't afford the controversy or less than perfect ratings, but once the item suddenly appreciates in value they can come scuttling back to snatch them up for another go.

Still, even with the odd victory for the viewers, network television will continue to decline as cable/satellite television grows and offers more options based on potential viewers and not potential ad sales.

It may be time that network television to go the way of AM radio — not gone, but forgotten.

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## SOUND OFF

### What are you thankful for at NMU?



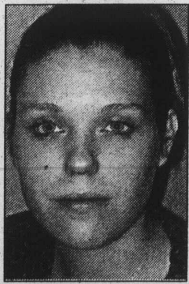
**Stephanie Bergstrom**  
sophomore, french  
*"The great outdoors up here — the lake, the trees, the snow. It's all very inspirational."*



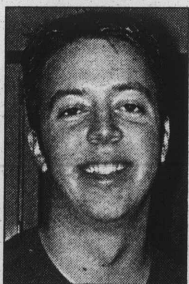
**Cheryl Clark**  
junior, biology  
*"That we have available Planned Parenthood Services. So use 'em. Get tested and be safe."*



**Jen Hughes**  
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*"The computers because I can talk to people during class."*



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**Aaron Mitchell**  
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**Karen Peterson**  
sophomore, marketing  
*"Starbucks — because it is the only thing that keeps me going for all my study hours."*

— Compiled by Nancy Starzyk



# Salsa legend brings Latin rhythm to NMU

BY KATIE MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Poncho Sanchez and his sizzling seven-piece band is bringing warm salsa music to the chilly Upper Peninsula.

The Grammy-award-winning Latin jazz musician will be per-

forming at 8:45 p.m. tomorrow in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Sanchez started teaching himself Latin drumming in 11th grade, when his father bought him a conga drum, he said. He was influenced by jazz drummer Buddy Rich, soul and funk artists

such as James Brown's band and Latin musicians Tito Puente, Cal Tjader and Mongo Santamaria.

"I would go to hear Santamaria play when he came to Los Angeles," Sanchez said. "I tried to imitate him. It was a lot of trial and error."

After over 20 years, four Grammy nominations, one Grammy win, two Billboard awards and a display in the Smithsonian Center for Latino Initiatives, Sanchez is a legend in his own right, said Wayne Francis, Performing Arts Series coordinator.

"[Sanchez] is an institution in what he does," Francis said.

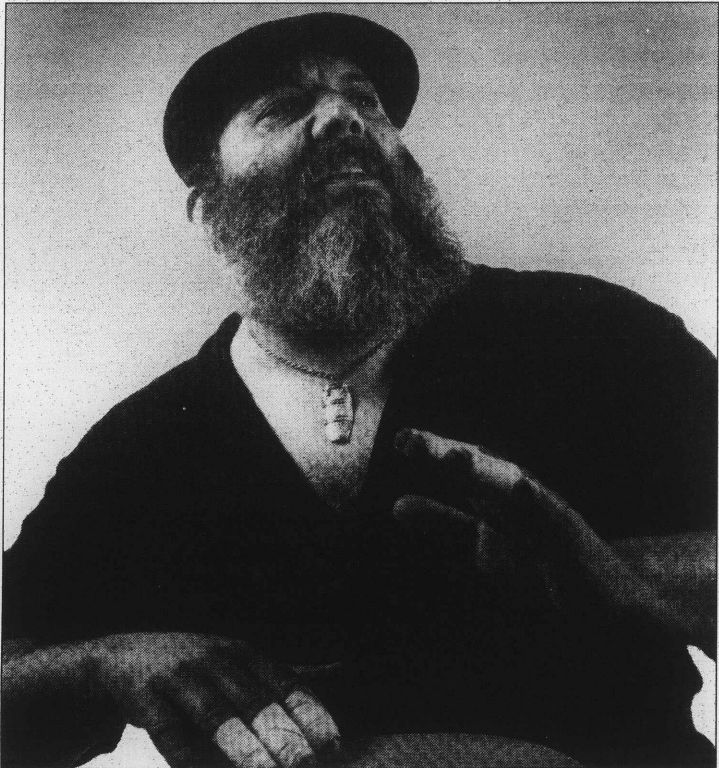
The "Willamette Week" agreed, in its review of Sanchez's most recent album, "Out of Sight," on Concord Records.

"Sanchez could seemingly make a conga speak French if you asked him to," the review said.

The album features influential musicians such as Ray Charles, Sam Moore of Sam and David and Billy Preston, who worked with the Beatles on two albums.

"We're talking about living legends," Sanchez said.

Charles sings vocals and Preston plays organ on the album's opener, "One Mint Julep." Moore lends his voice to



Courtesy of Performing Arts Series

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the third track.

Their "twist of soul music" enhances the Latin feel, Sanchez said.

"We had a good time and it worked out beautifully," he said.

The danceable mix of many different styles makes Sanchez's act unique, Francis said.

"It's such moving music, meaning that you want to move to it," Francis said.

To learn Salsa dancing, listen to the music every day, Sanchez said.

"You start getting the feel of the rhythm, you start getting used

to the sound, and you start moving to it," he said.

Sophomore biology major Sheerina Kara took salsa lessons last semester and is looking forward to seeing Sanchez perform.

"I'm really excited," she said. "It will give me a chance to show off my new dance moves."

Tickets are \$6 for students, \$14 for NMU faculty and staff and \$15 for the general public in advance at NMU ticket outlets.

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# Contest seeks entrants, creates AIDS awareness

BY COURTNEY PATRICK  
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan students and members of the Marquette community are invited to create various forms of visual and performance arts that will be showcased in an HIV/AIDS art show next month.

"This event is scheduled in conjunction with World AIDS Week," said Louise Bourgault, communications and performance studies professor. "The purpose is to raise awareness to the worst epidemic the planet has seen in 1,000 years."

There will be a broad arrangement of art forms with the subject of AIDS as a common theme. The contest will include everything from paintings to pantomime.

"It's going to be a real mixed bag," said Jane Milkie, associate professor of graphic communications. "But all the art forms will be based on AIDS awareness."

A poster has already been created to advertise the event, however only one student has

entered the contest thus far, senior art and design major Wendy Phillips.

"When I heard about the contest, I wanted to learn more about it," Phillips said. "So I began looking up information on the Internet."

It wasn't long before Phillips came across a story that would encourage her to enter the contest.

"There was one story about a man and his daughter in Africa who both had AIDS and there was only enough medicine for one of them," Phillips said. "It pitted father against daughter. Who's more important? Having

a family of my own, it kind of moved me. It's really a sad situation."

Phillips' poster, based on the story she read, is almost finished, she said.

The poster, which she created on a computer, contains a picture of the continent of Africa with quotes from the story in red, spiraling letters.

Large letters across the bottom state the total of people who have perished of AIDS, a total of 42 million.

Many people do not realize

the magnitude of the AIDS epidemic, Phillips said.

Drop off for visual arts will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, World Aids Day, and 2-8 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Marquette Arts and Community Center. The Community center is located in the lower level of the Peter White Library.

On Dec. 3, pieces will be judged to determine which will win a \$50 prize for each category.

The announcement of the winner will occur on Dec. 4 in conjunction with the visual performances.

The art pieces will remain on display for the month of December.

Visual performances, including dance and song, among others, will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the Marquette Arts and Community Center.

The winner of the visual performances will also receive a \$50 prize.

For further information contact Milkie at [jmilkie@nmu.edu](mailto:jmilkie@nmu.edu) or Bourgault at [lbourgau@nmu.edu](mailto:lbourgau@nmu.edu).



Milkie

*"The purpose (of the contest) is to raise awareness to the worst epidemic the planet has seen in 1,000 years."*

— Louise Bourgault  
CAPS professor

## CAMPUS NOTES

### NMU French club hosts film night

The NMU French club will be showing the film "Cyrano de Bergerac."

The film begins at 7 p.m. Friday in the Whitman Commons. The movie is about two men who fall in love with the same woman. A traditional French dessert of bread, cheese, fruit and coffee will be served.

Admission is \$2.

### Web site wins Excellence Award

A virtual dorm room on the NMU homepage won an Excellence Award in the 2003 University and College Designers Association Design Show.

The Web site, [www.nmu.edu/myroom](http://www.nmu.edu/myroom), allows prospective students to "create their own space" in their dorm rooms by arranging furniture. Students may also add items typically found in residence halls.

The interactive feature was designed by Stamats Communications for NMU.

### Concert features rock, punk bands

First Aid Productions is holding a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Great Lakes Rooms in the

University Center.

The featured bands are Ultimate Fakebook, Alucard and Boink. Ultimate Fakebook has toured with many bands, including Good Charlotte.

The performance is free to students and \$1 for non-students.

### Student groups hold bear drive

The Student Michigan Education Association and the Student Council for Exceptional Children is holding a teddy bear drive to benefit children who have to spend the holidays in the hospital.

Large cardboard boxes are located on the first floor of Cohodas next to the elevators and in Whitman Hall in the School of Education office. SMEA/SCEC is accepting stuffed animals and children's books through Nov. 26.

At the end of the month, SMEA/SCEC will drop off the collected items at the children's units in Marquette General Hospital and Bell Memorial Hospital.

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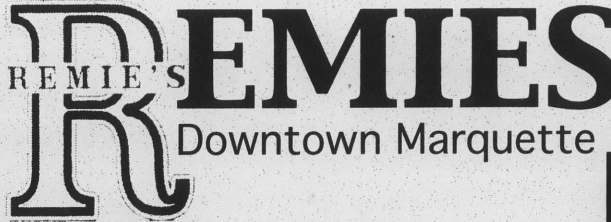


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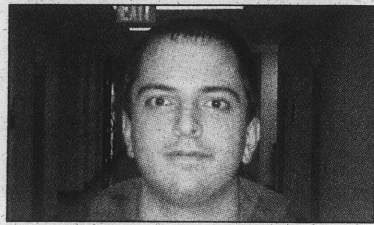
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## Animosity grows under Bush

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

Al Franken must have the easiest job in the nation, right? He made more than \$25,000 for a night of criticizing George Walker Bush and other conservatives.

Granted, the fact that he's a Harvard graduate with a higher IQ than most people, especially those he is most critical of, helps to make his work appear natural.

The truth-seeking political satirist rallied about 1,500 people, NMU students and community members alike, in Vandament Arena Tuesday night. Using humor as his main tool, Franken is just one of many political experts and social critics working to better a nation being led by a corrupt administration.

Franken is a large part of what many people — moderates who lack the gall to deviate from the right — are calling the "polarization of America." This implies Al is somehow at fault for something by refusing to sit quiet while our ridiculous, manipulative excuse for a president continues to mislead us in most literal ways.

Yes, Franken, democratic hopeful Howard Dean and other truth-seekers should sit passively, right Republicans?

"Fight the left on campus and join the College Republicans," an Oct. 28 NMU student announcement e-mail read.

I wasn't shocked. Conservatives tend to collaborate politically and use words like "fight," "war," "terror" and so on. But, the voices of truth are growing in numbers.

One thing needs to be made clear that continues to be overlooked by moderates (who are actually conservatives) and conservatives: seeking the truth should not warrant a label like "liberal," be it with a negative or positive connotation.

The usually-clear-sighted New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof has been critical of truth-telling lately. I didn't expect such a stance from the man who, in 1990, won a Pulitzer Prize with his wife for their coverage of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement in China.

"... it used to be just the Republicans who were intense in their beliefs, while now both sides are frothing," Kristof accurately said. "And unfortunately the U.S. is transforming itself into the classic European pattern of reinforcing cleavages. A red state/blue state divide overlaps an evangelical/secular divide and a Fox News/Al Franken divide. ... The left should have learned from Newt Gingrich that rage impedes understanding."

His assessment of the divide is accurate — the gap is gaping and growing. Kristof's criticism of "the left," however, is unfortunate. When did truth take a side?

Maybe it was when both the House and Senate became controlled by the Grand Old Party. You see, we have every right to be angry, as democracy is failing us more and more each day Bush is in office forcing what he chooses upon others.

It's easy for Kristof to sit smug, considering his salary and platform to speak down from. He and other middle-roaders aren't facing a tuition hike or trying to afford \$90 textbooks while working for \$5.50 an hour. They aren't dying in Iraq. Like the conservatives who spin and brainwash voters, they've lost touch with real people. And some people — college students who protect Republicans — have lost touch with reality.

I saw 1,500 pissed off people in Vandament on Tuesday. I saw 500 pissed off people gather just to watch "Bowling for Columbine" last semester in Jamrich Hall.

"There is something happening," Franken said Tuesday. "There is anger out there. The tide is turning."

After the show, I asked Al if he thought Bush would be re-elected.

He snapped back at me passionately, knowingly, through thick glasses.

"No."

Travis Margoni welcomes reactions to his column at [tmargoni@nmu.edu](mailto:tmargoni@nmu.edu).

## Students display political involvement



Amanda Shellnut/NW

The College Republicans are one of Northern's three political groups on campus and meet every Wednesday night. The Democrats and the Green Movement comprise the other two groups. All three groups have different viewpoints on certain issues including partial-birth abortion, the war in Iraq and Bush.

BY KRISTEN KOHRT  
STAFF WRITER

With an election year just around the bend, political parties around the nation are getting geared up for campaigns and debates. Many, however, may be unclear about the differences between these political parties and what their views are on different issues. At NMU, there are three active political parties, the Democrats, Republicans and the Green Movement. Although they all share a passion for politics, they have different views on issues around the nation and locally.

### Republicans

The Republican Party believe in personal responsibility, strong defense and limited government, said Gary Roehm, president of College Republicans. They are pro-business, support low taxes and about 99 percent of them are pro-life, Roehm said. Since the majority of Republicans are pro-life, a majority of them support the recent ban placed on partial-birth abortions in the United States.

We generally support the war and believe our troops should stay until the country is running normally, again, Roehm said.

"Nobody really wants war," Roehm said. "But it was necessary in order to create a better environment in the Middle East."

Roehm said the Republicans support Bush and feel he's doing a good job, considering the circumstances when he began his presidency.

"Bush was dealt a hard hand, with the economy showing signs of recession and then the attacks on Sept. 11," Roehm said.

One of our biggest environmental issues now is oil — where we get it from and where we should get more from.

"Drilling should be studied and worked out so the environmental impact is minimal," Roehm said. "There are only so many resources and the more we rely on other countries for these resources, the more danger we put ourselves in."

Roehm also said there is a need for alternative ener-

gy so we are not dependent on foreign resources.

The Republican Party has recently been working on encouraging students to register to vote. Members of the group set up tables with registration forms available for students to fill out.

The party has been working hand-in-hand with the Michigan Federation of College Republicans to get the Bush Campaign rolling in Michigan. On Nov. 22, they will kick off their National Youth for Bush Campaign.

### Democrats

The Democrats are a liberal group and believe in freedom of choice, a fair tax plan and are generally anti-war, said Tom Brown, a political science and electronic journalism major and the communications director for the NMU Democrat Party.

Democrats believe democracy should be the form of government throughout the world and support economic aid that help people eventually become self sustaining, Brown said.

Currently, the Democrats carry varied opinions on the partial-birth abortion ban.

"Many [Democrats] believe it is wrong because the ban does not include provisions if the mother's health is in danger," Brown said. "Most Democrats are pro-choice."

The Democrats were opposed to the war from the beginning, Brown said.

"Now that we're there, we have to stay until the country is stable," Brown said. "If we pull out now, we'll have a whole other set of problems."

In general, Democrats do not agree with the war, but agree our troops must get the job done in order to maintain national security. They are not pleased with many of Bush's actions. Bush's tax policies have not been proven, Brown said.

"It's like giving morphine to someone with a broken leg," Brown said. "It will feel better for a couple of hours, but the leg is still broken."

For the upcoming election year, the Democratic candidates would be running against Bush.

"Goal number one is to get someone else in the White House," Brown said.

Democrats would also like to get the economy going and balance the budget, he said.

The Democrats are hoping to become more involved, Brown said. Like the Republicans, the Democrats gave

students the opportunity to register to vote on Veterans Day. They are hoping to plan more events like the social that was held with Congressman Bart Stupak and Michigan Senator Steve Adiminni in order to get their views across, Brown said.

Next semester, the group will hold a debate that will include the Republicans and Greens. Currently, the party holds meetings every week and also does some volunteer work in the community.

### Greens

The Greens are a social movement made up of students and community members, said Aimee Dunn, a member of the Green Party and English graduate assistant.

Dunn said there are four pillars the Green Movement uses, ecological wisdom, or being mindful of the earth, non-violence, social justice and grass roots democracy — meaning democracy should be based on the people.

The Greens issued a statement that said they were officially against the invasion of Iraq, which they believed to be a sovereign country.

"We believe we should help fund it [Iraq], but leave the decision making to the Iraqis," Dunn said.

The party feels Bush has made poor decisions with the war and with American people.

"The war has affected our civil liberties and has caused budget cuts, affecting workers, schools and people in social services programs," Dunn said.

Recently, Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General under the Carter Administration, called for an impeachment, Dunn said.

Members of the Greens worked with a local peace group and circulated petitions to support the impeachment. Dunn said this was not a political move, but a move made for ethical reasons.

"It's not just Bush, it's the whole administration that we want out," Dunn said.

The Greens are also not happy about how Bush is handling issues with the environment.

"We are horrified at his environmental policies and at the guy he just appointed as head of the Environmental Protection Agency," Dunn said.

The Greens believe nuclear and coal-fired power plants should be phased out and replaced with solar and wind energies.

Dunn said they would also like to see conservation and efficiency being taught in schools.

Right now, the Greens are very active, but more so with the community than with the campus, Dunn said.

Many of the members are involved with a lot of the same groups such as Citizens for Peace and Justice and Speak U.P., a group that brings in speakers every month to talk about certain issues, she said.

In February, they will co-sponsor a presentation by James "OJ" Pitawanakwat with Speak U.P. Pitawanakwat is an American Indian from Canada and the first to be granted political asylum in the United States.

They are hoping to bring the radio program "Democracy Now" to WNMU Public Radio 90, as a free air time. The program gives six months of free air time, Dunn said.

"We're just asking [WNMU] to try it for six months and see if they like it," Dunn said.

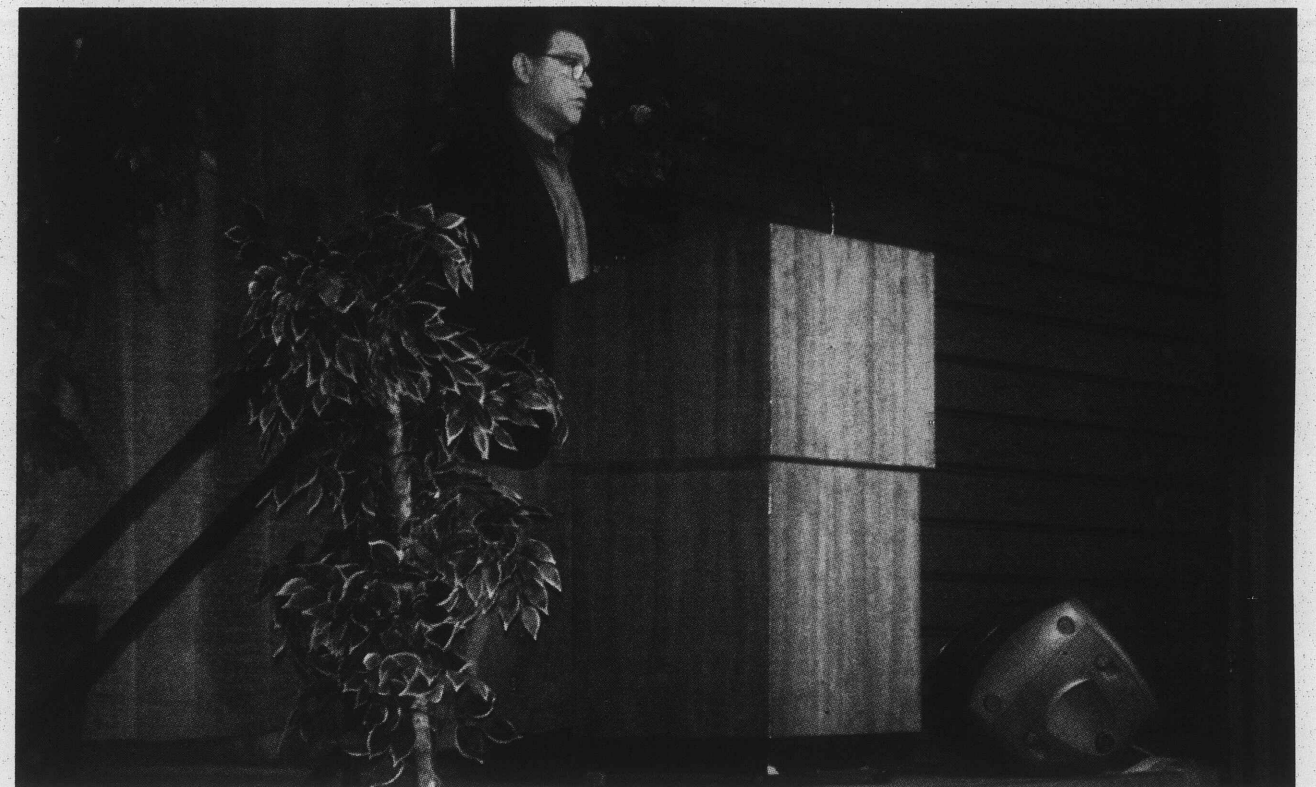
Their main goal, is to shift the world's view, she said. "The earth is being abused by industrialization and colonization," she said. "People need to see this and break away from the industrial world view."

In the upcoming election year, Dunn said many members are supporting Dennis Kucinich for President.

Dennis Kucinich is a Democratic candidate.

Although Kucinich is a Democrat, Dunn said it is a common misconception that the Greens are a branch off of the Democrat Party.

"The Green Party is filled with Liberals and Conservatives; we're not left or right," she said. "We have a different vision than the Democrats."



Don Lhamon/NW

Political satirist and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member and writer Al Franken spoke to campus and community members Tuesday evening in Vandament Arena. In his speech, he discussed both humorous and serious issues.

## Writer, liberal satirist visits NMU

CONVERSATION WITH  
Al Franken, Political Satirist

Comedian Al Franken has a unique and innovative idea on how to help solve rising costs in NASA and our nation's social security program. Citing that 30 percent of Medicare expenses come in the last year of a person's life; and the fact that NASA spends about a billion a year on astronaut safety, Franken offered a new strategy to cut costs.

"Why not shoot the elderly into space?" he quipped amidst roaring laughter from the 1,413 in attendance. "Think of how many more manned space operations NASA could undertake if they didn't have to worry about getting the astronauts back... If the 'Houston we have a problem' call comes mission control can reply 'Best of luck; we're rooting for you.'"

Franken's witty liberal political humor, which covered everything from President Bush, to Franken's battles with Fox's Bill O'Reilly over a laughable libel case to the hypocrisy of Rush Limbaugh, came to Vandament Arena on Nov. 18.

The former "Saturday Night Live" writer and actor's new book "Lies And the Lying Liars Who Tell Them" is still third on the New York Time's Best Seller List and spent weeks on the top of the list when it was released in August.

While Franken insighted laughter throughout the night, he also delivered some serious messages about the importance of voting, the War on Terror and Sept. 11.

President Bush used Sept. 11 to gain political power and increase his popularity, Franken said.

"This president had an opportunity like no president I've ever seen had," he said. "He had an opportunity to take this unique moment in our history and lead this country into a new American century in the spirit of mutual purpose, mutual sacrifice; and he blew it and he hijacked 9/11."

After a night of political satire and answering audience questions for over an hour, Franken sat down with The North Wind Editor in Chief Rob Hamilton to talk about his book and politics. The following are selected excerpts from the interview.

**You open your book by saying, "God chose me to write this book," which is obviously a joke towards the religious right. How do you feel when people use God as justification for political actions?**

It depends what they are justifying. If they are justifying taking care of the earth it's probably a good idea. If they are using it to justify war I might take a second look. There seems to be a real connection between God and the earth. There isn't quite the connection between God and war, but they are sometimes good things. I think we did the right thing in Kosovo and I think we did the right thing in Afghanistan, although these were tough things.

**A lot of critics would say your type of humor is unpatriotic. Do you feel like the right wing media and the president is using patriotism in the wrong manner?**

I always take offense when people just wrap themselves in the flag. Dissent is patriotic. That's what this country is about. You can dissent in a way that isn't patriotic, but I don't think I am. Our society is about freedom of speech and debating things and that's how government is the most responsive.

**You use a lot of humor in your books to shed light on some of the issues. Can you talk about how you use humor as sort of a tool for getting the truth out there?**

I'm a comedian so that's what I do. But I also have strong feelings about politics and the country and issues that affect people. I try to use the talent I do have to get my point across and it makes it more fun to read and is more effective. Satire has a historic place in discussion of issues and I am proud to be in that tradition.

**(Franken talks about right-wing media groups with a political agenda developing in recent decades in his book). How do you think this right-wing media group developed over the years?**

After (Barry) Goldwater lost in '64 they started building this apparatus. You've got to hand it to them. They felt like outsiders. They planned for the long run. They had a lot of money and they did it.

**When guys like Bill O'Reilly and your critics accuse you of lying and taking things out of context, how do you respond to them?**

Some of them I just laugh it off. If Ann Coulter (conservative syndicated columnist) accuses me of lying, I don't pay much attention to it.

**When you come into universities like this how much do you enjoy speaking to all these young people?**

I like it a lot. I do a lot of corporate speaking and you can say more of what you want at a university. I like the experience of the give and take. I like getting laughs. I really like trying to get my message across.

**Any specific comments on Northern Michigan University, besides the fact that it's out in the middle of nowhere?**

The kids here have been great. Just because you're out in the middle of nowhere doesn't mean that it's not a really great student body and a really great school.



When community members get stressed, many choose to unwind by creating their own ...

## Personal Pottery



Josh Johnson/NW

Sue Kensington, owner of Hotplate, a paint-your-own pottery store, decorates a bowl she plans on donating to benefit the Oasis Gallery.

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
NEWS EDITOR

**B**right pastels and the comforting glow of full-spectrum lighting cascade against plain shelves of rough, unpainted pottery. A woman, prone to dancing in the studio while brewing fresh cups of coffee, scurries busily about, preparing for the day's business.

Sue Kensington is the owner of Hotplate, a paint-your-own pottery shop at 101 S. Third St. A middle-aged woman with bright eyes and a vibrant smile, she plays Cat Stevens to enhance the artistic mood in the studio.

"You cannot do this and be stressed," Kensington said. "I never knew how much fun it could be to watch paint dry."

Hotplate opened last November and has become a gathering area for roughly 250 students and community members who visit the shop weekly, Kensington said. NMU students make up about 25 percent of her customers, she said. A 93-year-old man and an 18-month-old toddler have painted at Hotplate.

Couples often come to Hotplate on dates, and even reluctant participants enjoy the activity once they become involved, Kensington said.

"Just pretend you're 4 years old, when you

could do anything," she said. "The best stuff that comes out of this place is not stuff made by artists."

Tracee Crockett has worked at Hotplate part time since it opened a year ago. Painting pottery is a relaxing escape from usual routines, said Crockett, a senior media production and new technology major.

"It's cheaper than therapy," she said. "It's something different to do. Where else can you go to make your own mug or plate?"

The painting process at Hotplate starts with the selection of pottery from several shelves containing tiles, piggy banks, plates, coffee mugs and a variety of assorted dinnerware.

Prices of the pottery ranges from \$5 for a simple mug to \$50 for large platters or bowls, Kensington said.

A studio fee of \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under is also charged, which covers the cost of supplies and the firing of the pottery.

Customers can choose from a wide variety of paints and glazes to accentuate their creations. The pottery is then fired in a kiln on site and can be picked up a week later, she said.

Painted pottery from various artists can also be purchased.

Customers receive free coffee from Babycakes as they work on their pottery, Kensington said.

Kensington was previously executive director of the Marquette Women's Center and had a passion for art. She had planned on retiring, but was inspired by a pottery course she took at NMU with Associate Professor Sam Chung in the Art and Design department.

"I just went looking for a business that would be fun, but not just a place that I would have fun at, but for other people," Kensington said. "There was a void in the community. It's turned out to be much more than I thought it was going to be. I come in here, and I consider myself really lucky that I can do what I love for a living."

The business' location was at one time a grocery store, a hardware store and an indoor archery range, she said.

When someone drips paint on the floor, Kensington grabs a paintbrush and adds the drippings to the industrial décor of the shop by blending it with the brown hue of the floor, she said.

"This is just for folks to come and play and have fun," Kensington said. "You don't clean up. It feels good. It's flat out fun. You're in an environment of bright colors, good music, good coffee and other people who are just doing their own thing."

Future plans for Hotplate include potters wheels for those who would like to form their own pottery, she said.

Senior physical and health education major Hayley Fuller has been to Hotplate two or three times to paint cereal bowls.

The social interaction and opportunity to create original dinnerware are worth the cost, she said.

"I think it's a good price," Fuller said. "It's fair. It's not more expensive than buying it at a store."

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# Film fun, not for students



★★★☆☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT  
OPINION EDITOR

"Looney Tunes Back in Action" is an amusing, if at times tepid, exercise in pop-culture reference and lowbrow humor.

The movie follows DJ Drake (Brendan Fraser), a former security guard and stuntman for Brendan Fraser as he and Daffy Duck (voiced by Joe Alaskey) go on a quest to save DJ's father (Timothy Dalton) and stop an evil ACME chairman (Steve Martin) from obtaining the mystical Blue Monkey

Diamond, which has the power to turn humans into monkeys and back again.

Along the way they pick up Bugs Bunny (Joe Alaskey) and Warner Brothers' VP of Comedy, Kate (Jenna Elfman) and journey through Las Vegas, Area 52, Paris, Africa and outer space.

The movie has a spattering of humor that can be appreciated by adults as well as children—such as a stuttering Porky Pig and Speedy Gonzales bemoaning political correctness—but the movie remains child-safe.

My favorite scene was an artistic montage as Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny are chased through the various paintings of the Louvre by Elmer Fudd. Incorporating such dorm wall prints as Edvard Munch's "The Scream," Salvador Dali's "Persistence of Time" and Georges Seurat's "Study for Sunday on La Grande Jatte," the animated characters take on the style and qualities of the paintings in an amusing and visually stimulating way.

Some big names can be found herein, such as John Cleese, Heather Locklear and Joan Cusack who shines as Mother, the head of Area 52.

Fraser further entrenches himself into the not ignoble position of wholesome actor with slapstick reminiscent of "George of the Jungle" and action purposefully lifted from "The Mummy" movies.

Sadly, I found the weakest performance delivered by an old favorite of mine, Steve Martin.

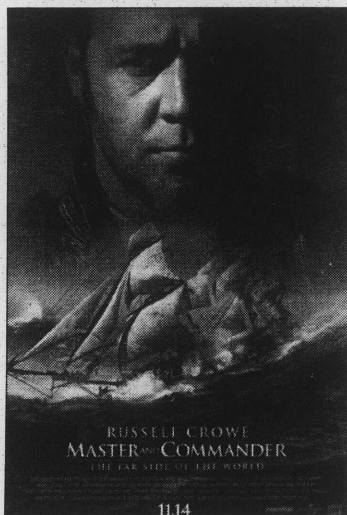
While normally a stellar comedian at playing ridiculous anti-heroes ("The Jerk" being my personal pick) I think that a weak script and colored hair may be to blame for his stumbling.

The walk, laugh and expressions were there, but he just wasn't given strong enough lines and, I missed his trademark white hair.

While the plot is the regular childish fair, the movie still delivers enough jokes to get at least chuckles from every member of the family.

Only problem may be that it isn't amusing enough to draw in the college crowd, and by the time most of you have gone home to take siblings and younger relatives to the cinema the promising "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Haunted Mansion" will have usurped the family-oriented spots.

# 'Master' flick lacks pace



★★★☆☆

BY JEREMIAH BRITT  
OPINION EDITOR

The naval battle genre is one that the action industry has not tapped as of late, which gives "Master and Commander" an open stage on which to shine.

Russell Crowe plays the proud and dutiful Captain "Lucky" Jack Aubrey of the H.M.S. Surprise in 1805, searching for Napoleon's French warship the Acheron. Captain Jack is joined by his friend Dr. Maturin, the ship's surgeon, played by Paul Bettany who costarred with Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind" and was a memorable Chaucer in "A

Knight's Tale."

While Crowe and Bettany claim most of the screen time, and rightfully so, the rest of the characters are by no means two-dimensional or simple.

Even Midshipman Lord Blakeney (13-year-old Max Pirkis) is well, but not overdone. One of the few child stars I have seen where I eventually forget that the kid is a child star and actually am able to concentrate on the character he is portraying.

I also liked Lee Ingleby, who plays the nervous and uncertain Midshipman Hollom with a kind of pitiable grace, despite his terminally British name "Ingleby."

The action sequences are brutally disorienting with a level of realism that doesn't seem forced as Captain Jack's personal vendetta against superior French vessel goes around "the far side of the world" in the area of the Galapagos Islands.

Dr. Maturin is the ship's tolerated rebel, an Irish naturalist and precursor to Darwin. While artfully played as always by Bettany, I still am forever jealous of his marriage to Jennifer Connelly.

The script is relatively creative, by modern Hollywood standards, and the drama pass-

able. Unfortunately, the movie drags its feet between battle scenes and starts to feel a lot longer than its two hours. Crowe's screen time is marked by his charisma and massive arms—the most distracting aspect of "A Beautiful Mind" was the idea of a brilliant mathematician built like a blacksmith—but unfortunately not perhaps the strongest acting. Unlike Johnny Depp, who does an artful job of actually becoming whatever character he portrays, Crowe walks the fine Adam Sandler line of making "Russell Crowe is <insert title here>" movies.

Still, he does portray the sense of duty and pride well enough, and has all the intensity in battle that he had in "Gladiator," so he isn't a complete loss.

Technical aspects of the film are strong—there were no extras in the background wearing sneakers that I could see, and the special effects were pretty good—and the period-style music is well integrated and beautiful. I only wish I had gotten to hear Hollom sing a bit more.

It's a good movie to see, if a little slow, though some of the on-screen and implied gore and action may be a bit much for younger audiences.

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**TODAY, NOV. 20**

*Film:* "A Mighty Wind" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to students, \$1 for non-students.

*Benefit:* SMEA/SCEC Teddy Bear Drive begins through November 30. Drop boxes are located in Cohodas and Whitman Hall. Bring new stuffed animals or books for children who have to spend the holidays in the hospital. For information contact smeascec@nmu.edu.

*Event:* The Great American Smoke Out. There will be information tables in the LRC by Starbucks and the atrium area in the University Center for those interested in kicking the habit. The I Can Quit hotline is also available at 1-800-480-QUIT (7848). Online resources can be obtained at www.ffsonline.org.

*Performance:* 311 with special guest Alien Ant Farm will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. Tickets are still available — for students: \$18 for seating, \$20 for floor; for non-students: \$20 for seating \$22 dollars for floor. Ticket prices will increase by two dollars at the door.

*Event:* Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals will show the New Warren Miller film at 6 p.m. in JXJ 102.

*Event:* First Aid Productions is holding a CD resale in front of the bookstore in the University Center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. First Aid Productions is having the final days of their CD resale. Come get quality

CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes and video games and desserts. for cheap.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 21**

*Athletics:* The women's basketball team will take on Rollins College.

*Performance:* Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

*Event:* Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals will show the New Warren Miller film at 6 p.m. in JXJ 102. All are welcome to attend.

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*Event:* Everyone gets leid at the Meyland Hall Luau. Join us in the Meyland Lobby at 10 p.m. for some good music, food and fun. Admission is free to students, \$2 for non-students. There will be swimsuit and limbo contests and music by one of the Shamrock DJs. Sponsored by Blast from the Past and the Space Between.

*Film:* The NMU French Club is holding a French Movie Night at 7 p.m. in Whitman Hall Room 136. There will be French coffee and traditional French desserts. The movie is "Cyrano de Bergerac." Admission is \$2 to help recoup the cost of the coffee

**SATURDAY, NOV. 22**

*Athletics:* The women's basketball team will take on Concordia.

*Event:* First Aid Productions is hosting a concert featuring Ultimate Fake Book, Alucard, Boink and Tyghton at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room in the University Center. First Aid Productions presents a punk rock explosion, free to all NMU students, \$1 to non-students.

*Event:* Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals will show the New Warren Miller film at 2 p.m. in JXJ 102. All are welcome to attend.

*Event:* The U.P. Regional LEGO Robotics Tournament will be held in Vandament Arena starting at 9 a.m. Twenty-two teams, consisting of primarily middle school-aged children, will be competing for the opportunity to represent the Upper Peninsula in the state tournament. Our regional tournament, "U.P. Martian Mayhem," will begin with the opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. and conclude with the closing ceremonies at 2:30 p.m. There will be lots of robot action in between. Admission is free. If you have any questions please contact David Buhl at dbuhl@nmu.edu.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 23**

*Meeting:* The Black Student Union will meet from 4-6 p.m. in the Huron Room in

the University Center. All are welcome.

**MONDAY, NOV. 24**

*Athletics:* The men's basketball team will take on Northland Baptist at 7:30 p.m.

*Meeting:* The Graduate Student Union will be hold a meeting at 4 p.m. in Gries 165. They are seeking grad students interested in becoming members. There will be a discussion of current and future goals (future events and a graduate student summer orientation program). For more information, contact Rick Hunter at rhunter@nmu.edu.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 25**

*Meeting:* Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCA) will hold a discussion of 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:* Outlook will meet from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Marquette/Nicolet Rooms in the University Center.

*Meeting:* The College Democrats of NMU will meet from 5-6 p.m. in the Brule Room in the University Center.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26**

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# Volleyball team hosts NCAA Regionals

BY DAVE MOSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Vandament Arena will be filled with fans for at least three more days of volleyball action this season as the NMU Wildcats host the Great Lakes Regional portion of the NCAA Volleyball Championship beginning tonight.

NMU received a bye in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Findlay plays Northern Kentucky tonight at 7:30 p.m., and NMU will play the winner of that game tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

NMU faced conference-opponent Findlay earlier this season in October. It was one of many 3-0 wins for NMU.

However, if Northern

Kentucky beats the Oilers, NMU will have to face an unfamiliar foe.

To prepare for the tournament, NMU will be focusing on itself and continuing the philosophy that has worked so far this season of one at a time, whether it is a point, game or match. The team will have to be on in its passing to be successful, junior outside hitter Beth Honaker said.

"We follow our passers," Honaker said. "If they are passing well, we tend to play a little better. When they struggle a little bit, so do we."

The other game tonight is between Grand Valley State and Indianapolis at 5 p.m.

The regional championship match will be at 7:30 p.m. on

Saturday, and the winner will move on in the NCAA tournament as part of the Elite 8 to play against the seven other regional winners in December.

Nationwide, there are 48 teams in the NCAA tournament, and with every match that number drops.

By the time NMU plays its first game tonight, it will be one of less than 24 teams left shooting for the National championship. NMU is also the only team that is undefeated.

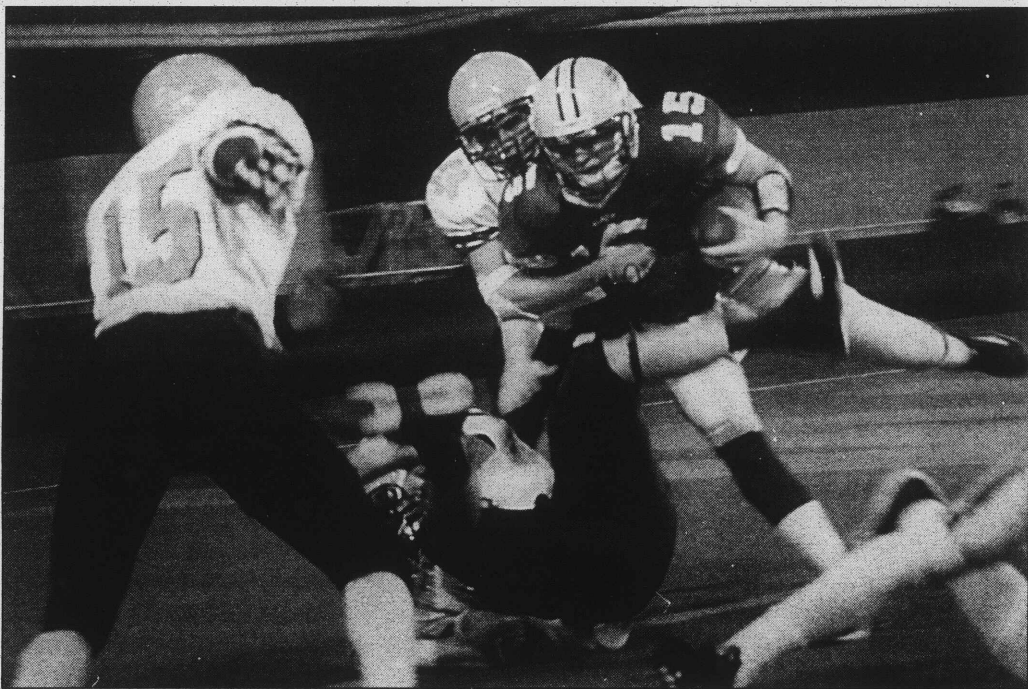
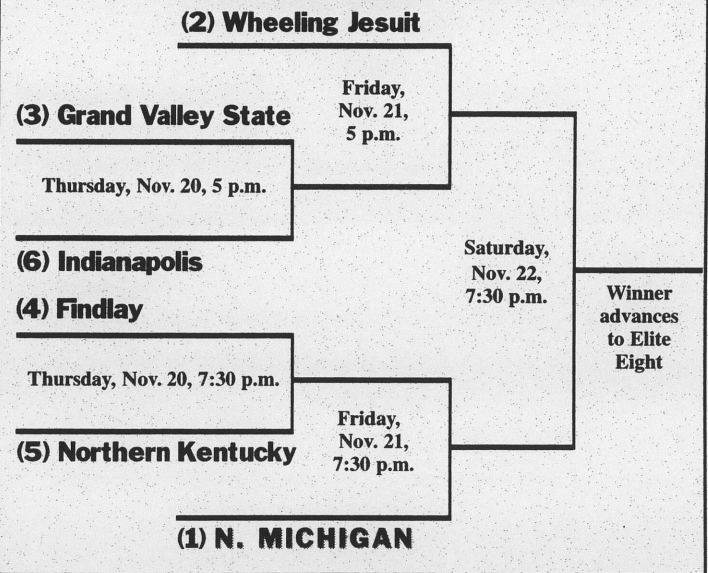
"I think being the team that we are, we can't be scared to lose," Honaker said. "We just have to go out play like we do and have in the past matches."

While having home court

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Nov. 20 to Nov. 22 at Vandament Arena in Marquette



Don Lhamon/NW

Senior quarterback Kyle Swenor ran for a nine-yard touchdown during the second quarter of Northern's final game of the season against Northwood on Nov. 15. The Wildcats lost, 56-17.

## NU runs over Wildcats

### NMU loses season finale on home turf

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU football team lost its final game of the season, 56-17, to the Northwood University Timberwolves last Saturday night at the Superior Dome.

Head coach Doug Sams said he was disappointed with the team's performance.

"[Northwood] just outplayed us," Sams said. "We didn't do a good job stopping them. They made big plays. I think they came in with a point to prove."

The Timberwolves (6-4 GLIAC, 6-5 overall) jumped out to a 21-0 lead before the Wildcats were able to get on the board.

The 'Cats remained scoreless until the second quarter when NMU junior quarterback Kyle Swenor took the ball to the left side and ran a quarterback keeper for a nine-yard touchdown.

Northwood added two more touchdowns before NMU sophomore kicker Kyle Marotz hit a 23-yard field goal with five seconds left in the half.

The score at half time was 35-10.

In the second half, the Timberwolves continued to run their option offense with success. They scored three more touchdowns in the third quarter.

In his final game as a Wildcat, senior Pat Rouzard caught a 25-yard pass from Swenor for a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, a fight broke out and the game was ended with 25 seconds to go.

"The play spilled over in to the (Northwood) sideline," Sams said. "But cooler heads prevailed. It's just part of the game."

The night was dedicated to the departing Wildcat seniors.

"The seniors were very disappointed to go out like that," Sams said. "I don't know why we didn't play well."

The game marked the end of a disappointing

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## Seven runners represent NMU

BY ALEX PINA  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's cross country team flew to Raleigh, N.C. yesterday to take part in the season ending NCAA Division II Cross Country National meet this weekend.

The Nationals will be hosted by St. Augustine College in Raleigh this Saturday and will feature D-II schools from all over the country.

Northern expects its stiffest competition to come from Adams State College, Western State College of Colorado and division rivals, Grand Valley State University.

Seniors Jennifer Lahr and Traci Wills, junior Tami Kochen, sophomores Maria Stuber, Stephanie Howe and Jane Stieber and freshman Jessica Kalafut will all be representing NMU.

The Wildcats flew out from K.I. Sawyer yesterday and will spend today and Friday training on the national course before the race on Saturday.

Head coach Sten Fjeldheim said he is very proud of his team. They were not expected to do as well as they have this season because some of NMU's top runners graduated last year. However, the women were prepared for the season because of all the training they put in over the summer, Fjeldheim said.

The team is very proud of its progress, and is very excited to represent NMU this weekend, he said.

"I am really excited because I never imagined that I would get this far," said sophomore Jane Stieber, who will be making her first appearance at Nationals. "I

am seeing that all the training has paid off. I followed the coach's training plan, and saw significant improvement over last season. It's nice to see results after all the time and effort that I put in this summer."

This will also be the first national appearance for freshman Jessica Kalafut, who is the only freshman on Northern's squad to qualify.

"It's such an honor for me to be selected," Kalafut said.

"Everyone keeps telling me how cool it is that I made it as a freshman."

While Stieber and Kalafut will be making their debut

at the National meet, this will be the final meet appearance for seniors Jennifer Lahr and Traci Wills.

At the beginning of the season, Lahr said she felt that making the National competition was how she expected to finish off her cross country career.

Overall, the team feels like it should be able to finish in the top 10, Fjeldheim said.

He said his top runners Lahr, Kochen, Wills and Howe should have a very good chance of finishing in the top 25 and making All-American.

"The team should do well this weekend," Lahr said. "It will be hard to beat last year's team performance, but we are prepared and ready for this meet."

Lahr said she's looking forward to competing against some

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Stieber



# 'Cats beat familiar foes, win tournament

BY DAVE MOSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The NMU volleyball team won the GLIAC volleyball tournament last weekend, making their season record 26-0 and earning the NO. 1 seed in the Great Lakes Region for the NCAA Division II Tournament.

NMU beat Michigan Tech in the first round, then Gannon University in the semifinals, and finally Grand Valley State University in the final match. NMU played GVSU at home only a week before the tournament and won. This was the third time NMU beat GVSU this season.

The three-game win against

Tech (30-28, 20-21, 31-29) and the three-game win against Gannon (30-24, 30-20, 30-16) could be seen as almost routine as NMU won 18 of its 26 season matches in just three games this year.

Tech played very well in its match, Moore said.

"We knew they would come out fired up and they gave us some trouble," Moore said. NMU played well throughout the tournament, he said.

In the third game of the tournament, NMU beat Grand Valley State for the tournament title.

After winning the first two games (30-28, 30-19), it looked as though NMU would sweep another match. GVSU did not fall that easily however.

*"By far, that was the most exciting and scary match of the entire season."*

— Beth Honaker  
junior outside hitter

GVSU won the third and fourth games (30-28, 35-33) to stay with NMU and force a fifth and final game.

"[GVSU was] flawless in games three and four and we weren't able to take those two games," Moore said.

This match was only the fourth time this season that the Wildcats played to five games. In college volleyball, the fifth game

is played to only fifteen points, with a team still needing to win by two.

The 'Cats prevailed in the fifth game, 16-14.

"We were able to close it out in the fifth and that is all that really mattered," Moore said.

With GVSU looking for revenge, and NMU trying to hold onto its undefeated record, the final match was emotional for some of the players.

"By far, that was the most exciting and scary match of the entire season," junior outside hitter Beth Honaker said. "It was a roller coaster of emotions and a roller coaster of points, up and down, back and forth." GVSU was also a very emotional team,

she said.

At the end of the conference season, several awards were presented to players and coaches. Moore was named GLIAC coach of the year.

According to a GLIAC release, this is the third time Moore has earned this award.

Six NMU players also earned GLIAC honors. Junior outside hitters Aimee Dewitte and Jennie Little were named to the All-GLIAC First Team.

Freshman outside hitter Ashley Kiel and sophomore middle blocker Andrea Smith were named to the second team, and sophomore middle blocker Holly Greenamyre earned an honorable mention.

## Fight gives players momentum for win

BY ROB HAMILTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Trying to avoid its fifth straight road loss to start the season, the NMU hockey team used an unusual rallying point against Nebraska-Omaha University to split a two-game series in Omaha last weekend.

Down, 1-0 in the second game on Nov. 13, the Mavericks tied the score early in the second period, putting the 7,486 in attendance into a frenzy and causing a large fish to be thrown onto the ice.

The five or six-pound fish, which is traditionally thrown out when UN-O scores its first goal of the game, landed near Pat Bateman, an NMU freshman forward.

"[Bateman] just gave the fish a whack," NMU sophomore forward Pat Murphy said. "[UN-O] was on a line change so they had like 10 guys on the ice, and when [Bateman] hit the fish all their players

came after him."

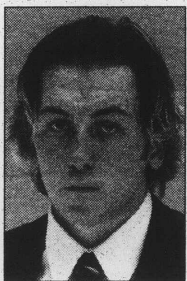
A brawl between the two teams followed the fish slashing and punches were thrown from both teams, Murphy said.

Eventually, the refs settled everyone down and three Wildcats (including Bateman) and four Mavericks were given penalties.

The fight seemed to change the momentum and the 'Cats took control of the game after the fight, head coach Walt Kyle said.

"Sometimes an incident like that is kind of a rallying point for the guys," Kyle said. "It was right after [UN-O] scored, so the guys were down a little, but after that happened, they all just forgot about it."

Senior forward Justin Kinnunen gave



Bateman

NMU the lead for good by streaking to the UN-O net and beating sophomore goalie Kris Tebbs up high with less than seven minutes remaining in the period.

Murphy increased the Wildcats' lead to two goals a few minutes later by deflecting a shot from the blue line off the stick of sophomore defenseman Nathan Oystnick, who scored NMU's first goal of the night.

"It wasn't a flashy goal, but it got the job done and ended up being the (game) winner," Murphy said.

UN-O added a goal late in the second period, but could not beat senior goalie Craig Kowalski in the final frame. Sophomore forward Andrew Contois added an empty net power-play goal in the final minute. Kowalski stopped 32 of 34 Maverick shots in the victory.

The previous night, NMU jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead on a goal from sophomore defenseman Jamie Milam. But Nebraska-Omaha scored in the first three

minutes of the second and third periods to earn a 2-1 victory.

"We are going to be an up and down team and we are going to struggle to create scoring chances at times," Kyle said. "We had a real good defensive effort. We just didn't threaten their net enough."

Kowalski had 27 saves in the loss. Tebbs had 23 saves in his first collegiate start for the Mavericks.

After the split, the Wildcats (4-4 CCHA, 5-5 overall) have a bye week, before heading to South Bend, Ind. for a two-game series against Notre Dame on Nov. 28 and 29. UN-O is now 2-7-1 overall this year and will play at Ferris State this weekend.

With the long layoff between games, Kyle said the win in the second game against UN-O was especially important.

"Two weeks is a long time to sit on a loss," Kyle said. "It was important to get a road win as well."

## NMU takes second in Green Bay tri-meet

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU swimming and diving team took home a second-place finish in last Friday's tri-meet at UW-Green Bay.

UW-Green Bay won the meet with 130 points. NMU took second with 70 and Butler University took third with 37.

Freshman Sarah Bartosh said the team has been training really hard and went into the meet tired.

"Everyone is really pleased with how we swam, considering the hard work we've been doing lately," she said.

The Wildcats began the meet with a second-place relay finish in the first event of the night. The team of senior Shelly Ruspakka, juniors Larisa Graham, Sam Pechek and Bartosh swam the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:10.09.

Pechek went on to pick up the first win of the night in the 200 freestyle (1:58.14). Pechek also took third in the 100 freestyle (55.93).

Four events later, Graham placed first in the 200 I.M. (2:15.48). Junior Lindsey Vermillion took third in the 1,000 freestyle swimming (11:24.05).

On the one-meter board, senior Kathie Cole dove to a second place finish, missing first place by a little over three points with a score of 251.25 points. Cole came back to win the three-meter event with 248.45 points.

Freshman Kara Freebury said it was nice to get a second place finish considering UW-Green Bay is Division I.

In practice, the team has stopped its morning workouts and cut down on the volume of yardage so the team can practice on speed work, Bartosh said.

Freebury said it was relief to begin to taper in practice because the team will not be swimming as tired in meets.

"Everyone is really excited for our upcoming meets," Freebury said.

The 'Cats have a break this weekend but will travel down to Eastern Michigan on Sunday.

### Strutting their stuff



Don Lhamon/NW

The NMU dance team performed on the sidelines during halftime of the Wildcats final home football game of the year against Northwood on Nov. 15.



# Positive attitudes outshadow hardships

BY MATT WELLENS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU women's soccer team faced a challenging 2003 season full of long road trips and disappointing conference losses.

The team played 12 of its 18 games on the road, going 7-4-1 away from Marquette.

"I have never had a team that traveled this much," head coach Carl Gregor said. "With all the travel, I thought the season went pretty well."

Sophomore midfielder Michelle Gillespie said she was disappointed by the season. She felt the 'Cats (2-5 GLIAC, 10-7-1 overall) were a better team than what their record showed, she said.

Gillespie said if she had the choice, she would like to replay the team's first four conference losses, which came after a five-game winning streak. Gillespie

said the team never should have lost those games.

NMU's all-time leading goal scorer with 38 goals, senior forward Carolyn Kunas, said she would have liked to end the season with a win against Northwood, instead of a 3-2 loss.

"It was my last game," Kunas said. "We definitely could have won and should have won."

For her final season at NMU, Kunas led the team in points, goals, shots on goal and tied for the lead in assists and game-winning goals. Gregor said Kunas will be the biggest loss next season.

Kunas was always able to get the job done, Gillespie said.

Leading the team in sportsmanship was senior goaltender Alyse Shier, Kunas said. Shier would always build confidence in the team and get them motivated, she said.

Gregor said it wasn't just one



Megan Perry/NW

Despite the challenging season, head coach Carl Gregor said his team maintained its work ethic and ability to cooperate as a squad.

player who stood out to him.

"Different players stepped up in different situations," Gregor said.

Despite a losing GLIAC record, Gregor said his team's work ethic and ability to get along made this season memo-

orable for him.

To prepare for next season, Gregor brought in seven recruits last weekend and said another 15 will be coming in this weekend.

"We need to bring in one or two more players," Gregor said. He is looking for another scor-

er and another goalie, he said.

"You can never have too many goalies," he said.

Gregor has been recruiting from Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota but isn't stopping there.

On Dec. 6, Gregor will be leaving for Norway and possibly England on a recruiting trip, he said. Gregor was unable to release any names of players he was recruiting due to NCAA guidelines.

Gregor wants the team to take the off-season to recover from its long season, which began in the middle of August. The 'Cats will begin training again in February where they will focus on conditioning and in March, they will start intersquad play, he said.

Gregor said he is looking forward to having 14 seniors on the roster next season. He hopes to continue to build on the success of this year, he said.

## NMU tallies three wins

BY MICHELLE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU women's basketball team inaugurated its season with three victories against non-conference opponents.

The Sunshine State was a great place for the women's basketball team to be last weekend as it tallied two victories to kick off the season.

Northern defeated St. Leo University, 80-74, and Florida Gulf Coast University, 85-74, in the third annual Sleep Inn Classic in Florida.

Junior forward Andrea Brooke and junior guard Tiffany Grubaugh led the team in points with 18 against St. Leo on Nov. 15. Brooke had 10 of her points within the first 20 minutes of play as the Wildcats carried a 44-35 lead into the half.

Also contributing for the 'Cats were senior guard Emily Samuelson with 15 points and sophomore guard Tera Opperman with 13 points.

From the floor, the 'Cats were able to capitalize on 31 of 68 shots and sank 14-17 free throws.

On Nov. 16, Northern jumped ahead of Florida Gulf Coast University by 19 points, before going down by four in the second half. Grubaugh recorded a career-high 34 points and added four assists and two steals in 38 minutes for the 'Cats. Samuelson contributed 17 points, seven assists and two steals.

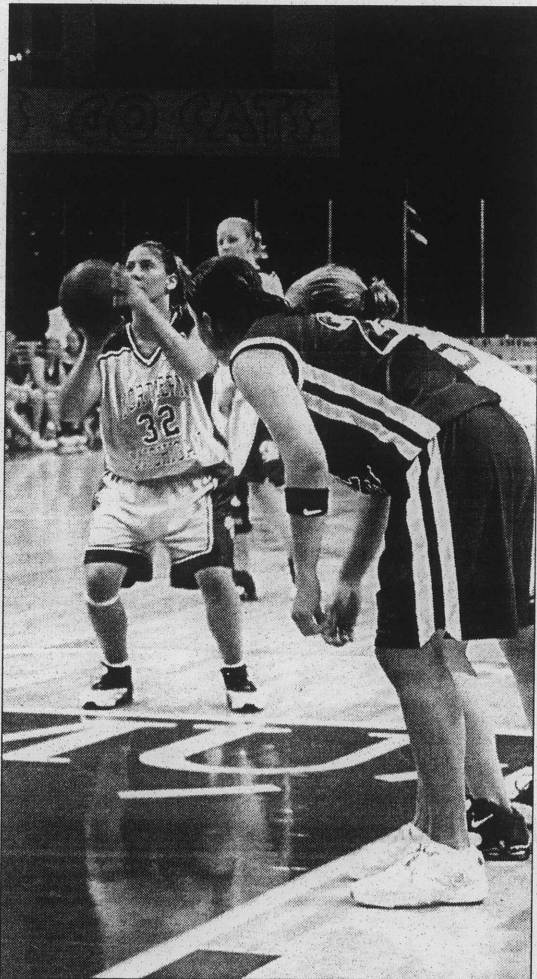
In the first six minutes of play, Northern took a 19-6 lead. Red shirt freshman forward Joy Kohegyi scored a three-point play to make the score 32-13 and giving the 'Cats their biggest lead. Going into the half, Northern were up, 44-34.

"We were a team throughout the weekend," Kohegyi said. "We kept each other up when we hit some rough stretches and had good leadership from everyone. We need to get better at executing our plays and have to be more patient on offense as well."

With just over 12 minutes left in the game, the Eagles took the lead at 66-62 and still held a four-point lead with six minutes left in the game.

"We got in foul trouble and we needed to just settle down and relax on offense and play harder defense," Samuelson said. "We were able to do both things and just let the game come to us."

Grubaugh converted a jumper to put Northern up 72-70, a lead that would carry to the end of the game. A 13-4 scoring run from the 'Cats finished the game. Sophomore forward Michelle Moard



Don Lhamon/NW

Junior forward Andrea Brooke went 2-3 from the free throw line against Northland Baptist on Nov. 18. The Wildcats defeated the Pioneers, 121-52.

chipped in 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Northern recorded its third win on Nov. 18 against Northland Baptist in Marquette. The 'Cats came away with a 121-52 victory.

"It's definitely a good start to win our first [three] games, and it also gave us a feel on things we need to work on and the things we're doing pretty well," Samuelson said. "It's good to start [3-0], and we can go from there and build on that, I think as a team we are all really confident and we have high goals and expectations."

She said some of the teams goals are to win conference, win the conference tournament and make it to the NCAA tournament.

## 'Cat chemistry fails in game

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU men's basketball team lost an exhibition game on the road to the Division I University of Wisconsin-Green, 77-33, on Nov. 13.

NMU head coach Dean Ellis said that UW-GB came prepared to play.

"They played very hard even though it was an exhibition game," Ellis said. "We didn't play well at all. We didn't play with purpose or intensity. We got beat by a team that played harder than us."

NMU sophomore forward Marco Volcy said despite the score, it felt good to get on the court and play against another team after months of training and practice.

"It's so different to go from practice to games," Volcy said. "The chemistry is there in practice. But when it's game time, the mentality changes. We need to take the chemistry we have in practice and bring that to the game."

Volcy said UW-GB controlled the tempo the entire game.

"We need to control the tempo, not follow it," Volcy said. "We have to make the other team adjust to us."

Freshman forward Ricky Volcy led the Wildcats in scoring with 10 points.

"(Volcy) is a good player," Ellis said. "He's going to score and he's a great passer. It was good for him to go out there and get a feel for the college

game."

The two Volcys are brothers. The elder Volcy (Marco) said he is used to seeing his brother do well on the court.

"He fits well with this team," Marco Volcy said of his younger brother. "The chemistry is there."

Senior forward Billy Hill scored six points for the Wildcats.

*"The chemistry is there in practice. But when it's game time, the mentality changes. We need to take the chemistry we have in practice and bring that to the game."*

— Marco Volcy  
sophomore forward

Junior forward Matt LePage, who sat out last season as a red-shirt, scored six points in his first game back with NMU. Marco Volcy and Hill grabbed six rebounds a piece.

As a team, the Wildcats shot 22 percent from the floor (11-50).

Ellis said one thing that surprised him is that none of the Wildcat guards scored any points from the floor.

The only guard who scored was sophomore guard Keder Hyppolite, who scored three points from the free throw line.

"We learned a lot from this game," Ellis said. "It's good because we don't have a mark on our record."



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advantage provides the team with some benefits, it is also a tremendous opportunity for the Marquette Community, athletic director Ken Godfrey said.

"It gets people that would not normally come to Marquette, Mich. up here," he said. "I think we have an excellent volleyball venue."

All competing teams have been in town since yesterday and had individual practice times.

The tournament games are not covered by the student athletic fee, so students who wish to attend will have to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$6 per day or \$15 for the entire tournament for the general public and \$3 and \$8 for students. Tickets go on sale one hour before each day's first match.

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season for the Wildcats, who finished 10th in the GLIAC with a record of 3-7 and 3-8 overall.

"You have to put things in perspective," Sams said. "We have a very young inexperienced team. We played as a team that hadn't really been together long. We made youthful mistakes."

NMU sophomore running back Abram McCoy led the Wildcats in rushing with 117 yards on 35 carries. He also had 11 receptions for 75 yards.

NU rushed for 395 yards.

"This just shows how balanced the GLIAC is," Sams said. "[Aside from the top two teams], we all just beat up on each other."

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fast runners.

This will be Northern's fourth straight appearance at the Nationals since its 8th place finish in 2000.

"We are going to run as hard as we can, and we will run like we want to win," Fjeldheim said.

In 2001, the Wildcats came away with a sixth place finish, and in 2002, they improved to fourth.

"I really don't know what to expect this weekend; I am just very excited to run with the most talented collegiate runners in the nation," Stieber said. "The magnitude of what we are going to do hasn't really sunk in yet. I am very excited to be there and I will seize the moment and enjoy every minute of the trip."

**SCOREBOARD**

**WEEKEND CALENDAR**

—FRIDAY—

- The NMU women's basketball team will play Rollins College at 5:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.
- The NMU volleyball team will play the winner of today's game between Findlay and Northern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. in Vandament Arena.
- The NMU men's basketball team will play North Dakota State at 9 p.m. in Fargo, N.D.

—SATURDAY—

- The NMU cross country team will compete at the NCAA D-II Championships in Raleigh, N.C.
- The NMU swimming and diving team will swim against Eastern Michigan at 1 p.m. in Ypsilanti, Mich.
- The NMU women's basketball team plays Concordia at 5 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.
- The NMU men's basketball team plays UM-Moorhead at 7 p.m. in Fargo, N.D.
- The championship match of the Great Lakes Regional volleyball tournament is at 7:30 p.m. in Vandament Arena.

**NMU VOLLEYBALL**

**GLIAC TOURNAMENT**

**NMU 3, GVSU 2**

N. Michigan 30 30 28 33 16 3  
Grand Valley 28 19 30 35 14 2  
KILLS — NMU 78 (Beth Honaker 19), GVSU 77 (Stephanie Maciasz 22). **Assists** — NMU 71 (Anne Hasenstab 41), GVSU 70 (Nicole Bayle 59). **Digs** — NMU 79 (Aimee Dewitte 17), GVSU 75 (Molly Young 25). **Service Aces** — NMU 5, GVSU 4.

**NMU 3, GU 0**

N. Michigan 30 30 30 3  
Gannon University 24 20 16 0  
KILLS — NMU 54 (Jennie Little 15), GU 31 (Mandi Altomari 7). **Assists** — NMU 53 (Anne Hasenstab 31), GU 26 (Jess Deemer 25). **Digs** — NMU 63 (Aimee Dewitte 19), GU 51 (Katie Flower 12). **Service Aces** — NMU 7, GU 3.

**NMU 3, MTU 0**

N. Michigan 30 30 30 3  
Michigan Tech 28 21 29 0  
KILLS — NMU 48 (Jennie Little 13), MTU 39 (Kelly Wesemann 9). **Assists** — NMU 46 (Kelli McCune 24), MTU 36 (Kristin Klock 19). **Digs** — NMU 55 (Ashley Kiel 16), MTU 52 (Chrissy Gentili 11). **Service Aces** — NMU 5, MTU 5.

**GLIAC FOOTBALL**

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

**NU 56, NMU 17**

Northwood 14 21 21 0 56  
N. Michigan 0 10 0 7 17

**FIRST QUARTER** — NU Pernel Jackson 4-yard run (Doug Daniel kick), 10:39; NU Bryant Lawrence 1-yard run (Daniel kick), 1:24.  
**SECOND QUARTER** — NU Jackson 4-yard run (Daniel kick), 12:24; NMU Kyle Swenor 9-yard run (Kyle Marotz kick), 9:31; NU Kyle Kolbe 4-yard run (Daniel kick), 4:26; NU Robert Height 78-yard run (Daniel kick), 2:42; NMU Marotz 23-yard field goal, 0:05.  
**THIRD QUARTER** — NU Chris Gruse 69-yard run (Daniel kick), 14:08; NU Gruse 78-yard pass from Kolbe (Daniel kick), 9:25; NU Jackson 7-yard run (Daniel kick), 0:56.  
**FOURTH QUARTER** — NMU Pat Rouzard 25-yard pass from Swenor (Marotz kick), 0:30.  
**FIRST DOWNS** — NMU 24, NU 21. **RUSHING** — NMU, 43-131\* (Abram McCoy, 32-117); NU, 56-395 (Chris Gruse 7-107). **PASSING** — NMU, 23-47-2 173 (Swenor 20-42-2 161); NU, Kolbe 2-2-0 116. **RECEIVING** — NMU, McCoy 11-75; NU, Gruse 1-78.

**HOCKEY**

**CCHA STANDINGS**

Team	CCHA	Pts.	Overall
1. Ohio State	7-3-0	14	8-5-0
2. Michigan State	6-3-1	13	7-4-1
3. Michigan	5-3-0	10	9-3-0
4. Miami (OH)	4-3-1	9	6-6-1
5. Notre Dame	4-3-1	9	5-3-1
6. Alaska Fairbanks	4-2-0	8	5-5-0
N. MICHIGAN	4-4-0	8	5-5-0
8. Bowling Green	2-4-2	6	3-5-3
9. Lake Superior State	2-3-1	5	4-3-3
Western Michigan	2-5-1	5	4-6-2
Nebraska Omaha	2-5-1	5	2-7-1
12. Ferris State	2-6-0	4	3-7-0

**NMU 4, UNO 2**

N. Michigan 1 2 1 4  
Nebraska-Omaha 0 2 0 2  
**FIRST PERIOD** — 1. NMU Nathan Oystriek (Pat Bateman, Tom Stone), 9:46.  
**SECOND PERIOD** — 2. UNO Mike Lefley (Mike Gabinet, Dan Hacker), 0:39. 3. NMU, Justin Kinnunen (Andrew Contois, Dirk Southern), 13:43. 4. NMU Patrick Murphy (Nathan Oystriek, Matt Ciancio), 18:04. 5. UNO Jason Krischuk (Dan Hacker, Bobby Henderson), 19:13.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 6. NMU Andrew Contois (Darin Olver), 18:59.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU, 1-3; UNO, 0-4. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 11-22; UNO, 10-20. **SHOTS** — NMU, 31; UNO, 36. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, Craig Kowalski 32-34; UNO, Kris Tebbis 27-30.

**UNO 2, NMU 1**

Nebraska-Omaha 0 1 1 2  
N. Michigan 1 0 0 1  
**FIRST PERIOD** — 1. NMU Jamie Milam (Darin Olver, Nathan Oystriek), 17:05.  
**SECOND PERIOD** — 2. UNO Scott Parse (Kris Tebbis, Alex Nikiforuk), 2:49.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 3. UNO Brent Kisio (Mike Gabinet, Kaleb Betts), 2:23.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU, 1-5; UNO, 0-3. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 5-10; UNO, 7-14. **SHOTS** — NMU, 24; UNO, 29. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, Kowalski 27-29; UNO, Tebbis 23-24.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**NMU 121, NB 52**  
N. Michigan (121) Emily Belland 11-14 0-0 22; Andrea Brooke 8-13 2-3 19; Michelle

Moard 7-15 2-2 16; Tiffany Grubaugh 6-12 2-2 15; Tera Opperman 6-9 1-2 15; Emily Samuelson 7-10 0-0 14; Holly Cole 4-12 0-0 11; Joy Kohegyi 4-13 0-1 8; Danica Braun 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 53-102 8-12 121.  
**Northland Baptist (52)** Lynnea Salscheider 8-24 5-9 25; Julie Adams 4-5 0-0 9; Jennifer Totaro 1-4 2-2 4; Kristen Varner 2-11 0-2 4; Anna Ray 1-2 0-0 2; Joanna Taylor 1-1 0-0 2; Heidi Spencer 1-5 0-0 2; Dawn Vickery 0-1 0-0 0; Jennifer Suderman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-54 11-17 52.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — NMU Cole 3, NB Salscheider 4; **FOULED OUT** — NB None, NMU — Emily Belland. **REBOUNDS** — NB 39 (Salscheider 12), NMU 54 (Kohegyi 10). **ASSISTS** — NB 7 (Totaro 4), NMU 30 (Grubaugh 8; Opperman 8). **TOTAL FOULS** — NB 16, NMU 22; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**NMU 85, FGCU 74**

N. Michigan (85) Tiffany Grubaugh 11-25 6-9 34; Emily Samuelson 6-13 3-5 17; Michelle Moard 3-5 6-6 12; Andrea Brooke 4-6 0-0 8; Tera Opperman 2-4 2-2 6; Joy Kohegyi 1-3 3-3 5; Holly Cole 1-3 0-0 3; Emily Belland 0-5 0-2 0. Totals 28-64 20-27 85.  
**Florida Gulf Coast (74)** Robyn Swain 6-9 3-5 15; Andrea Clarke 4-8 5-7 13; Noreen McCullum 5-8 2-2 12; Megan Jones 1-6 7-12 9; Tatyana Duverglas 2-5 3-4 8; Candy Myers 3-6 0-0 8; Brandi McGinest 2-6 3-5 7; Jasmin Lee 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 24-49 23-35 74.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — NMU Grubaugh 6, FGCU Myers 2; **FOULED OUT** — FGC Swain; McGinest, NMU Kohegyi. **REBOUNDS** — FGC 33 (Swain 14), NMU 28 (Moard 8). **ASSISTS** — FGC 12 (Duverglas 5), NMU 17 (Samuelson 7). **TOTAL FOULS** — FGC 25, NMU 28; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**SWIMMING & DIVING**

**UW-Green Bay 130**  
N. Michigan 70  
Butler University 37

**Swimmers**  
**400 MEDLEY RELAY** — 2<sup>nd</sup> NMU (Shelly Ruspakka, Larisa Graham Sarah Bartosh, Sam Pecek) 4:10.09.

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY** — 3<sup>rd</sup> NMU (Lindsey Vermillion, Julie Weiler, Cricket Knight, Anna Herman) 3:55.10.

**50 FREESTYLE** — 6<sup>th</sup> Ruspakka, 26:15; 7<sup>th</sup> Knight, 26:95; 8<sup>th</sup> Weiler, 27:01.

**100 FREESTYLE** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Pecek, 55.93; 7<sup>th</sup> Knight, 58.56.

**200 FREESTYLE** — 1<sup>st</sup> Pecek, 1:58.14; 8<sup>th</sup> Kara Freebury, 2:11.81.

**500 FREESTYLE** — 5<sup>th</sup> Freebury, 5:42.03.

**1,000 FREESTYLE** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Vermillion, 11:24.05.

**200 BREASTSTROKE** — 4<sup>th</sup> Bartosh, 2:32.55; 5<sup>th</sup> Graham, 2:32.69.

**200 BACKSTROKE** — 5<sup>th</sup> Ruspakka, 2:20.20; 8<sup>th</sup> Weiler 2:17.60.

**200 BUTTERFLY** — 4<sup>th</sup> Bartosh, 2:19.97; 5<sup>th</sup> Herman, 2:21.91.

**200 IM** — 1<sup>st</sup> Graham, 2:15.48; 9<sup>th</sup> Herman, 2:21.07.

**Divers:**

**1-METER DIVING** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathie Cole, 251.25; 3<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Ruiz, 145.50. **3-METER DIVING** — 1<sup>st</sup> Cole, 248.45; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruiz, 194.10.

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months. or a year. or two. wish i  
was there. - captain damage

**K.Bizzle** - You know deep  
down that your Buckeyes are  
nothing. Go Blue! - Mr. M.

**Dad** - Happy Birthday! Funny  
how the gift giving system never  
seems all that appropriate.  
Thanks. - Travis

**Other Eds.** - Sorry I'm a big  
jerk. Thanks for your help. -  
Op. Ed.

**Mel** - Get better. Or else. - Us

**E** - No worries. - J

**Thanksgiving Dinner** - I see  
you on the horizon. I'll get you.  
- oh so hungry

**Brown house** - Call me. -  
Leo

**The UP hick who stole my  
skunk** - I'd like it back. It's big  
and fluffy, would be the perfect  
hat. - CL

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again. - Staff

**Face** - I sure have something to  
be thankful for this  
Thanksgiving. You're real swell.  
- Osh

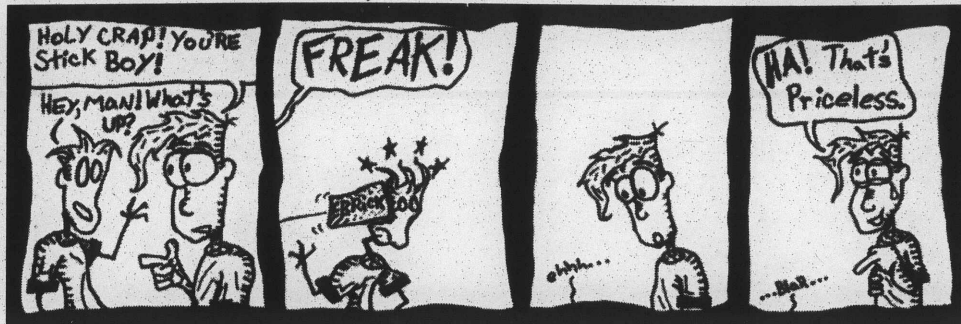
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ia has to stop. It's not good for  
your health, because you're not  
looking as fat. - Violent Snorer

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better by the time you get this.  
- No sleep for me

**Mom and Dad** - Can't wait for  
Thanksgiving. I won't steal all  
the furniture I promise - Rob

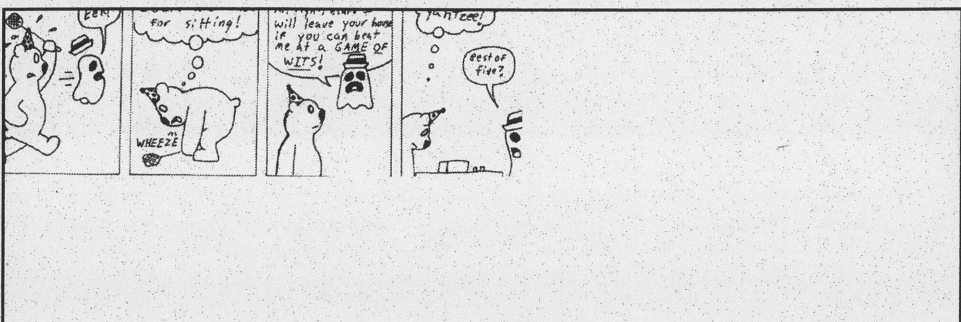
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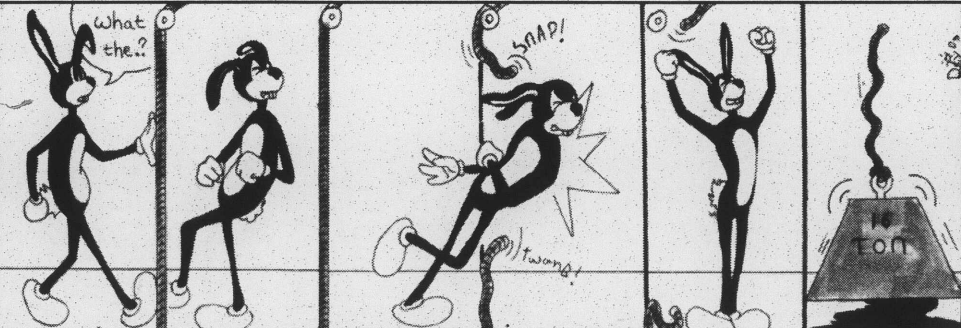
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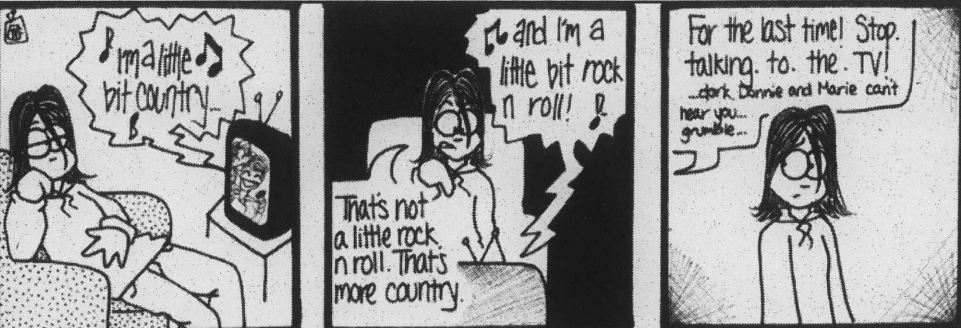
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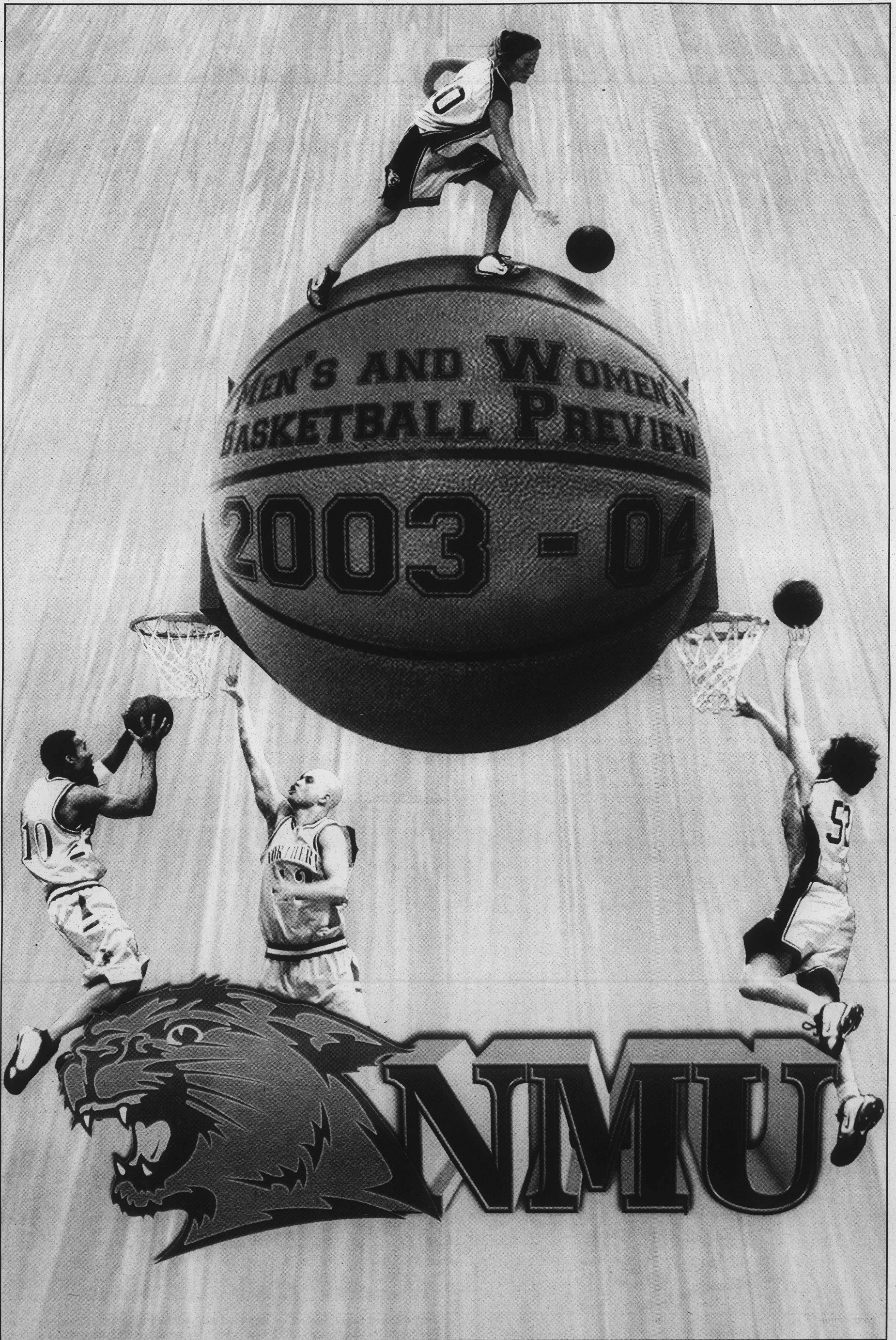
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# Meet the 2003 women's basketball team



*Despite a difficult preseason, the NMU women's basketball team has pulled together to start its season with three victories. The 10-player roster includes seven returners and three newcomers. Because of the team's small size, the players have had a unique opportunity to form bonds on and off the court. Junior co-captain Tiffany Grubaugh said her team members are stepping up and continually improving.*



**SENIOR**  
5'9"

**GUARD**

Last season, Emily started all 26 games. She led the team in assists with 117. She was named to the All-GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team.

**EMILY SAMUELSON** 10  
Reed City, Mich.



**FRESHMAN**  
5'8"

**GUARD**

Last season, Danicia played for Escanaba High School. She was a two-time selection to the All-U.P. First Team.

**DANICIA BRAUN** 14  
Bark River, Mich.




**SOPHOMORE**  
5'7"

**GUARD**

Last season, Tera played in 24 games to earn her first letter as a Wildcat. She averaged 3.7 points per game.

**TERA OPPERMAN** 20  
Onalaska, Wis.




**JUNIOR**  
5'8"

**GUARD**

Last season, Tiffany started 26 games. She was second on the team with 15.7 points per game. She was named to the All-GLIAC North Division First Team.

**TIFFANY GRUBAUGH** 22  
Canton, Mich.




**FRESHMAN**  
5'8"

**GUARD**

Last season, Holly played for LaSalle High School. She was Co-MVP for the Straits Area Conference and was named to the First Team All-State by the AP.

**HOLLY COLE** 50  
St. Ignace, Mich.

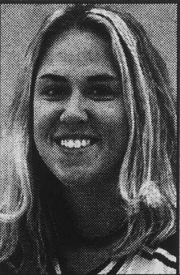


**JUNIOR**  
5'10"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Andrea played at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, Ill. She was a two-time Junior College All-American.

**ANDREA BROOKE** 32  
Schaumburg, Ill.



**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN**  
5'10"

**FORWARD**

Last year, Joy took her redshirt season.

**JOY KOHEGYI** 34  
Mercer, Wis.




**SOPHOMORE**  
6'1"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Michelle appeared in 26 games and started in 22 to earn her first letter. She was second on the team with 5.7 rebounds per game.

**MICHELLE MOARD** 52  
Appleton, Wis.




**JUNIOR**  
6'1"

**CENTER**

Last season, Emily appeared in 17 games to earn her second letter as a Wildcat. She had a season high of six points against Lewis and Findlay.

**EMILY BELLAND** 40  
Racine, Wis.




**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN**  
6'3"

**CENTER**

Last year, Jennie took a redshirt season.

**JENNIE STEENWYK** 54  
Holland, Mich.



**HEAD COACH**

Coach Geary is the most successful coach in NMU's women's basketball. He exceeded the 300-win mark during the 2002-03 season.

**MIKE GEARY**  
South Bend, Ind.



**ASSISTANT HEAD COACH**

Michelle was a four-time letter winner at NMU before joining the coaching staff in 1998. She also serves as the senior women's athletic administrator.

**MICHELLE GUYANT-HOLLOWAY**  
Milwaukee, Wis.



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Senior guard Emily Samuelson recorded 326 points during the 2002 season. She led the team in assists with 117. She is the only senior on the roster this season.





With only 10 players on the roster, the NMU women's basketball team is forming a ...

# Close connection

BY MATT WELLENS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

With an unusually small roster this season, the NMU women's basketball team is focusing on winning one game at a time.

The 'Cats goal this season is to improve daily, head coach Mike Geary said.

"If we improve daily, the numbers will take care of themselves," he said.

Last season, Northern averaged 75.5 points per game and have already put up two games scoring over 80 points this season. However, the Wildcats allowed an average of 71.2 points per game in their preseason games down in Florida on Nov. 15 and 16.

"We want to be a better defensive team than we are now," head coach Mike Geary said.

Junior guard Tiffany Grubaugh said she has seen the team improve a lot on its defense and rebounding since last year.

"The two games (in Florida) gave us a good feel as a team," she said.

Geary said he was happy with how the team's preseason went and that he is especially happy with the player's attitudes.

The players are very committed this season, Geary said.

The team is smaller this year, having only 10 women on the roster compared to 12 women last year.

Two players, Shannon and Stephanie Boyer, left during the preseason for personal reasons.

Geary and the team would not comment on the players leaving.

"The preseason was tougher than last year," sophomore guard Tera Opperman said.

She said the players have all become very tight and there is a lot of trust.

"We are getting real close to each other," Opperman said.

The two captains, senior guard Emily Samuelson and Grubaugh, have stepped into their leader roles, redshirt freshman Joy Kohegyi said.

Kohegyi said the team has a really positive attitude and has been there to pick each other up.

"I have seen a lot of people step it up," Grubaugh said. "We are all in it for us. There is no 'I' in this team."

Geary has been at Northern since 1988 with a career record of 337-103. He is the most successful coach in NMU women's basketball.

In his 16 seasons, he has won six GLIAC tournament championships and two Great Lakes Regional championships, which have put the Wildcats in the NCAA Division II Elite 8 twice.

Geary led Northern to the NCAA Division II Final Four during the 1997-1998 season.

The Wildcats will be looking at a different front-court this season after losing seniors Elena Keranan and Alyse Shier.

The Wildcats brought in junior forward Andrea Brooke who transferred to Northern this year. Brooke will have help at the position with two young returnees, Kohegyi and sophomore Michelle Moard.

Kohegyi was redshirted last year and did not play for the Wildcats. She saw 14 minutes of playing time in each of the 'Cats' preseason games.

Geary said that Kohegyi played very well in her first two games this season. She made a pivotal three-point play to give the 'Cats their largest lead of the game on Sunday.

Kohegyi has been adding a lot to the team this year, Opperman said.

Even though Moard was only a freshman last season for NMU, she saw 501 minutes of playing time, averaging 8.1 points per game and 5.8 rebounds per game.

Moard has started both games this season for the Wildcats and will continue in the starting role this season, Geary said.

After having an entirely new backcourt last season, the Wildcats will return three guards — Opperman, Samuelson, and Grubaugh. Joining them will be two new freshmen, Holly Cole and Danica Braun.

The Wildcat's backcourt is one of the team's strengths, Geary said.

"Our guards are really solid," he said. "There is a lot of maturity in the backcourt."

The only senior on the team this year, Samuelson, played 871 minutes last year to lead the team. She led the team in three-point percentage (.402), assists (101) and steals (74), while averaging 12.7 points per game.

Samuelson was named to the GLIAC North All-Defensive team at the end of last season.

Northern's other starter, Grubaugh, was named to the GLIAC North All-Conference First team last season. She saw 771 minutes of playing time, averaging 15.4 points per game.

Grubaugh was second in scoring for Northern

*Please see WOMEN on Page 6B*



Don Lhamon/NW

Junior forward Andrea Brooke, shooting, transferred to Northern from McHenry County College in Illinois. She was second on the team in points with 19 against Northland Baptist on Nov. 18.



Don Lhamon/NW

Sophomore forward Michelle Moard prepares to take a shot during Northern's game against Northland Baptist on Nov. 18. Moard recorded 16 points in NMU's 121-52 victory over the Pioneers.

## 2002 Women's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 15	at St. Leo	3 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Florida Gulf Coast	1 p.m.
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Northland Baptist</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Rollins College</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Concordia</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Dec. 4	at Michigan Tech	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Northwood	6 p.m.
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Finlandia</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 29</b>	<b>Lewis Univ.</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Northland College</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Wayne State</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 15	at Mercyhurst	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Gannon	1 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Findlay	5:30 p.m.
<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>Ashland</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 29	at Lake Superior	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Saginaw Valley State	1 p.m.
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Grand Valley State</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Northwood</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Michigan Tech</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Lake Superior State</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Feb. 26	at Ferris State	6 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Grand Valley State	1 p.m.

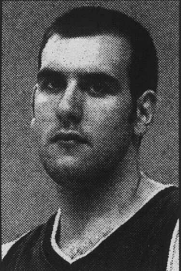
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# Meet the 2003 men's basketball team



*This season, head coach Dean Ellis said he has the deepest roster he has ever had during his 18 years of coaching at NMU. The team is returning 10 players and welcoming four new faces. With such great depth, the 'Cats will be competing for playing time.*

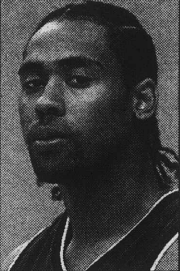



**SENIOR**  
6'10"

**CENTER**

Last season, Milan played in 26 games and started 23. He was tied as team leader in rebounds with 164 and had 262 points.

**MILAN AZANJAC** **00**  
Windsor, Canada

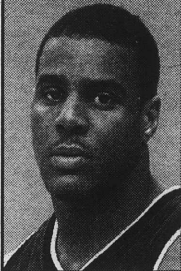


**SOPHOMORE**  
6'1"

**GUARD**

Last season, Keder played all 29 games and started 9. He recorded 56 rebounds and 138 points.

**KEDER HYPPOLITE** **1**  
Montreal, Canada

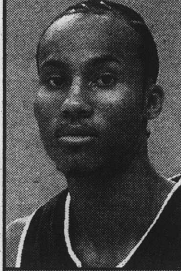


**SOPHOMORE**  
6'1"

**GUARD**

Last season, David appeared all 29 games and started 11. He recorded 59 rebounds and 161 points.

**DAVID NOEL** **5**  
Montreal, Canada

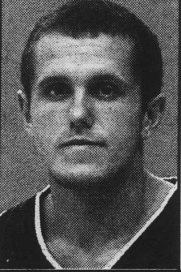


**SOPHOMORE**  
6'3"

**GUARD**

Last season, Antwan started in 14 games and appeared in all 29. He was second on the team in points with 304.

**ANTWUAN HOLT** **10**  
Okemos, Mich.



**FRESHMAN**  
5'11"

**GUARD**

Last season, Ryan played for Westwood High School.

**RYAN REICHEL** **12**  
Ishpeming, Mich.




**FRESHMAN**  
6'1"

**GUARD**

Last season, Jake played for Gwinn High School.

**JAKE SUARDINI** **50**  
Gwinn, Mich.




**SOPHOMORE**  
6'1"

**GUARD**

Last season, Louie played in nine games and started three. He led the team with a .429 three-point percentage.

**LOUIE KOSKEY** **20**  
Negaunee, Mich.

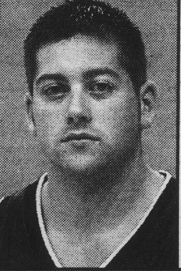


**SENIOR**  
6'6"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Steve played in 26 games and started in six. He was second on the team in rebounds with 134. He recorded 263 points.

**STEVE WATTS** **3**  
Perth, Australia

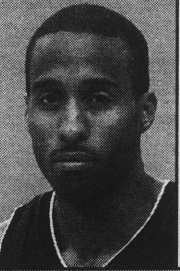


**JUNIOR**  
6'4"

**FORWARD**

Last year, Matt took his redshirt season.

**MATT LEPAGE** **22**  
Pigeon, Mich.

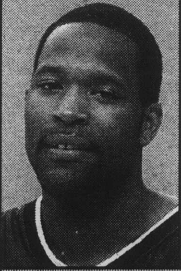


**SOPHOMORE**  
6'7"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Marco started in 26 games and appeared in all 29. He led the team in defensive rebounds with 120.

**MARCO VOLCY** **23**  
Montreal, Quebec

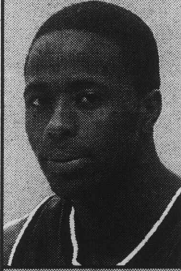


**JUNIOR**  
6'4"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Wendell played for Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Ill.

**WENDELL JACKSON** **24**  
Chicago, Ill.

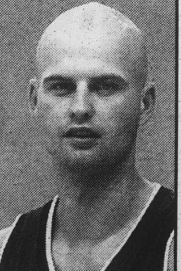


**FRESHMAN**  
6'5"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Ricky played for Duboise High School in Montreal.

**RICKY VOLCY** **23**  
Montreal, Quebec

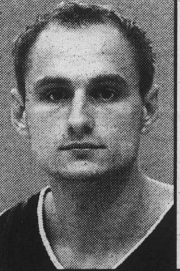


**SENIOR**  
6'5"

**FORWARD**

Last season, Billy played all 29 games and started in 24. He led the team in points with 416.

**BILLY HILL** **42**  
Negaunee, Mich.

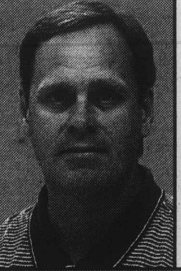


**JUNIOR**  
6'2"

**GUARD**

Last year, Ladi took his redshirt season.

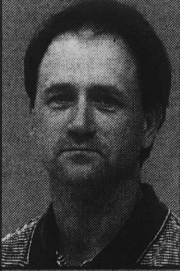
**LADI KABAT** **44**  
Wochtberg, Germany



**HEAD COACH**

Coach Ellis is in his 18th year as head coach at NMU. He is the second-winningest coach in school history with a 261-192 overall record.

**DEAN ELLIS**  
Negaunee, Mich.



**ASSISTANT COACH**

Troy was a four-time letterwinner at NMU before joining the staff. He is entering his 15th season with the Wildcat basketball program.

**TROY MATTSON**  
Milwaukee, Wis.



Scott Salisbury/NW  
Sophomore forward Marco Volcy, right, tied as team leader in rebounds with 164 last year. This season, Volcy is playing with his brother, freshman forward Ricky Volcy.



With 10 returning players, head coach Dean Ellis said his team is showing ...

# Great Depth

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat men's basketball roster is deep this season, very deep according to NMU head coach Dean Ellis.

"I think since I've been here this is the deepest team we've had," Ellis said. "We have 12 guys that understand how to play. Of those 12, 10 have played significant minutes for us. I don't know if there is any team in the country that has a lineup like that."

The team will benefit from the return of junior guard Ladi Kabat and junior forward Matt LePage, Ellis said. Both players sat out last season after playing significant roles for the Wildcats in their previous two years.

Sophomore guard Louie Koskey has also returned from an injury last season and will be a factor this season, Ellis said.

The Wildcats have added two new players to this season's active roster as well — freshman forward Ricky Volcy (brother of sophomore forward Marco Volcy) and junior forward Wendell Jackson.

Volcy and Jackson are learning the system and are going to be very good players, Ellis said.

The only player lost from last year's roster was guard Adrian Whitten, who graduated.

The Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the preseason GLIAC coach's poll.

"It's a nice thing because the coaches decide it," Ellis said. "They know what players are coming back. I just hope they are

right."

Having such a deep roster is a luxury because it gives the Wildcats the ability to run the floor and play a very up-tempo style of basketball that can wear down the opposing team, Ellis said.

The Wildcats will be using a lot of full court pressure on defense and running a lot on offense, he said.

Senior leadership is another positive for the Wildcats. Senior forwards Billy Hill and Steve Watts have been staples in the Wildcat lineup for the past three years.

*"Great teams have quality depth. We have a number of different guys who can play a number of different positions."*

— Dean Ellis  
head basketball coach

"As players go through the system, you hope they learn and improve," Ellis said. "Hill and Watts have done that. They are very intelligent players. These two guys have been through a lot. It's time for them to shine."

With a lot of depth on a basketball team, competition for playing time becomes prominent.

"The competitiveness for spots and playing time is a positive for us," Ellis said. "Competition is constantly going on in practice."

Sophomore guard Keder Hyppolite said in order to get playing time, guys are going to have to work for it.

"Whoever wants to play is going to be on the court," Hyppolite said. "If you want to play, you are going to have to work your [butt] off. If you work hard, you'll be on the court."

Ellis said senior center Milan Azanjac will be the prominent post player for the Wildcats.

"Azanjac is in great shape," Ellis said of the 6'10", 245 pound center. "He had a tremendous summer. He'll play the majority of the minutes [at] post."

With Hill, Watts, Ricky and Marco Volcy, Ellis said the forward position will be a very deep spot for the Wildcats.

Ellis said Watts is one of the most intelligent players he has ever coached and that Hill has really improved his strength and his footwork. Hill has also become a better team player, he said.

Ricky Volcy said he has adjusted well to the new environment with the help of his brother, Marco.

"He let me know what was going to happen," Ricky said. "[Marco] prepared me. I already knew that we were going to run mountains in the preseason and that we were going to get up early in the morning to train. Mentally, it's a plus to have my brother here."

Ellis said LePage, Koskey and Jackson will see time on the wing in the small forward spot along with Hyppolite.

LePage and Koskey are going to be role players who will really help the Wildcats, he said.

"Great teams have quality depth," Ellis said. "We have a

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## 2003 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

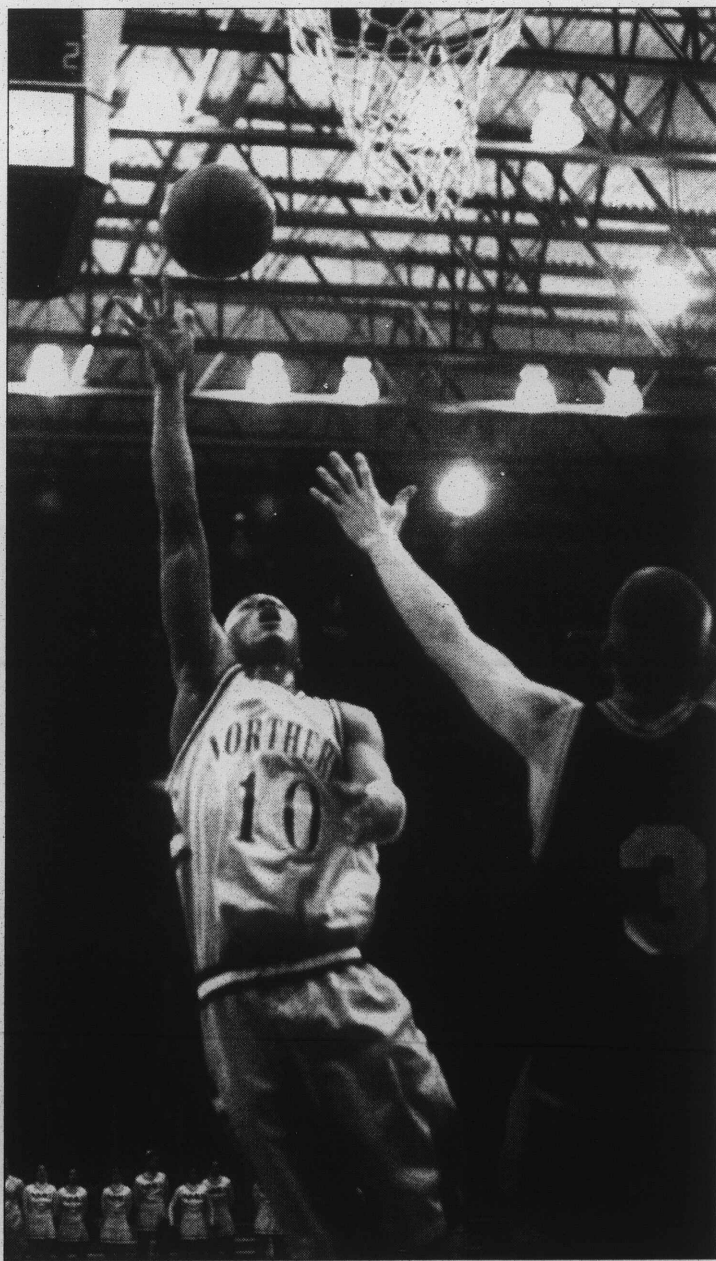
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 13	at UW-Green Bay	8:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	at North Dakota State	9 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Minnesota-Moorhead	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Marquette	8 p.m.
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Northland College</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Finlandia</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 4	at Michigan Tech	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>UM-Duluth</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 13	at Northwood	8 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Oakland	6 p.m.
Dec. 18	at St. Norbert	8 p.m.
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>St. Cloud</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Wayne State</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 15	at Mercyhurst	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Gannon	3 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Findlay	7:30 p.m.
<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>Ashland</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 29	at Lake Superior State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Saginaw Valley State	7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Grand Valley State</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Northwood</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Michigan Tech</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Lake Superior State</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Feb. 26	at Ferris State	8 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Grand Valley State	3 p.m.

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Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior forward Billy Hill, right, led the Wildcats in points last season with 416. He also led the team in three-point shots. Head coach Dean Ellis said Hill has played a key role on the team for three years.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Sophomore guard Antwan Holt will lead the backcourt this season along with sophomore guard David Noel. Last year, Holt was second on the team in points with 304 and led in free throws with 79.



# Mattson, Cat Pack introduce 'The Matrix'

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Last year, as Troy Mattson, NMU men's basketball assistant head coach, watched college basketball on television, he noticed how active and vocal some of the university student sections were. He decided there was no reason why NMU couldn't have an excited student section as well. So this season, with some help, Mattson has created The Matrix.

"Our goal is to have the largest student section in Division II," Mattson said. "The purpose of The Matrix is to get people involved in the game and enjoy themselves. It will also create a tremendous home court advantage for our basketball teams."

The first step to creating The Matrix was getting together with the 50 NMU Residence Advisors, Mattson said. Together, they decided the RAs would be able to get six to eight people from their respective houses to attend each home game.

"This is not just about residence halls," Mattson said. "We wanted to be able to create a base of students to attend each game. We want everybody to get involved."

From there, Mattson spoke with Associate Athletic Director Brian Verigin and was able to reserve the bleachers that sit on the court, strictly for The Matrix.

The Matrix is going to consist of 400-500 fans, students and community members, who will be wearing black t-shirts and sunglasses, Mattson said.

Senior marketing and Spanish major Sarah Breen is a member of Cat Pack and is also helping to create The Matrix.

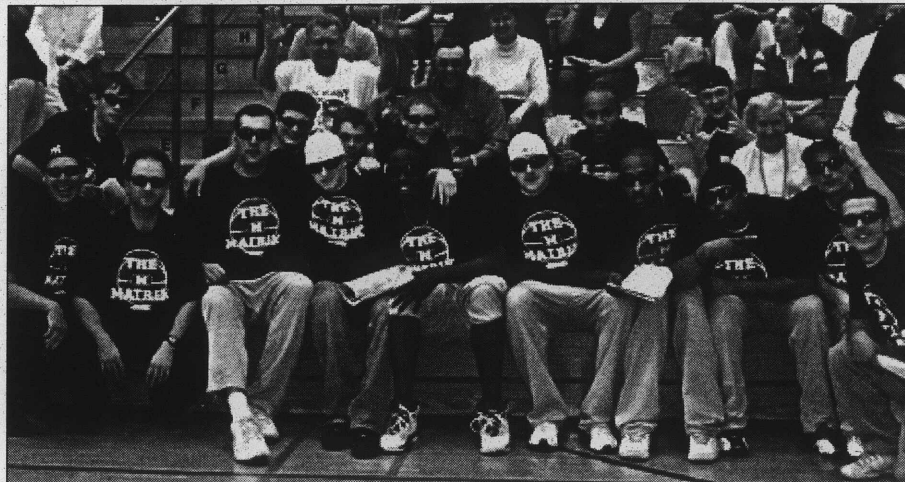
Breen said there will be a booth set up before all home games where fans who want to get involved can pick up a T-shirt and a pair of sunglasses. Anyone interested in sitting in the very front row of the bleachers must also wear black pants, Breen said.

"It's going to be a copy of the Izzone (the Michigan State University basketball student section)," Breen said. "The only way that people will be able to sit in The Matrix is if they are wearing the shirt and sunglasses."

Breen said The Matrix is going to be very active throughout the game.

"We have a lot of different chants that we will be doing during the game," Breen said. "We want to make it difficult for the other team."

The Matrix will help intensify an



Courtesy of The Matrix Web site

The men's basketball team introduced "The Matrix" at the women's volleyball game against GVSU. The goal of The Matrix is to create the largest student section in D-II.

atmosphere that has been lacking excitement during NMU basketball games, Mattson said.

"Because we are going to have a base of students, it will help increase attendance," Mattson said. "It will also help improve the atmosphere at the Berry Event Center."

Mattson said they tried out the idea at the NMU volleyball game against Grand Valley State earlier this semester.

"We had about 80 fans participate,"

Mattson said. "The girls played very well, but we, along with the volleyball coaches, felt that our presence was a real factor in the game. That is what we are trying to do for our basketball teams."

For more information, The Matrix has a Web site with the chants and actions that will be performed during games (<http://myweb.nmu.edu/~swatts/>).

Those interested can also contact Sarah Breen through the Cat Pack office at 227-2856.

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last season with a total of 385 points.

Opperman, who played 385 minutes last season in 23 games, will be playing a vital role coming off the bench this season for Northern, Geary said. In her first two games this year, she saw a total of 56 minutes.

Joining her coming off the bench will be Cole, who Opperman called a great shooter. Geary said Cole is as good of a perimeter shooter as he's ever seen in the program.

Braun, who graduated from Escanaba High School last year, saw limited playing time this past weekend.

NMU is spread thin at center this season having only junior Emily Belland and freshman Jennie Steenwyk, Geary said.

Steenwyk was redshirted last season and did not play in any games. She is also academically

ineligible this semester and can not play until the Winter semester.

Geary said he has been moving Kohegyi and Moard into the center position at times to relieve Belland.

Belland, playing in her third season at NMU, only saw 116 minutes in 17 games last season while playing behind Jessica Nohl, who led the team in scoring.

Belland only averaged 1.9 points per game last season. She scored 8 points in 23 minutes on Nov. 15 and 12 points in 20 minutes on Nov. 16.

Geary said he thinks Belland is one or two good games away from breaking out.

The Wildcats were picked fourth in this year's GLIAC North preseason coaches poll with 24 points.

They finished behind Ferris State who had 26 points, Lake

Superior State with 28 points and Grand Valley State who had 33 points.

Grand Valley State finished ranked No. 24 in the USA Today/ESPN Women's Division II College Basketball Poll last season.

Last year, the 'Cats went 16-10 overall and 12-6 in the GLIAC to finish 3rd in the GLIAC North.

Northern then went on to lose in the first round of the GLIAC tournament 76-68 in overtime to Grand Valley State University and failed to make the NCAA tournament.

The Wildcats won at least 20 games in the two previous seasons before last year.

Northern's last appearance in the NCAA Tournament was during the 2001-2002 season, when the Wildcats lost to Northern Kentucky University in the first round.

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number of different guys who can play a number of different positions."

The backcourt will be led by sophomore guard Antwan Holt and sophomore guard David Noel, Ellis said.

"Last season when we had these two guys playing together in the backcourt, the team really started to play well," he said. "We hope to continue that this year."

With so much depth on the roster, Ellis said he is confident going into this season.

He said he was very pleased with the way the players got

together by themselves and had a meeting to discuss this season's goals.

**"We decided as a team that we really want to improve from last year. We want to really protect our home court, and we want to play better on the road."**

— Keder Hyppolite  
sophomore guard

The meeting went very well and a lot was accomplished, Hyppolite said.

"We decided as a team that we really want to improve from last year," he said. "We want to really protect our home court, and we want to play better on the road. We want to shoot better from the free throw line. We also set academic goals for ourselves."

The number one team goal is to win the GLIAC North, Hyppolite and Ellis said.

"If you win the GLIAC North, you get the opportunity to host conference tournament games and you get a very good shot at making the National tournament," Ellis said. "If we accomplish that goal, a lot of things will fall into place for us."



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Wednesday December 3

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12-5pm UC

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