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## Writing exam reviewed

### English faculty members doubt proficiency exam's effectiveness

BY KRISTI ARLT  
STAFF WRITER

Recent proposals concerning the Writing Proficiency Exam and the composition placement procedure may provide changes in the future.

The English Department Composition Subcommittee proposal stipulates a more efficient placement process for students, who would decide for themselves based on their own experience and qualifications to take either EN 090 or EN 111 as incoming freshmen.

The proposed changes for the

Writing Proficiency Exam include the addition of a portfolio, which would contain a sample of writing from each EN 111, EN 211, an optional piece from a non-composition class and a sample from a test similar to the current WPE.

These proposals would help cut back on costs, allow students not to be placed in an English composition course based solely on their ACT scores and high school grades, and for students' composition competency not to be based on one writing sample.

"In a general way [the Writing Proficiency Exam proposal]

came about because the use of portfolios in composition courses has been gaining wider and wider acceptance, both nationwide and on our campus over the past 10 to 15 years," Director of Freshman English Mark Smith said.

Around 20 years ago when the WPE was first put into place, there was not as much knowledge about how to assess a student's writing as there is now, Smith said.

He said a lot has changed since then.

"Now we know it's possible to base an assessment of student writing on a portfolio [of] three to four pieces of student's writing, most of which are on topics the student knows about, has had

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## Changes to liberal studies possible

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA  
OPINION EDITOR

The NMU Academic Senate met last week and discussed changes in the curriculum in the liberal studies program and approved adding a new class as recommended by the Undergraduate Committee.

Under Division I, the foundation of communication of the current liberal studies program at NMU, students must meet requirements in both EN 111 and EN 211. Under the bulletin for the current liberal studies program, students are supposed to develop skills in both writing and speaking.

However, the Liberal Studies Committee, a subcommittee formed within the Academic Senate to review the requirements of the liberal studies program at NMU, found that more attention needs to be focused on speech communication, Chair of the Academic Senate Brent Graves said.

NMU Associate Provost and Chair of the Liberal Studies Committee Leonard Heldreth, said that the committee was formed two years ago and has been reviewing each of the six divisions within the liberal studies program.

"All departments were asked last summer whether their courses met the set requirements," Heldreth said.

In the undergraduate bulletin under Division I of liberal studies, it states that students should be able to generate ideas for writing and speaking, as well as

rehearse, critique and revise their oral presentations.

"This is not happening in freshmen composition," Heldreth said.

Graves said the senate is considering three options to solve this problem; adding a third class to the Division I requirement that would emphasize speech communication, making speech communication a requirement in Division V of the liberal studies program or devising a system that would allow world cultures to count for the speech communication requirement.

"We are trying to avoid adding another course," Heldreth said.

Adding another course would require additional faculty, Heldreth said.

"The English Department has said that they don't feel that they are qualified to teach this aspect, so at least eight to 10 [professors] from other departments would have to teach it," Heldreth said.

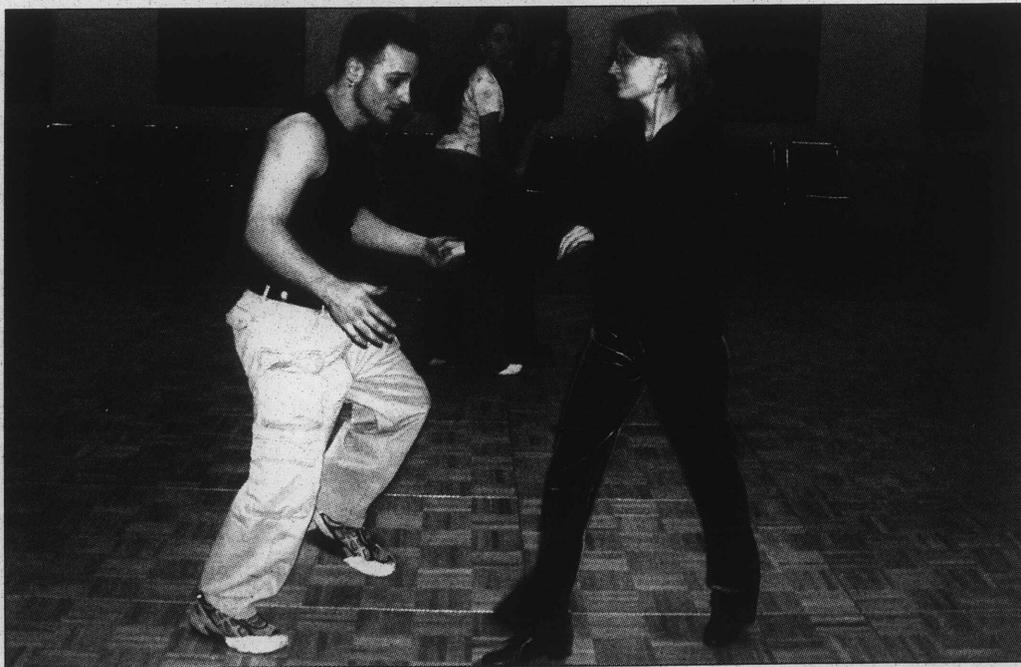
In addition, Heldreth said there are not enough funds this year to allow this to take place.

Currently, students at NMU must have between 30 and 40 credits completed in liberal studies in order to graduate. Adding another course would increase the requirement by four credits.

Only students who enter the

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## Wednesday night swing



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Undeclared senior Dustin Aberham and senior photography major Camilla Mingay dance in the University Center last night. The swing club meets every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

## WPE

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time to prepare for, and most importantly has been able to employ the full writing process to produce," Smith said.

The English Department Composition Subcommittee recommended the proposals for discussion at an English department meeting a month ago.

The EDCS consists of six members from the English department who oversee any changes or revisions in NMU's Composition Division of the Liberal Studies Program, Smith said.

Right now, these proposals are only in the early stages and have not been formally proposed to the English department, English Professor Ray Ventre said.

"In my opinion, the present WPE is almost worthless," Smith said. "It shows us very little that is reliable, valid and detailed about a student's true writing ability."

Smith said many people in the department share this view and if the current proposal for the WPE fails to gain support, he will bring another proposal to the

department to simply abolish the exam.

For these proposals to be implemented, they must be supported by the English department's curriculum committee, then voted on by the English department, the Committee on Undergraduate Programs, which is made up of professors from different departments and finally by the Academic Senate.

"The department is resistant to change unless it will really improve results," Ventre said.

Assistant English Professor Austin Hummell said adding the portfolio to the WPE would be a lot of work.

"With the hundred or so composition classes we teach each year, it is impossible to establish any sure standard," Hummell said. "And while the portfolio idea may make classes more consistent in their appraisal of student work, it may also be seen as a challenge to the autonomy we teachers like to think we have."

Ventre said student input concerning these proposals would be great because now is a good time to raise more ideas.

"It's difficult to judge a person on one

piece of writing when in the typical classroom setting you have time to revise, edit and put the finishing touches on a paper," senior elementary education major Kelly Post said.

Smith said the original WPE exam proposal did not come from the English department. Twice in the estimated 20 years since the WPE was approved, the entire faculty has supported the standing exam by around a 90-percent margin, Smith said, while the English Department has barely exceeded 50 percent and now is probably below that percentage.

Art and Design Department Head Michael Cinelli said the new proposal for the WPE sounds like a good idea.

Cinelli said a portfolio would show a greater range of a student's writing ability and provide the person checking the materials with a better perspective.

If the English department decides that EN 111 and EN 211 are good enough indicators of a student's proficiency in composition, that would be fine, Cinelli said.

"They're the experts," he said.

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university after this requirement is added to the course bulletin would have to fill this additional requirement.

"All across the country liberal studies is a hard area to assess," Heldreth said.

In other action, the Academic Senate approved Alternative Traditions in American Literature, EN 375, to fulfill the world cultures requirement, Graves said.

The Academic Senate also reviewed a report from the Undergraduate Committee, which had suggested adding another class to the criminal justice program. The new course, called Domestic and International Terrorism, was approved.

Graves said that anytime any change is made to the curriculum at NMU, it must first be approved by the Undergraduate Committee and then must pass through the senate.

The senate plans to discuss further options in the liberal studies program, as well as other issues, at the next Academic Senate meeting on April 9.



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## ABC ends local news broadcasts

MARQUETTE — ABC News channel 10 will no longer carry local news broadcasts. Due to unexpected revenue declines at the station, the station eliminated 15 jobs at the end of March. Ten news staff members and five producers and directors lost their jobs. The ABC affiliate station had launched a local news product in August 1997. The licensee, Scanlan Television, Inc. had a ten year ABC Affiliation Agreement. The station is providing the departing staff members with facilities to prepare resumes, demonstration tapes, and is offering other assistance in securing employment.

## National

## Digital photos enhance passports

WASHINGTON — The State Department unveiled new passport designs this week. The new passports, effective April 8, will have digital photos digitized into the passport. The design is to prevent terrorists from misusing American passports. The technology needed to create the new passports is not yet available at United States embassies and consulates abroad. This means that overseas passport issuance will be transferred to the National Passport Processing Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and processing time could increase. All passport agencies in the United States already have the technology to issue the new passport. The enhanced passports are part of an initiative to enact stricter controls those entering the country.

## International

## Sharon proposes exile for Arafat

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suggested that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat could be permitted to leave his besieged West Bank compound on "a one-way ticket" to exile. Sharon said he had received calls from world leaders concerned about Arafat's plight, and that he told them they could send a helicopter to take Arafat from the compound. He did however say that he would need the approval of the Israeli Cabinet, that only Arafat would be able to leave and Arafat will not be able to return. Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erakat denounced the proposal, saying the Palestinian leader would not accept exile. Arafat's compound in Ramallah has been under siege by Israeli forces since Friday.

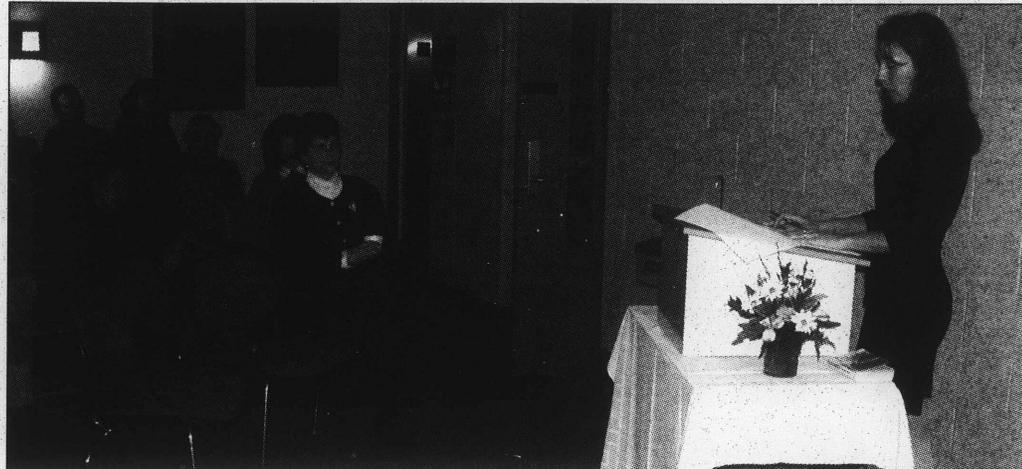
## Weird News

## Naked radio contests condemned

OTTAWA — A Canadian broadcasting watchdog condemned a Calgary radio station for running a contest that required a male listener to dance naked on one of the city's main bridges during morning rush hour. The man, with two strategically placed Frisbees, did indeed prance around one day last August. He was subsequently fined by police. The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council said the contest arranged by radio station CHRK-FM could dangerously distract drivers. This is not the first time the broadcast council has confronted naked radio fans. In 1999, it ruled against a Winnipeg radio station for running a competition promising a cash prize to listeners who performed wacky stunts. People protested because a naked woman rode her bicycle on a busy city street.

— Compiled from news sources

## It's thesis time



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

English graduate student Betsy Scott presented her thesis, "Literature in History: An Integrated Approach to Teaching," to members of the English department on Wednesday.

## ASNMU hosts benefits

BY MATT SCHNEIDER

STAFF WRITER

This month, ASNMU is holding benefit concerts for off-campus representative Jennifer Kapla, who has been hospitalized with a serious illness.

The benefit will consist of two concerts, one for NMU faculty and staff on April 14, the other for students and community on April 21.

Kapla has been hospitalized for the last three weeks with an illness known as Gullaine-Barré Syndrome, or GBS. The disease attacks the peripheral nervous system, stopping the nerves from working, which can lead to paralysis and loss of sensation. Kapla was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit of Marquette General Hospital after March 12.

The faculty benefit on April 14 will feature a Celtic band and pianist Nancy Redfern, ASNMU Vice President Carissa Waters said.

Radio X General Manager Julie Henner said the student concert will feature seven bands performing for seven hours, with a cost of \$7 per ticket. Bands

scheduled to appear include Out of Service, Days Go By, Crystal Flash Conspiracy, Milton, Wespot, and Hero Point Zero.

"The bands have been so amazing and helpful with this," Henner said.

ASNMU Chairperson Eric Martin said he called a meeting on March 20 to discuss ways to raise money to aid Kapla's family.

"Her medical bill is going to be outlandish," Martin said. "It's going to be tough to put a dent in it. Her family knows we're there."

Kapla said ASNMU is family to her.

"That is exactly what they are," Kapla said. "I could not thank them all enough, except to say thanks and offer them every ounce of my heart and love, but they already knew they had that."

Kapla is still involved, even while recovering from her illness. From her hospital bed, she conducted her campaign for re-election as ASNMU off-campus rep and showed up to a meeting with an issue that had been brought to her in the hospital.

"I'm ready to get back to the

office and start helping students out," Kapla said.

Waters said that they did not want Kapla to know they were putting together a benefit for her because they feared she might worry herself about it instead of focusing on getting better.

But outside of the planned fundraiser, friends from campus organizations like ASNMU or Radio X, and others not involved with such organizations, have given overwhelming support.

"She's been having a lot of visitors," Waters said. "The nurses are concerned with her getting enough rest."

Stuffed animals, letters, and flowers lined the wall and windowsill of Kapla's room overlooking the campus from Marquette General.

"I've had a lot of support, as you can tell," Kapla said. "All my friends are angels."

She even found out on her own that there would be a benefit to help her family financially, even though she was not to know about it.

"If this happened to anyone else, I know NMU would do it for them," Kapla said.

## FORECAST

• **Friday:** Partly sunny. Low around 25. High around 35.

• **Saturday:** Increasing clouds. Low around 30. High 35 to 40.

• **Sunday:** A chance of rain and snow. Low around 30. High around 40.

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# Renovations for commons area continue

BY ADAM WESTHOUSE  
STAFF WRITER

Expanded conference rooms and writing labs, improved academic computing area and increased seating capacity are among the renovations being made in the Learning Resource Center.

Located on the ground floor of the LRC, the student commons area is slated to receive a major facelift for next fall.

The project, which costs an estimated total of \$2.2 million and consists of two separate phases, is nearing the end of the first portion of construction.

Phase I of the LRC project began in December and focuses the expansion of the Academic Computing Services Center.

NMU Director of Academic Computing John Limback said renovations are on schedule and the Academic Computing Services Center remains set for completion on May 3, 2002.

The Help Desk and computing offices will be moved back to their

original location across from Bookbinders Eatery, and will be more readily accessible with increased room for students and academic computing employees to work.

"The facility will be set up to better serve students," Limback said. "There will also be more adequate space for working on and repairing student laptops than before."

With the completion of Phase II, students and faculty can expect even more changes to the student commons area for the Fall 2002 Semester.

In addition to increased seating capacity for up to 150 students, a new All-Campus Tutoring Lab will be constructed along with an expanded Writing Center and two new conference rooms, Limback said.

The commons area will be wired

with data and power connections to further accommodate laptop use on campus.

Bookbinders Eatery will be opening a coffee kiosk in the middle of the commons area, and an outdoor patio has also been planned.

Student organizations will have the opportunity to post and publicize their activities, as 15 new student organization display cases are in the construction plans.

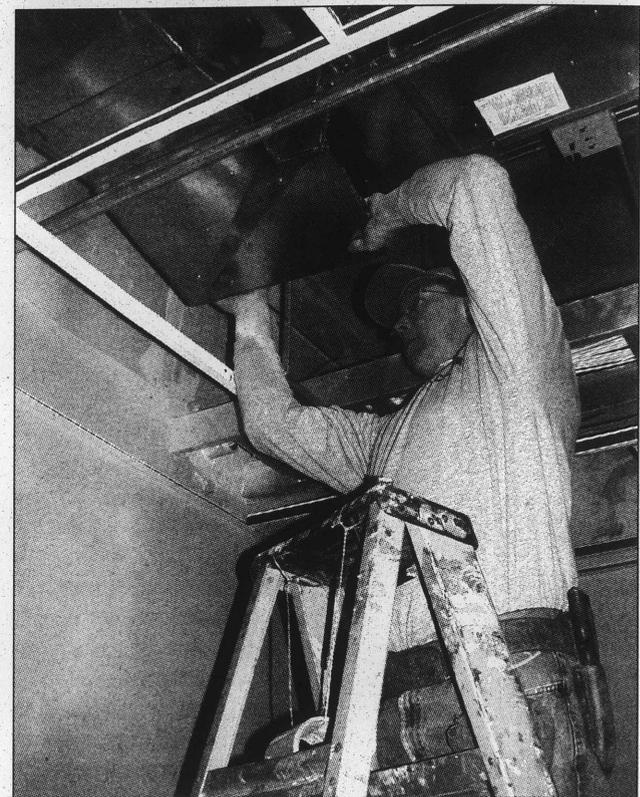
"I think that the new improvements to the LRC will be very beneficial for a greater variety of students," sophomore special education major Tana Nathe said. "It will attract students that perhaps would not normally use the LRC as their study area of choice."

Director of Engineering and Planning Kathy Richards said Phase II is currently scheduled to be finished on Oct. 4, 2002.

"The renovations have been designed to focus around the students' growing needs," Richards said. "I anticipate that the students will be very excited with the outcome."



**Richards**



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**Prothern Construction Company employee Bill Sands works on the ducts downstairs in the Learning Resource Center where the student commons area will be next fall.**

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# Name change may alter counseling center image

BY ROB HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

The NMU Counseling Center could be changing its name to Counseling and Consultation Services, pending a decision by the NMU Board of Trustees in May.

The change is being considered to encourage students to take advantage of the services offered and to make students aware that counseling does not have to be long term.

Most of the services provided are short-term counseling.

"The majority of students attend for six sessions or less," Stanger said.

Thomas Stanger, a psychologist and one of four professionals working at the center, is hoping the name change will alter the image of the services provided.

"The word 'counseling' often gets misunderstood," Stanger

said. "I've often had students tell me that they didn't come to the Counseling Center because they didn't think their problems were big enough."

Each year, about 500 students use the Counseling Center's services, which are free to NMU students. Stanger said he feels that this number might increase if students know that they do not need to have major problems to seek consultation.

"It doesn't have to be a deep, dark secret," Stanger said, "Counseling can just be a chance for students to hear some ideas that they may not have thought of."

The NMU Academic Senate and provost have already approved the name change.

If the Board of Trustees supports the new name, then the change will officially take place. Students had mixed reactions as to whether the new name would

make much of a difference.

Undeclared freshman Dale Huff said he thinks the name change will not result in more students seeking counseling services.

"Students feel like going to counseling means that they have a major problem," Huff said. "Most people my age do not want to admit that and would rather push it aside. I don't think that simply changing the name will make more students comfortable with seeking help."

Junior English major Elisabeth Massie said she disagrees.

"The word 'counseling' has a negative connotation," Massie said. "Consultation seems more positive and I think students might be more likely to use the services if that word is added."

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 228-2981.

## Focused



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Freshman environmental science and photography major Teresa Bertossi and junior computer science major Joe Yang practice Budo Taijitsu on Wednesday in the University Center.

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EDITORIAL

# Support activity fee increase, Waters

The time to vote on ASNMU representatives and the referendum is nearing. Students should take a few minutes on Tuesday to choose fellow students to serve as their voice to administrators, and increase the Student Discretionary Activity Fee.

The elected students will address concerns, create new ideas to benefit the campus and students, and defend student beliefs regarding administrative decisions.

Carissa Waters and Bob Snyder are the presidential candidates this year. While Snyder has an admirable amount of determination, Waters has unmatched ASNMU experience, having served as vice president for the past year.

Waters has helped to implement programs like the S.S. Wildcat safety shuttle and Dozing Discounts hotel program for NMU students. She has also helped to improve the dining services on campus, and Waters understands the concerns that art majors have regarding the TLC Initiative and the need for Macintosh computers.

Both presidential candidates said they hope the referendum will pass on Tuesday, increasing the Student Discretionary Activity Fee \$9.70 per student, bringing the total student activity fee to \$30 per student.

This increase is crucial to the evolution of student life at NMU. Voting to increase the fee will not only help to bring more notable musical performers and speakers to campus, it provides more money for all student organizations on campus. The North Wind and Radio X will also be positively impacted by the increase in the Student Discretionary Activity Fee, allowing these organizations to continue communicating for students, and make improvements to their services.

Voting "yes" on the proposed SDAF increase will improve the quality of student life outside of the classroom. Electing Carissa Waters will provide students with an exceptional leader for the 2002-2003 school year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Junior promotes student activity fee

I'm writing to ask the student body to please vote "Yes" for the increase to the student activity fee.

Thirty dollars is a small price to pay for an entire semester's worth of programming here on campus. As a member of the Student Finance Committee and ASNMU, I see the great need for this money.

Without the student activity fee, we would have nothing to do here on campus.

For those of you who don't know, almost every concert, comedian, movie, newspaper and radio show or any other activity on campus is paid for with the activity fee.

This past semester, the SFC had to turn away more than a few student organizations, all of whom had really good ideas for campus activities. We turned them away for one simple reason: we didn't have enough money. It is a real shame that all of that hard work those organizations did went for naught.

Nine dollars and seventy cents may seem like a pretty big jump, but in the overall scheme of things, it is well warranted.

To put things in perspective, Michigan Tech's activity fee is over \$80. Tech is comparable to NMU in size. But for a far smaller fee, we put on very simi-

lar programming.  
 Please vote "Yes" on April 9.

Greg Ragan  
 junior, English

### Student seeks more voting on Tuesday

In my experience, I find that a vast majority of the students at NMU see extensive flaws in the way our student government is organized and operated. One would assume that, given this expansive unhappiness across campus, the student body would grow a brain cell and make a change.

Every year students are presented the opportunity to make changes through the form of elections. With fliers up on campus, it isn't as if we aren't informed of the upcoming election in advance. There are many candidates on the ballot, which covers a multitude of different

issues. The student body should take action in helping decide what rules govern us and what people represent our voices.

When only 2,000 students muster the energy to vote it speaks poorly of us. That's a fourth of our students; what happened to the rest?

If a student has a problem with the laptop initiative or that we only have two classrooms to use them in, they should step up and vote for someone who will change things. When a student realizes that last week's article joking about the USOEC speed skaters using the sidewalks wasn't far from the truth, step up and vote to help make our campus safer.

Regardless of what students want, they should take 10 minutes out of the day to make their voices heard.

Andy Peden  
 sophomore, undeclared

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# Road rage threatens the lives of others

## Americans should control their behavior while driving

Have you ever been traveling down the road when some idiot whips out in front of you and then continues to putz along a few miles under the speed limit? In reaction, you spit out a few vulgar words, or perhaps give an obscene gesture, but occasionally you don't leave it at that.

Your foot slams the accelerator to the floor, the car bursts forward, crowding the supposed idiot in the car in front of you by only a few inches.

In fact, you are so close, you can taste their bumper and they can see in their rearview mirror that you didn't get enough sleep last night.

This behavior is called road rage and it can be deadly to you, to the person you are mad at and to others on the road.

I've been a passenger in a car of someone who road rages. It is terrifying and nauseating.

A comprehensive national survey that was done by EPIC-MRA, a Michigan firm, said that 80 percent of American drivers are angry all or most of the time they are behind the wheel of their vehicle.

More than one third of those surveyed by EPIC-MRA said

that they were impatient at stoplights or while waiting for a parking space.

Marquette may have only a few stoplights, but the parking problem is something I am willing to bet most NMU students are well acquainted with.

The problem is easily identifiable; too many cars, too few parking spots.

Congestion seems to be a problem everywhere throughout the United States, and apparently it is a reason why so many of us become annoyed or even outraged while behind the wheel.

A national survey done in the late 1990s found that the number of aggressive drivers in the U.S. doubled between 1990 and 1995.

This same survey found that there were 17 percent more cars on the road than there were 10 years ago, and also that were 35-percent more miles driven, while only one percent of new roads have been built.

Have you ever found yourself driving home, whether it was through the U.P. or Wisconsin, only to get stuck behind a trail of four or five cars on a two-lane road with no availability to pass in sight?

### STAFF COLUMN



by Mary Ann Cancilla

You're drumming your fingertips on the steering wheel, growing impatient, and so is the vehicle behind you.

Suddenly a car appears from out of nowhere, whizzing passed you, doing Mach 10 and you can not even see around the next corner.

Personally this drives me nuts. People that pass on the right, or people that pass without enough visibility to know what exactly is coming at them put everyone on the road in danger.

What happens if a semi truck happens to be around the next corner and this impatient fool does not have enough time to gauge the three or four car line to get in the lead?

In addition, in the U.P. we also have to deal with six months of bad weather that creates other obstacles such as ice or whiteouts.

Then there are pedestrians to consider. I have found myself

waiting too many times on the side of the road, next to the crosswalk, not daring to step out into the street in fear that the traffic will not stop.

Many of us have attempted to brave crossing the street when a SUV that outweighs the average person by tons comes barreling down the road with no intention of yielding to pedestrians.

Everyone is in such a rush to get where they are going that compromising the safety of those around them goes without any consideration.

Even more disturbing is that of those surveyed by EPIC-MRA, 25 percent of them said they were impatient while waiting for passengers to get in their car.

Road rage seems to be a psychological problem. Perhaps some of us need to learn to manage our anger behind the wheel.

I personally find it difficult to see how anyone could become so outraged over such trivial things as a slow driver, or someone who accidentally pulls out in front of you.

Sure it is a pain in the ass, especially when you are in a hurry, but alas the world will not end ... that is, as long as you do not get out of control, and in a complete outrage cause a fatal accident.

So many of us drive around in vehicles that are built for war, like sport utilities equipped with four-wheel drive, tons of torque and rocket booster horsepower. Seatbelts and airbags somehow make us feel so secure that we think we can take on just about anything.

Maybe we should stop and ask ourselves who it is that we are going into battle with, the other drivers on the road, perhaps children and families?

The five seconds you could save by whizzing by the slowpoke in front of you, turning left, isn't worth it if you end up 12 feet under or possibly behind iron bars with the untimely death of strangers you recklessly killed eating away at your conscience.

*"A national survey done in the late 1990s found that the number of aggressive drivers in the U.S. doubled between 1990 and 1995."*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Ann Cancilla welcomes reactions to her column at mcancilla@hotmail.com.

## SOUND OFF

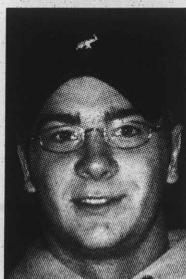
— Compiled by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

### Should the student activity fee be increased? Why or why not?



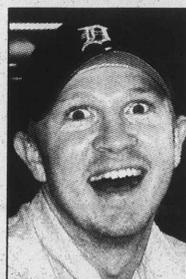
**Liz Comperchio**  
freshman,  
graphic communication

"Yes, if it can bring someone better than Sugar Ray."



**Robert Masterson**  
freshman, undeclared

"If it brings prestigious speakers to listen to, then yes."



**Brandon Williams**  
sophomore, criminal justice

"No, because I never actually use it for anything, maaan!"



**Ryan Hernalsteen**  
senior, CIS

"Yes, a small increase for each student greatly increases the pool of money we would have to attract good entertainment."



**Cindy Bushie**  
sophomore, elementary ed.

"No, not enough people take advantage of things funded by the fee. If more people took part, then there would be a need for an increase."

# Virtual advising available

## New Web site prepares students for meetings

BY JEN WAINWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Northern Michigan University's Academic and Career Advisement Center has created a virtual advisement Web site that allows students to advise themselves or prepare for their time with their advisers.

The Web site is [www.nmu.edu/advising](http://www.nmu.edu/advising). The site can be used to declare a major or minor, to communicate with an adviser 24 hours a day or to get information about course requirements for majors and minors and graduation requirements.

Kim Rotundo, assistant director of the Academic and Career Advisement Center, said the Web site was originally set up to provide advising help for students without an adviser, including part-time and dual enrollment high school students.

It has now been expanded to help all students with advising questions, Rotundo said.

"So far it's going really well," Rotundo said. "The site has been up for about two weeks and has had 887 visits. It's getting a lot of use between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., which shows there was a need out there after office hours."

Rotundo said many of the visitors are upper-

classmen and off-campus students with questions regarding how close they are to graduating.

Sophomore French and electronic journalism major Michelle Sullivan said the site has proved helpful for her.

"I think it's really great for general information, and it's convenient," Sullivan said. "I e-mailed [the adviser] at midnight. Sometimes you can get more information from the site than you can from your adviser."

Sullivan said her current adviser had never advised students before this semester, and the site knows about double-counting classes and about double majors.

Rotundo said advisers are actually using the site with their students.

The advisement Web site has helped connect students with their advisers, and made their time spent together more effective, Rotundo said.

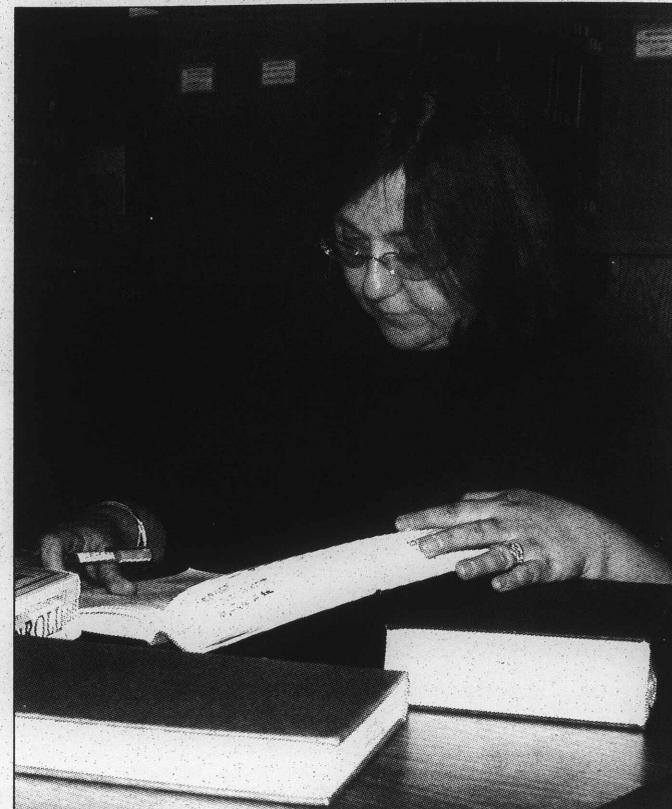
Junior CIS major Justin Jarmus didn't know about the site until he visited the Academic and Career Advisement Center.

He said if he had known about the site, he wouldn't have come to the center.

"I think it's convenient," Jarmus said. "Instead of driving over here, I could have [found the information] at home."

Rotundo said the goal is to provide students with information to make their time spent with their advisers more effective and helpful.

## Crackin' the books



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Graduate student Debbie Devries studies at the Olson Library. She is getting her masters degree in library sciences.

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**Social Peer Mentors with the LINK!**

- **Application deadline is Monday 4/8, 5pm.**
- We need just a few good upper class (sophomore & up) students to mentor small groups of incoming 2002 students (3-5 per group) from 8/27 until 9/30 as part of NMU's alcohol-free social peer mentoring program - **The LINK**.
- Interested? Application packets will be available today - 3/28 at the Health Promotion Office, 1205 UC or the Student Activities & Leadership Programs Office, 1206 UC.
- Interviews will be conducted from 4/9 - 4/12.
- For more information call 227-1455, please leave a message if we are out of the office. Thanks!
- This program made possible with funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy

## CAMPUS NOTES

### NMU ensembles perform Sunday

The Northern Michigan University Chamber Ensembles will present the "Concert of Old and New Music" at 3 p.m. on April 7 in Jamrich 103. The concert is free of charge.

The program includes a variety of instrument combinations and musical styles from the Baroque to modern.

The ensembles will perform pieces from well-known composers as well as new compositions written by NMU students.

### Series discusses Northern Lights

Northern Michigan University physics professor David Donovan will present "The

Northern Lights: Is There Science Amongst the Beauty?" from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m. on April 5 in Gries Hall Room 167.

Donovan will discuss "space weather," the activity that occurs between the surface of the sun and the upper parts of the Earth's atmosphere and its increasing importance as technology expands its presence there.

The presentation is part of "Discourses from the Academy," a colloquium series sponsored by the department of psychology.

### City parking ban expires April 15

The City of Marquette's Winter Night Parking Ban, which was set to expire on April 1, will be extended to April 15.

Due to record snow fall in Marquette this year and the

amount of snow still left on the ground, the Night Parking Ban is being extended for snow removal.

Motorists will have to continue off-street parking.

### Sculptor presents ceramic artwork

Aiko Takamiri, an internationally renowned sculptural ceramist, will have a public presentation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on April 8 in West Science, Room B.

The event is sponsored by Northern Michigan University's Art Student League visiting artist series.

### JOBSearch office holds open house

To celebrate National Student Employment Week, from April 7

to 13, the JOBSearch Center will host an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 11 in its office in the UC.

Student employees who work either on or off campus can stop by with their pay stub and register to win prizes.

Refreshments will be available. Contact Rhea Dever at 227-2800 for more information.

### German classic film series ends

The German Classic Film Series at Northern Michigan University will end with *The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser* at 6 p.m. today in 203 Jamrich. The public is invited to attend free of charge. The 1974 film, directed by Werner Herzog, includes English subtitles.

For more information, contact

the department of modern languages and literatures at 227-2940.

### French film fest held next week

Northern Michigan University will host a French World Cinema Festival from April 11 to 14.

Admission is free for NMU students. Non-students can obtain a \$5 VIP pass for admission to all events.

Four films with English subtitles will be shown over the course of the festival. Three films will begin at 6:30 p.m. in 102 Jamrich. The film on April 14 will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Each film will be introduced by its director or a scholar and be followed by a discussion.

For more information contact Nell Kupper at 227-2648.

# ASNMU Candidate Forum

## Meet the Candidates

### ASNMU Elections 2002

It's your school. It's your voice.

It's your vote.

Know the people who want to represent you.

Monday, April 8, 2002

6:00 p.m.

Payne/Halveson Lobby

Candidates will answer questions from the audience.

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## Fee increase means more things to do

While students are all attending Northern Michigan University to get an education, social interaction and entertainment rank high on our list of priorities. Offering a sufficient number and variety of programs is a large factor in keeping students pleased.

When it comes time to vote for ASNMU representatives on April 9, students will have the opportunity to increase the Student Discretionary Activity Fee from \$20.30 to \$30 per semester. Students should vote yes, and then note that \$30 is a ridiculously low price to pay for our university programming.

Money from the SDAF helps to fund Northern Arts and Entertainment, Platform Personalities, Campus Cinema and the Students' Art Gallery, in addition to Radio X, The North Wind and ASNMU, among others.

After tuition, books and all of the miscellaneous costs of living, who would want to voluntarily pay more money to this institution? I am paying for my own education, but I wouldn't mind paying more money for the student activity fee; it would be a small price to pay for the quality and quantity of our entertainment at Northern.

Of nine Michigan universities surveyed by the Student Activities and Leadership Office, only one, Lake Superior State University, collects less money in student activity fees.

Central Michigan University collects over \$1 million per semester with their activity fee of \$30 per semester. NMU collects approximately \$150,000 per semester from the current \$20.30 student activity fee.

Raising our student activity fee to \$30 will not put us at \$1 million per semester, but it will give us more money to work with.

NMU ranks the third lowest in school population of the nine universities. We obviously will collect less money than most of the other schools because we do not have as many people contributing to our student activity fee, but programs and activities are still needed, especially because of our location relative to other venues of entertainment.

Our activity fee needs to be higher per student, per semester, to increase the amount and quality of activities on our campus.

Central, Grand Valley, Lake Superior State, Michigan Tech and Western Michigan University each have a student union — a large commons area for students — and an auditorium or a performing arts center. Eastern, Ferris State and Saginaw Valley State University have one or the other.

In addition, many of the schools listed are near metropolitan areas where there is entertainment offered on a regular basis. NMU is the only school of the nine without a decent-sized auditorium or performance arts center or a student union, which places more pressure on programming and activities to provide entertainment on a smaller scale.

An increased student activity fee would not buy us a student union or performance center, but it would bring more events to campus. This would bring commuter students back to campus for entertainment, keep residents in the area on weekends and give other options aside from bars, bowling, movies or skiing. It would also help combat the cabin fever many residents feel during the long winter months, and offer more opportunities for social interaction, meeting new people and experiencing new things. I would pay \$30 for the student activity fee if it meant there were more things to do on campus.

Remember, you only get what you pay for.

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY CHRIS MOSIER

## Cosmetology team takes home trophies

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The only thing better than a good haircut is an award-winning haircut.

The students of the Northern Michigan University cosmetology department have proven their hairstyling skills.

They won the Grand Prix award for the highest overall team score at the 2002 Chicago Midwest Beauty Competition.

NMU received a \$2,000 cash prize and a trophy for the efforts.

Student Instructor Becky Simmons said that the money will go directly back into the department and be used by the cosmetology students next year.

Thirteen NMU students were among the 275 participants in the competition.

"It was a lot of hard work but it was a really good learning experience," Simmons said. "We were able to show the world that NMU can compete in hairdressing."

Three NMU students placed high enough in competitions to receive medals.

Megan Abram placed eighth in the Ethnic Long Hair Evening category. This was a competition that was done on an African American mannequin head.

Simmons said the style was like something you would see at the Academy Awards or something of that nature.

Chelsea Striler placed 10th in Ladies Cut, Color and Design and Jessica Hill placed 10th in Gents Cut, Color and Design.

This was the first time that NMU has been involved in the Chicago Midwest Beauty Competition.

"We are definitely proud of the students who competed," Simmons said. "We have some very talented people in the program and we showed that by competing against all those major schools."

The other NMU student participants were Erica Dollar, Beth Ingison, Robin Smith, Diane Hubbard, Tammy Mattila, C.J. Wilcox and Mequela Lucero. Simmons, Judi Rousseau, Debbie Peterson and Jeanne Graves coached the team.

While 13 NMU students competed in the competition, about 40 cosmetology students went to Chicago for the Midwest



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW  
Robin Smith gets her hair done by Chelsea Striler. Striler placed in the competition.

Beauty Show that was held with the competition.

Simmons said that the beauty show con-

tained a lot of classes, seminars and workshops. "It was a great experience for all of us," Simmons said.

## Spirited Cuban performs in Marquette

BY YONIKA WILLIS  
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

It's time to get out those Mardi Gras beads and go crazy, because NMU will be adding a little Mardi Gras Mambo to its nightlife.

Cubanismo, a high-spirited Latin band out of Cuba, will perform their energized Latin Mardi Gras Mambo at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Kaufmann Auditorium.

Coordinator of the Performing Arts Series Wayne Francis said Cubanismo is a 13-piece band straight out of Havana, Cuba.

"Cuban music is very big these days and the Cuban rhythms have gone through a lot of circles of music," Francis said. "They've influenced a lot these days and Cubanismo is one of the big instigators of that — they are a very high-energy band."

Francis said that it is very hard to get music out of Cuba and it's a real treat to have them perform for us.

"It's springtime and it still feels like winter — I wanted something hot and steamy to spice things up," Francis said.



Courtesy of Hannibal Records

The band, Cubanismo, will perform at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Kaufman Auditorium. "They are the hottest band out of Cuba right now. They were touring and the price was right, so we decided to [book them]." The band has been reviewed in numerous publications including Entertainment Weekly, USA Today, The Philadelphia

Inquirer Magazine and the Los Angeles Times.

Many students are looking forward to watching the band perform.

"I have never really heard live Cuban music before," freshman art education major Jessica Dalecke said. "I think that the concert will be full of energy and lots of fun to listen to."

Sophomore international studies major Arletha Walker is also looking forward to their performance.

"I love Cuban music and all that stuff," Walker said. "I can't wait to see them."

Francis, who has only heard them on CDs and other recordings, looks forward to their performance.

"I've never seen them live," Francis said. "So I'm looking forward to it myself." Advance tickets can be purchased at the Superior Dome, Willy's Snak Shack and the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Advance tickets cost \$6 for students, \$13 for faculty and staff and \$14 for general public.

Tickets cost \$8 for students, \$15 for faculty and staff and \$16 for general public at the door. Phone orders can be made at 227-1032.

## Ex-faculty member clowns around in the Middle East

BY YONIKA WILLIS  
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

With hand outstretched, the little Afghani girl gratefully accepted the colored marker and pencil that the clown gave to her.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," she uttered in broken English.

Retired NMU criminal justice faculty member Bill Waters said that Afghanistan is so divided that women are not even allowed to look men in the eye. Waters said that the gratitude the little girl expressed towards him was enough to make the trip to the Middle East worthwhile.

Waters recently had the opportunity to travel to the war-torn Kabul, Afghanistan with Patch Adams, in an effort to put smiles on the faces of the kids and residents who lived there.

In February, Patch Adams invited Waters, who was trained at clown school, to go to Afghanistan.

According to Waters, Patch Adams, who recently had a movie made about him goes on many worldwide trips with his clowns to entertain people in less-fortunate areas.



Courtesy of Bill Waters  
Waters sits with Patch Adams.



Courtesy of Bill Waters  
Waters entertained residents of Kabul through his clown routine.

"Some of these kids have had 20 years of war," Waters said. "Some of them don't know anything but war."

Waters and his group of 12 to 13 clowns that he traveled with did any and everything they could through their clown routine to bring happiness to the residents of Kabul.

"Nothing makes you feel better than to make somebody smile," Waters said.

Waters said that Adams made it his mission to go to Afghanistan after an Italian journalist expressed an interest in producing a documentary covering the humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan.

The group went to Afghanistan during a time when students were just starting school. Beginning this school year, for the first time since the Taliban, girls were finally allowed to attend school, Waters said.

Waters said that the children in Kabul had a desire to learn. Kabul was so poverty-stricken that they would stand outside with their hands outstretched, begging for tablets and pencils to write with.

Waters felt that visiting the schools in Kabul made him real-

ize how most American students take what they have for granted.

"I spent some interesting times on campus (at NMU)," Waters said. "And I would think sometimes, 'does anyone give a damn about being here? Does anybody care? Is anyone listening and hearing what I'm saying?'" And all this in an atmosphere with computers — [in Afghanistan] they don't even have blackboards on the wall."

Although Waters, who recalls being awakened by bombing one night went to Afghanistan during a time of war, he said that no Afghani person he met treated him disrespectfully.

"We didn't meet a single person who had one unkind thing to say to us about America," Waters said.

Waters, who is traveling on the Trans Siberian Railroad in August from Moscow to Vladivostok and stopping in major cities along the way, encourages anybody to go on trips such as these. He said that he plans on spending the rest of his retirement traveling and making people laugh.

"I'm more comfortable now than any other time of my life," Waters said. "I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

Today, April 4

*Film:* "Dreamlife of Angels" (R) at 7 and 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

*Film:* "The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser" at 6 p.m. in JXJ 203. Admission is free. For more information call 227-2940.

*Presentation:* All Campus Tutoring presents "Test Preparation" from 10 to 11 a.m. in JXJ 225.

*Meeting:* Intersivity Christian Fellowship - Evolution 4 Christian Views at 7 p.m. in Marquette/Nicolet Rooms in the UC.

*Meeting:* Superiorland Kiwanis from 7 to 10 a.m. in Dining Room A in the UC.

*Presentation:* "The Women Who Came Before Us: Diet, Healthy and Healing in the Ancient World" will be presented by Debra Martin from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in JXJ 104.

*Presentation:* Mohammad Hemassi presents "The Context of Islamic World Affairs" at 7 p.m. in West Science, Room

2904.

Friday, April 5

*Performance:* Cubanismo will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium.

*Concert:* - Radio X Spring Jam from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC.

*Meeting:* Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Pioneer B in the UC.

*Presentation:* Physics professor David Donovan will present "The Northern Lights: Is There Science Amongst the Beauty?" from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m. in Gries 167.

*Forum:* The TLC/ThinkPad Open Forum with administrators will be held at 5 p.m. in JXJ 101.

*Wrestling:* USOEC vs. The All Marine Team at 7 p.m. at Marquette Senior High School.

Saturday, April 6

*Performance:* Trumpeter Jon Faddis with the NMU Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium.

*Film:* "Vanilla Sky" (R) at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Sunday, April 7

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

*Film:* "Vanilla Sky" (R) at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102.

*Concert:* NMU Student Chamber Ensembles and Composition Concert at 3 p.m. in JXJ 103. Admission is free.

Monday, April 8

*Presentation:* Internationally renowned sculptural ceramist Aiko Takamiri will give a public presentation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in West Science, Room B.

Tuesday, April 9

*Elections:* Vote in the ASNMU elections.

Wednesday, April 10

*Meeting:* Native American Student Association will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson Lobby.

*Conversation:* Let's Talk:: A Conversation with President Bailey at noon in the Seaborg Center.

*Presentation:* All Campus Tutoring presents "Test Preparation" from 4 to 5 p.m. in JXJ 225.

MAKE CONTACT

Things to Do is a free service provided to NMU students by The North Wind. If you have a submission for Things to Do, please drop it by the office (2310 University Center) or send e-mail to [news@thenorthwind.org](mailto:news@thenorthwind.org)

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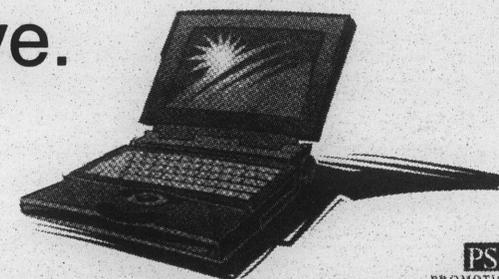
# TLC Forum

Friday, April 5th  
5 p.m.  
Jamrich 101

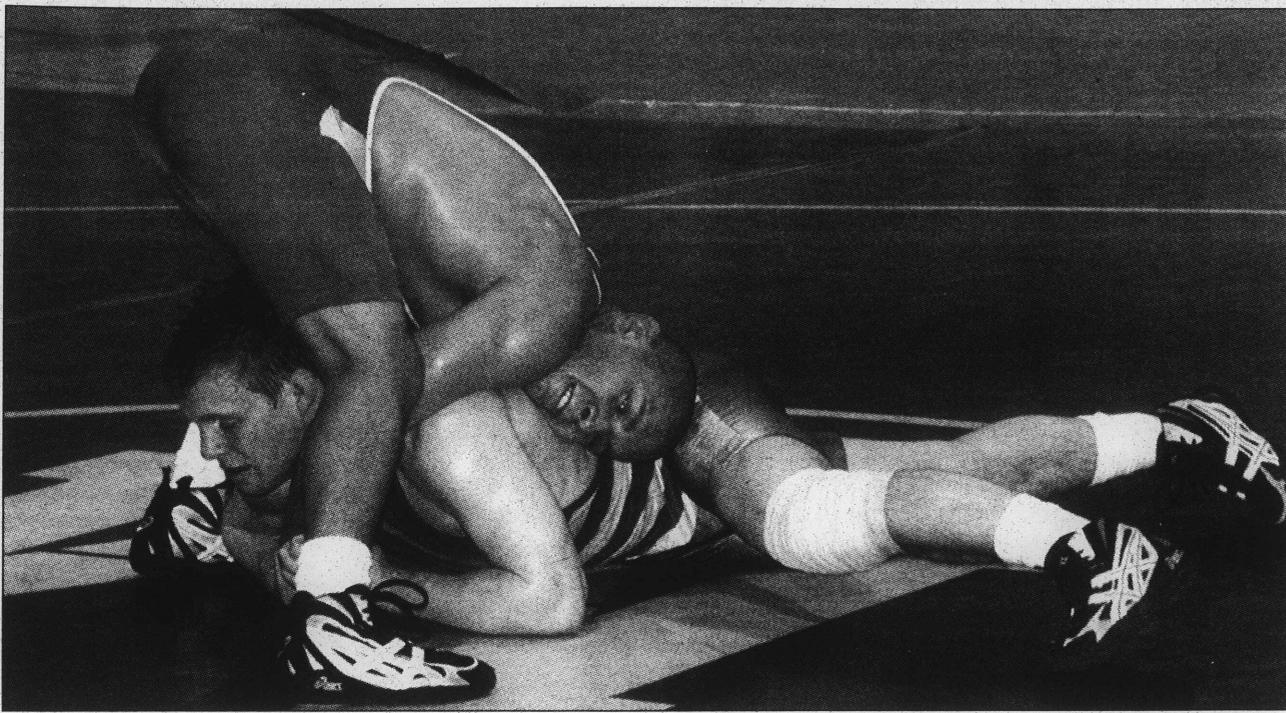
Meet with administration, faculty/staff, and students to discuss the TLC initiative.

**Discussion Items:**

- Costs
- Platform
- Where the TLC initiative is headed



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Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

USOEC wrestlers, sophomore business major Nathan Piasecki, bottom, and undeclared freshman Joseph Espinoza, practice in Hedgcock for their competition against the Marines at 7 p.m. Friday night at Marquette Senior High School.

## Wrestlers to host Marines

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Some of the best talent that American Greco-Roman wrestling has to offer will be on display tomorrow night as the USEOC Greco-Roman wrestling team will take on the All-Marine team at Marquette Senior High School.

"This event will be a good opportunity for us," USOEC Greco-Roman wrestling coach Ivan Ivanov said. "We don't have a lot of competitions."

Ivanov took over the program in

January of this year when former coach Gordy Morgan left to take a position in Minnesota with USA Wrestling.

Ivanov placed fifth at the 1996 Olympics.

Prior to coming to the USOEC, Ivanov was coaching at the Treehouse Athletic Club in Utah.

The Treehouse Athletic club is considered one of the finest wrestling schools in the country.

"I was coaching in Utah for the past three years and that may have put me above the other candidates for the job,"

Ivanov said. "I had some good results there."

Ivanov said that he and Morgan spoke and Morgan told him about the job.

Ivanov said that he and Morgan have known each other for years.

The USOEC Greco-Roman wrestling program is relatively new. Morgan started it in August of 1999.

Today the program has 22 wrestlers. A lot of the wrestlers in the program are

*Please see USOEC on Page 18*

## Golfers prepare for two meets

BY MELANIE BOLTHOUSE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After having the winter season off, the Northern Michigan University men's golf team will start their spring season on April 5 at the Wayne State Invitational in Detroit.

The team finished eighth in the GLIAC last fall, and is looking to improve as the season progresses.

"It is a tremendous challenge for us to play in the spring, weather wise," head coach Dean Ellis said.

Because of the late snow storms this year, the team will go into the invitational with a slight disadvantage over the southern teams who have had the chance to practice out on the course.

"It's kind of tough," senior Erik Van Damme said. "Other schools have had time in already. For some guys on our team, it will be their first time on the course since the fall."

Ellis said the courses down south are in good condition.

"It's a whole different climate," Van Damme said. "It is traditionally windy in the spring. As a result, the scores are much higher than expected."

At the Wayne State Invitational, the

*Please see GOLF on Page 18*



Ellis

## Wildcat runner finds success on snowshoes

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Sophomore Michelle Paul may snowshoe her way into the 2006 Olympics as a member of the first U.S. Snowshoe Team.

Paul is a Wildcat cross country runner who found an interest in snowshoe running this year. She said she read about it in Trail Runner magazine and wanted to try it.

On Jan. 19 in Big Rapids,

Mich., Paul took first place in the Midwest Regional for snowshoe running. The top 10 finishers from each of four regions went on to compete in the National. Paul finished second in the National on Feb. 18 in Traverse City, Mich. Her finish qualified her as a member of the first U.S. National Snowshoe Team.

"It's hopefully going to be a demonstration sport (in the Olympics) in 2006," Paul said.

Paul said there may be a world cup for snowshoe running next year in Europe. She said the United States had the nationals too late this year to get involved internationally.

"I am going to do it next year

and see where it takes me," Paul said.

The regional and national races are the only races Paul has competed in so far. They were both 10K races. The United States Snowshoe Association sanctions the races.

Paul said her snowshoes are Tubbs racing snowshoes and are smaller than regular snowshoes. The standard snowshoe for running is 25 inches. She said they are also more aerodynamic and

have a squared off back.

At this point, Paul is completely self funded. She does not have a coach, however, women's cross country running and skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim has helped her and given her advice. Her dad has also helped her.

"The girls at 510 Norwood have supported me," Paul said.

She said she would help anyone who wants to get involved; those interested can contact her at mipaul@nmu.edu.



Paul

# Nordic skiers finish season in third

BY DAVE MOSS  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The ski season for NMU started rough and ended strong for the nordic ski team, and the Alpine team had a year of building.

The nordic team was responsible for their finish at nationals. The women's team was No. 1, and the men's team came in sixth place. NMU had overall placed third.

The Alpine team did not have any athletes at the national meet where the total team points are combined from both men and women's Alpine and nordic teams.

Head skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim said being the No. 3 nordic team at nationals was a major accomplishment of the season.

He said that junior Caitlin Compton was the first one from NMU to ever be All-American in both running and skiing in the same year.

"(The team) was driven all fall and winter," Fjeldheim said. "It was an outstanding year for us."

Fjeldheim said the season had a rough start. No one would have expected to break a snowfall record from the weather in December.

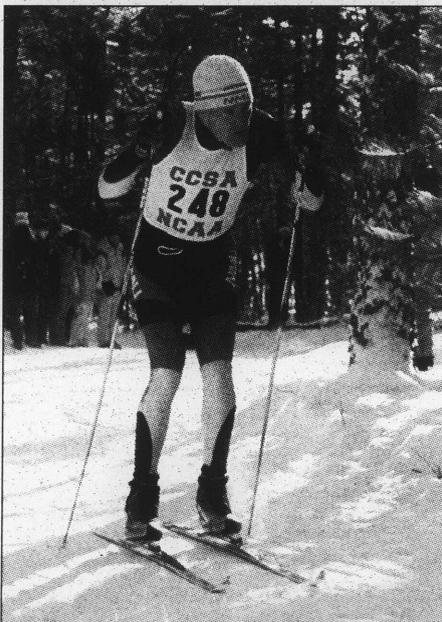
He said they had to cancel two events in December and were not able to test new equipment. They were not prepared as well as they could have been when they went to nationals last December in

Bozeman, Mon.

"The conditions became more stable after December and January," Fjeldheim said.

They were able to focus in February and prepare for the NCAA Championships. The most exciting points in the season for Fjeldheim were both at the NCAA Nationals last month.

All three of NMU's women finished in the top 10 of the 15K freestyle race.



Brad Decker/NW

Junior Dave Duede finished sixth in the Jan. 20 NCAA qualifier hosted by NMU.

Fjeldheim was also excited when junior Jon Filardo had an All-American finish in the men's 10K. Filardo was a walk-on for the NMU ski team three years ago.

Alpine skiing coach Kristian Saile said this season will be a benchmark season for the Alpine team as they build their program.

They raced in Lake Placid, N.Y. and Middlebury, Vt., this season to see how well they would ski against some of the top teams in the country.

Saile was glad to see the hard work the athletes put in transfer to their race results. Like the nordic team, they had a tough start to the season.

They went to Colorado in December to get a head start on the snow, but when they came back to Marquette there was still no snow.

"It cost us some valuable time and experience before Lake Placid," Saile said.

All the athletes worked hard and improved over the course of the season.

The team was very competitive among themselves this year, Saile said; they all pushed each other during time trials that determined who would travel each week.

"The time trials were vicious," Saile said.

The team remained supportive of each other through it all.

The team fell short of its goal to qualify at least one Alpine skier for nationals this season to help the overall skiing pro-



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Freshman Tami Kochen placed third in the NMU NCAA qualifier held on Jan. 20.

gram finish higher.

Saile plans on having two or three skiers who will qualify next year, however. He hopes to continue to develop the skiers who skied for NMU this year as well as bring in more skiers to NMU.

Saile said some of the skiers recruited for next year are already at the level the current skiers are at.

"We want to put our Alpine team on the map," Saile said.

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TEAM LEADERS BRYAN WHITE

# Wildcat quarterback leads by example

BY TRAVIS MARGONI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One position on the football field requires superior leadership and knowledge, and it's rare for someone to be the starter at that position for four years straight, at any level.

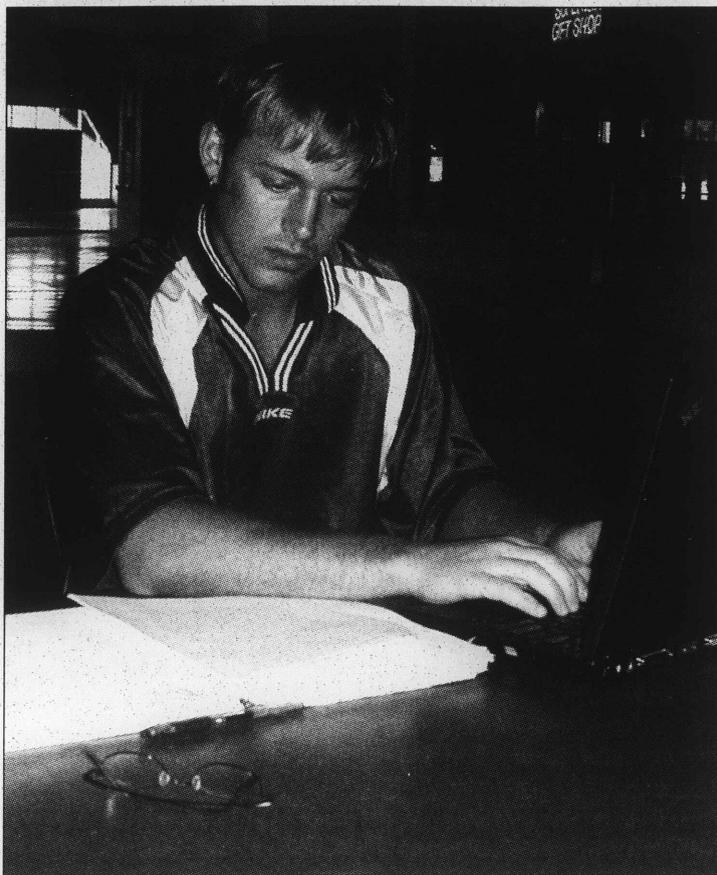
But senior Bryan White was a four-year starter at quarterback for the Wildcats.

"I was looked at to get the job done," he said. "As a quarterback, you're a leader almost automatically. You're the focus of the offense, because you have to know what everybody does. If you don't do your job right, nobody else can."

White, a senior financial management major, threw for 1,361 yards and seven touchdowns this year, despite missing four games with an ankle sprain.

The Wildcats were 4-7 this year, and White's leadership role had to be tested at times from the sideline.

"I wasn't able to lead by example as much," he said. "I had to be more of a coach on the field, and help keep the guys spirits high and help motivate. [The



Andy Nelson-Zaleski/NW

Senior quarterback Bryan White studies in the Superior Dome.

injury] affected me the whole season. I was never able to use my legs as a weapon."

Assistant coach Matt Collins said White was an intelligent leader.

"He understood the game well," Collins said. "He wasn't always real vocal, but he commanded respect in the huddle. He got guys going. He'll be a good coach someday, if that's what he chooses to do."

White plans to graduate this spring, and he said he hopes that football is still in his future.

"I'm pursuing playing football," he said. "There are probably some [levels] in the Arena League; that's probably where I'm going to have to start off. I'm trying to play, get the experience and keep the whole dream alive of playing in the NFL."

White said that there are pressures off of the field for all football players, and athletes in general, but by the time he became a senior he understood what is expected of players off of the field.

"You don't want to make a fool out of yourself, or get in a fight, or say the wrong things because you are drunk," he said. "You don't want to make the team or yourself look bad."

He said athletes, especially football players, are tested by other people in social settings.

"If you do go to a party or a bar, everyone wants to test you and do something to you," White said. "You can't do anything — you just can't — no matter what. You get in a lot more trouble than that other person."

The most exciting moment of White's NMU football career was defeating Grand Valley State University when he was a freshman, he said.

"They were ranked third in the country, I believe, (and) first in the region," he said. "We were on a three or four-game losing streak, and we beat them at their place. That was an unreal feeling. It was a turning point that year, and after that we took off and won four or five in a row."

Next year's team will be losing an experienced leader in White, but he said other leaders remain, and others will step up.

"Every year as a senior, you automatically assume a leadership role," he said. "The seniors next year will do a good job. I think they've had a couple of good groups to learn from; the group before me last year had some real good leaders, and this year there were a few, also."

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# 'Cats ranked nationally for achievement

BY TOM MURPHY  
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Aside from on-field single sport championships, the athletes of Northern Michigan University collectively compete for two other championships.

Every year the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference President's Trophy and the Sears Director's Cup are awarded to universities with the highest average from their winning teams.

The Sears Director's Cup is a national-based award given to the top program in four different categories: Division I, Division II, Division III, and the National Associate of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The GLIAC President's Trophy is awarded to the highest-rated program in the conference. The trophy combines all sports, both men's and women's.

Currently, the Wildcats rank third in the GLIAC, thanks to a strong showing by the women this year.

The Wildcat women are the ranked highest in the GLIAC, while the Wildcat men are the lowest-ranked in the GLIAC. But the men at NMU only compete in three of nine GLIAC sports.

"What [success] deals with is how many sports you have and what sports you have," NMU Athletic Director Dan Spielmann said.

NMU fares better in women's sports than in men's sports.

"We have six women's sports, but on the men's side we only have three," he said.

Skiing, a sport that NMU does well in annually, does not count in the President's Trophy standings.

Spielmann said more emphasis is placed on NMU's standing in the race for the Sears Director's Cup.

"We look at the Sears Cup as a more

determining factor," Spielmann said. "Last year we finished 19th out of 270 programs."

The Sears Cup rates programs on the sports that they offer and how teams finish.

Unlike the GLIAC President's Trophy system, programs are not penalized for not having particular sports programs offered at the university.

"To me, finishing 19 out of 270 D-II programs is a pretty good indication that we have a very strong athletic program, top to bottom," Spielmann said.

Spielmann said that a major factor in the Sears Director's Cup standings is that NMU's men's hockey team is not included in the rankings since the Wildcats are a Division I hockey program.

The Wildcats are currently 23rd in the rankings for the Sears Director's Cup.

"You can look at the GLIAC standings," Spielmann said. "But what we tend to look at is how do we do nationally as a program as a whole."



Spielmann

## SEARS DIRECTOR'S CUP

2001-02 Division II Final Winter Standings  
as of March 28, 2002

RANK	INSTITUTION	WINTER TOTAL
1.	Western State (Colo.)	500
2.	North Dakota	476.5
3.	Truman State (Mo.)	470.5
4.	South Dakota State	457
5.	Grand Valley State	423
6.	UC-Davis	403.5
7.	Adams State (Colo.)	377
8.	California-San Diego	363
9.	North Dakota State	352
10.	Ashland (Ohio)	333.5
11.	Tampa (Fla.)	314
12.	Nebraska-Kearney	271.5
13.	Central Missouri State	270.5
14.	Calif. St.-Bakersfield	265.5
15.	Abilene Christian (Tex.)	265
16.	Indiana (Penn.)	259.5
17.	Lewis (Ill.)	256.5
18.	South Dakota	255.5
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## Academic athletes honored

The following Northern Michigan University athletes have been honored for their academic and athletic accomplishments after the winter sports seasons ended.

### Men's Basketball

Two members of the NMU men's basketball team were named to the GLIAC All-Academic team: junior guard Tim Dillon, a Republic, Mich. native, is a management major with a 3.18 GPA; and senior center Damian M a t a c z , originally from Perth, Australia, is a finance major with a 3.87.



M a t a c z

### Swimming/Diving

The 'Cats had a total of nine athletes named to the GLIAC All-Academic team from women's swimming and diving. The team as a whole was named to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America

Academic All-American Swimming Team for the fall 2001 semester. The team placed 12th in Division II with an overall GPA of 3.01. Four sophomores, four juniors and one senior were named from the team: sophomore Kathie Cole, an Elmhurst, Ill. native, is an undecided major with a GPA of 3.35; sophomore Shelly Ruspakka, a Humbolt, Mich. native, is a technical communications major with a GPA of 3.59; sophomore Patti Wegner, a Rosemount, Minn. native, is a nursing major with a GPA of 3.40; sophomore Asa Wollblad, originally from Boras, Sweden, is a health and fitness management major with a GPA of 3.87; junior Jill Bren, a Verona, Wis. native, is a psychology major with a GPA of 3.98; junior Sarah Verbrugge, a Sioux Falls, S.D. native, is a finance major with a GPA of 3.80; junior Kristy Vermillion, a Howell, Mich. native, is a health and fitness major with a GPA of



Bren

3.12; junior Katie Worley is from Zeeland, Mich., is a health and fitness major with a GPA of 3.39; and senior Lea Karavias, a Troy, Mich. native, is a public relations major with a GPA of 3.60.

### Women's Basketball

Four members of the women's basketball team were named to the GLIAC All-Academic Team: junior forward Elena Keranen, an Ishpeming, Mich. native, is a elementary education major with a 3.08 GPA; senior guard Leigh Ann Dalton, originally from Rapid City, Mich., is an elementary education major with a 4.00 GPA; senior guard Marisa DellAngelo, a Negaunee, Mich. native, is a biology major with a 3.36 GPA; and senior center Dominika Wawrzyniak, a Morton Grove, Ill., native, is a business-marketing major with a 3.13 GPA.



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— NMU press release

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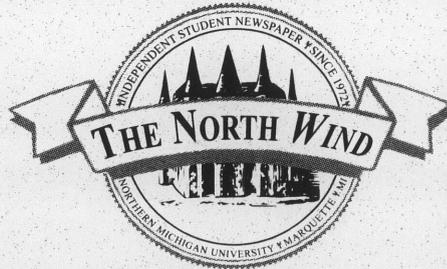
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nationally recognized for their accomplishments, including Nathan Piasecki.

Piasecki, a 19-year-old Minocqua, Wis., native, placed fourth at the 2001 U.S. Senior Nationals in Las Vegas, Nev.

"[The USOEC program] is top

level training," Piasecki said. "Both coaches that we've had have been to the Olympics and they both know what it takes to win and to be a phenomenal competitor. And that all trickles down to what I think — the more you work, the more you're going to get out of it."

Piasecki said that the coaching

change has been difficult at times.

"It is quite different training, different methods," Piasecki said. "For some guys it's been tough, for some it's been easy. I'd have to say it's been a 180 degree change."

"It's been a little confusing at times."

The event tomorrow against the Marines will be competitive, Piasecki said.

"You have your sense of pride," Piasecki said. "You want to show not only the people around Marquette how tough we are, but the people on a national level as well."

"If we could come in and

dominate the Marines, it would be a real good showing."

The eight-match event starts at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Marquette Senior High School Gym.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Admission is free for children under the age of six.

**GOLF**

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Courtesy of sports information Senior Eric Van Damme and the NMU golf team will travel to Wayne State and Findlay Universities this weekend for invitationals.

'Cats will meet with teams from their conference, including No. 1 Ferris State University and Findlay University.

The Bulldogs' 2001 GLIAC Championship marked their second straight championship title, and their 17th title since the 1974. They are led by junior Mitch Flemming and senior Dustin Akers.

NMU will go on from the Wayne State Invitational to compete in the Findlay Invitational on April 6 and 7 in Findlay, Ohio.

Findlay is led by senior Kyle Weisenburger, who won the 2001 GLIAC Men's Golf Championship with a total score of 76 on the par-72 course.

The Wildcats will be led by Van Damme, senior Kyle Miller and junior Luke Alexander.

**Olympic skater breaks record**

USOEC short-track speed-skater and 2002 Olympian Ron Biondo broke the U.S. record in the 3,000-meter event recently.

Biondo beat the time by over three seconds at the national Short Track Championships held at the Island Sports Center in Neville Island, Penn., just outside of Pittsburgh.

Biondo skated the event in 4:47.03, beating Tommy O'Hare's time of 4:50.23, set Nov. 11, 2001, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Biondo skated a time of :43.60 in the final of the 500-

meter race to break the Men's Age Group Senior record. He also claimed the overall Men's Senior Age Group title.

USOEC skaters Mike Kooreman, Adam Duncan and Chris Weaver finished second, third and fourth, respectively, in the Senior Division. The Senior Division includes skaters ages 20 to 29.

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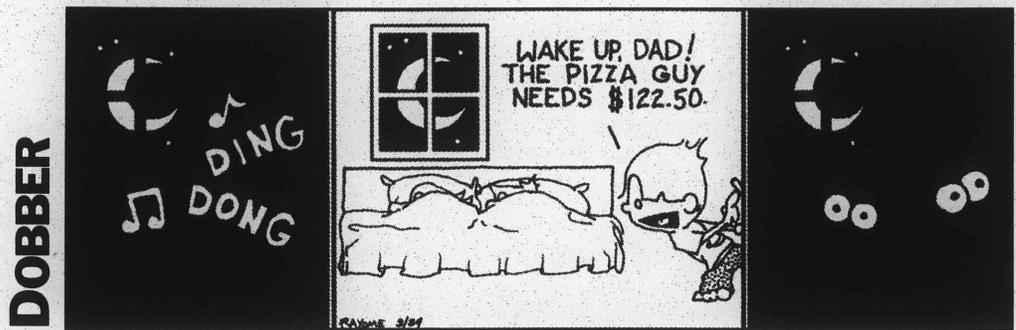
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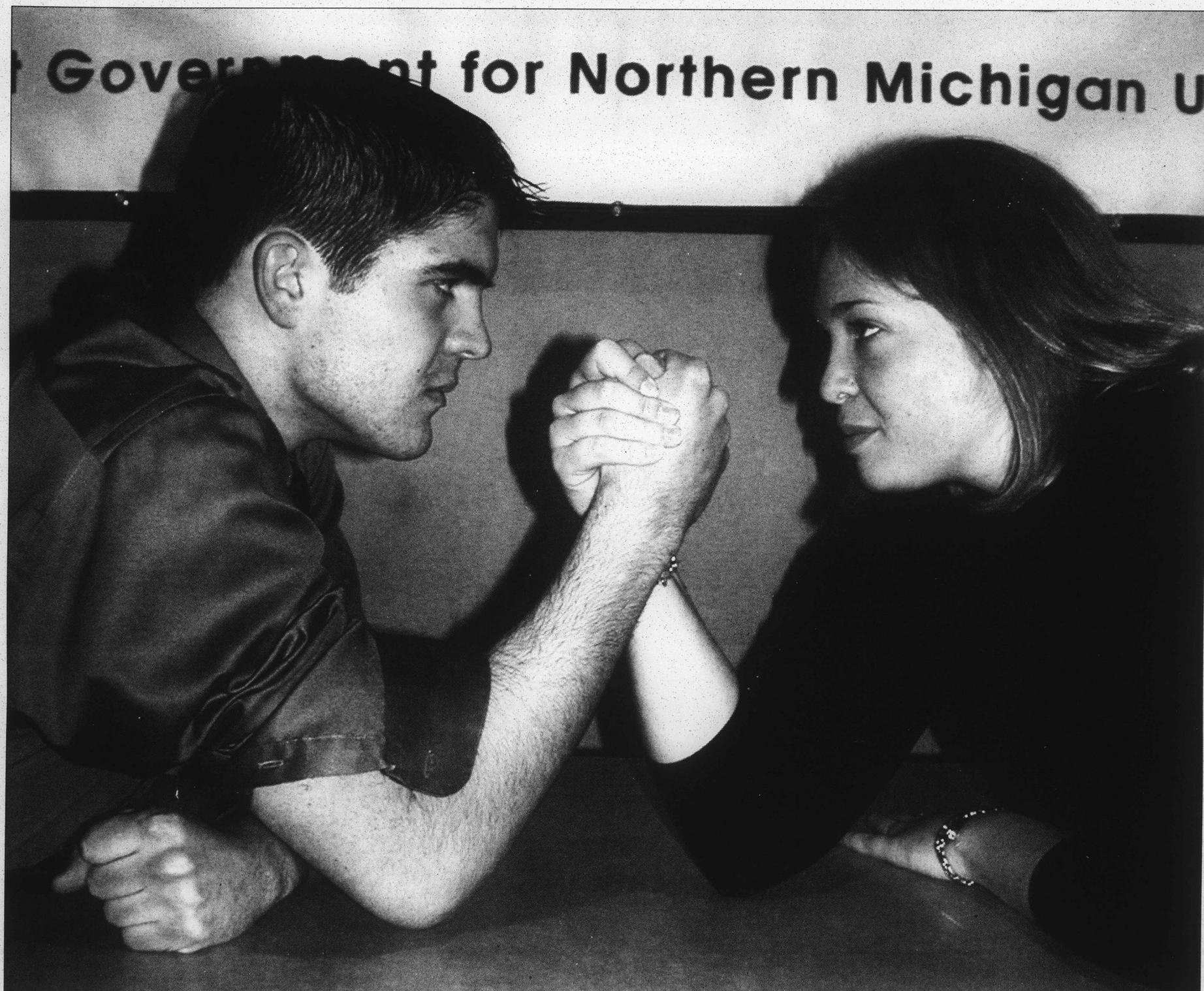
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# ASNMU Candidate Guide

The following is a list of candidates running for ASNMU positions. The numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of openings per position.

## President (1)

Two candidates are running for ASNMU president. The North Wind staff interviewed both presidential candidates to hear how they will represent the students if elected as ASNMU president.



**BOB  
SNYDER**

junior,  
physics,  
Crystal Lake, Ill.

**Do you have any previous ASNMU experience?**

I don't have any previous ASNMU experience. I've studied the organization extensively this last semester. I'd have to say I've been preparing for this for the last semester and a half. Plus, I don't think anyone really has experience for next year's ASNMU. This is a changing organization. Everything is going to be turning over, (and there will be) a lot of new people. Who can claim that they actually have experience?

**How else have you been involved on campus?**

I'm involved in West Hall Government with Housing and Residence Life. Last year I did the same. I think the biggest thing was the Student Relief Organization that got started right after Sept. 11. That gave me a lot of experience in not only starting an organization, but getting people in it, learning how to please them. I've sort of been inspired by that because I really enjoy it.

**What changes will students notice if you are elected?**

I hope nobody notices it, but want there to be a definite improvement. If people notice it, then that means something's not working right. But the improvements I hope to get going, the biggest one, is to get multimedia more involved with the students. There's been a decrease in student involvement on campus since cable has been introduced to the school and the Internet. So I feel the only way to compensate for that is to give students an easy way to get information right from their computers, and make their computers a place they want to go to get out of their room and get involved.

**How could communication between ASNMU and off-campus students be improved?**

The pipeline is a huge issue. (I have) a couple of ideas about the calendar and how student organizations can get their ideas out there, but if you're trying to get in contact with students off

Please see SNYDER on Page 3B



**CARISSA  
WATERS**

junior,  
nursing,  
St. Charles, Ill.

**Do you have any previous ASNMU experience?**

For the 2000-2001 year, I was the representative for the college of professional studies. For 2001-2002, I was ASNMU vice president.

**How else have you been involved on campus?**

I was involved in Payne Hall Government, when I lived in Payne last year, and I was involved in Circle K. This year I'm also involved with Northern Arts and Entertainment.

**What changes will students notice if you are elected?**

With a background in programming, I think it's important to get more programming on campus and get students to stay on campus more often. Improvements in dining services; I'll continue to work with them. Improvements in student satisfaction with the TLC program; we have the TLC subcommittee, and we're surveying students to see what their issues are, and see what we can do about it. We'll see a continuation of some of the programs we have, like the Dozing Discounts and hopefully an expansion of that (and) the safety shuttle. I want to see that continue and get more funding for that so it can be routine. I want to get representatives more seen and more vocal.

We've been talking with the administration about the possibility of having the iBook as an option. With the costs for students, [administrators] think it will be too much. We're seeing if we can somehow get better programs for the Thinkpads that would cross over better to the art students and education students.

I would like to see some exemptions for art students. I would like to see the option, but I understand that if they can't regulate it, then there's going to be problems with students going under different majors.

**How could communication between ASNMU and off-campus students be improved?**

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## SNYDER

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campus, you can't go out to each one individually. We have to invite them and give them a scenario which they want to come back to here, where they can be comfortable.

**Has ASNMU been an effective governing body for students? How can it be improved?**

I absolutely think it's been effective. I respect what Nathan Leach has done in the past two years; not necessarily for everything he's done, but what he's done for getting students involved in ASNMU. Percentage wise, it's amazing.

To improve it, I think there should be more involvement between students and their departments. I fully want to keep going with Nathan's movement to get more student involvement, but I also feel that people need to have the opportunity to get more involved in their department.

**Do you think the referendum should pass?**

I support the increase in the referendum. It will increase the standard of life — it's a good choice for the students.

**Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?**

Initially there was the idea of the student-run calendar. Students (would) keep

putting things up for other students to see, and keep students involved in that sense. Also, on the laptop program, I've been thinking a lot about that, unfortunately [having Macintosh iBooks as an option] probably is not going to happen next year, or the year after that. So we need to take another step. In my opinion, the best way to do that would be to make it so juniors and seniors have the ability to get a waiver. So that basically means that departments are going to have requirements for their laptops. Obviously this is the only way we can do it because there is no way we can support the iBook for everyone just yet.

**Summarize why you think you are the best candidate for ASNMU president.**

I personally don't believe that there's any way to answer that. I believe that the students are the best candidate. All I want to do is get in contact with them. I want to run out there and find them all and do exactly what they want. And you know what? That's what I'm going to do; not necessarily talk to each individual one, but just getting out there, defending their voice, and figuring out what it is that they want. That's all any president can do. That's an opinion, but I'm going to stick by that.

## WATERS

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sion of that and the student commons, we're hoping that students will stay on campus more between classes. I'd like to see the LRC and Bookbinders become more of a centralized area for students to come and sit and talk. That will also be a central place for student organizations to have promotions, to have meeting offices and hopefully off-campus students will have more of what goes on outside of classrooms.

**Has ASNMU been an effective governing body for students? How can it be improved?**

I think right now, with the programs that we implement, we try to be an effective voice between students and the administration by bringing up concerns to the administration and bringing the concerns to the right pockets of the university so that they can be looked at. I think the communication between the students and ASNMU can be improved and getting ASNMU out there; going to people and saying, 'what can we do for you?'

**Do you think the referendum should pass?**

I hope it does. I think it's a great opportunity for more programming, and

to really liven up this campus. Our student activity fee is one of the lowest in the state. I still think that we do a good job bringing programming with the money we have. I think if this referendum passes there will be a lot more done with the programming money and a lot more excitement on campus. If we could put more into programming, we could bring more to the campus. I think it would improve retention and recruitment.

**Is there anything new that you would propose if elected?**

More focus on student activities and what can be done outside of the classroom, promoting events and trying to get students to stay on campus. There are things on campus that can bring people together. I want to see this campus more alive, with things happening.

**Summarize why you think you are the best candidate for ASNMU president.**

I have two years of (ASNMU) experience. I've been spending a lot of time, daily, in the office and want to work for students.

I'm doing this because I care about the campus, I care about students; I want to see things change for the better for the students and the school in general.

## Vice President (1)

Both vice presidential candidates were asked the following questions: 1. What type of leadership experience do you have that makes you the best candidate for vice president? 2. What will students see changed or upheld if you are elected?



**KYLE  
BUTTON**

sophomore,  
broadcasting,  
Jenison, Mich.

1. I am currently vice president of Hunt Hall and president of Toon Town. Next year I am going to be co-president of Model United Nations. I have always been in a leadership position throughout high school and college. I just happen to take a leadership role and I love to hear people's voice and love to try to implement it throughout what I do.

2. I hope to get student voices heard and their opinions dealt with in a very timely manner. A student's voice will be welcome if I'm in office and it doesn't matter what the topic is, I will always accept it.



**SAMUEL  
PACIERO, JR.**

sophomore,  
criminal justice  
St. Clair Shores,  
Mich.

1. Currently I serve on ASNMU as representative for Arts and Science. So I have seen how the organization runs and what is expected of ASNMU. I want to continue what I have learned and carry it over to next year.

2. Students might not see a huge change, because when I am elected, I want to continue the same programs that are currently in progress. I don't want to make any fake promises I can't keep. But if students have any fresh ideas they are always welcome and I will research them and see where we can go with their ideas.

Voting will be open for 24 hours on Tuesday, beginning Monday at midnight, and ending Tuesday at midnight. Students may vote online at [www.asnmu.org](http://www.asnmu.org), or at one of six voting stations across campus. For more information, see the election story on Page 6B.

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## College of Arts and Sciences (3)



**GREG RAGAN**

junior, secondary ed. English, Gaylord, Mich.



**ERIN SPENCER**

junior, public relations, Woodhaven, Mich.



**JEFF SZYMANSKI**

junior, biochemistry, Frankenmuth, Mich.



**JARED STANCHINA**

junior, political science/pre-law, Iron Mountain, Mich.



**MARK SLYKHOUSE**

junior, theater/political science, Jenison, Mich.

**ALSO RUNNING:**

Alita Townsend is also running for College of Arts and Sciences positions. She was provided with the same opportunity as the other candidates, but did not stop by The North Wind office to fill out information.

## Off-Campus Representative (7)



**SARAH BIRD**

freshman, undeclared, Houghton, Mich.



**CHADWICK CURTIS**

junior, human geography, La Crosse, Wis.



**JOHN FITZGERALD**

junior, finance, Williamstown, N.J.



**ALLISON HASSIG**

senior, marketing, Fort Wayne, Ind.



**JENNI KAPLA**

junior, public relations/political science, Marinette, Wis.



**DAN KRAMARZ**

senior, speech comm., Downers Grove, Ill.



**DAN MERHALSKI**

senior, history/political science, Denver, Colo.



**KYLE ORTIZ**

junior, secondary ed. social studies, Chicago, Ill.



**DAMIAN RAMOS**

junior, history, East Providence, R.I.



**BOB RUSTMAN**

sophomore, marketing, Chicago, Ill.

**ALSO RUNNING:**

Brandon Kent is also running for the Off-Campus Representative position. He was provided with the same opportunity as the other candidates, but did not stop by The North Wind office to fill out information.

**ALSO RUNNING:**

Colin Hardy is running for the General Undeclared Representative position. He was provided with the same opportunity as the other candidates, but did not stop by The North Wind office to fill out information.

## Up-Campus Representative (1)



**CINDIE JANSSEN**

junior, business/CIS, Wakefield, Mich.



**KEELY ROBARE**

freshman, political science/pre-law, St. Ignace, Mich.

## Down-Campus Representative (2)



**REBECCA BECKETT**

freshman, political science/pre-law, Caledonia, Mich.



**BECKA ZEMBA**

junior, political science, Carney, Mich.

## College of Business (1)



**NICOLE LANG**

freshman, entrepreneurship, Canton, Mich.

**ALSO RUNNING:**

Nick Thierry is also running for the College of Business Representative position. He was provided with the same opportunity as the other candidates, but did not stop by The North Wind office to fill out information.

## College of Professional Studies (3)



**MELISSA LEITZEL**

sophomore, elementary ed., New Baltimore, Mich.



**CRAIG LIAN**

junior, outdoor recreation leadership and management, Minot, N.D.



**GLEN YOUNG**

sophomore, outdoor recreation leadership and management, Kalamazoo, Mich.

## College of Technology and Applied Sciences (1)



**TONY POOL**

junior, industrial tech., Iron Mountain, Mich.

## On-Campus Apartments (1)



**LIANNA MOORE**

senior, criminal justice, Canton, Mich.



**CHRIS MOSIER**

senior, graphic comm., Glidden, Wis.

Voting for the ASNMU election will be open for 24 hours on Tuesday, beginning Monday at midnight, and ending Tuesday at midnight. Students may vote online at the ASNMU Web site, [www.asnmu.org](http://www.asnmu.org), or at one of six voting stations located across campus, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Voting stations will be located in Jamrich, the LRC, the Payne/Halverson lobby, Jacobetti, the Wildcat Den and the ASNMU office. Absentee ballots are available in the Dean of Students Office.

# ASNMU representatives elected by online voting

BY CHRIS MOSIER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Students will have the opportunity to choose who represents them and have the option to increase the student activity fee during the ASNMU elections on Tuesday.

The polls will be open for 24 hours on Tuesday, beginning Monday at midnight, and ending Tuesday at midnight.

Six voting stations will be open across campus from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Voting stations will be located in Jamrich, the LRC, the Payne/Halverson lobby, Jacobetti, the Wildcat Den and the ASNMU office. Students can also vote at the ASNMU Web site, [www.asnmu.org](http://www.asnmu.org).

Students will also have the chance to vote to continue the allocation of \$20.30 to the Student Discretionary Activity Fee. If students vote yes, they may choose to support an increase in allocation of \$9.70, bringing the total fee to \$30 per semester.

ASNMU President Nathan Leach said this year, ASNMU's goal is to get 3,000 voters.

Leach said that last year's voter turnout of 2,284 voters was the highest ever in the school government's history. In order to

vote, NMU students must be enrolled in six or more credits. Last year, approximately one third of eligible students voted.

NMU had the highest voter turnout of the 15 publicly-funded universities in Michigan last year, Leach said. The next highest was Grand Valley State University, with five percent of its student population voting during their weeklong election.

"It goes to show that Northern students really do care about who represents their voice to the administration," Leach said.

Leach said the high voter turnout is due to the close-knit campus community and students encouraging one another to vote.

ASNMU election committee member Stephanie Scheiner said online voting plays a large roll in Northern's voter turnout, and makes it easier and more convenient for students to voice their opinions.

A higher number of presidential candidates also helped voter turnout last year, Leach said.

This year there are fewer candidates for president and vice president, but more candidates are running for representative positions.

Last year, five students ran for president, and four competed for the vice president position. There

are two presidential and two vice presidential candidates running for office this year.

Eleven candidates will battle for seven off-campus representative positions available. Two candidates are vying for one spot as up-campus representative, and two more are running for one on-campus apartment representative position.

Six candidates are campaigning to fill the three positions as college of arts and sciences representatives. Two candidates will be on the ballot for one college of business representative spot.

Two candidates are running unopposed for down-campus representative positions. Each candidate needs only one vote to be elected into his or her position. Three candidates will fill the three positions as college of professional studies representatives.

One candidate is also running unopposed for the college of technology and applied sciences position, and one candidate is unopposed as a general undeclared representative.

Absentee ballots are available in the Dean of Students Office.

For more information about the candidates, attend the candidate forum at 8 p.m. on Monday in the Payne/Halverson lobby, or visit [www.asnmu.org](http://www.asnmu.org).

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## Student Activity Referendum Ballot Language

The Student Discretionary Activity Fee Policy, passed by the Board of Trustees in 1972, and as amended, requires that students vote every two years regarding the continuation of the fee and the amount that will be assessed.

**Current Policy:** Each semester, students enrolled in six or more credits pay \$20.30 toward the Student Discretionary Activity Fee. you are being asked to vote to continue the current funding of the Student Discretionary Activity Fee and to vote on an increase in funding.

Answer Yes or No to the following questions:

1. Do you support the continued allocation of \$20.30 to programs, organizations and activities supported by the Student Discretionary Activity Fee?
2. Do you support an increase in allocation of \$9.70 to \$30 to programs, organizations and activities provided by: Student Finance Committee, ASNMU, The North Wind and Radio X?

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# Voters determine fee for student activities

BY JESSICA HOLMAN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday students will be able to vote on a referendum to keep the Student Discretionary Activity Fee and to increase it.

The fee is currently \$20.30 per semester per student. There are four Direct Allocated Groups the fee covers. Radio X, ASNMU, the Student Finance Committee and The North Wind receive direct funding from the fee.

The ASNMU Referendum Committee met on March 24 and 25 to decide on the funding requests submitted by Radio X, the SFC and The North Wind. The committee's recommendations were approved by ASNMU on March 26.

"This year, three of the four groups requested an increase," ASNMU President Nathan Leach said. "ASNMU is remaining the same at 90 cents."

If the referendum is passed, the Student Discretionary Activity Fee will increase to \$30.

"Student programming increasing activities on campus was a big impetus (in seeking the increase)," ASNMU Chairman Eric Martin said.

Any registered student organization can apply for funding from the Student Discretionary Activity Fee, ASNMU adviser Ed Niemi said.

"The Referendum Committee sent out a letter to all registered student organizations, saying that if you'd like to request money from the Student Discretionary Activity Fee that you should apply," Niemi said. "Then they take (reports from the) people who make requests and they review the reports and then talk to the people who wrote the reports and make a recommendation as to how much — and if — funding should be provided out of the Student Discretionary Activity Fee."

Radio X is currently allocated \$3.30 of each Student Discretionary Activity Fee. If the

referendum passes, Radio X will receive an additional 30 cents, bringing their allocation to \$3.60.

According to the Referendum Committee's memorandum, the increase in the allocation for Radio X is justified because Radio X must constantly update its equipment to provide an accurate learning environment for its student members. Radio X is also justified in the increase because it is developing its Internet presence through new technology and it desires to improve the quality of its on-air production.

The SFC currently receives \$13 from each Student Discretionary Activity Fee. An increase of \$8.20, making their allocation \$21.20, was recommended by the Referendum Committee.

"The (allocation for the) Student Finance Committee is increasing because the cost of programs is increasing and the cost that the university throws on groups is increasing," ASNMU Treasurer Lori LaCount said.

The SFC has four Earmarked Funded Groups covered in its allocation. Platform Personalities, Northern Arts and Entertainment, Campus Cinema and the Student Art Forum are Earmarked Funded Groups. If the referendum passes, the four groups will receive a total of \$11.35 from the total allocation of \$21.20.

The Referendum Committee's memorandum stated that the SFC is justified in receiving the additional money because it needs to have more flexibility in funding the Earmarked Funded Groups and other student programming, needs to compensate for the rising cost of programming, desires to continue to offer allocations

for quality funding and needs to fulfill the increased demands of students.

"The cost continues to rise for student organizations, and the cost of student programming continues to increase, and this is a way for student organizations to keep up," Leach said.

The North Wind currently receives an allocation of \$3.10. A recommendation of an increase of \$1.20 to allocate \$4.30 was made by the Referendum Committee.

This increase is justified, according to the Referendum Committee's memorandum, because The North Wind desires to maintain current standards including about 24 pages in each edition, is looking to increase its distribution in the Marquette community and has made major technology investments that must be supported. The North Wind editorial and business staff have not received compensation increases in several years. A decline in the amount of community-based advertising received is projected as well.

At the ASNMU meeting March 26, North Wind Business Manager Susan Wheeler said that a 12-percent loss in advertising revenue is predicted.

"Right now, Northern Michigan University is one of the lowest universities in our state when it comes to student activity fee," Leach said.

NMU brings in approximately \$149,225 per semester currently through the fee.

"This is a large increase, but it's not anything compared to any other university (in the state)," LaCount said.

All of the allocations for the DAGs will be voted on collectively on April 9.

"The students are going to vote on it as a whole," Martin said. "I think if students want to see more, they'll vote yes. If they want to see more events, if they want to have the campus rejuvenated, they'll vote yes."



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