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## Budget Crunch

### Committee to discuss possible scenarios as expected cut in state funding nears

BY HEATHER SOLGOT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Budget Recommendations Alternatives Committee will announce three options of recommended budget cut packages, two of which include mid-year tuition increases, to the public and the NMU Board of Trustees next week.

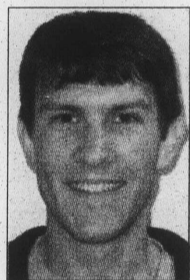
The recommendations will be presented in a university forum scheduled for 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Michigan/Ontario Rooms in the University Center.

Students will be able to discuss the recommendations with Interim President Mike Roy at a "Let's Chat" session held later that day at 6 p.m. in the same rooms.

Roy will present the options to the NMU Board of Trustees, along with student feedback gathered from the "Let's Chat" session, on Dec. 11 and 12, he said.

The BRAC is different from the BAC, which was used last year, Roy said.

After receiving criticism that there was not enough student or faculty input, the university decided to use the President's Council because it has student and faculty representation, Roy said.



Adams

Details of the three options will not be released until Dec. 8 because recommendations include the elimination of specific positions, Roy said.

All three options include significant budget

reductions, Roy said.

The university plans to send letters to students regarding tuition after the Board of Trustees meeting, Acting Chief Financial Officer Gavin Leach said.

"Either way, there will be budget reductions and positions will be impacted," Leach said.

The President's Council did not cut financial aid, student labor or instruction in the recommendations, Leach said.

"We're trying to protect as much as possible," he said.

The recommendations are based upon a 6-percent cut in state appropriations, Leach said. Earlier this semester, there was a speculated 10-percent decrease in state appropriations, but recently the speculations fall between 3-percent and 6-percent, Leach said.

A 6-percent decrease in state appropriations means the university will lose \$2.8 million from its general funds, Roy said.

"Our problem is that the cut is mid-year, and we've spent about half of our dollars," Leach said.

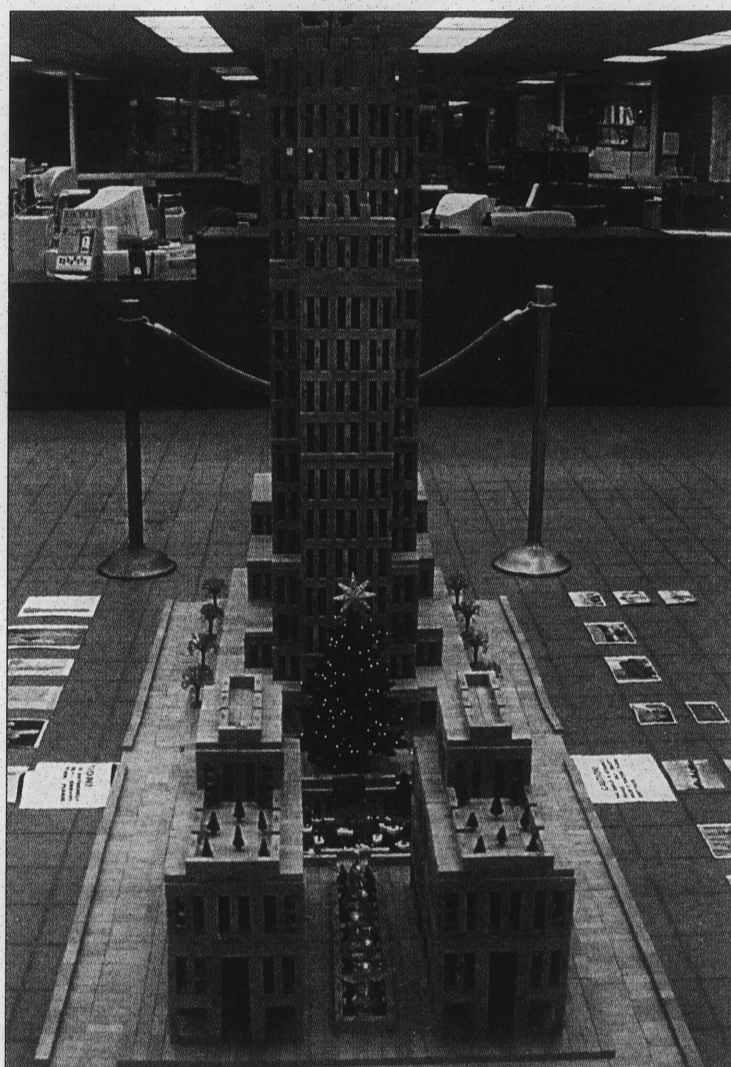
While Gov. Jennifer Granholm has not yet released an executive order with the specific percentage to be cut, the university must put a plan into action as soon as possible, Leach said.

"Right now, all we can do is plan for what we believe is likely to happen," Roy said.

Senior entrepreneurship major and ASNMU College of Business Representative Mike Adams wants to see a large crowd at the "Let's Chat" session.

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## A Tall Task



Don Lhamon/NW

Instructional Media Services Supervisor Bryant Varney constructed a model of New York City's Rockefeller Center, which is on display in the Olson Library. Varney used over 10,000 Jenga blocks to create the structure, which may make it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the "largest free-standing Jenga sculpture."

## Student killed in accident

BY ROB HAMILTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An NMU student died from injuries sustained in an auto accident that occurred when her car was struck by another vehicle on snowy roads over Thanksgiving break on U.S. 41.

Junior Jessica Urbis, 23, a native of Bruce Crossing, Mich., was driving her 1990 Toyota Camry east-bound in Humboldt Township (between Ishpeming and Champion) at 5:20 p.m. on Nov. 28 when a west-bound 2002 Ford Explorer driven by Natalie Perrault of L'Anse crossed the center line and collided with her

vehicle. Perrault was treated and released at Bell Memorial Hospital.

Urbis was also transported to BMH, but was transferred to Marquette General Hospital where she received treatment for massive head and neck trauma, Captain David Lemire of the Marquette County Sheriff's Department said. Urbis died at 12:03 a.m. on Nov. 29.

Kristen Heidemann, a sophomore outdoor recreation major at Northern, fought back tears as she spoke of her friend.

"Jessica was the type of person who touched the lives of anyone who knew her," she said. "Her mere presence could light up a room. She will

be remembered forever in the hearts of all those who knew her."

Urbis and Perrault were both wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident and alcohol is not believed to have been a factor.

Perrault was travelling about 45 mph and was not speeding when she lost control of her vehicle, Lemire said.

"She got caught in the slush in the right side of the road and overcompensated," Lemire said.

Perrault's vehicle swerved to the left, crossed the centerline and struck the left front end of Urbis' car, Lemire said.

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## NMU English professor dies

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
NEWS EDITOR

English Professor Thomas Hruska, 63, died Tuesday at Marquette General Hospital after suffering a stroke.

Hruska taught at NMU since 1970, instructing a variety of literature and composition courses. He served as adviser of *The North Wind* from Fall 1974 to Winter 1976.

He was known for his rigorous standards in the classroom and his ability to connect with students to bring out their utmost potential, English Department Head James Schiffer said.

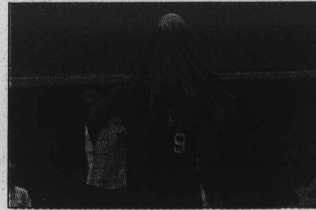
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"This is the last great chance to protect any vested interests before they meet with the Board of Trustees on Dec. 11 and 12 where they will then vote on the alterations," he said. "This will have a direct impact on our lives next semester."

The "Let's Chat" meeting will be the third

time students have had an opportunity to address Roy with concerns about the budget this semester, Adams said.

Roy said students can have an impact on the Board of Trustees final decision.

"I strongly encourage students to participate in the process," he said. "We're trying to have a discussion on what's important to students."

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Urbis was taking prerequisite classes at Northern to enter the university's nursing program, said Nicole Kolinsky, a friend and a senior nursing major at NMU.

"She really wanted to be a nurse and eventually be a midwife," Kolinsky said. "She was totally full of life. She was totally vibrant and really caring."

Urbis graduated from Ewen-Trout Creek High School in 1999 and was employed by Adult Learning Systems, where she cared for people

with disabilities.

She is survived by her father, Joe (Barb) Urbis; mother, Cathy (Bob) Munoz; two brothers, Joshua and Maxwell; and sister, Morgan.

A funeral service was held yesterday afternoon for family and friends at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Paynesville.

Kolinsky said Urbis was the type of person who would not want loved ones to dwell on her death.

"She was a pretty optimistic person," she said. "She touched a lot of people."

*"Jessica was the type of person who touched the lives of anyone who knew her."*

— Kristen Heidemann  
sophomore, outdoor recreation major

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"Tom was an esteemed colleague," Schiffer said. "He was one of the toughest teachers in the English department. He had extremely high standards. Under his mentorship, many students went on to graduate school in English. He was best with our best students."

His daughter Anne Hruska said her father had a knack for identifying gifted students who did not have the opportunity to attend a school with more prestige, much like he was during his college days.

"He loved the chance to deal with students that were diamonds in the rough," she said.

After graduating from Menominee High School in 1958, Hruska served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then earned his bachelor's degree from NMU before receiving his master's and doctorate from Michigan State University.

English Professor Teresa Hunt worked with Hruska since her arrival at NMU in 1987. A handful of English professors had offices on third floor of Carey Hall from the late 1980s through the early 1990s, including Hruska and Hunt, she said.

The group produced an annual literary collection, titled "The Inferior Review," a collection of intentionally poor and humorous prose. Hunt said Hruska's sense of

irony reinforced the spirit of the publication.

"Tom had a great sense of humor and a wonderful wit," she said. "He was even the winner one year of the traveling 'inferior trophy.'"

Johanna Boyle, a freshman undecided major, had Hruska as an instructor for her mythology class this semester.

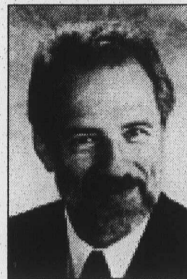
"He knew the material really well," Boyle said. "It'll be hard to finish out the class without him. He tried to get along with everybody."

Hruska taught a narrative and descriptive composition course and two sections of mythology this semester.

Hruska is survived by his two daughters, Sarah Hruska Olson and Anne Hruska; a grandson, Elwood Olson; his fiancée, Jessica Straczowski; and his fiancée's four sons; Quincy, Julien, Vincent and Reuben.

Schiffer said Hruska's passing will be difficult to overcome.

"He helped shape the careers of many young people who passed through Northern," Schiffer said. "He will be greatly missed."

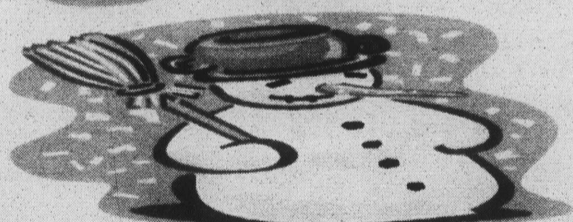


Hruska


**SEMESTER BREAK**

The next issue of *The North Wind* will not print until Jan. 15 due to the semester break. Our office will not hold regular hours during the break, but we are always looking for feedback or comments on any of our articles. If you would like to contact us, please e-mail us at [editor@thenorthwind.org](mailto:editor@thenorthwind.org)  
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## BRIEFS

## Local

## Cracked kiln slows Tilden mining

MARQUETTE — Damage to a kiln at the Tilden pelletizing plant will cause a loss in production this year, but is not expected to produce layoffs. The crack is in one of three metal rings on the exterior of the Unit 2 kiln. Another kiln is still operational, where concentrate and iron pellets can still be produced. Tilden officials are unsure how long repairs to the kiln will take, but employees have begun preparation work for an outside company that will use specialized welding to repair the kiln. A similar repair on a kiln in 1998 took 12 weeks to complete. The shutdown of the kiln will reduce Tilden's annual pellet production by 300,000, reducing it to a total of 7 million tons for this year.

## National

## Productivity leaps to record levels

WASHINGTON — The productivity of U.S. companies leaped forward at a 9.4 percent annual rate in the third quarter, prompting the best showing since 1983. Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Labor said productivity, which is defined as the amount an employee produces in an hour of work, was even stronger than the 8.1 percent increase projected last month for the third quarter. The announcement has raised hopes amongst economists that business' confidence in the economy is clearer. Productivity gains allow the economy to grow without triggering inflation. Companies can pay workers without raising prices, along with boosting companies' profitability. As profits improve, companies have the funds to invest in capital and increase hiring.

## International

## China sells Pakistan nuclear plant

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — China is selling a second nuclear power plant to Pakistan to help alleviate some of the country's energy woes. The plant will be built in Chashma, about 135 miles southwest of Islamabad. The plant will be able to generate 600 megawatts of power. China, a longtime ally of Pakistan, sold them a nuclear power plant with the same capacity in the 1990s. Pakistan armed itself with nuclear weapons in 1998, detonating nuclear devices in response to nuclear testing by neighboring country and adversary India. Pakistan has had nuclear power since the 1970s, when Canada assisted in the construction of the plant in Karachi. That plant shut down in the 1990s, and the newest plant in Chashma is expected to compensate for it.

## Weird News

## Man gets stuck inside pay phone

EAST ST. LOUIS, Illinois — A man and a pay phone were taken to a hospital after the man got his finger stuck in the coin return slot after trying to retrieve his 50 cents. Doctors had to give Emanuel Fleming, an elementary school janitor, painkillers while they pried his middle finger loose using a wooden tool and lubricant after three hours. Fleming tried to call his wife, but the line was busy. Two passing pedestrians tried to help, but Fleming was forced to call 9-1-1 with his other hand. Emergency crews were unable to free Fleming without breaking his finger, so they cut the phone off at the base and took him to the hospital. The incident occurred at a busy intersection in his neighborhood, prompting laughter from passers-by who knew Fleming.

— Compiled from news sources

## Faculty contract ratified

BY JOSH JOHNSON  
NEWS EDITOR

The NMU faculty ratified a new three-year contract following ongoing negotiations, in which faculty members have been working without an agreement since July 1.

The American Association of University Professors, NMU's faculty union, voted 145-51 in favor of the proposed contract on Nov. 20.

"We're all happy it's done," AAUP Information Officer Carolyn Myers said. "I think everybody's happy that there wasn't any disruption to any student activities or their studies."

Changes in the contract language include across-the-board salary increases of 0.75 percent this year, 1 percent next year and 3.25 percent in 2005-2006. Faculty will also be eligible for salary bonuses of 0.25 percent during the final two years for every 1-percent increase in enrollment, with a maximum bonus of 0.75 percent annually.

The fact that 80 faculty members did not vote is not unusual,

Myers said. There are 276 faculty members in the AAUP.

"It's hard to get a larger percentage of the faculty," she said.

The current state budget shortfall and anticipation of future cuts prolonged the negotiation process, Myers said.

Considering the economic environment, the salary offer was fair, Associate Professor and AAUP Secretary Krista Clumpner said.

The state of the economy is continually a factor in contract negotiations, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said.

"Real life is real life," Joyal said. "The current perception of the economic conditions always influence bargaining. That's always the case."

Those who voted against the contract did so for a variety of reasons, including issues with the

salary offer, how Web courses were addressed and concerns with governance, Clumpner said.

The faculty is relieved to have ratified a contract, Myers said. NMU Interim President Mike Roy agreed.

"I'm pleased that we were able to come to a solution that satisfies both sides," NMU Interim President Mike Roy said. "I do appreciate their willingness to work through these difficult times in the university."

Final language of the ratified contract is still being composed, Myers said. The agreement will be brought to the NMU Board of Trustees at its meetings Dec. 11 and 12. The board will likely approve the contract, Joyal and Myers said.

It is unclear whether the relationship between faculty and administration has changed, but both parties are looking to move on, Roy said.

"Anytime you go through prolonged negotiations, it does increase the level of anxiety," Roy said. "I'm hopeful in the coming months that we can work through that."



Myers

## Groups request SFC funds

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE  
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Finance Committee held its largest meeting of the semester at 4 p.m. on Nov. 3 in the Cadillac Room in the University Center to assess reviews and budget proposals brought forth by student organizations which host on-campus programming.

Due to the amount of available carryover funds, a number of student organizations requested funding to hold campus events for next semester.

The four Earmarked Fund Groups, which include Platform Personalities, Northern Arts and Entertainment, Student Art Gallery and Campus Cinema, are all allocated a set amount of money each semester and given more freedom to work within their own budgets, SFC Chair Travis Margoni said.

Funding for EFGs and other student organizations is taken directly from the Student Discretionary Activity Fee allocated for student programming only.

Platform Personalities also received an additional \$15,000 for next semester to help them with upcoming planned events, including potentially hosting Frank Abagnale, inspiration for the motion picture "Catch Me If You Can."

Both Northern Arts and Entertainment and Platform Personalities were awarded an increase in funds to \$5.50 per student taken from the student activ-

ity fee. NAE was also given \$10,000 in carryover funding for next semester to compensate for losses from the 311/Alien Ant Farm concert.

The additional funds to Platform Personalities and NAE were allowed to be allocated due to the \$54,000 carryover the SFC had been working with from the Winter 2003 semester.

In addition, the committee approved a proposal submitted by Gonzo Media for EFG status, which marks the first time the organization has had EFG status since Fall 1999 when its status was revoked due to poor attendance. A \$1.10 per student allocation for Gonzo was also approved.

Campus Cinema retained its \$2.05 per student allocation, and the Students' Art Gallery once again received \$0.60 per student.

First Aid Productions, a student group which brings rock bands to NMU, submitted a \$29,500 request to fund an upcoming concert the organization planned to host in Vandament Arena. The motion to approve funding for First Aid was unanimously denied 0-7 by the committee.

First Aid had been negotiating to bring either Thursday, Thrice, or Taking Back Sunday as the event's headlining act.

Committee members voiced concerns over how well the attendance figures would add up as well as further production costs.

"The production costs for a show in Vandament (Arena) made the budget too large,"

Winter 2004 Earmarked Fund Group Allocations	
<b>COST PER STUDENT:</b>	
Platform Personalities:	\$5.50
NAE:	\$5.50
Campus Cinema:	\$2.05
Gonzo Media:	\$1.10
Students' Art Gallery:	\$0.60

Jeremiah Britt/NW

Margoni said.

He said the SFC will be working out more programming with First Aid again in the near future.




"I understand the [SFC's] concerns and that they were overwhelmed with the amount of requested money and the risk involved," First Aid Co-President Jason Barnes said. "We just need to persevere and [the organization] may try to put on other shows some time in April."

The newly-formed Graduate Student Union and the Organization for Outdoor Professionals were also approved about \$4,091 and \$6,105, respectively, to bring special interest speakers and events to campus next semester.

"This meeting opened up a lot of opportunities for programming next semester," Margoni said. "We approved several smaller budgets for excellent programs."

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

## MARQUETTE AREA WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High: 35 Low: 23	High: 33 Low: 24	High: 35 Low: 27
20 percent chance of precipitation	10 percent chance of precipitation	10 percent chance of precipitation

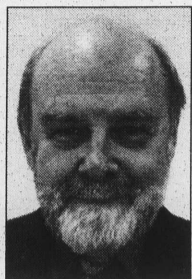


# Whitman Hall commons use discussed

## Possible lectures, events considered for space in newly-acquired campus facility

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
STAFF REPORTER

This year's opening of Whitman Hall has created more space on campus for classrooms, academic departments and now it may also be used for university activities such as educational speakers.



Heldreth

Earlier in the semester, a committee was formed in order to discuss the use of the Whitman Hall Commons Area, a potential spot to host campus events.

The room was once a gymnasium/auditorium that has been converted into a lounge area since NMU purchased the elementary school and transformed it into another campus building.

The Committee on the Use of the Whitman Hall Commons area, which included a group of NMU administrators, initially

decided to limit use of Whitman Hall for exclusively educational purposes. The committee felt activities such as concerts would disrupt classes held in the building as well as cause wear and tear on the building, according to the committee's recommendations after its Oct. 21 meeting.

Leonard Heldreth, chair of the committee, said the room was intended to be used primarily for students to study in.

He said attention was brought to the issue when requests were made to have bands play in the area. Because the building is new, no guidelines were designed for how the area would be used, Heldreth said. Due to the fact that classes are held in Whitman Hall, it would not be practical to hold concerts or other noisy events in the commons area, he said.

"We are recommending that if a room in the U.C. is available that it be used first, and that Whitman be reserved for special events or if everything else is being used," Heldreth said.

However, after some discussion by the committee and mem-

bers of ASNMU, it has been decided that some student programming will be allowed in the Whitman Hall Commons Area on a trial basis.

A few events such as lectures, speakers and forums may be held in the commons area, Heldreth said.

ASNMU President Kyle Ortiz said if a student organization felt Whitman Hall was the best place for an event, then they should be able to use it.

"The kind of people that go to see lectures are not rowdy," Ortiz said.

He said the administration was quite receptive to student remarks on the issue.

"For the most part it was a good compromise," Ortiz said. "They are going to let events

happen there and see how it goes this year."

The Whitman Hall Commons Area will cost more to reserve than the Great Lakes Rooms because setup and takedown services would have to be brought over to the building, Ortiz said.

The price of reserving the commons area room has not yet been determined. The commons area room seats approximately 200 people.



Nancy Starzyk/NW

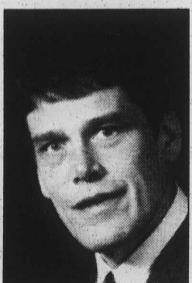
Freshman pre-law major Nicole Jones studies in the Whitman Hall Commons Area. The carpeted room was originally intended to be a study lounge, but student activities will be held on a trial basis.

## New e-mail policy prohibits forwarding of messages

### NMU e-mails recognized as spam, being blocked

BY SARAH WIENSCH  
STAFF WRITER

Beginning in January, NMU will no longer allow the forwarding of NMU e-mail to private, commercial accounts, and students will have to check their NMU e-mail at my.nmu.edu



Niemi

Within the past two years, e-mail "spamming" has become an issue for e-mail service providers because of the strain on network resources.

Spamming is the practice of sending out unsolicited, commercial e-mails on a larger scale.

To offset this problem, services like AOL and Hotmail have started to counter this issue by blocking, Dean of Students Ed Niemi said in an e-mail to students.

The Dean of Students and Administrative Information Technology offices made the decision. The proposed policy was discussed at a TLC Board

Meeting, where a committee formed from it, said senior marketing major Robert Rustman, who does Web design for the Dean of Students.

They have been working on this project since September, Rustman said. The policy will go before the NMU Board of Trustees Dec. 11-12 for approval.

"I figure the people that made the decision knows what they are doing," freshman criminal justice major Jeff Kerby said. "It's not a big deal to check another e-mail account. I don't get why students can't just put a Post-it note up to remember."

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— Jeff Kerby  
freshman criminal justice major

NMU needs assurance that students are receiving their grades or bills, Niemi said.

Director of Technical Services David Maki originally researched

the policy, Niemi said. He contacted different e-mail services to inform them that NMU messages were not spam.

He worked with them for a short period of time, but reported there was no sure way for students to receive NMU e-mails.

Students need to educate themselves on the new policy to avoid any confusion, said Chet Nichols, a junior computer science major and the ASNMU director of information and technology.

"We want students to know it's not our fault," Nichols said. "If you want to use your outside e-mail, just check your NMU box a couple times. People that don't forward their e-mail have no idea what it's about. It doesn't have anything to do with the forward button."

Questions or comments concerning the policy can be sent to the Dean of Students Office at forward@nmu.edu.



Nichols

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# Health Center encourages generic drugs

BY NICHOLAS BODETTE  
STAFF WRITER

NMU Building and Grounds Attendant Dennis Tryan and his family use the NMU Health Center because of the money saved on doctor's visits, low prices on medication and the convenient campus location.

The family saves hundreds of dollars annually, if not more, by going to the Health Center compared with other health facilities

in the area, he said.

"The Health Center is run very efficiently," Tryan said.

Tryan and his family are amongst a growing number of students, faculty and staff who are saving money through the increased availability of generic prescription medication at the NMU Health Center.

The Health Center is encouraging employees to utilize the growing numbers of generic prescription drugs, Health Center

Chief of Staff Thomas Schacht said.

"This last plan year ending Aug. 31, 2003, total employee health care expenses totaled \$7.4 million, with almost \$2 million going to prescription drug costs," Schacht said. "The NMU Health Center pharmacy is helping employees control these costs by actively encouraging employees to use generic drugs whenever possible."

Health insurance companies

are also taking notice of generic drug availability.

"Many insurance companies are using what's called a tier system which tries to encourage people to try lower-priced generic drugs," Health Center Pharmacist Jan Nolan said. "It's becoming common practice among insurance companies."

Co-pays are the patient's expense left over after their health insurance company covers the majority of the medication cost.

A co-pay on a generic medication is typically \$5-10, Nolan said.

Omeprazole, a heartburn medication, which used to cost \$3 per pill as the brand-name drug Prilosec, is now available in generic form for about 50 cents, Schacht said.

According to an Oct. 22 memorandum from Nolan, the over-the-counter cost of a 30-day supply of Omeprazole is \$26.55, exactly \$60.40 cheaper than the next lowest costing brand name, Prilosec.

Both have the same active ingredients.

Nexium is the most expensive drug listed and costs \$127.35 per month supply. At roughly \$4.25 a day, it is about the same expenditure as a smoker who buys one

pack a day.

"NMU employees collectively spent almost \$200,000 on a category of drug last year, and savings of tens of thousands of dollars are expected as a result of the change to the generic product," Schacht said.

Similar efforts to increase the use of generic antihistamines were made earlier this year as well, he said.

Other types of medications like the allergy drug Claritin are now available over the counter, Nolan said.

Prescription drugs such as Prozac have less expensive generic rivals, though not at an outstanding of a saving as Omeprazole, she said.

"I haven't gotten any prescriptions filled here, but there's no [visit] cost if there is no diagnosis, and a visit is cheap," freshman pre-med major Beth Gramer said.

For students such as Gramer and families like the Tryans, the Health Center has provided health care that can save them more money than at other facilities.

"It's up to the amount of patients that take advantage of lower cost generic drugs as to how much the university can save as a whole," Nolan said



Amanda Shellnut/NW

The Vielmetti Health Center is encouraging patients to try the generic prescriptions in lieu of brand name prescriptions. Generic drugs are gaining popularity due to low costs and greater availability.

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## EDITORIAL

## Give the gift of gratitude this year

It seems that every year The North Wind staff returns from a holiday break and faces the regrettable task of reporting a student death.

As sad and unfortunate as this may be, this somber news can almost be expected from time to time on a campus of this size. Tragedy strikes instantaneously and without reason.

A good portion of the student body at Northern travels many miles during holiday breaks.

When the winter season hits, road conditions can become extremely unpredictable and treacherous in the Great Lakes Region.

With so many miles separating us from home, students often let college life distance them from loved ones back home. The faces which surrounded us for so much of our young lives fade amidst new friends, a new town and the blinding glow of new freedoms. Many students complain about heading home and being treated like children as they walk through the door, but visits home should be valued dearly.

Even during the holidays, expressing appreciation for family members and close friends can be overlooked. As financially strapped college students, it's often difficult to give the ones we love a gift with value that truly matches our appreciation for them. Though, maybe the greatest gift one can give during this season is to simply make sure loved ones know how much they are cared about and appreciated.

As fate has shown over the years, not every member of this university will have that opportunity to embrace loved ones in the months and years to come.

For many students, telling mom or dad "I love you" is awkward and something often not thought about.

The holidays are about more than giving and receiving gifts. Take the time this holiday to tell loved ones you care about them.

Have a happy holiday and drive safely.

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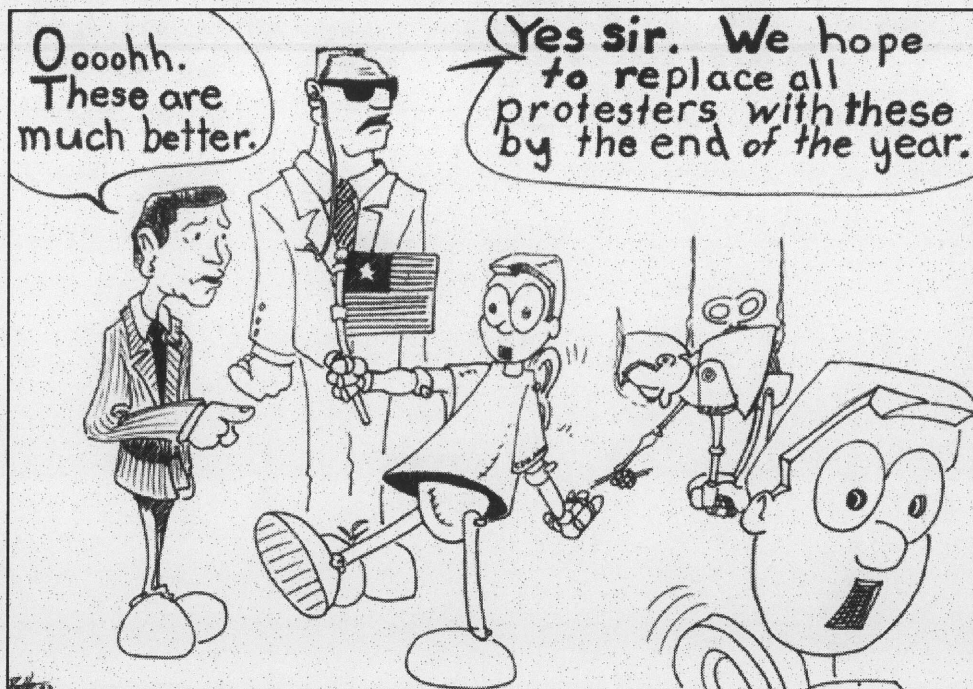
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Band offends with violent request**

On Nov. 20, I attended the Alien Ant Farm and 311 concert and had my night ruined when Dryden Mitchell, the lead singer of Alien Ant Farm, announced the next song as their last, so "turn around and punch your fucking girlfriend in the face."

This type of comment is appalling. Upon sharing this story, many have asked what the context of the statement was or if he was joking, searching for an explanation.

In a world where one in three women have been beaten or sexually abused in their lifetime (UN Report on the Commission of the Status of Women, February 2000), jokes about assaulting women are intolerable. Jokes about violent acts against women degrade them and make this type of violence an acceptable, humorous behavior.

Since 2002, I have worked for the Health Promotion Office teaching sexual assault prevention classes to First Year Experience and high school students. I have been an intern at the Women's Center/Harbor House, where I had the opportunity to work directly with women who are survivors of domestic violence. Through these experiences, I have seen firsthand the disgusting lack of respect for women by some students in our community as well as the impact of violence on the lives of women and their children.

I am saddened to see men like Dryden Mitchell abuse their position as role models and encourage violence against women. I do not understand the purpose of such a comment or why he felt compelled to say what he did and doubt I ever will. Instead, I will inform as many people as possible of what took place and encourage a boycott of this group.

Write letters and make your opinions known. Silence speaks

volumes; by not saying anything you are giving your acceptance.

Jessica Blanton  
psychology & Spanish

**Fanaticism makes both sides look bad**

I'd hate to disappoint Mr. Margoni, but I'm just not seeing this left-wing, tide-turning revolution he and mediocre unfunnyman Al Franken claim is happening in this country. In an uncertain time of war and terrorism, it is natural that emotions are high and political discourse is heated. It is not surprising Franken could fill a room, or Michael Moore's movie could pack the house. These men are well respected among the like-minded. It is absurd, though, to think the popularity of these men is some sign of the impending liberalization of America. This may bother you progressives, but Rush Limbaugh, no matter how much you despise him, could fill a room just as much as Franken or Moore.

What bothers the left more than our free-market economy, Christianity, or even "Dubya," is that there are just as many people on the opposite side of the political spectrum. This is why Margoni calls conservatives "brainwashed;" the thought that half of America is at least right-of-center or wholly conservative makes him and others like him extremely livid. So here is some advice for our "idealism over realism" friends: follow your beliefs, but lose the fanaticism. Name-calling doesn't solve anything. Besides, don't you liberals pride yourself on tolerance? I guess you are tolerant, just so long it's not someone who disagrees.

Robert Graham  
junior, CIS

**Professor Hruska will be missed**

A lot of students didn't like Tom Hruska. They whined in class about having to actually

read the material and actually having to understand it. Those students never knew Tom the way I did. As an English writing major, I have taken many literature courses. The range of professors teaching those courses has varied, but through my time at Northern, I have only truly learned the art of literature from one man. Tom not only knew great literature, he loved it. And, for those students who took the time to know him, his excitement towards the subject was contagious. I actually gave a damn about poetry and Joseph Conrad. What he taught meant something to me.

But it wasn't only in his classroom that he educated. A couple semesters ago, I was taking a non-fiction course and, favoring fiction writing, was having a difficult time staying interested. After talking to Tom about it, he gave me the best writing advice I ever heard. He said the little, seemingly unimportant things that have happened to us make great literature. Anybody can write a sprawling love story full of clichés, but great writers make the unimportant things important. Our simplest, private moments make the difference.

He helped me to see life in a different light, that receiving A's isn't the most important thing in the world. What matters is appreciating the little things, embracing the things you love, and trying your best to always see the beauty in everything.

I am who I am because of Hruska. I appreciate life as well as myself because of him. I will never forget how bad it felt when I learned he was gone. But he's still in my heart and in every story I write. Without Tom I never would have made it as a writer or as a human being.

Tom: You saved my life in more ways than one. You taught me never to say "oh well" and settle for second best. I will miss you always.

Courtney Patrick  
junior, English writing



# Turkey trots terribly

Stomach aching and gasping for air, I stumbled through the streets of Detroit on Thanksgiving morning on less than two hours of sleep.

Turkey day had always been a time to see family, stuff myself with turkey and mashed potatoes and watch Lions football, but this year I took a less relaxing approach.

On a whim of insanity, I decided to run in the Turkey Trot — a 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) road race which begins and ends at Wayne State University and travels through the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade route.

I hadn't run more than a mile in the past six months, and the only muscles I routinely work out are the ones in my jaw while overeating. But when my 49-year-old father (an avid runner, who treks about 25 miles per week) told me he was going, I decided to tag along.

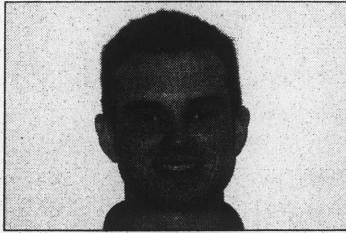
Knowing full well the disaster ahead of me, I decided to compound the situation by celebrating my trip home by having a few drinks with some friends at a local bar the night before the run.

Just hours after stumbling into my parents house, I found myself packed among a mob of about 8,000 people the next morning. Many runners dressed as elves, reindeer and turkeys to enhance the holiday spirit.

At 8:30 a.m. the starting gun went off and I took off running like hell (when a gun goes off in Detroit, you move real fast).

It only took about a mile

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BY ROB HAMILTON

before the alcohol and my poor physical fitness hit me like a sack of coal. I had sprinted ahead of my dad in a crazy thought that I could beat him. But soon he and about every other runner began passing me.

By the third mile as I shuffled my feet along, a man in a Santa Claus suit bounced past. He was followed shortly after by a group of elementary-aged girls, and a father who wore antlers on his head while pushing his toddler in a stroller.

Two teenage boys with trumpets passed me about a dozen times before finally disappearing out of sight. They would stop every few minutes to play "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" for onlookers and then jog past me again.

My knees buckled and I panted like a woman in labor, but the thought of catching those kids and smashing their trumpets on the pavement kept me going.

I eventually made it to the halfway point — Woodward Avenue — where thousands of people had lined the streets to watch the upcoming floats and marching bands of the parade.

As I bumbled down the street, hundreds of onlookers began laughing and even booing me.

"Come on don't quit! Get moving Northern Michigan!" I heard as my green NMU sweat-shirt collected sweat dripping from my forehead.

After running hard, trotting, stumbling and walking, I somehow made it near the finish line in about 78 minutes.

Just when the end was in sight, an old man with a bad leg hobbled past me. He looked like he needed a cane or maybe a wheelchair. That was it. I mustered up every ounce of energy and pride I had left and dashed for the finish line, crossing it just before him.

I was victorious! I had barely beaten a 70-year old man with a physical handicap!

I was too tired to be happy about my small victory. My dad had finished 13 minutes ahead of me and I was blistered, battered and beaten.

Running is truly a punishment, not a sport. But for some reason, all the embarrassment and pain has only created more determination to do better.

I've decided to run the Trot again next year and maybe I'll skip drinking the night before or at least go jogging once or twice beforehand. I finished ahead of a few stragglers this time, but next Thanksgiving the guy in the Santa Claus suit is going down.

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

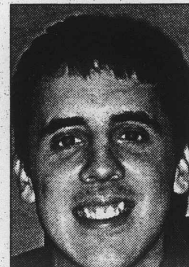
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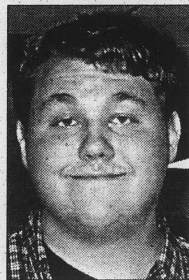
Missy Allen  
freshman, pre-law/psychology

*"As a study area for everyone. We need to put cots in there so we can sleep between classes."*

Ryan Howe  
senior, history



*"We should build a memorial to all of the precious, precious money it cost us to buy and renovate the building."*



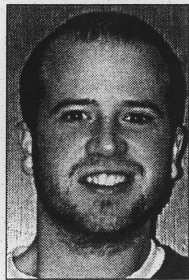
Trevor Peterson  
freshman, political science

*"For scheduled political debate. Politics is an under-appreciated art/science directly related to our personal prosperity."*

Sarah Porter  
senior, secondary education math



*"It should be used as a recreation area. Possibly put in some games such as pool, foosball, arcade games..."*



Derek Trottier  
senior, secondary education English

*"A dome filled with stars and many moons where students can hear tranquil South American flute music and totally zone out."*

— Compiled by Nancy Starzyk

# Celebrate Christmas, not consumerism

I can vividly remember that winter night in fifth grade when I solved the Santa mystery.

The letters Santa would leave my sister and me in our personalized stockings hanging from the wooden banister, and the presents under the tree, coincidentally had handwriting resembling my mom's.

Every year, my mom would help us bake Santa's "favorite" sugar cookies with homemade frosting — the same cookie my dad just so happened to love so much too.

These revelations lead me to realize Santa was just a figment of my imagination my parents helped maintain.

While the idea of celebrating a Christmas filled with fictitious characters and gifts was very appealing and fun, I never lost sight of the true meaning of the holiday.

Roughly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in a manger, which is why we celebrate Christmas. However, recently, Christmas has evolved into a holiday centered around money and marketing.

"They've taken Christ from Christmas filled it with happy joy/like frosty and Rudolph, even the drummer boy/they need to know that Christ is Christmas," the lyrics of Kirk Franklin's song "They

Need to Know" say. I agree.

There would be no Christmas if it weren't for Christ.

Although controversy remains over the exact date of Christ's true birth, Dec. 25 is the worldwide celebration of His incarnation. The whole act of celebrating Christmas is to commemorate the birth of Christ.

People are so quick to condense Christmas by writing X-mas. While X-mas may be shorter to write than the actual word Christmas, eliminating those five letters merely reduces the holiday by literally taking the "Christ" out of Christmas.

Christmas has evolved into a holiday filled with sales, swarming malls and greed.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was invented by a department store to boost sales. Santa's red and white suit originated from a Coca-Cola advertisement in 1931, which showed Santa wearing their colors in an effort to increase their child market.

The "holiday music" we often hear while gift shopping consists of popular

## STAFF COLUMN



BY YONIKA WILLIS

tunes such as "Jingle Bells," "Deck The Halls," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Sleigh Ride." Rarely do we hear, "Oh Holy Night," "Silent Night" or "The Little Drummer Boy" — songs which speak of the birth of Christ.

Christmas has been commercialized by Disney and other animators to only incorporate the value of love and family during the season, which is good, but isn't the entire reason we celebrate this holiday.

In "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," the Grinch's heart grows three times its size after he learns from the Whos in Whoville that Christmas is about giving, in "The Muppets Christmas Carol" the Muppets help Scrooge realize Christmas is about charity and being with family and friends, and in "Home Alone," Kevin (McCauley Caulkin) understands Christmas is a time to be with the ones you love.

What happened to films like "Charlie Brown Christmas" where the characters search for the real meaning of the holiday?

Charlie Brown discovers that meaning

when Linus quotes the passage: "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:9-10.

The entire story of Jesus' birth is found in Luke 2:1-20.

Yes, Christmas is about giving; the three wise men did bring gifts to Jesus when he was born, but presents under trees are not the reason we celebrate this holiday. Santa Claus and his elves weren't present at Jesus' birth, nor was Rudolph or Frosty.

There were no stockings hanging from mantles or candy canes decorating the limbs of Evergreen trees.

The number one reason to celebrate Christmas, as it's appropriately titled, is Christ.

This Dec. 25, for those of you celebrating Christmas, don't let the true meaning of the holiday get lost among the wads of wrapping paper and empty wallets.

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



# New telling offers old lessons

This tale is old, told many times about this month on the calendar. It is a tale which must be hearkened, yet dissipates within men's hearts. I do not know why, nor do those who have woven the tale before me. I simply know I must begin...

...One day in the twelfth month, the bearded man with the jovial countenance appeared before the Caliph, who asked, "From whence you come, old friend?"

"From roaming the earth and going back and forth in it," replied the bearded man, beard white as star-twinkling-light.

The Caliph was unsettled by his friend's demeanor. He asked, "What troubles you?"

The bearded man replied, "The people, Caliph. They prepare for my festival. They purchase from each other's flocks: cattle to butcher; pig to roast. Dulcets and pastries are prepared in advance. They purchase tops to twirl; ropes to skip; carved likenesses with which children may play shepherd, or even speak."

"I remember when men spoke with animals," sighed the Caliph, his memory lost momentarily in the mists of the ancient realm of

Time.

"My Lord," spoke the bearded man, "every year I roam the earth, going back and forth in it. I bring my tablet and my scrip, and I judge the people, my judgments weighed on the scales beyond human comprehension, I judge them to be worthy or unworthy. They are good people, Caliph generous, and they celebrate with vigor.

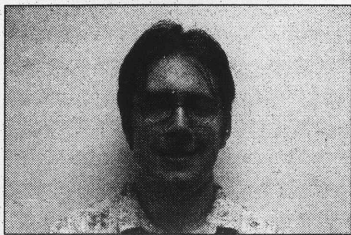
"But they celebrate without joy or purpose."

"I walk among them, but they do not feel my presence. I smile and they curl their lips at me. I offer to carry their bags for them and they accuse me of attempted thievery. They feast for the sake of clearing their tables. My effigy is in their minds and homes, but my true spirit is not in their hearts.

"They have forgotten me. Without me there would be no gifts of love, there would be no song with joy, there would be no feast with laughter..."

At this moment, the doors to the royal chambers opened and out stepped a dark-skinned young man with soft olive eyes who was etching a scroll. The Caliph motioned to him, "My son, come here."

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BY MATTHEW SCHNIEDER

The Caliph's son came and stood at his father's right side. His face shone like a flame in darkest cavern.

"My son," said the Caliph, "this is Nicolae, spirit of the holidays."

The son bowed deeply and smiled. "It is an honor to meet you."

"Truly," replied Nicolae, "the honor is mine."

"Now, old friend, what was it you were saying?" asked the Caliph.

"My Lord, I was lamenting the perversion of the holidays, in which people celebrate, but the meaning of which they have long forgotten, chosen to ignore, or warp to their own human predilection.

"Do you know what it is like to have your spirit erased from

your own celebration?" said the bearded man.

The Caliph clutched his son's shoulders while a gem of purest sapphire fell from his eye, splintering upon the throne's golden arm.

"Yes, old friend," replied the Caliph, "I know precisely how you feel."

...Different weavers spin the tale different ways; sometimes the Caliph decrees that the original purpose of the celebration is not as important as the celebration itself; sometimes we learn that brotherly love is love above all, we learn the importance of family, learn the folly of selfishness...

Most give the tale a happy, yet counterfeit, ending. Tales told many times accrue endings, and like the morals contained therein, the real meaning is sluiced away like a palace in the dunes.

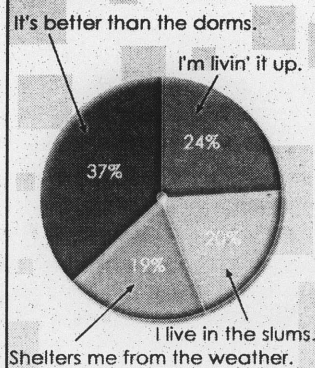
I simply know I must tell the tale. I offer no hopeful ending because I believe that hope lies not in the conclusion, but in the telling. Here ends the tale.

The rest is up to you.

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

## ONLINE POLL RESULTS

How would you rate your residency?



Total Votes: 70

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Micro Repair will be closed for winter break from Wednesday, December 24 to Thursday, January 1.

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## Resumé service offered

BY KATIE MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Northern students now have the opportunity to market themselves to potential employers through the NMU Jobsearch Web site.

The update to the site allows registered companies to view all posted student resumé, or to search based on academic major, NMU Jobsearch Director John Frick said.

The center is first compiling resumé, targeting primarily juniors and seniors because those students are considering internships and job placement after graduation, Frick said.

After a substantial amount of resumé are in the system, the center will begin marketing the service to employers, he said.

"Northern is fortunate enough to have companies who come back time and time again," he said.

Some companies recruit heavily out of NMU and may likely take advantage of the resumé service, Frick said.

These companies include Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Creative Solutions, a computer company located in the lower peninsula; and Schenk Business Associates, an accounting firm from

Wisconsin, he said.

In addition to making students more visible to employers, this new service also allows students to get assistance with editing resumé, Frick said.

In order to post a resumé to the site, students must first meet with a member of the Jobsearch staff. If any changes need to be made to the resumé, the staff member will help make appropriate improvements, Frick said.

"We want to review the resumé and make sure it reflects [the student's] talents," he said. "The benefit is we can catch mistakes made inadvertently, so it reflects them better."

The service is provided to current NMU students and alumni at no cost to anyone, he said.

"Budget wise, it makes perfect sense," Frick said.

The cost of implementing this service is minimal compared to the cost the university could have incurred if it purchased a commercial package, he said.

"There are commercial packages out there that career centers can buy to do this, but they typically cost thousands of dollars and there are fees to students and career placement centers," Frick said.

This service is the first collegiate resumé search engine in

Michigan to be developed in-house, he said.

Because the system has only been active for a month, student response is varied.

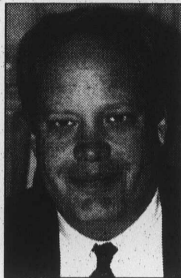
"Using this system is something I may consider, but I'm uncertain how effective it really will be," junior financial management major Bill Southard said. "I think the Jobsearch Center should keep students updated on how well it's working, for example, testimonials or success stories."

Senior media production and new technology major Darren Bohmann feels that simply going through the process of posting his resumé has helped him.

"I think it's a great program, and it's beneficial for everyone involved," Bohmann said.

Frick emphasizes the service is not meant to take the place of other methods of looking for a job. It merely enhances a student's search, he said.

For more information, contact the NMU Jobsearch Center at 227-2800.



Frick

## More lawsuits in file sharing cases

Yesterday, the Recording Industry Association of America announced an expansion of its ongoing legal campaign against those who distribute significant amounts of copyrighted music files online.

In addition to the 308 lawsuit notification letters sent and 341 lawsuits filed since September, the recording industry is this week filing 41 new suits and sending 90 lawsuit notification letters to file sharers in a variety of new regions across the country. The RIAA has now secured 220 settlements with substantial file-sharers, resulting from a combination of lawsuits filed, notification letters sent to those targeted for legal action, and individuals who had contacted the RIAA after learning that their identifying information was subpoenaed from their Internet service provider.

Additionally, 1,054 former file sharers have submitted affidavits for the "Clean Slate" amnesty program.

—Collegiate Presswire release

## Concerts this week

The NMU music department will be presenting two concerts this week.

The first is a senior recital featuring Benjamin Mayar on euphonium and Brandon Nelson on horn. This concert begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Jamrich 103. The public is invited to attend free of charge. The second concert will be presented by the Marquette Choral Society, under the direction of NMU music professor Floyd Slotterback. The group will perform "The Christmas Oratorio" by J.S. Bach at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6, and at 3 p.m. Sunday in Kaufman Auditorium.

Tickets for the event are \$6 and are available in advance at Lutey's Flower Shop or from Marquette Choral Society members.

—NMU press release

# Lighting up the Holidays

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# ASNMU holds annual consignment book sale

## Student-led program offers an alternative to textbook buy back

BY BEN PADUA  
STAFF WRITER

ASNMU is continuing its annual consignment book sale starting next week.

The book sale is a student-initiated program that allows students to sell their books at a better price than what the bookstore would pay to buy them, according to ASNMU's Web site.

"We get a printout from the bookstore saying which books are going to be used for next year and how much they would be paying for them," ASNMU Chair Heather Mann said. "Then we buy the books back at a price suggested by the student."

The drop-off dates for textbooks are December 8 - 12, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The dates of the sale of books for next semester are January 12-17

from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The drop-off and purchase of books will be held in the atrium in the University Center.

By selling the books on a consignment basis, students can control the price of their books,

Mann said. The sale serves as an alternative to the bookstore because ASNMU can give them more than the bookstore would pay for them but for less than the selling price.

ASNMU then collects 10 percent of the selling price, she said.

"It makes it a win-win situation for everyone involved,"

Mann said.

The NMU Bookstore is generally unaffected by the ASNMU sale, said Paul Wright, assistant manager of the NMU Bookstore.

"Technically, the bookstore doesn't make any money on selling books," Wright said. "We usually break even. But after all these years, the ASNMU book sale doesn't affect the number of books that we sell and buy back. There will always be students who will go through alternatives to get the maximum amount of money back for their books."

Students should make sure they do not pay for a book that will not be used for next semester, Wright said.

"From what I understand, the program doesn't seriously affect the business of the bookstore," junior art education major Doug Albright said. "At the same time, it gives students more money back, generally, for their books. It seems like a win-win scenario."



Mann

# NMU celebrates holidays

## Tree lighting, speeches mark the start of NMU's holiday season

The annual "Lighting up the Holidays" event at Northern Michigan University will be held today at the University Center.

The event is open to students, staff, faculty, their families and community members.

Hayrides will be offered from 4-8 p.m.

A brief tree-lighting ceremony is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on the university lawn with Interim President Mike Roy and ASNMU

President Kyle Ortiz.

Santa will arrive at about the same time.

A reception in the Peter White Lounge after the tree lighting will feature free pictures with Santa, free books for children under 8 years old and caroling by members of Mortar Board.

There will also be free cookies and hot chocolate available for attendees and the New Attitudes Dance Studio will give a per-

formance.

Attendees are encouraged to bring canned food to donate to the TV6 Can-A-Thon.

The NMU Bookstore will hold a holiday sale in conjunction with the event, staying open until 8 p.m.

"Lighting up the Holidays" is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Copper Country PRIDE, Golden Z Club, Mortar Board, NMU public safety, auxiliary services and on-campus apartments.

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# Professor, NMU alumnus speaks at commencement

Gary R. Bertoline will deliver the keynote address at the mid-year commencement ceremony on Dec. 13.

He will receive an honorary degree from the university.

Bertoline is a professor of computer graphics technology and associate vice president for information technology at Purdue University.

He also serves as director of the Envision Center for Data Perceptualization.

A native of Norway, Mich., Bertoline is an alumnus of NMU.

He received a master's in education from Miami University

and a Ph.D. in technology from Ohio State University.

He is currently a member of Epsilon Pi Tau, SIGGRAPH, the American Society for Engineering Education and IEEE.

Bertoline also serves on the editorial boards for the International Journal for Geometry and Graphics, and the Journal of Terrestrial Observation.

He has presented more than 60 papers at professional conferences worldwide, including North America, Australia and Europe.

Bertoline has published numerous papers in journals and trade publications. His articles typically cover engineering and computer graphics, computer-aided design and visualization research. In addition, Bertoline has authored eight textbooks.

His textbook sales total more than 500,000 books worldwide.

Bertoline will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Technology degree from NMU during the commencement ceremony, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Superior Dome.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

### Volunteer Center holds relay race

The Volunteer Center welcomes students to join the Easter Seals 12-hour relay held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Superior Dome.

Teams of 5-20 individuals take turns running, walking and wheeling around the track in relay fashion to support the Easter Seals. The Easter Seals is an organization dedicated to providing services to children and adults with disabilities, as well as their families. This year's theme is the Super Bowl.

Refreshments and games will be available all day.

Registration forms are available in the NMU Volunteer Center or from the Easter Seals. Easter Seals may be reached at 228-5816 or ESofUPMich@aol.com.

### AIDS awareness week continues

AIDS Awareness Week is present on campus with informational displays about HIV and AIDS from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today in the LRC and from noon - 5 today in the University Center.

Also, there will be a candle-light vigil at the Heart of Northern to commemorate the lives lost to AIDS.

The activity was brought to campus and sponsored by the Student Activity Fee and the Black Student Union.

### USOEC wrestlers hold local match

The USOEC Greco-Roman wrestlers will compete in an East v. West competition at 7 p.m. Friday at the Westwood High School Gymnasium.

Assistant coach Steve Gross will be the Master of Ceremonies and will explain the different techniques and moves used during the matches. USOEC wrestler Jeremiah Davis, known for his soul singing, will perform at the event.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. Proceeds benefit the team's travel.

For more information, contact the USOEC at 227-2888.

### VOX still in need of various items

VOX is requesting donations for its February productions of "The Vagina Monologues".

VOX is still in need of five to 10 reams of red stock paper and flowers or recognition for the cast and crew totaling \$60.

Also, VOX is looking for red accessories for costumes. Items such as red feather boas, large pins, necklaces or others are wel-

come. Monetary donations will also be accepted for costumes.

For more information regarding donations, contact Nicole Blemberg by e-mail at nblemberg@nmu.edu or by phone at 362-2246.

### Premiere of new movie presented

The NMU Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club will be hosting the premiere of DFS's "Truckin'" and Helly Hanson's "Focused" at 6 p.m. today in Jamrich 102.

Admission and raffle tickets are \$2. Prizes will be given away. For more information, e-mail Ryan Collins at rcollins@nmu.edu.

### SFC looks to fill open positions

The Student Finance Committee is currently seeking applicants for two open positions.

The committee meets for 1-2 hours each week. The SFC is responsible for allocating a portion of the Student Activity Fee to student organizations for programming.

Applications can be picked up at and returned to the Dean of Students Office or the ASNMU Office in the University Center.

### Center give free immunizations

The Vielmetti Health Center is offering free influenza immunizations to the first 100 students who come to the Flu Immunization Clinic today from 1 - 3 p.m.

Flu-Mist, a live vaccine administered as a nasal spray, will be administered. The vaccine is new this year, but is FDA-approved and has efficacy comparable to the traditional inactivated vaccine given by injection.

### Seniors display art for last time

Graduating seniors from the Art and Design Department will be displaying their work in the University Art Museum in Lee Hall until Dec. 12.

The museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For campus crime information, sex offender registration and crime alerts, go to <http://publicsafety.nmu.edu>

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## A gift of insight, just for you

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

It happens every other week, at least. "Travis, I know you guys work hard, but there sure were a lot of errors in the paper this week," many, many friends have said to me over the years.

"I know, ha, and I'm the copy editor," I'm able to say this year. But, most people can only catch half of the mistakes, if they read carefully. All newspapers have surface errors in each issue.

The gift-giving season is nearly upon us. While I provide you with the splendid gift of insight into the mind of a soul-searching, ultra-liberal, sarcastic, cynical 23-year-old college student each week, I'd like to give you more, a gift I've been preparing for nine semesters: the enlightenment *North Wind* readers deserve.

It's unfortunate that newspapers are judged on surface-level errors and not so much on content and reporting. In that regard, *The North Wind* is of a higher quality than most people realize. I've been to several Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest conferences. Each year *The North Wind* staff walks away with multiple awards, often first-place plaques for reporting, reviewing, design and overall newspaper excellence.

But, unfortunately, there are reasons for the typos, the misplacement of a photo from time to time, and even reasons for an occasional missed opportunity for an event to be covered ... none of this is generally understood.

The only journalism majors available at NMU are intended for broadcast journalism students — an entirely different profession and form of journalism. While print journalism minors are available, the interest and talent pools are shallow on campus; few future print journalists come to NMU. The overload of stories on writers and editors means deadlines are not met, and time for revision and editing is painfully limited.

Even with that said, each editor listed on the Page 6 masthead has a promising future available to him or her in journalism. This is just one of many talented *North Wind* staffs; it's spread thin, as is the case most years, nearly to the point of collective exhaustion. Reporting, writing and managing take many hours each week, yet *The North Wind* breaks large news stories each semester on deadline.

The *North Wind's* significance to NMU and the Marquette community is immeasurable. The only other regular news publications are the *Mining Journal* and *Marquette Monthly Magazine*. Having only one regular medium for news, the *Mining Journal*, means the information the community receives is naturally monopolized.

However, the financial structure and means of publication for *The North Wind* are ideal. They allow for a newspaper to be printed that is as good as any weekly college newspaper in the country, in terms of both content and aesthetics. The main source of revenue for the paper is advertising sales, and another smaller portion is funded by the Student Activity Fee. Thus, the newspaper is independent from university administration, but not from NMU students; this is being published by students, for students, with no control over content by any non-students.

The typos you find are a result of the constant shortage of reporters. Rather than continually criticizing, become active for your sake, the editorial staff's, and your fellow students'.

Hearing criticism makes me instantly defensive and triggers knee-jerk explanation for many reasons; I was up stressing until the early morning hours today with this staff, and I've been working countless hours for more than four years now. Most of us have weathered multiple sleepless nights, yet we make it to class. However, I couldn't stay if I didn't enjoy myself.

Consider the gift I've given you, wrapped neatly in the center of *The North Wind*. Perchance you view it as a lump of coal — then may it light a warm fire for you this snowy holiday season.

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

## Bah Hum Bug

Traditional "Ebenezer Scrooge" returns to campus for its 22nd annual year

BY SCOTT SWANSON  
STAFF REPORTER

He is a character who has become a cultural icon in America. His very name has entered the national lexicon, describing someone lacking in the Christmas spirit. He has been played by everyone from Patrick Stewart to Bill Murray to Mister Magoo.

Starting tonight, senior theater major Nathan Records will be the latest actor to fill the very large shoes of Ebenezer Scrooge. "When you look at what Patrick Stewart (as Scrooge) is doing, you hope to play the part with respect," Records said. "But we're doing our own version, and I try not to compare myself to anybody else. I just try to do my very best."

Records and a cast of more than 30 people will be bringing "Ebenezer Scrooge" to life at the Forest Roberts Theatre this week. This will be the 22nd consecutive year the play has been produced at Northern.

The popular play is one of the year's biggest fundraisers for the First Nighter's Club, which provides funds and equipment for the Forest Roberts Theatre program and its student-artists, Theater Director James Panowski said.

Those who have attended the play in the past will be in for some surprises, said Panowski, who is also producing this year's

edition. "This is going to be an entirely new version," he said. "It's our third big adaptation."

Assistant Professor of Communication and Performance Studies Paul Truckey and his wife Keli will be taking over the director's reigns this year. The pair were also responsible for adapting the play from Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol."

Truckey said he was comfortable with taking over this NMU tradition, and wanted his adaptation to stick close to Dickens' original vision.

The play will not be a musical as it has been in the past, but will instead use traditional Christmas music in the background to help move the plot along, he said.

"Hopefully this is exactly like the original story," he said. "The main thing was that we wanted to tell the story. The reason it's been around since 1843 is because it's so good."

Dickens originally published the novella with the intent of drawing reader's attention to the dilemma of England's poorer classes. The play is centered around the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a selfish miser who receives a visit from the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley, who has been condemned to wander the earth in chains for his self-serving ways. This is the first supernatural event that changes Scrooge's outlook on Christmas forever.

Although "A Christmas Carol" is not considered one of

Dickens' finer works by literary critics, it is one of his most widely adapted for film, television and theater, including the 1988 movie "Scrooged" which starred Bill Murray in the title role, and the 1981 animated Disney feature "Mickey's Christmas Carol," which was Mickey Mouse's first appearance in a film in over 30 years.

The play has become so popular at Northern because it is a part of people's Christmas ritual, Truckey said.

"I remember watching 'A Christmas Carol' every year when I was a kid," he said. "This play becomes part of their seasonal tradition. They go to church, and then they come see the play. If they don't, they feel empty."

Truckey said he has most enjoyed co-directing with his wife and working with cast, which includes Northern staff and students, community members and children ranging from ages 4-12. Although you always run into problems while working on a play, this one has gone relatively smoothly, he said.

"Plays are a little like solving puzzles," he said. "Luckily, my wife and I had the same vision. We complement each other."

Records believes this year's play will be even better than it has been in the past.

"[The Truckey's] have taken a little more time and effort with the rehearsals," he said. "I've really enjoyed working with them." The play runs from tonight until Sunday, with showings at 7:30 p.m. every night and matinee showings on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

## HoHoHo

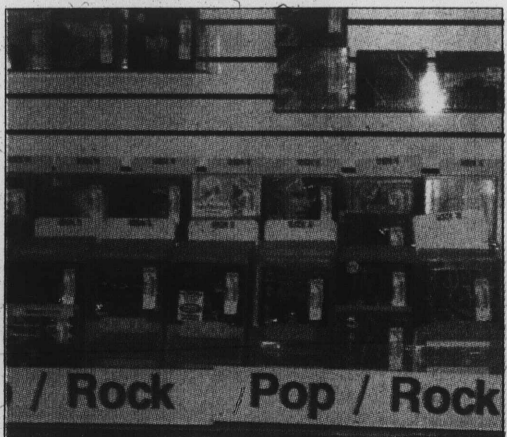
# Three weeks left: A guide to holiday shopping

BY ERIN VRTIS  
STAFF WRITER

The countdown has begun. Halloween and Thanksgiving have passed in all their delicious holiday splendor and the panic has set in for those who haven't yet scouted out the gift-purchasing scene. However, all is not lost. There are still three weeks left until Christmas and plenty of shopping time to go, that is if you know what to get and where to get it.

Those looking to put their abundant holiday spirit to good use are in luck. There are plenty of opportunities right in town. With the technology NMU students have access to, shopping online is another option for holiday gifts.

**Gifts for the gadget nut:** Northern prides itself in being a technological university, but for some of us the ThinkPads just aren't enough. For those that can't make it out into the cold, [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) has many gift ideas. A top gadget listed on the site for this year is a digital camera paired with a photo printer. A



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Msn.com lists Cds, DVDs and video games as top gift ideas for this year's holiday season.



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For significant others and little ones, stuffed animals can be a good holiday gift option.

hit from last year is the handheld planner, phone book and organizer in one, called the palm pilot. Another top gift for those technologically minded is the picture phone. This gift boasts making "seeing is believing" possible any time you are carrying your cell phone with you.

A fun gadget for food lovers is a quesadilla maker. Employees of Kohl's said there were 122 of these quesadilla makers on back order at the Marquette store and are having difficulty keeping this hot item on the shelves.

**Gifts for the entertainment enthusiast:** Students are able to get DVDs, video games and CDs anywhere in Marquette. The problem most often is that they don't know which ones to get. [msn.com](http://msn.com) listed top titles for music and movies, along with top video games.

Action-packed movies are bestsellers this season. Topping wish lists are "X Men 2," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and the Disney flick "Finding Nemo."

"I would like 'Bad Boys 2' for Christmas," senior earth science major Michael Hahn said. "It was hilariously funny; and I want Nintendo Game Cube because it is on sale for \$79."

Another popular DVD set this year is "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" special edition DVD, which has more than 40 extra minutes of movie and bonus material that will introduce the upcoming third movie.

Popular CDs listed on [msn.com](http://msn.com) include new releases from Britney Spears, the Beatles' "Let It Be Naked" and "Room on Fire" by the Strokes. For the gamers out there, this season introduces the controversial "Grand Theft Auto 3," "SOCOM: Navy Seals," and the long-time favorite "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 4."

Another entertainment is the one that keeps on giving. Regal Cinemas in Marquette advertises, at both locations, gift certificates for sale allowing someone else to pay for another's movie going experience in advance.

**Gifts For the sports fanatic:** Winter in Marquette means cold weather and winter sports. Johnson's Sport Shop on Third Street, specializes in the frigid sporting scene.

"Our key departments are hockey and downhill skiing," owner of Johnson's Sport Shop Bob Thompson said.

For hockey, Johnson's offers deals on quality street nets and sells many hockey sticks for Christmas. Johnson's has everything for the avid skier, including waxes, gloves, hats, sweaters and even ski bags.

For sports fans of another sort, Gander Mountain in Marquette, Wal-Mart and Wilderness Sports in Ishpeming has much to offer. For hunters, fishermen and all other lovers of the great outdoors gifts ranging from rifles to Nalgene bottles are high on their list.

"I would like a deer hunting tree stand from Wilderness Sports for Christmas, so that I won't be seen so easily by the deer," Hahn said.

**Gifts for the little ones:** Whether shopping for nieces, nephews, kids or siblings, toys are usually on every child's list. "Our biggest seller for girls is probably the Bratz Dolls (a modern day version of Barbie complete with their own catwalk)," Wal-Mart employee, Chris Sullivan said. "And I would say

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Incredible Hulk action figures are the most popular for boys."

Other top items mentioned by Sullivan are musical instruments for kids and the gaming systems, X-Box and Play Station 2.

**For significant others:** Bath and Body Works, in Westwood Mall, had lots of ideas.

For girls, lotions and spa gift sets are must-haves.

"Girls buy the lotions for themselves, but they never splurge on the spa sets on their own," junior marketing major Rebecca Thompson said. "And for scents, cucumber melon, warm vanilla sugar and mango mandarin are really popular."

For guys, Bath and Body Works offers a complete line of neutral and aroma therapy scents especially for men. Thompson suggests Eucalyptus Spearmint for guys.

Other ideas for significant others, according to [msn.com](http://msn.com), include satin sheets, Godiva Chocolates, flowers and personalized jewelry.



Don Lhamon/NW  
Scented lotions, spa sets and aroma therapy scents are popular gifts for male and female.

## Commencement puts students in real world

BY TOM MURPHY  
STAFF REPORTER

For approximately 550 Northern Michigan University students, life is going to drastically change on Dec. 13 as they walk across the stage in their cap and gowns. In one brief moment while they receive the coveted university degree, the innocence of youth is over and the reality of adult life begins.

Karl Wurm, a senior ski area business management major said he is nervous about the new life he is about to embark on.

Wurm said soon after he graduates this month, he is moving to Vail, Colo.

"I have to drive across the country, find an apartment, find a job and start paying bills," Wurm said. "My parents helped me out while I was in school, but all that is over now."

Senior philosophy major Sven Pearsall said he is nervous about what is next for him after graduating this month. Pearsall said one option he is seriously considering is moving to England with some friends to pursue a post-graduate education.

"If I was to go to England, all I would take is money and some clothes," Pearsall said. "I would basically be starting life over. But I will get the opportunity to continue my education in a different culture. I am real nervous about the idea because I have never done something like this before. It's going to take some (guts), but it's like Nietzsche (German philosopher) said, 'that which doesn't destroy you makes you stronger.'"

Amy Warman, a senior English writing major said the one thing she regrets about her time at NMU is doing poorly her first two years.

"I wish I had better guidance on what classes to take and things like that," Warman said. "I changed my major twice, but at least I have a wide variety of knowledge."

But not all graduating seniors are worried about the next step.

Senior ski area business management major Ryan Truhn said he is not nervous at all about graduating.

"I am relieved," Truhn said. "I am very relieved to finally be graduating."

Truhn said the only thing he is nervous about is not having health insurance.

"I blew out my knee earlier this semester," Truhn said. "I have to have knee surgery, hopefully I can get it done before I am off my parent's insurance, but I will still have physical therapy, so I'm a little worried about that."

All four students said they enjoyed their time at Northern and they were glad they came here.

Wurm said he was really pleased with the laptop program.

"I was able to become a lot more acquainted with computers," Wurm said. "I wouldn't have been able to have a computer at school

if it wasn't for the program." Truhn enjoyed the Marquette area.

"I did a lot of hiking while I was here and that was great," Truhn said. "Marquette is beautiful. Living up here is great. I really liked the terrain."

Pearsall said he really enjoyed going to NMU because of the size of the classes.

"I wanted to go to a school where the student to teacher ratio was not so large," Pearsall said. "The classrooms here are not huge compared to other schools. I like the idea of being able to talk to professors after and outside of class. I feel like the professors here actually care."

Warman said she learned a lot. "The professors in the writing program are great," Warman said. "They gave me the tools to go out and succeed. I really think they helped me a lot."

Pearsall said one thing he is not happy about is the fact that he has to leave for graduate school.

"If Northern had a philosophy graduate program I would stay," Pearsall said. "I would like to see the philosophy department grow. If you keep shrinking a department you will keep shrinking the odds of those types of kids coming (to NMU). If you have more to offer, more people will come."

Wurm said he expected his classes to be more in depth.

"Most of the stuff we dealt with in the college of business was way too hypothetical," Wurm said. "Professors taught us how to answer their questions and take their tests. I didn't even use the book in some of my classes. I was kind of upset with that. I think they need to relate things more to everyday life (in the business world)."

Wurm and Truhn were both disappointed with the lack of an internship program geared toward their major and the lack of job offerings through NMU.

"Northern didn't have anything to offer me as far as job opportunities in the ski industry," Wurm said. "There was some local stuff, but resorts don't recruit here."

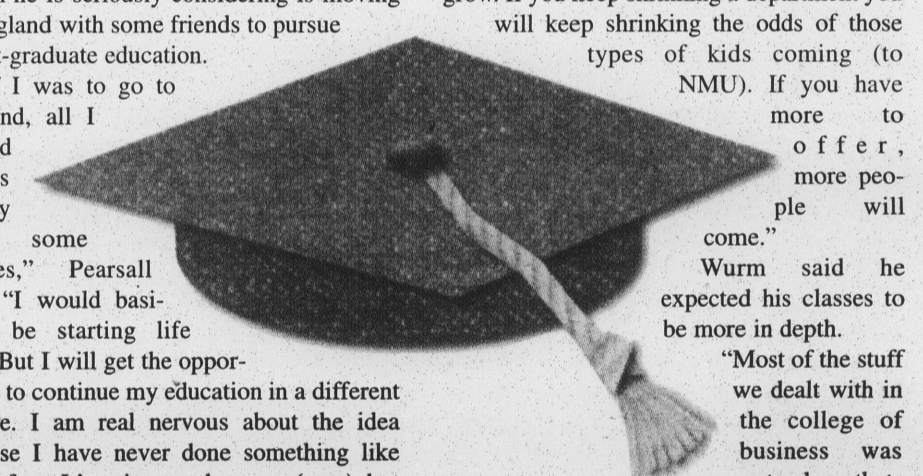
Wurm felt Northern did not do a very good job with letting ski resorts know there were interested kids graduating from NMU who wanted to be in the ski business.

Wurm and Truhn said now that their time at NMU is over there are some things they wished they would have done.

"I wish I would've gotten involved in more intramural sports," Truhn said. "NMU has a lot of things to offer as far as intramural sports and other groups. I wish I would've gotten more involved."

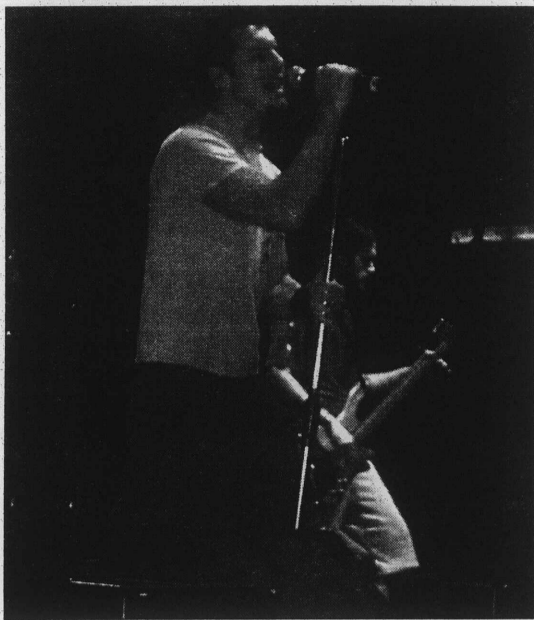
Wurm agreed.

"My first year (at NMU) I stayed in my dorm room a lot," Wurm said. "I didn't really deal with people. I should've interacted more. I should've joined some clubs or organizations. I'll probably never be around such a diverse group of people like this again."





# 311 vocalist discusses band



Don Lhamon/NW

311 along with Alien Ant Farm performed Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Berry Events Center.

## CONVERSATION WITH

SA Martinez, 311 vocalist

On Thursday, Nov. 20, funky, hip-hop, punk band 311 performed in front of 1,837 fans in the Berry Events Center. Although ticket sales weren't as high as expected, the five-member band from Omaha, Neb. put on what many refer to as one of the best concerts in NMU history.

311, which has been together since the early '90s, is well-known for chart-topping singles such as "Amber," "Down" and "Transistor." The members of the band, SA Martinez, Chad Sexton, Tim Mahoney, P-nut and Nick Hexum have formed a strong brotherly bond living together on and off the road.

The band is currently on tour promoting their sixth and latest album, "Evolver."

Last Wednesday, North Wind Managing Editor Yonika Willis had the opportunity to talk to SA Martinez, lead vocalist of 311, on the phone before their concert.

### What keeps you motivated?

We love doing what we're doing. We're having a blast. It's a dream come true. We've realized the dream and we continue to realize it every night on stage. Our fans inspire and motivate us; we motivate us too. When it comes down to it, it's the music that propels us and keeps us going and continues to inspire us. We've been doing this for over a decade now and we thoroughly enjoy what we do. We're in a very great place and very fortunate.

### Who has inspired you musically?

A vast number of people. Early on in junior high and high school it would be Queen, Michael Jackson, Prince and U2. As far as the band, we were influenced by bands that were out when we were starting our thing, which includes Beastie Boys, 24-7 Spyz, Public Enemy and NWA.

### How does "Evolver" compare to your previous five albums?

It is probably our most complete record as far as the songs go. It's the most mature songwriting that we've established. The melodies are great; the harmonies are on point. It's a record that is a testament to continued growth. It's a sign of things to come. We really had a great time making the record and loved the results. It's probably hands down our best record and it's all our own song writing.

### What advice would you give to other bands?

Really what did it for us is that we played and practiced as much as we could. When you have a band and are working with four or five other individuals, coming to an agreement on what to practice can be hard. But with us, music was first, second and last. Practice as much as you can and play as much as you can.

### What is your key to success?

We're brothers. We've lived together on and off the road. We've shared a lot and know a lot about one another, probably more so than our respective immediate families. It's really just us sticking together. We've seen a lot of bands come and go. I think it's our chemistry and our love for one another that has kept us going.

### What do you do when you're not doing music?

Probably listening to music or creating some other songs or getting ideas. It's a pretty sweet life. When we're not on the road we're at home. We all take full advantage of where we live. There's a lot of shows we can go to, a lot of good food. But for me, it's always music. The first thing I do when I wake up is put music on. It's my life.

### What music is currently in your CD player?

My iPod has a gambit of everything from old school reggae to contra tenor by the name of Andreas Scholl. I love it all. Last night, I listened to the Clash and The Roots. There's really nothing in particular. I'm always jumping from song to song.

### What's your most cherished moment?


On our Web site, I mention opening a show for 10,000 Maniacs on their farewell tour — that is a moment that definitely sticks out, because I'm definitely a huge fan of their music. Another would be sharing the stage with the likes of Public Enemy, James Brown and connecting with my idols. Also, listening to fans and just the sheer joy they are getting from the music at a show. Nothing beats that, knowing your music can make a difference makes you know you're doing something right.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The full version of this interview is available online at [www.thenorthwind.org](http://www.thenorthwind.org)



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The five-member, Nebraska-based band is currently on tour promoting its sixth album "Evolver."




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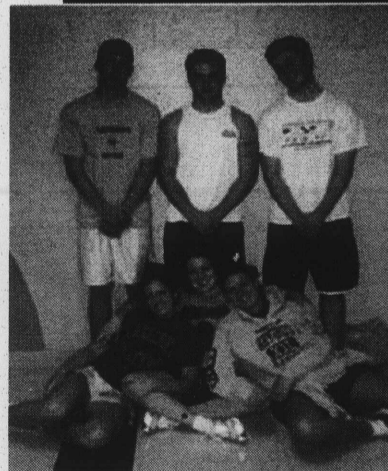
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*Play:* Ebenezer Scrooge begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students. Tickets can be bought at the theater, the Dome, Willy's Snak Shak or online at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

*Film:* "Bottle Rocker" (R) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to students and \$1 for non-students.

*Meeting:* First Aid Productions will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in Pioneer Room B. FAP is a student-run music collective that puts on concerts for NMU and the Marquette community. For more information contact Kory at 223-5315.

*Event:* From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the LRC and from noon to 5 p.m. in the UC there will be informational displays where people can find local resources as well as facts and statistics about HIV and AIDS. At 6 p.m. there will be a candlelight vigil at the Heart of Northern to commemorate the lives that have been lost to the AIDS epidemic. Free condoms and safer sex kits will be available. This event is brought to you by your Student Activity Fee and the Black Student Union.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 5**

*Play:* Ebenezer Scrooge begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students. Tickets can be bought at the theater, the Dome, Willy's Snak Shak or online at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

*Meeting:* Vox will be meeting at 4 p.m. in the Cadillac Room in the UC. Join us as we make plans for the coming semester.

*Athletics:* The USOEC Greco-Roman Wrestlers will be competing in the East vs. West Competition at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at Westwood High School in Ishpeming. Tickets are \$2 for students with an ID and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds will go to help the Greco team travel. Assistant coach Steve Goss will be the MC for the night. He will be explaining the different moves, techniques and strategies during the duals. Performing live, is the talented Soul Singer/USOEC wrestler Jeremiah Davis. If anyone has questions or would like more information they can call the USOEC at 227-2888.

*Meeting:* The Marquette Astronomical Society will hold its bimonthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Shiras Planetarium in Marquette High School. For more information please contact Scott at 225-0959.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6**

*Deadline:* Last day of classes.

*Athletics:* The men's hockey team will take on Lake Superior State at 7:05 p.m. at the Berry Events Center.

*Play:* Ebenezer Scrooge begins at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students. Tickets can be bought at the theater, the Dome, Willy's Snak Shak or online at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

*Athletics:* The women's basketball team will take on Michigan Tech at 1 p.m.

*Athletics:* The men's basketball team will take on Michigan Tech at 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7**

*Play:* Ebenezer Scrooge begins at 1 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students. Tickets can be bought at the theater, the Dome, Willy's Snak Shak or online at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

*Athletics:* The men's basketball team will take on Minnesota - Duluth at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 8**

*Sale:* ASNMU is holding their annual consignment book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the atrium in the UC.

*Meeting:* Dr. Roy has requested to hold a Budget Reductions Forum at 6 p.m. in the Michigan/Ontario Rooms in the UC. It is very important that students attend this dis-

cussion forum since the decisions being made will greatly impact student life at NMU. Be prepared to discuss the departments, services, and qualities you value most (and least).

**TUESDAY, DEC. 9**

*Sale:* ASNMU is holding their annual consignment book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the atrium in the UC.

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

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10**

*Sale:* ASNMU is holding their annual consignment book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the atrium in the UC.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14**

*Event:* Commencement will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Superior Dome. Gary R. Bertoline will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary degree. Come and say goodbye.

*Athletics:* The men's hockey team will be playing Michigan Tech at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

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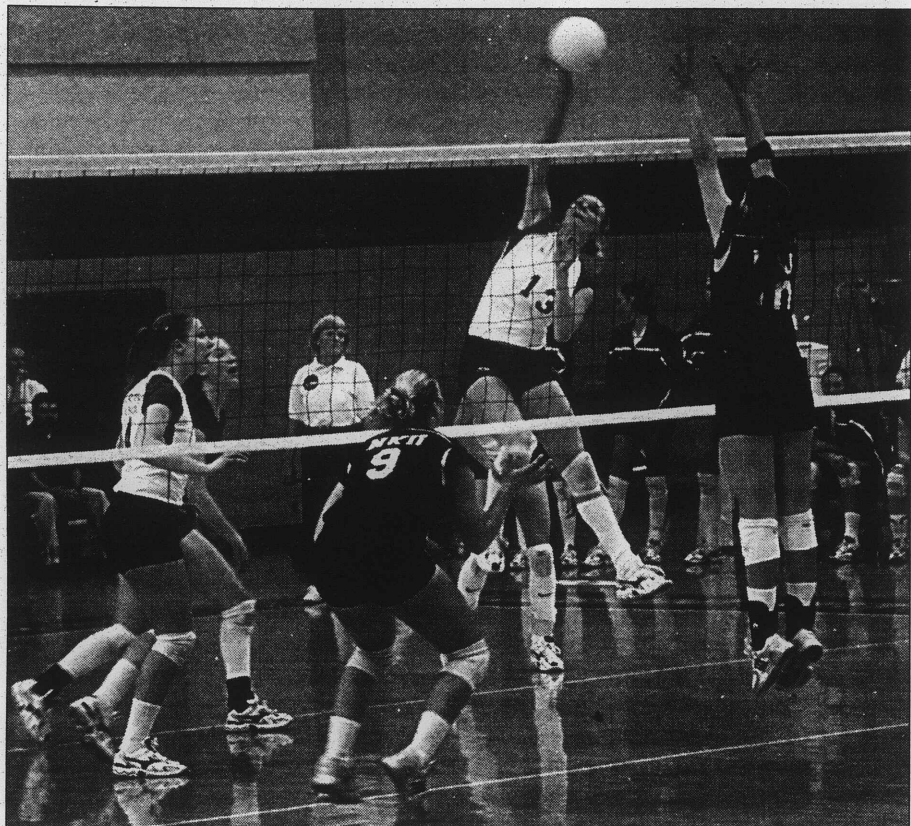
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## First loss eliminates team, ends season



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Junior outside hitter Aimee Dewitte recorded 13 kills against NKU on Nov. 22. Northern Kentucky handed NMU its first loss of the year. The 'Cats finished 26-1.

BY DAVE MOSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In the second round of the Great Lakes Regional volleyball tournament, NMU lost its first match of the season to Northern Kentucky, knocking the Wildcats out of the running for a regional championship.

Northern fell, 3-1, despite putting up numbers higher than NKU in almost every category from blocks to service aces.

NMU (26-1) hosted the tournament at Vandament Arena, and had a first round bye. NKU (26-11) beat Findlay in the first round to become NMU's opponent.

Although this was the first time the 'Cats faced NKU, they watched them play at the beginning of the season. They also got to see film on the team, sophomore middle blocker Holly Greenamyre said.

The Nov. 21 match went to four games. The match was close in every game except one. NKU took the first game, 30-27, but NMU came back to win the second game, 31-29.

The Norse won the third game by a 30-22 margin giving them a 2-1 lead in the match. The fourth game became a must win for the 'Cats or else they would be eliminated from the tournament to end the

season.

While NMU stayed in the game and showed the beginnings of a comeback, Northern Kentucky came out on top, 30-28.

"We should have been able to beat Northern Kentucky," Greenamyre said. "They weren't anything we couldn't handle." In the match, NMU beat NKU statistically in several areas. NMU had 60 kills while NKU only had 56. NMU more than doubled NKU in team blocks, 12-5, and in service aces, NMU led 4-3.

Sophomore libero Liz Kohn said the team made too many errors at the wrong times, which probably caused the loss.

"It was the match that we just couldn't get out of," she said. "Every other time we had come back, but for some reason, this match we couldn't get out of it."

The team was also very nervous in the match, Kohn said.

She could feel the excitement of the NCAA tournament when they walked into the arena, she said.

"When you walked in you could feel it was huge," she said.

A loss means elimination when it comes down to tournament time, and the team finished the season 26-1 overall.

## Runners finish seventh at NCAA Nationals

BY ALEX PINA  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

For the fourth year in a row, the Northern Michigan University women's cross country team ended their season with a top 10 finish at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships.

Held in Raleigh, N.C. on Nov. 22, the Wildcats finished seventh in the nation, and were led by senior Jennifer Lahr who finished 28th individually with a time of 22:21.

Running in her last cross country race of her college career, Lahr's time was good

enough to earn NCAA Division II All-American honors.

"All the hard work finally paid off," she said. "My goal going in [Nationals] was to race fast enough to make All-American, and I came away from the event having accomplished my goal. I am very happy with the way I finished my cross country career. My freshman year, I never figured that I would end it all being an All-American."

*"Another racer kept cutting me off in the corners, so I gave her an elbow to let her know I was there. After that, she didn't cut into me."*

— Jennifer Lahr  
senior runner

Also scoring points for NMU was sophomore Stephanie Howe in 53rd with a time of 23:19, sophomore Jane Stieber in 60th with a time of 23:26, senior Traci Wills in 68th and sophomore Maria Stuber in 71st.

Junior Tami Kochen and freshman Jessica Kalafut finished 90th and 103rd respectively.

With their 268 team points, Northern finished four points behind Harding and South Dakota State, who tied for sixth

with 264 points. Adams State won the event with a total of 38 team points.

The setting for the race took place on more of a traditional cross country race course.

Much of the course was in the woods and was littered with hills and mud.

It was the kind of course that the team feels it has been more competitive on, Lahr said. With almost 200 National-caliber women competing, it made for a crowded race with a lot of very fast competition, she said.

"It was fun because there were so many people there," she said. "I threw my first elbow ever in

my career. Another racer kept cutting me off in the corners, so I gave her an elbow to let her know I was there. After that, she didn't cut into me."

Despite two of Northern's top four runners not feeling well before the race, Northern remained positive and went out as a team and ran a solid race, head coach Sten Fjeldheim said.

Lahr said everyone on the team ran very strong and with confidence and didn't buckle under the pressure of running in a National competition.

"We were very excited that the girls finished seventh,"

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## Scoring depth key to 'Cats unbeaten streak

BY MATT WELLENS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The Wildcats are off to an undefeated start for the 2003-04 season with a 5-0 record after hosting Finlandia, Rollins College and Concordia University on Nov. 21 and 22.

While head coach Mike Geary said the record is nice, he doesn't feel it holds great importance.

"We're more interested in improvement rather than the record," Geary said.

The Wildcats had a plethora of scorers in their first five games with five girls averaging in double figures in points.

"[Depth] is one of our biggest strengths," junior forward Andrea Brooke said. "Every one is good at every position."

In both of the games against Rollins and Concordia, NMU had five girls in double figures.

Brooke said this has shown that each player can do well when she needs to.

Other teams can't focus on guarding one specific player, she said.

"It makes a team choose their poison," Geary said.

Against Rollins College on Nov. 21, senior guard Emily Samuelson and junior guard Tera Opperman put up 21 points apiece to lead the team in scoring. For Opperman, the 21-point mark was a career high.

The three other 'Cats in double figures were junior guard Tiffany Grubaugh with 16, freshman guard Holly Cole with 13 and sophomore forward Michelle Moard with 10.

The Wildcats won, 89-73.

The next day, Nov. 22, NMU picked up right where it left off by scoring more than double as much as Concordia University, 92-45.

Northern dominated the scoreboard as well as the lane by outrebounding the Falcons, 48-27.

Geary said the team was able to establish

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Don Lhamon/NW

Sophomore guard Tera Opperman, left, had a career high of 21 points against Rollins College on Nov. 21. Northern defeated the Tars, 89-73.



## Northern out-pressures FU for home-court win

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU men's basketball team improved its record to 4-1 with a 73-55 win against Finlandia University Monday night at the Berry Event Center.

Sophomore guard Antwan Holt and senior forward Billy Hill each scored 12 points leading the Wildcats.

Finlandia (0-7) gained the advantage early in the game and held the lead for much of the first half.

"Finlandia played great," NMU head coach Dean Ellis said. "We started out back on our heels, but once we settled down, we played well."

At 6:27 of the first half, sophomore forward Marco Volcy hit a field goal that gave the Wildcats the lead, 22-21.

Once the Wildcats got the lead, they never gave it back. NMU went on a 16-3 run to end the half.

The Wildcats continued to keep up the pressure in the second half outscoring Finlandia, 35-31.

"Our pressure was great," Ellis said. "When you play that hard and with that much energy, teams will have a hard time keeping up with you."

Northern held Finlandia to just 32 percent shooting from the floor.

Ellis said he was pleased with the way the Wildcats spread out their scoring.

Four players scored in double-digits and everybody who played scored.

The Wildcats shot 46.2 percent from the floor.

On Nov. 29, the Wildcats defeated Northland College, 72-58, in Marquette.

Four players scored in double figures with freshman forward Ricky Volcy leading the way with 16 points.

The Wildcats first loss of the

season came from Marquette University on Nov. 24 at the Bradley center in Milwaukee by a score of 70-58.

Wildcat sophomore guard Keder Hyppolite said the Wildcats played the game well which was a confidence booster because Marquette is a quality Division I school who played in the Final Four last year.

"We stayed with them all game," Hyppolite said. "We played very hard. Everyone was all hyped up about Marquette being D-I and everyone thought we were going to get blown out,

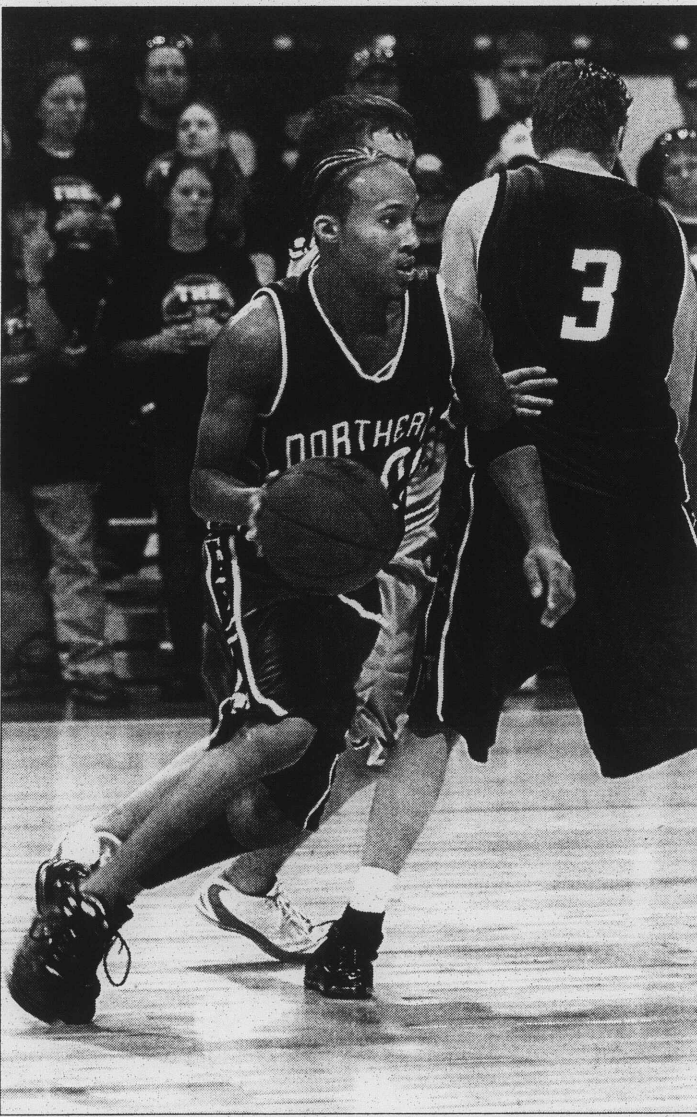
but we played with confidence."

On Nov 21-22 the Wildcats played two games in Fargo, ND and won them both.

First the Wildcats defeated North Dakota State University, 60-55.

The next day the Wildcats defeated University of Minnesota-Moorhead, 74-72.

"We won two very close games, against two quality programs," Ellis said. "You have to learn how to close games and have confidence at the end of close games to be successful. We handled both games well."



Courtesy of Duane Pape  
Sophomore guard Antwan Holt tied for the lead in total points with 12 against Finlandia University on Dec. 1. NMU won, 73-55.

## Fighting Irish sweep Wildcats

BY ROB HAMILTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The NMU hockey team continued to struggle offensively, losing a pair of games, 5-1 and 4-2, to the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in South Bend, Ind. last weekend.

The Wildcats (4-6 CCHA, 5-7 overall) have scored 13 goals in their past eight games and are 1-6 on the road this season. The team has had 13-15 underclassmen in the line-up per night and has only three seniors on its roster.

"We can't blame [losses] on the fact that we're young all the time," sophomore forward Dirk Southern said. "I have to give [Notre Dame] a lot of credit. They're a big, strong, experienced team and they played well."

In the first game on Nov. 28, Southern assisted on sophomore defenseman Nathan Oystriek's power-play goal with 2:28 remaining.

The 'Cats were outshot 34-20 in the game as five different UND skaters recorded goals before Oystriek scored to spoil UND freshman goalie David Brown's shutout.

"Notre Dame is one of the best teams in the country, that's for sure," head coach Walt Kyle said. "They have some guys that are great impact players and some strong senior leadership."

Senior goalie Craig Kowalski made 25 saves in the loss, but was pulled after the Irish's fourth goal in favor of junior goalie Tuomas Tarkki.

The move was made to give Kowalski some rest and get Tarkki some more experience, Kyle said.

The following night, NMU jumped out to a 2-0 lead halfway through the second period, but the Irish stormed back with four unanswered goals, including three in the third period to com-

plete the series sweep.

"The second night was really disappointing because we had a chance to win the game and they came back and beat us," freshman forward Darin Olver said. "They picked up a couple of breaks and their goalie played very well."

Olver and Southern each scored their fifth goal of the season to give the Wildcats the early lead.

The two forwards normally center the team's top two lines, but were paired together on the same line for the first time in their collegiate careers.

*"We can't blame [losses] on the fact that we're young all the time."*

— Dirk Southern  
sophomore forward

Southern said Kyle was trying out the combination, but he didn't think he would be playing with Olver on a permanent basis.

"Darin is a natural center," he said. "Neither one of us are really big bruising guys, but it was nice to play with someone with his playmaking ability."

Southern and Olver lead a group of underclassmen that has scored 26 of the team's 31 goals this season.

Olver said the team needs to continue to work on improving its defense and transition game to get better offensive opportunities.

"A lot of the young guys, including myself, are just learning how to play defense at the collegiate level," he said. "I mean, thank God we have Kowalski to save our ass most nights."

With the sweep, Notre Dame is now tied for the conference lead with a 7-3-2 CCHA record. NMU is tied for sixth with Alaska-Fairbanks.

## NMU defeats Hillsdale for first season win

BY MELANIE RASMUSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

The women's swimming and diving team picked up its first win of the season against Hillsdale College in a double dual meet with the Chargers and Wayne State University.

Northern defeated Hillsdale, 110-83. The team then lost to WSU, 118-75.

The Warriors also defeated Hillsdale, 119-82.

"Everyone was really excited and pumped about the win," senior Julie Weiler said.

The first event of the meet was the 400-yard medley, where senior Shelly

Ruspakka, junior Larisa Graham, freshman Sarah Bartosh and junior Sam Pechek took second with a time of 4:08.69. Junior Lindsey Vermillion then took third in the 1,650 event (19:02.95).

In the next event, Pechek and Graham placed second and third respectively with times of 2:00.46 and 2:00.54 in the 200 freestyle.

Ruspakka swam to a third place finish in the 50 freestyle (25.91).

Bartosh captured the team's first win in the 200 IM (2:15.99). Sophomore Anna Herman took second in the event (2:18.59).

Bartosh picked up her second win of the meet in the 200 butterfly with a time of

2:16.53. Herman took third place in the event (2:20.85). In the 100 freestyle, Pechek took a second place with a time of 54.25.

On the one-meter board, sophomore Michelle Ruiz dove to a second place finish with a score of 253.72. That score was a personal best and qualified her for the NCAA II National Swimming and Diving Championships.

Senior Kathie Cole won the second diving competition of the meet in the three-meter event with a score of 272.25 points. This score was also a personal best and qualified her for the NCAA II National Swimming and Diving Championships.

The team begins competition today at

Notre Dame in the Notre Dame Invitational. The meet runs through Saturday.

Weiler said the team is feeling pretty good going into the meet.

"We've been on a taper for two weeks now and we are feeling pretty ready," she said.

Weiler did not accompany the team to Notre Dame because of class conflicts. She began swimming with the team two months ago and did not feel ready to swim in the meet.

The team had been focusing on conserving their energy and perfecting their stroke work in practice to prepare for upcoming meets, she said.



# Moore leads volleyball team to success

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

In the 2003 volleyball season, NMU not only had a new coach, but also appeared to be a new team as the 'Cats recorded a perfect regular season and finished 26-1 overall.

Head volleyball coach Jim Moore returned to NMU last year after a nine-year absence. The last time he coached at Northern was in 1993 when his team earned the National Championship. He then left to coach for Division I Kansas State.

Under Moore, the team excelled after posting a 15-15 record the year before.

"Jim (Moore) will always give us full credit and tell us it was all us," sophomore libero Liz Kohn said. "Obviously coaching has made a difference." Moore's adage was one at a time, and that seemed to work for the 'Cats as they put away one opponent after another along a 26 game winning streak.

"This year we all came together and decided we were all going to just do it," sophomore middle blocker Holly Greenamyre said. "[We would] work

hard and get the job done."

For 11 weeks, the team could not lose. In the best three-out-of-five game matches, only four actually went to five games. NMU won a majority of its matches 3-0 or 3-1.

"If you focus each week on just the games coming up, it keeps you going. It was really good strategy," Greenamyre said about Moore's one-at-a-time philosophy. However, she said it was hard at times not to look ahead to the end of the season.

NMU won the GLIAC conference title on Nov. 7. By completing the regular season undefeated, the 'Cats already earned this award, but they officially claimed the title with a GLIAC tournament win.

At the conference, the coaches and players received awards for their work and wins. Junior outside hitters Aimee Dewitte and Jennie Little were named to the 2003 GLIAC Volleyball All-Tournament team.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association bestowed more awards upon the Wildcats after the regional tournament. Moore was named the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year. Dewitte and Little were named to the

All-Great Lakes Region Team. Dewitte was also named to the AVCA All-American Team. Freshman outside hitter Ashley Kiel was named the Great Lakes Region Freshman of the Year.

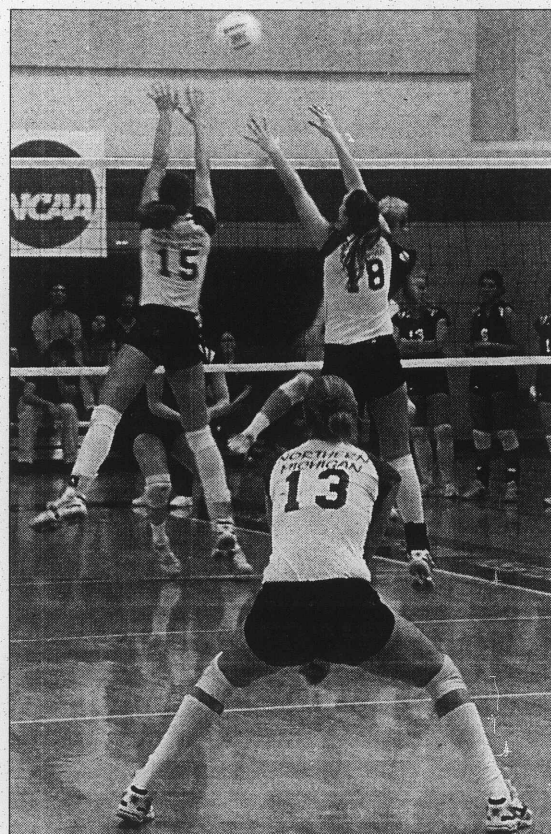
Throughout the season, fan support was important to the 'Cats. They broke the 1,000-spectator mark in Vandament Arena this season.

"We really do appreciate it a great deal when everyone comes out and cheers, whether it was the last game or all the games before," Kohn said.

Next year, NMU will see a majority of the squad returning. Senior setter Anne Hasenstab was the only senior on the team this year, and at this point, the only starter the 'Cats will lose.

The players returning next year have already set higher goals, Kohn said. While this year their goals included winning the conference title which they accomplished, losing in the regional portion of the NCAA tournament was not a satisfactory ending to the season, she said.

"The feeling we got after that last game made us all sick and we are still upset about it," she said. "It is going to drive us next year."



Don Lhamon/NW

Freshman outside hitter Ashley Kiel, left, and junior outside hitter Aimee Dewitte, center, received honors for their performances during the season.

## 'Cats endure tough year

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Doug Sams entered his second season as NMU head football coach with much optimism despite the fact that his team only had eight seniors and had to start the season off with three straight road games.

"Everyone was really excited when the season began," Sams said. "We had a good nucleus returning from the previous season."

But the season did not turn out how the team hoped. The Wildcats ended the season with a 3-8 overall record (3-7 GLIAC).

"We were a very young team," Sams said. "With only eight seniors and 12 juniors, that left us with 80 guys who were freshmen and sophomores. We had seven sophomores on offense and a lot of new guys on defense. These aren't excuses, they are facts."

The Wildcats started off the season with two losses. They got their first win against Ferris State on the road and then came back to Marquette and won their home opener against the Indianapolis Greyhounds, who were undefeated at the time. But then, the Wildcats lost four games in a row; the fourth loss being perhaps the toughest loss of the season for Northern against the Wayne State Warriors.

The Wildcats held the lead for much of the game including a 42-28 lead at the end of the third quarter. The final score was 42-45.

"Maybe we needed to play with more passion this season,"

NMU senior cornerback Sydney St. Hilaire said. "We were focused, but not focused enough. The seniors tried to provide leadership but it just wasn't enough. You really can't point fingers. I really don't know what happened this season."

The biggest highlight of the season was the 35-24 win against Michigan Tech, Sams said.

"Beating our rival in front of over 7,000 fans was great," he said. "It was really a big game for us."

The next week, the Wildcats played the No. 1 ranked Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on the road and held a 15-13 lead at half time, but were unable to complete the upset as SVSU took control in the second half and won the game, 42-15.

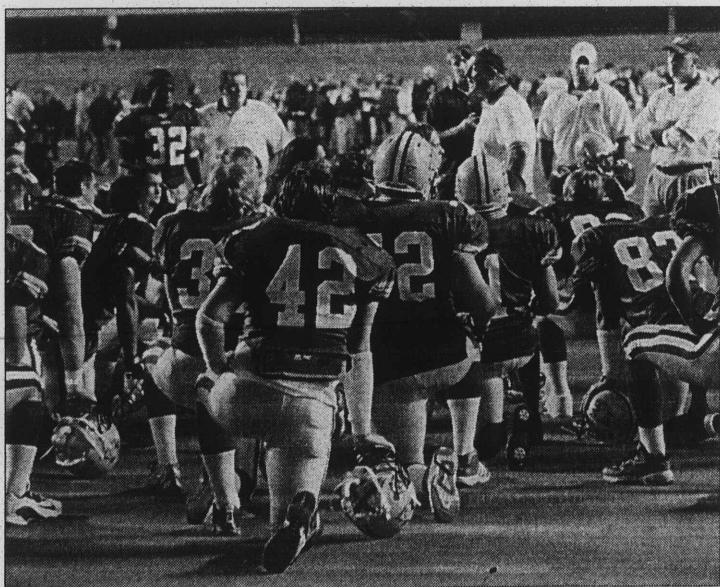
The Wildcats lost their last game of the season to Northwood

in the Superior Dome, 56-17. The game ended with 25 seconds left in the game due to a fight breaking out, which ended a season that did not live up to expectations.

"We are all very disappointed," Sams said. "We really thought that we would be more successful."

Despite the losing season, some Wildcats were recognized for their efforts. Senior linebacker Brandon Genwright was named to the All-GLIAC First Team. Sophomore tailback Abram McCoy, sophomore wide receiver Vinney Mayfield and senior offensive lineman Dan Nett were all named to the All-GLIAC Second Team.

With this season behind them and many players returning next year, the 'Cats have the future to look forward to.



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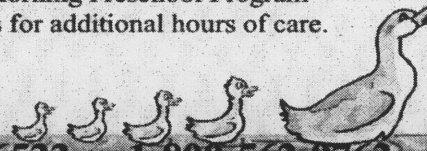
Head coach Doug Sams had his team take a knee after their final game against NU on Nov. 15. The 'Cats finished the season, 3-8.

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# NMU prepares for LSSU

BY ROB HAMILTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The NMU hockey team will look to get back to the .500 mark as it takes on Lake Superior State University in a home-and-home series this weekend.

The Wildcats (5-7 overall, 4-6 CCHA) have lost seven of nine and have only won one road game all season.

Sophomore defenseman Nathan Oystriick, the team's leading point scorer, said this series will be especially important because LSSU is in the team's cluster (one of three conference teams the Wildcats will play four times instead of twice).

"[LSSU] is a team that we should beat," Oystriick said. "They're definitely a different team this year. It's going to be a hard fought battle."

The Lakers have surprised some teams this season by starting off the year 4-4-4 overall after finishing at the bottom of the CCHA standings the last two seasons. Last year, the Lakers only won three conference games.

"I watched them on tape and I can tell you they are much improved," head coach Walt Kyle said.

The Lakers rank third in the CCHA in team defense and feature one of the best young goalies in the nation in freshman Jeff Jakaitis, who has split time in net with junior Matt Violin.

Jakaitis has posted a 1.35 goals against average and a .965 save percentage in five games this season.

LSSU head coach Frank Anzalone has brought in some good young players that will make his program strong in years

to come, Kyle said.

"Frank's been there for three years now and he's brought in some good recruiting classes," Kyle said. "You can see that they're playing the kind of style that Frank wants. They're a big physical team that is really patient with the puck."

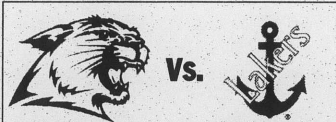
The key to being successful this weekend is to work the puck down low and pepper the LSSU goaltenders with shots, Oystriick said.

Oystriick has already matched his season point total from last year (12) and is one of few defensemen in the country to be leading his team in scoring.

"I worked hard this summer and worked on a lot of things," Oystriick said. "I've played a bigger role this year and played on the power-play units, which has helped out my offense."

The Lakers will host the 'Cats at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Sault Ste. Marie. The teams will then face-off the following night in Marquette at the same time.

After the Lake State series, NMU will play in another home-and-home series with its other Upper Peninsula rival Michigan Tech University on Dec. 12 and 13.



THE MATCHUP		
NMU		FSU
5-7-0	W-L-T	4-4-4
<b>OFFENSE</b>		
2.6	Goals (Avg.)	2.2
53	Assists	43
84	Points	70
24.9	Shots (Avg.)	30.2
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
0	Shutouts	1
3.4	Goals Against (Avg.)	2.6
36	Opp. Shots (Avg.)	26.8
.905	Save Percentage	.904
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>		
18.5	PP. Percentage	13.5
88.7	PK. Percentage	72.4
10	PP Goals	7
1	SH Goals	1
17	Penalty Minutes/Game	8.5

## RUNNERS

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Fjeldheim said. "[Going into Nationals], we were feeling very good about finishing in the top 10. The women had a very successful season and we were very pleased with the way it went."

For the Wildcats to qualify for Nationals and with the level of competition in Division II, it is not an easy thing to do, Fjeldheim said.

It was an outstanding

achievement just to qualify and even more so to finish inside the top ten, he said.

With all it has accomplished this season, Fjeldheim said this year's team has set a standard for the future teams to come.

Now that cross country season is over, most of the girls are already looking forward to the start of the cross country ski season this weekend and the track and field season later on in the spring, which many girls participate in.

## WOMEN

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itself defensively in the game.

Ten of the Wildcat's 48 rebounds belonged to the junior center Emily Belland, who also scored 11 points.

Belland's double-double (10 points and 10 rebounds) came in 16 minutes.

Leading scorers were Grubaugh, who led the team with 23 points, Moard with 11 points and Brooke and Cole, with 12 points apiece.

After playing five games in eight days with two of the games being back-to-back, Brooke said the team felt fine and was able to push each other when endurance was low.

Geary was happy with the way the team bounced back between games, he said.

Over the first five games, the team has improved at being unselfish, Geary said.

"They are able to make that one extra pass," he said.

NMU's five-game winning streak has resulted in a three-way tie for first place in the GLIAC North Division.

Northern shares the top spot with Lake Superior State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

Northern was picked to finish fourth in the North in the preseason poll behind Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State and Ferris State.

## Four recruits sign with NMU hockey team

NMU head hockey coach Walt Kyle and Dave Shyiak, the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator, announced that the following student-athletes have signed a National Letter of Intent to attend NMU and play hockey. A total of four signed, but only three will suit up next year. The three players who will join the 'Cats next year are all currently playing in the British Columbia Hockey League.

Matt Siddall from North Vancouver, B.C., Mike Santorelli from Burnaby, B.C. and Derek Janzen from Abbotsford, B.C. will join the team

for the 2004-05 season. Stephen Balint from Grosselle, Mich. will join the 'Cats for the 2005-06 campaign.

Siddall is currently playing for the Victoria Salsa after starting the season with the Langley Hornets. After 14 games in the 2003-04 season he is currently 13-11-24. Santorelli currently plays for the Vernon Vipers and has appeared in 30 games. Janzen is currently playing for the Chilliwack Chiefs with a 4.38 GAA and a .880 save percentage. Balint is on the roster of the River City Lancers of the U.S. Hockey League.

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# Northern aims to bring depth, firepower to MTU

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

It is still very early in the season, which is why the NMU men's basketball team is trying not to make a very big deal about its game against the Michigan Tech Huskies in Houghton tonight. But as far as early season games go, this game has a lot to offer.

It is the GLIAC season opener for both teams. NMU was ranked No. 1 in the GLIAC North pre-season coaches poll, while the Huskies were ranked No. 2.

NMU head coach Dean Ellis said despite losing six fifth-year seniors from last year's conference winning team, Tech is still very talented, which its 6-0 record shows.

But the Wildcats have been successful so far this season with their only loss coming on the road to Division I, Top 25-ranked Marquette University.

"It's a big game, of course it's a big game," sophomore forward Marco Volcy said. "But we are so focused on our team right now

that we are just taking Tech as just another team and this as just another game. We have to go up there and do what we do."

Ellis said Tech is a very well-coached team and that MTU junior point guard Jason Marcotte is playing as well as any guard in Division II.

The Wildcats will also have to watch out for junior forward Josh Buettner, who was named this week's G L I A C North player of the week after scoring 62 combined points in Tech's last three games.

Northern has a lot of firepower of its own however, Ellis said.

The Wildcats are a very deep team and that depth has shown so far this season with multiple players scoring in double figures in just about every game they have played, Ellis said.

Freshman forward Ricky Volcy is leading the team in scor-

ing with 13.8 points per game, rebounds with 8.2 per game, assists (2.4) and blocked shots (1.6)

The fact that Tech and Northern are such big rivals has amplified the game, but it still is just another game in a long season, Ellis said.

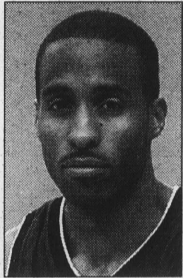
"Someone is going to lose this game," he said. "But that team will be far from hurt. Whoever loses this game will still have a very good opportunity to win the division."

After the game against Tech, the Wildcats will be back home to play the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Dec. 7 then they will play three road games including a game at D-I Oakland.

"Oakland is a very good team," Ellis said. "We will have to play very well."

After the road trip, the Wildcats come home for three straight conference games.

"These are three very important conference games," Ellis said. "If we can play well (during this stretch of home games), it will give us a lot of momentum going into the rest of the season."



Volcy

# Team to face GLIAC foes

BY MATT WELLENS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

After a two-week break, the women's basketball team will take an undefeated record into Houghton to begin GLIAC play against Michigan Tech on Saturday.

The game on Saturday is one of two road games against North Division rivals in the next two weeks. The Wildcats will travel to Midland, Mich. on Dec. 13 to play Northwood.

Michigan Tech has dominated the Wildcats recently with the Huskies winning three out of their last four meetings. Last season, Northern went 1-1 against MTU, winning the first game, 76-74, and losing the second, 60-76.

The Huskies are currently 4-1 after recording their first loss of the season to Minnesota-Duluth on Nov. 28.

Head coach Mike Geary said he hopes he won't see any rust in the game.

"We've been sharp in practice and if we play like we practiced, we should be ok," he said.

Geary has had the team practicing hard over Thanksgiving break by working on the team's rebounding and defensive play, he said.

After Tech, NMU will face Northwood, who has only played three games at this point in the season with a record of 2-1.

The Timberwolves feature sophomore guard Payge Salquist, who was named this week's GLIAC North Division Player of the Week. NU lost three starters from last season when it beat NMU twice.

After Northwood, the Wildcats will be home for the holidays with five games at the Berry Events Center over the break. Finlandia will return for its third game of the season Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Berry Events Center against Northern. After that, the team will have 8-10 days off to go home for Christmas.

The Wildcats will return to play non-conference games against Lewis University on Dec. 29 and



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The lone senior on the women's basketball team Emily Samuelson averages 15 points per game.

Northland on Jan. 3. NMU will also play two GLIAC South division teams during the break, hosting Wayne State on Jan. 6 and Hillsdale on Jan. 8.

With no classes during the break, Geary said Northern will have a chance to get in more practice time instead of the normal 20 hours a week.

The team is allowed to have a better concentration on basketball during break, junior forward Andrea Brooke said.

With very few students on campus during December and January, attendance will be low during the 'Cats home games, but both Brooke and Geary said this will not affect the team.

They like to focus on what happens between the lines on the court, he said.

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 • The NMU hockey team plays Lake Superior State at 7:05 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

**—SATURDAY—**  
 • The NMU swimming and diving team continues competition at the Notre Dame Invitational.  
 • The NMU hockey team hosts Lake Superior State at 7:35 p.m. at the Berry Events Center.

**—SUNDAY—**  
 • The NMU men's basketball team hosts UM-Duluth at 7:30 p.m. at the Berry Events Center.

**HOCKEY**

**CCHA STANDINGS**

Team	CCHA	Pts.	Overall
1. Ohio State	8-3-0	16	11-5-0
Notre Dame	7-3-2	16	8-3-2
3. Miami (OH)	6-3-1	13	8-6-2
Michigan State	6-3-1	13	8-7-1
5. Michigan	5-3-0	10	9-5-0
6. Alaska Fairbanks	4-4-0	8	5-7-0
<b>N. MICHIGAN</b>	<b>4-6-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5-7-0</b>
8. W. Michigan	3-5-1	7	7-7-2
Nebraska-Omaha	3-6-1	7	4-8-2
10. Ferris State	3-7-0	6	5-8-1
Lake Superior State	2-4-2	6	4-4-4
Bowling Green	2-6-2	6	3-7-4

**ND 4, NMU 2**

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**FIRST PERIOD** — No scoring.  
**SECOND PERIOD** — 1. NMU Darin Olver (Dirk Southern, Nathan Oystriek), 3:36. 2. NMU Southern (Geoff Waugh), 10:38.  
 3. ND Rob Globke (Neil Komadoski, Michael Bartlett), 14:01.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 4. ND Mike Walsh (Aaron Gill, Cory McLean), 1:29. 5. ND Globke (Brett Lebda, Tim Wallace), 14:56. 6. ND Matt Amado (Tom Galvin), 16:44.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU, 1-5; ND, 1-5. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 7-14; ND, 7-14. **SHOTS** — NMU, 27; ND, 30. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, Craig Kowalski 26-30; ND, David Brown 27-25.

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**SECOND PERIOD** — 2. ND Chris Trick, 11:34  
 3. ND Cory McLean (Mike Walsh, Aaron Gill), 13:22.  
**THIRD PERIOD** — 4. ND Aaron Gill (Mike Walsh), 6:26. 5. ND Jason Paige (Josh Sciba, T.J. Jindra), 12:30. 6. NMU Nathan Oystriek (Geoff Waugh, Dirk Southern), 17:32.  
**POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES** — NMU, 1-4; ND, 1-7. **PENALTIES** — NMU, 9-18; ND, 6-12. **SHOTS** — NMU, 20; ND, 34. **GOALIE SAVES** — NMU, 29 (Craig Kowalski 25-29); ND, David Brown 19-20.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**NCAA D-II CHAMPIONSHIP**

**TEAM RESULTS**

1. Adams State	38
2. Western State	101
3. Grand Valley State	143
4. Cal State Chico	201
5. Harding	264
5. South Dakota State	264
<b>7. N. Michigan</b>	<b>268</b>
8. Tampa	271
9. South Dakota	280
10. Stonehill	286

**NMU Individual RESULTS** — 16<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Lahr 22:21.7; 53<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Howe 23:19.9; 60<sup>th</sup> Jane Stieber 23:26.9; 68<sup>th</sup> Tracy Wills 23:34.0; 71<sup>st</sup> Maria Stuber 23:36.2; 90<sup>th</sup> Tami Kochen 24:02.4; 103<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Kalafut 24:15.1.

**BASKETBALL**

**GLIAC NORTH MEN**

Team	GLIAC	Overall
1. Michigan Tech	0-0	6-0
2. Grand Valley State	0-0	5-1
<b>3. N. MICHIGAN</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-1</b>
Northwood	0-0	4-1
Saginaw Valley State	0-0	4-1
6. Lake Superior State	0-0	3-1
7. Ferris State	0-0	0-4

**NMU 73, FU 55**

**N. Michigan (73)** Billy Hill 5-8 0-0 12; Antwan Holt 5-7 2-2 12; Ricky Volcy 5-11 0-0 11; Milan Azanjac 4-5 2-4 10; Steve Watts 3-5 0-0 8; Marco Volcy 3-10 0-0 7; Louie Koskey 2-4 1-3 5; Matt LePage 1-5 1-2 3; David Noel 1-4 0-0 2; Wendell Jackson 1-4 0-0 2; Ladi Kabat 0-2 1-2 1.  
**Finlandia (55)** Victor Harrington 5-12 1-2 13; Nick Forgette 3-10 3-3 11; Mike

O'Donnell 3-9 1-4 8; Tyler Lloyd 2-9 2-4 7; Gary Fish 2-2 0-0 5; Mike Nowaczyk 2-5 1-1 5; Chris Loonsfoot 1-2 1-4 4; Ryan Artley 0-6 2-2 2. Totals 18-55 11-20 55.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Watts 2, Forgette 2; Fouled out — none; **REBOUNDS** — NMU 45 (Volcy 9), FU 36 (Harrington 8); **ASSISTS** — NMU 11 (Volcy 2), FU 10 (O'Donnell 4); **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 20, FU 17; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**NMU 72, NU 58**

**N. MICHIGAN (72)** Ricky Volcy 6-15 4-9 16; David Noel 2-5 8-9 12; Milan Azanjac 5-8 1-2 11; Billy Hill 4-11 0-0 10; Steve Watts 2-6 4-6 9; Antwan Holt 3-5 0-1 7; Matt LePage 2-6 0-1 4; Louie Koskey 0-2 3-4 3; Keder Hyppolite 0-2 0-0 0; Ladi Kabat 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-61 20-32 72.  
**Northland (58)** Matt Riley 6-8 0-0 13; Daniel Castillo 4-9 5-6 13; John Hoekstra 3-8 1-3 9; Ryan Tiberg 2-8 2-2 7; Cyrus Nimene 1-7 2-4 4; Josh Ronningen 2-6 0-0 4; Mitch Oetken 1-2 0-0 3; Mark Shinkaruk 1-6 0-0 2; Mike Christenson 0-1 2-2 2; Bobby Ballard 0-1 1-2 1; Aaron Arneson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-57 13-19 58.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Hill 2, Hoekstra 2; Fouled out — NU Ronningen, Castillo; **REBOUNDS** — NMU 50 (Koskey 9), NU 36 (Hoekstra 7); **ASSISTS** — NMU 16 (Volcy 3, Hill 3), NU 12 (Castillo 5); **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 17, NU 25; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**GLIAC NORTH WOMEN**

Team	GLIAC	Overall
<b>1. N. MICHIGAN</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>
Lake Superior State	0-0	5-0
Saginaw Valley State	0-0	5-0
4. Ferris State	0-0	4-1
Michigan Tech	0-0	4-1
6. Northwood	0-0	2-1
7. Grand Valley State	0-0	2-3

**NMU 92, CU 45**

**N. MICHIGAN (92)** Tiffany Grubaugh 9-15 2-3 23; Andrea Brooke 5-10 2-3 12; Holly Cole 4-7 0-0 12; Michelle Moard 5-8 1-2 11; Emily Belland 4-7 3-10 11; Emily Samuelson 3-6 0-0 8; Joy Kohegyi 3-7 1-1 7; Tera Opperman 3-7 1-2 7; Danica Braun 0-1 1-3 1. Totals 36-68 11-24 92.  
**Concordia (45)** Stephanie Young 3-6 0-0 7; Leah Buyarski 2-5 3-4 7; Stacy Rusch 2-7 1-2 7; Lindsay Nehls 0-4 4-4 4; Naomi Wendorf 1-8 2-2 4; Crystal Meerdink 2-5 0-0 4; Michelle Wysocki 1-3 1-2 3; Danielle Heroux 1-4 0-0 3; Angela Rintelman 1-1 0-0 2; Aisha Hopkins 0-1 0-0 0; Erika Ensign 0-1 0-0 0; Missy Janicki 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-46 15-20 45.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Cole 4, Rusch 2; Fouled out — NMU Kohegyi; **REBOUNDS** — NMU 48 (Belland 10), CU 27 (Meerdink 5); **ASSISTS** — NMU 21 (Samuelson 8), CU 6 (Wendorf 2); **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 17, CU 22; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**NMU 89, RC 73**

**N. MICHIGAN (89)** Emily Samuelson 8-13 2-2 21; Tera Opperman 9-11 1-1 21; Tiffany Grubaugh 4-9 7-9 16; Holly Cole 3-9 4-5 13; Michelle Moard 5-12 0-0 10; Emily Belland 2-3 1-4 5; Andrea Brooke 1-6 1-2 3; Danica Braun 0-1 0-0 0; Joy Kohegyi 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 32-67 16-23 89.  
**Concordia (73)** McDonough, Larissa 6-10 5-6 18; Giles, Joslyn 6-8 5-7 17; Johnston, Mary Lou 4-6 2-3 10; Woodcock, Lindsey 3-5 0-0 6; Johnston, Sally 2-4 1-1 5; Warder, Nicole 1-4 1-2 4; Brown, Jennie 1-7 2-2 4; Lancaster, Sarah 1-3 2-2 4; Blankenfeld, Gabriel 2-8 0-0 4. Totals 26-55 19-25 73.  
**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Cole 3 Samuelson 3, McDonough 1; Fouled out — RC Johnston, Sally; **REBOUNDS** — NMU 36 (Moard 7), RC 33 (Giles 12); **ASSISTS** — NMU 18 (Samuelson 6), RC 15 (Hohnston 5); **TOTAL FOULS** — NMU 21, RC 23; **TECHNICALS** — none.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

**NMU vs WSU, HC**

**TEAM RESULTS**

Wayne State	118
N. Michigan	75
<b>N. Michigan</b>	<b>110</b>
Hillsdale College	83

**NMU INDIVIDUAL WINS**

200-yard butterfly, Sarah Bartosh 2:16.53.  
 3-meter diving, Kathie Cole 272.25 points.  
 200-yard breaststroke, Larisa Graham 2:31.54.

**G.L. REGION VOLLEYBALL**

**NKU 3, NMU 1**

**N. Kentucky 30 29 30 30 3**  
 N. Michigan 27 31 22 28 1

**KILLS** — NMU 63 (Jennie Little 14), NKU 56 (Nicole Salisbury 17). **ASSISTS** — NMU 58 (Anne Hasenstab 27), NKU 47 (Sara Taylor 46). **DIGS** — NMU 79 (Aimee Dewitee 19, Liz Kohn 19), NKU 70 (Kristin Koralewski 18). **SERVICE ACES** — NMU 4, NKU 3.

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Do something nice for the  
brunette's birthday. Spoil her  
every day. Dance the last dance.  
— **Swiss Miss's Mom**

**Mom and Dad** — I love you. If I  
fail all my classes I hope you will  
remember this — **Rob**

**Procrastinator** — Hope you fin-  
ished up those late papers so you  
don't let me beat you in an  
English class! You'll get through  
these two weeks ... somehow you  
always do! — **Relaxing over-  
achiever**

**Toilet** — This year I will NOT  
talk to you. — **Famous words**

**Marla and Tyler** — Three years  
since number nine. Thanks for all  
your help and support throughout  
the years. — **Curse.**

**All** — Smiling faces for the first  
time in six months...Thank you.  
I think you've killed the LA  
blues. — **cm.**

**Professors, employers, friends  
and co-workers** — I didn't give  
you all as much as I should have,  
and you all gave me more than I  
deserved. Thanks. And away I  
go! — **Jeremiah, Op. Ed.,  
sometimes voice of public  
broadcasting**

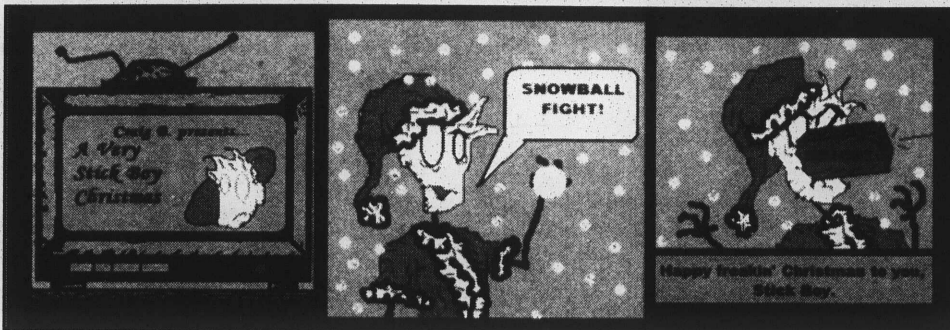
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of being roomies. Thanks for put-  
ting up with me and my array of  
boyfriends — **Mel**

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Long time no talk to — **Spice**

**Semester** — Are you done yet?  
— **Senioritis**

**Crackerjack** — Thanks for  
being there all semester when I  
got back. — **Turkey**

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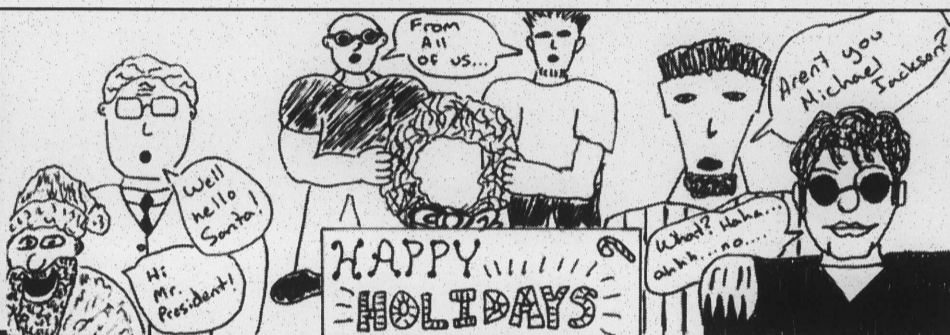
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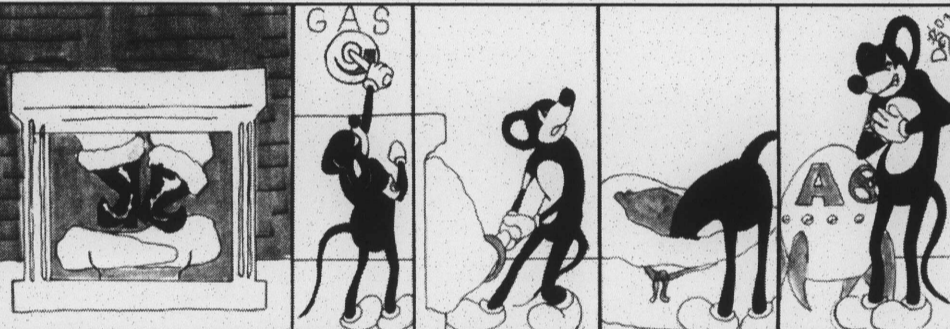
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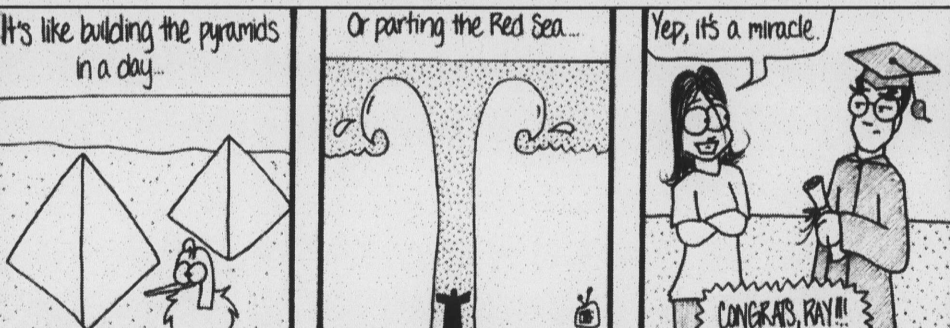
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**72** — Had a great first semester — **Swiss Miss**

**Baker** — Thanks for all your support this semester. I promise I'll acutely take you out once in awhile. I love you lots — **Messmaker**

**Op. Ed.** — Thanks for all the laughs, the good times, and for

creating Africa of course. Really appreciated all the time you put in here this semester. Good luck in the future and make some money for us — **staff**

**Rob B.** — Thanks for all you brought to this campus. Good luck, and keep on keepin' it real! — **Travis and the SFC**

**cm.** — It was great to see your

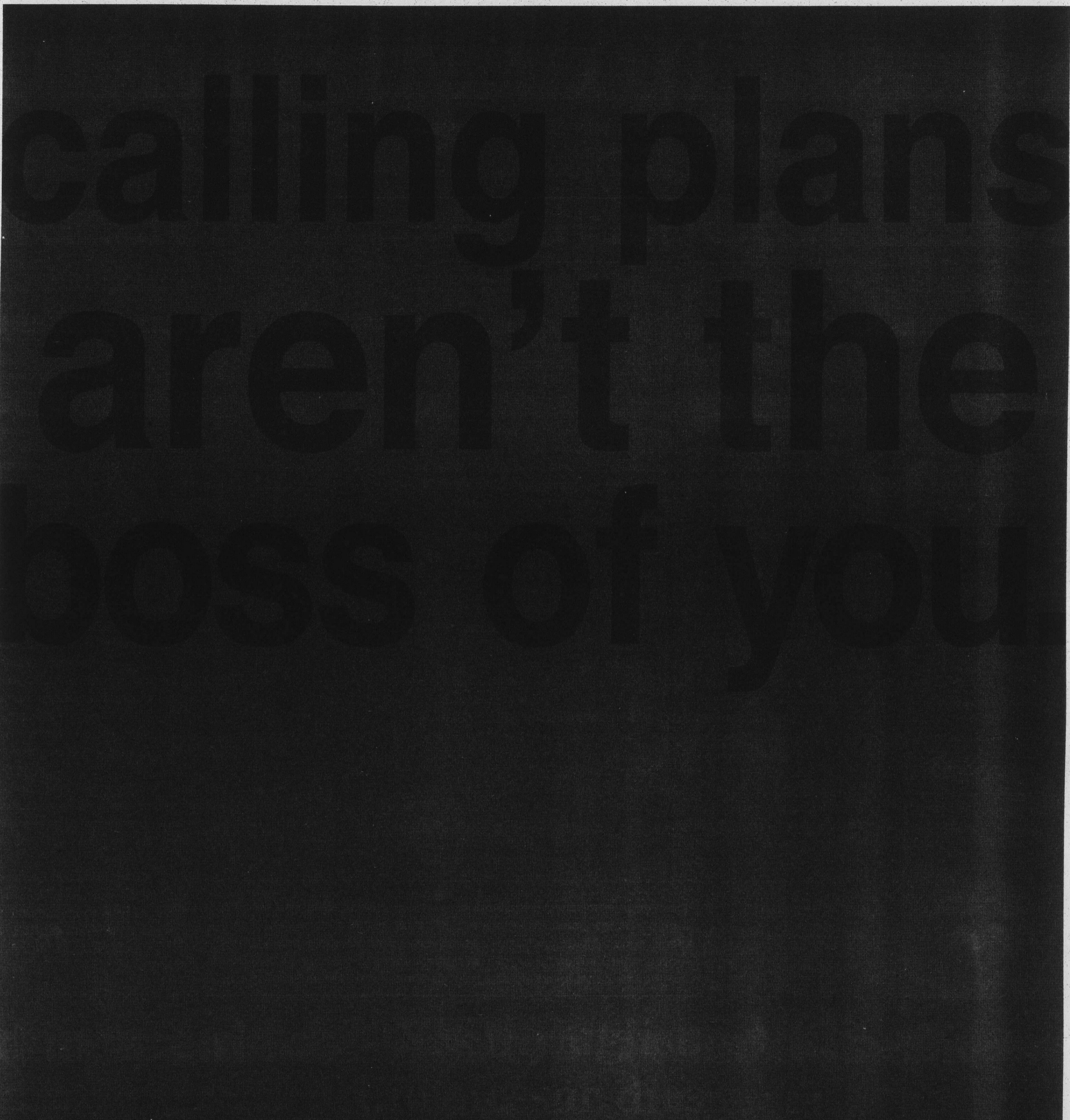
trick ass face again. Stop by any-  
time. — **Staff**

**Semester** — Die bastard, die — **Burnt out**

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