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BAC announces suggested cuts

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While the United States begins to fight a war in Iraq, the university is fighting a battle that schools across Michigan are each waging against one of the most powerful forces in the world: the almighty dollar.

The Budget Alternatives Committee will present its recommendations on dealing with a 10 percent cut to the general fund budget to the campus community at a university forum from 3 to 5 p.m., and at a "Let's Chat" session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Both presentations will take place in Jamrich 102.

The BAC prepared a recommendation for President Judi Bailey on how to cut 10 percent — roughly \$8.5 million — from next year's general fund budget. The cuts are the result of a decrease in state appropriations presented by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The BAC is comprised of deans and vice presidents from academic affairs, finance and

administration and the president's divisions. All areas were represented, except graduate school. Fred Joyal, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Mike Roy, the vice president for finance and administration, co-chaired the committee.

Joyal said there were no students or faculty members on the committee because it was necessary to have people with a thorough knowledge of the budget who had broad budget responsibilities, allowing them to look at the overall picture without bias.

He also said it would have been unfair to place the weight of such a decision on the shoulders of a faculty member or student.

"We couldn't place the burden of confidentiality on a student and faculty member," Joyal said. "There would be tremendous pressure to let their peers know what we were discussing."

The process began with a presentation and reminder of NMU's visions and mission statement. Joyal said this established a common set of goals for the committee.

"The top concern was students' academic experience," Director of Communications Cindy Paavola said. "I was so impressed with the professional-"
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Joyal

Prof busted for pot cultivation

BY MARY ANN CANCELLA
NEWS EDITOR

Associate Psychology Professor Alan Beauchamp will be arraigned on March 28 on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance.

A joint investigation led by the Marquette Police Department and Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) found that Beauchamp was growing approximately six marijuana plants in his home on 1113 Second St.

UPSET Det. Sgt. Jeff Racine said the maximum penalty for this crime is four years, however

sentencing depends on criminal history.

Beauchamp has no prior criminal history.

Racine said Beauchamp pled guilty to one count of delivery or manufacturing of marijuana, a felony.

Beauchamp was using hydroponics to grow the plants, Racine said. He said hydroponics includes the use of equipment such as carbon dioxide tanks, high intensity lights and an ion generator.

He said the police department had received information that Beauchamp was growing the

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U.S. wages war on Iraq

President George W. Bush announced an order of immediate military actions on Iraq on Wednesday night.

Bush addressed the nation from the Oval Office at 10:15 p.m. to announce the beginning of attacks.

Bush sent a letter to Congress on Wednesday offering the administration's formal justification for war with Iraq, stating that diplomacy had failed and linking military action to the battle against terrorism.

News broadcasts reported air raid sirens sounding in Baghdad at approximately 9:30 p.m. eastern time Wednesday (5:30 a.m. Thursday in Baghdad) — about 90 minutes after the U.S. deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to step down.

According to CNN, Bush said the first strikes were against "selected targets of military importance," including what Pentagon officials said was a "decapitation attack" early Thursday to kill Hussein.

Hussein appeared on television early Thursday morning to give a speech to the Iraqi people, proving the mission had failed.

CNN then reported use of U.S. satellite-guided Tomahawk cruise missiles.

"We will accept no outcome except victory," Bush said in his speech Wednesday night.

According to CNN, the United States and Britain have massed nearly 300,000 troops in the Persian Gulf region.

— Chris Mosier



Adam Westhouse/NW

Several NMU students camp on the Cohodas lawn on Wednesday to protest war against Iraq.

Global issues raised

BY ERIC TREADO
STAFF WRITER

The beginning of a war against Iraq corresponding with next week's Global Issues Week has prompted a number of NMU students and community activists to take part in anti-war demonstrations and raising social awareness.

Since March 18, a group of students and community activists have camped outside of Cohodas in a protest of the war on Iraq. The protest initially began with six people and is currently growing.

"We plan to stay here as long as it takes," junior entrepreneur major Mike Adams said. "We support the troops fully, and wish for their safe return."

He said the students do not agree with the foreign policy

that has sent U.S. forces overseas.

"The war is highly imperialistic, just for corporate gain," Adams said.

The protest group is made up of members of NMU's United Students and Citizens Opposed to the War in Iraq, a community-wide organization.

"[President] Bush has not been extended the right to sully our reputations as Americans," sophomore psychology major Corey Kowall said.

United Students will also be taking part in Global Issues Week from March 24 to 30 to provide an opportunity to learn ways to benefit the community and world.

United Students is an organization that benefits the community through events, rallies, concerts and protests. United Student member Jackie

Wagner is the coordinator of Global Issues Week.

"Our goal [for these events] is to raise awareness of global topics that affect us and can be tied back locally," Wagner said. "We have a large number of events that should be interesting, that [anyone], as a member of our world-wide community, can take an interest in."

One of the activities held will be a debate on the war on Iraq, scheduled for 8 p.m. on March 27 in the University Center. Two panels will be present — one opposed to and one in support of the war — and will be asked questions by a moderator. The discussion is open to audience participation.

NMU will host a benefit concert with local musical outfits Log Jam and Ignorant Mob
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BAC

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ism of the BAC members. They approached the massive task to protect the university as a whole, and not just their specific area they were in charge of."

Paavola is an ex-officio member of the BAC, meaning she attends all meetings but is not a voting party.

Even though 10 percent of the general fund budget will be cut, the BAC chose not to make a 10 percent cut of everything across the board. Instead, Roy said the committee looked at statewide expenditure reports to see how Northern compared to other Michigan institutions in specific areas of spending. Discussions began with the areas where NMU spent more money than other universities.

"A 10-percent cut from everything we have wouldn't work — the loss of instruction would be unbearable," Joyal said. "Teaching is our No. 1 responsibility. We need to make sure we still have the tools, equipment and resources to compete as an institute."

Roy said among the top of the list of areas where NMU's spending was above the state average were the areas of public service, student services, operations and maintenance. Roy said the committee looked at instruction last.

"Regardless of what issue we were discussing, it always came back to the question of how does this impact students and enrollment," Roy said.

People in charge of the areas where spending was higher were asked for their recommendations on what could be cut,

Roy said. Those recommendations then came back to the BAC for discussion. Once an issue was on the table, the BAC weighed the pros and cons of each suggestion.

Joyal said a number of suggestions were brought to the table to allow for discussion and comparison. The result was a final recommendation, which was presented to Bailey on March 12.

"Teaching is our No. 1 responsibility. We need to make sure we still have the tools, equipment and resources to compete as an institute."

— Fred Joyal
Provost and vice president for academic affairs

Joyal said the BAC did not make changes to tuition. Bailey and the Board of Control will address possible increases in tuition in hopes the board will be in a position to consider an administrative tuition recommendation at the May 2 Board of Control meeting.

Roy said the options presented by the BAC are just recommendations, and not a definitive list. The university has until April 8 to obtain input, with the final recommendations presented on May 1 and 2.

"We're trying to cut millions and millions of dollars from the general fund in a very short amount of time," Paavola said. "It's going to impact everyone indirectly, and obviously some people very directly."

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on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center. Concert proceeds will help fund Voices in the Wilderness, an organization which protests U.S.-imposed sanctions on Iraq. The admission cost will be \$3 per person.

Sophomore photography major Sean Stimac said he is looking forward to the Global Issues Week activities and helping people become more aware of some of the problems overseas.

"Last year's turnout was really good," Stimac said. "This year, we want to continue to raise awareness about the here-

and-now, such as issues on lower-class people and the environment."

Global Issues Week will culminate Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge. The program "Community Art for Change" will include local artists, food and refreshments. It will be a chance to talk with all the participants during the week.

"(We) shape the world we live in, if you're not educated you're not going to have an impact," Wagner said.

Other Marquette area businesses and organizations will be contributing events and activities to the global issues cause.

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marijuana plants inside his home and that it obtained a search warrant.

"It appeared that he was ordering the equipment from his office, but was having it delivered to his home," Racine said. "But this is substantial evidence."

Marquette Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Payant said he believed Beauchamp had entered a plea bargain of a delay of sentence.

"This means he will have a probationary period," Payant said. "Once the period is complete, the charges will be dismissed."

Payant said the maximum sentence of four years is very difficult to obtain.

"You'd have to have a horrendous record to receive a four-year sentence

for these charges," Payant said.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said the university's policy for dealing with issues like these depends on what he called a nexus.

"A nexus is the point of interaction between the offense committed and the university," Joyal said.

He said Beauchamp was accused of the criminal activity on his own time in his own home and that it didn't involve the university in any way.

"We can't control his private life," Joyal said. "It didn't interfere with his ability to do his duty."

Joyal did say however, that he was very disappointed with Beauchamp's behavior.

"It reflects poorly on the university," Joyal said. "It's an embarrassment."

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Local

Fabco ends lengthy union strike

MARQUETTE — The year-and-a-half long strike at the Fabco equipment company ended on March 14 when both the union and the company dropped their challenges with the National Labor Relations Board. Twenty-three Fabco workers walked off the job on Aug. 1, 2001, three months after a three-year contract expired. The strikers of the Negaunee township company said they were willing to work under the old agreement but that the company wanted to eliminate the union, a claim which Fabco denied. During the strike some of the strikers found other jobs, while others took back their old jobs at the facility. Many of the positions were filled with non-union workers.

National

Government ready to help airlines

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Officials on Capitol Hill acknowledged on Tuesday that a war with Iraq could hurt the nation's airlines and said it was ready to move quickly with assistance measures if necessary. Congressman James Oberstar (D-Minn.) introduced an airline aid bill on Wednesday that includes federal loan guarantees to cover rising fuel prices. Lawmakers were quick to assist airlines with \$15 billion in cash and loan guarantees after the Sept. 11 attacks, but both Congress and the administration have been skeptical about additional handouts. In addition to the uncertain outlook for United and U.S. Airways, four smaller airlines have gone out of business since Sept. 11 accelerated an industry downturn into its record-setting financial decline.

International

U.S. may use 'E-bomb' during war

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. forces may use a new "e-bomb" during the expected invasion of Iraq as part of a new attack strategy designed to render Saddam Hussein's forces incapable of retaliation or communication. The highly classified bomb emits a short pulse of microwaves powerful enough to fry computers, blind radar, silence radios, trigger crippling power outages and disable the electronic ignitions in vehicles and aircraft. Such powerful pulses can incapacitate electronic equipment without damaging buildings or harming people, making them an attractive weapon whenever civilian casualties are a concern. Officially, however, the Pentagon has yet to acknowledge the weapon's existence.

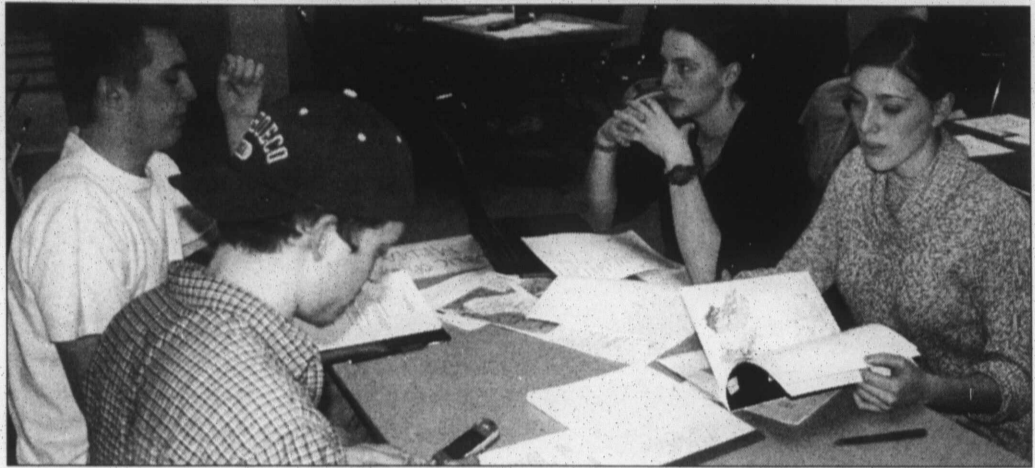
Weird News

Saddam look-alike strikes paydirt

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Although he is an owner of a successful lobbying firm, Californian Jerry Haleva has been gaining true notoriety as Hollywood's favorite double of Saddam Hussein. Haleva's screen credits include the spoofs "Hot Shots" and "Hot Shots Part Deux," the Coen Brothers' "The Big Lebowski," and the 2002 HBO mockumentary "Live from Baghdad." Haleva's film career started with a 1989 prank when he was a staffer for the legislature's Republican minority leader. After the first Gulf War, Haleva became a highly sought as Hussein's impersonator, both in movies and in person. Haleva said he loves the irony of being a pro-Israel Jewish activist earning money by making fun of the Iraqi leader.

— Compiled from news sources

Considering the facts



Jason Metevia/NW

Freshman secondary education major Matt Johnson (left), sophomore media production major Chris Brunsmann, senior outdoor recreation and leadership major Jenny Hampton and sophomore political science and pre-law major Mary Jaecklein take part in the Iraq Crisis Analysis

Peace Corps offers work experience, alternatives

BY SCOTT SWANSON
STAFF WRITER

In accordance with a nationwide trend, students at NMU have shown a renewed interest and participation in the Peace Corps since President Bush vowed to double the size of the volunteer organization in his 2002 State of the Union address.

There are currently eight NMU graduates serving in the Peace Corps, up from four volunteers four years ago, while others are in the process of application, said Scot Roskelley, Public Affairs Specialist in the Chicago Regional Office of the Peace Corps.

"Students who are independent and responsible, who enjoy learning about other cultures and have a true desire to help other people should consider joining the Peace Corps," Roskelley said.

The Peace Corps assists developing countries by sending volunteers to work in one of five fields: general education, environment, health education, business and community development. The organization offers services to third world countries in Africa, Central and East Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean, Inter-America, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

Some of these countries include South Africa, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bolivia, Panama and Micronesia.

Of all Peace Corps volunteers, 98 percent have at least a bache-

lor's degree, although not necessarily from the field in which they volunteer, Roskelley said.

"We've promised these countries that we would bring in educated volunteers with college degrees," Roskelley said. "However, it's not uncommon for someone with a political science degree to be working in the agricultural field. They just wouldn't be doing the highly technical things."

While serving, volunteers receive a monthly allowance that covers basic needs, comprehensive medical and dental coverage and 24 vacation days per year. After completing two years of service, they receive a check for \$6,075 and a health insurance plan.

Roskelley acknowledged that there is some risk involved when working in a third-world country, but that the benefits outweigh the potential hazard.

"Besides, in reality it's much more dangerous to be somewhere like New York City or Chicago," Roskelley said.

When they return home, ex-volunteers often have an advantage in the job market due to Peace Corps experience. Fluency in foreign languages, international experience and the understanding of other cultures are important assets in today's career environment, Roskelley said.

"To be honest, the job market isn't in really good shape right now," Roskelley said. "A lot of college seniors are joining the

Peace Corps for the benefit it brings them when competing for their first job after graduation."

Senior secondary education major Denise Hartsock said she's considering joining the Peace Corps so she doesn't have to enter the real world.

*"I want to be absorbed in
"A lot of college seniors are joining the Peace Corps for the benefit it brings them when competing for their first job after graduation."*

— Scot Roskelley
Peace Corps Public Affairs Specialist

another culture and also be in a minority position and have to adjust to someone else's culture and lifestyle," Hartsock said.

Hartsock will tentatively be volunteering in the Pacific Rim region, which consists of island nations such as the Philippines and Micronesia.

"I hope this will be an experience where both sides gain knowledge," Hartsock said. "I want it to be a shared experience of cultures."

The Peace Corps will be holding a video information session at 6 p.m. on March 24 in West Science Room 2810.

"Volunteering for the Peace Corps offers a great opportunity for people to broaden their minds about themselves and the world around them," Roskelley said.

FORECAST

- **Friday:** Mostly cloudy with a mix of rain and snow. High around 42. Low around 30. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.
- **Saturday:** Cloudy with a mix of rain and snow. High around 40. Low around 24.
- **Sunday:** Party cloudy. High around 43. Low around 30.

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U.S. PEACE CORPS FACTS

- Founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy
- 168,000 Americans have joined since 1961
- By 1966, the Peace Corps included 14,500 volunteers in 55 countries
- Volunteers have served in 136 countries
- Four women have been appointed as Peace Corps directors since the organization began
- There are currently 6,678 volunteers serving
- 86 percent of volunteers have college degrees
- For more info, visit www.peacecorps.gov

Alkaline Trio to perform

The Chicago-based punk outfit, Alkaline Trio, will be performing on April 18 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets will go on sale for NMU students on March 20 at a price of \$1.

They will be available to non-NMU students March 27 at a

price of \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at all NMU EZ-Ticket outlets.

Opening acts are the Fried Chinese Donald's and the Minor League.

Supporting Alkaline Trio is Fearless Record's Knockout.

This event is funded by the Student Finance Committee.

Members of the band include

Matt Skiba on guitar and vocals, Dan Andriano on bass and vocals and Derek Grant on drums.

Their upcoming record, "Good Mourning," will be released in May.

For more information on Alkaline Trio, visit www.b-uniquerecords.com/alkaline.htm.

— NMU press release

ASNMU ready for applicants

ASNMU is currently accepting applications for candidates from people who wish to run for the 2003-04 ASNMU governing board.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on March 26, and applications are available in the ASNMU office.

All candidates must apply in order to get their name on the ballot.

All representative positions, including president and vice president, are available with the exception of treasurer, which is appointed, and the chair of the assembly, which is voted by the ASNMU assembly once the positions have been filled.

Applicants must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, be enrolled in at least six credit hours and be a member of the college they are running to represent or planning to live in the constituency they are running to represent.

People running for areas such as down-campus repre-

sentative, off-campus representative or on-campus apartment representative do not need to live there now, but must plan on moving into that area next year.

Candidates must attend one of five meetings to review the duties of the positions and get the official rules for campaigning.

Two candidate forums will be held to introduce the candidates and their platforms, allowing each candidate to speak for two minutes about their issues and then answer questions in a brief discussion period.

The forums will be held at 1 p.m. on April 6 in front of Bookbinders, and at 5 p.m. on April 7 in the Marketplace.

For additional information about running for a position or about ASNMU, visit its Web site at www.asnmu.org or call the ASNMU office at 227-2452.

— Chris Mosier

Positively unemployed



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Students explore their options for summer employment at the Summer Job Fair which took place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on March 19 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

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Ball held in UC

BY NICOLE GEARHART
STAFF WRITER

The Great Lakes Rooms will transform into a ballroom on March 22 when university students, staff and faculty join to celebrate the annual President's Ball.

Women clad in formal dresses and men in suits will enjoy dinner, socializing and music to honor Judi Bailey, the president of the university.

A social hour will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and will consist of a five-course meal.

There are options for dinner menus, which are outlined on the tickets.

Dinner will be followed by dancing, which will end at midnight.

"Bren and I have attended every year and we enjoy the opportunity to interact with students, faculty and staff in a social setting," Bailey said. "The dinner is always well-prepared and served and the dancing and visiting is fun."

The President's Ball is being presented by First Impressions, an organization that was created to promote the relationships between students, faculty, staff

and administration.

The President's Ball is one of the organization's biggest events of the year.

The members of First Impressions decided the theme of this year's President's Ball will be "The Spy Who Loved Me," based on a James Bond movie of the same title.

One of the members of First Impressions is Carissa Waters, president of ASNMU.

"The President's Ball is a nice opportunity for students, faculty and staff to come together and enjoy music and dancing," junior nursing major Waters said.

Waters also said that works were in progress to modify one of the traditions of the ball. The president of ASNMU and the president of the university generally share a dance.

However, Waters said the fact that both leaders are women this year complicates matters. But she said she was confident that a solution would be reached.

Tickets for the President's Ball can be purchased in the Dean of Students office in the University Center or from members of First Impressions.

For ticket information, contact First Impressions Chairwoman Layla Khoury-Hanold at lkhouryh@nmu.edu.

Chuck D visits campus

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Hip-hop legend and political activist Chuck D will speak at 7 p.m. on March 26 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center.

Chuck D is the leader and co-founder of the groundbreaking, innovative hip-hop group Public Enemy. Public Enemy appeared on the music scene in 1987 with their album "Yo Bum Rush the Show."

"We wanted to bring in someone who has a diverse view of cultural and political issues. Chuck D is very intriguing."

— Christina Estes
event co-chairwoman

Since then Public Enemy has been making history. They have released seven albums, three of which are certified multi-platinum.

"We wanted to bring in someone who has a diverse view of cultural and political issues," said Christina Estes,

junior social work major and co-chairwoman of the event. "Chuck D is very intriguing."

Since rising to fame with his music, Chuck D has been able to spread his message in other ways. He has made guest appearances on news channels such as CNN and Fox News and other programs such as "Politically Incorrect."

Chuck D has released his autobiography titled, "Fight the Power," and has spoken at numerous colleges and universities.

He is a prominent member of such non-profit music organizations such as MusicCares and Rock the Vote.

He served as a national spokesperson for Rock the Vote, the National Urban League and the National Alliance of African American Athletes.

Director Spike Lee said Chuck D is "one of the most politically and socially conscious artists of any generation."

Recently, Chuck D has been getting involved in the Internet. In 1999 he created the

Web site Rapstation.com, an Internet home for the hip-hop community.

The site has partnered with some of the most prominent companies on the Web such as AudioGalaxy Launch, Tucows, Real Networks and House of Blues Digital.

"He is doing some very interesting things on the Web," Estes said. "He has been noted as someone to watch for his creativity."

Public Enemy was also the first group to release their album on the Web before it was available in stores.

Estes said Chuck D will likely speak about different issues such as race and culture, music on the Internet and his experiences as a member of Public Enemy, as well as America's current war situation.

"I really want to hear what he has to say," junior CIS major Derrick Williams said. "I think Chuck D is a major influence in both music and politics. I am also a fan of Public Enemy."

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EDITORIAL

Tough times

Just as the United States goes to war, the university is facing it's own battles in an effort to protect the educational quality of the university while cutting 10 percent of the general budget.

That seems contradictory — how can we cut \$8.5 million without damaging the university's system of operation? The truth is, we can't.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fred Joyal said, "Teaching is our No. 1 responsibility. We need to make sure we still have the tools, equipment and resources to compete as an institute."

When the Budget Alternative Committee's recommendations are announced today, it is our duty as members of the campus community to ensure that Joyal's statement holds true.

This is not a battle Northern is fighting alone. Schools statewide are also coping with budget cuts due to a loss of state appropriations. Just this week, Michigan Tech announced the elimination of their entire varsity football program.

From athletics to extracurricular activities, and probably dipping into academics; no department is safe from cuts. With such a massive amount eliminated from our spending, everyone will be affected.

Jobs will be terminated. Entire programs and athletic teams may be cut. The fate of our university will be announced today at 3 and 6 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

When all is said and done, people will be unhappy. Everyone will be affected, directly or indirectly. But there's no getting around it. The best we can hope for is to make the most effective reductions in spending in the best interest of the majority of students.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Mike Roy said regardless of what issue the BAC was discussing, the conversation always came back to the question of how the recommendations will impact students.

While it was the BAC's job to present recommendations to President Judi Bailey, it is our job to hold the administration to the NMU mission and vision statement of providing a solid academic experience at a reasonable cost to students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Male students need to be made aware

With the recent sexual assault of several NMU women last November, we must ask: "Why?"

Why did it happen? Why were several women assaulted and 12 rooms illegally entered on the second floor of Halverson Hall? Why was Public Safety contacted hours later? Could any of it have been prevented?

I ask you to do one thing. Educate yourself on the topic of sexual assault. Go to a Women's Center or a similar organization and find out the extent of sexual assault in our society. Find out how sexual assault effects a woman.

Most importantly, I ask you to talk to women in your life. Ask them for their thoughts. It is their words that will teach you the most. All of us need to hear their words. Most women do not speak out about the problem of sexual assault, but we men, need to start. We all need to take a hard look at ourselves.

Have you ever heard some-

one talk about a woman as a sexual conquest or a mere object for self-gratification? I am sure we all have. But the real question is, "Did you do something to correct that person's degrading behavior of another human being?" — not only for that woman's sake, but also for the sake of the offender.

Witnessing words and deeds that lower the dignity of a woman (whether she is present or not), and letting those words and deeds go unchallenged, is the same as committing the offense yourself. Stand up for the women that are around you. Hopefully, someone is standing up for the women you care about when you are not present.

History shows that many women will not report being sexually assaulted. They will carry the burden and the pain of the experience alone. Last November in The North Wind's article, "Women Assaulted in Residence Halls" a student said, "Eleven of the girls on my floor were affected by this. But, I didn't hear anything." The silence must be broken.

This topic affects us all and effects the future of our daughters. Again, I ask you to talk to the women in your life.

Anthony Doan
 NMU alumnus

Pow wow succeeds, thanks community

The Native Student Association (NASA) would like to thank the campus community for participating in the 11th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Pow Wow.

For those of you who did attend, we hope that you enjoyed the food and dancing while learning something about our culture. Our committee puts in countless hours to make events like this possible, but without volunteers and participants, the event would not have been a success.

Chi Megwetch (thank you very much) to the departments and members of the campus community who contributed in some way.

Molly Meshigaud
 pow wow coordinator

Delicious experiments

I'm sitting here, trying to figure out what to write for this week's column, and I've stopped to sip my (reduced fat) banana-flavored milk. It makes me think of the strawberry waffles that I smothered with butter-flavored syrup.

Nothing tastes like what it is anymore, all these snacks and breakfasts getting all tarted up to tramp their way down my gullet.

Thankfully, I am not of prudish palate. Sure, I'm as confused by the abundance of varieties of potato crisps as the next fellow (pizza? chili?), but mostly I embrace the new tangs and sweets that dance upon my tongue with all the reckless abandon of candy can-can dancers.

It's not just the foods one expects to be flavorfully experi-

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BY JEREMIAH BRITT

mental, your sodas and ice creams. I want every avenue of edibles to try a crayon box of colors and tastes, for I am one of the loyal supporters of purple ketchup.

Recently Jilbert's Dairy released some new milk flavors, the most questionable of which was rootbeer. Rootbeer milk?

I asked myself if they were mad, but after tasting it I real-

ized their genius.

It tasted just like a melted rootbeer float. Delicious.

I think we need more flavor amalgamations; blueberry crackers, peanut butter cheese, chocolate-covered meats.

Stop being such culinary squares. Try something new. Pour orange juice on your corn flakes and dip your french fries in chocolate shakes. Eat a raw potato, some raw asparagus.

It isn't oral infidelity, and your mother's apple pie will never badger you.

And heck, maybe you'll find out that cream of wheat with olives is the next taste extravaganza.

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

William Holland
 opinion@thenorthwind.org



Cruelty apparent with hit and run

Just last week, my sister-in-law Lisa was on her way to her child's day-care provider in Gaylord, Mich. when she was passed by a speeding car.

As she reached the top of the next hill she was confronted with a gruesome hit and run scene. A van, barely distinguishable, had rolled over twice and hit a large oak tree. Gaylord police are unsure whether the car that passed Lisa witnessed the accident or caused it and there are no witnesses.

Lisa approached the van to ask if the passenger was O.K., she was startled as she realized the 16-year-old boy who had been driving was already dead.

Anyone who could walk away from such an accident must truly be heartless and have no concept of human life.

Michigan law requires anyone involved in a personal injury accident to remain at the scene of the crime until police arrive.

It seems like basic human nature would make this unnecessary, however, 49,000 hit-and-run accidents occurred in the state of Michigan in the past year. Many of these resulted in personal injury or even death.

The idea that a human being could leave another human being in a time of critical need is disturbing.

Experts say people flee the scene of an accident for several reasons including just plain fear, or fear of prosecution for other crimes such as drunk driving. To me it appears like these people want to pretend that nothing happened. A triumph of fantasy over reality — it's ridiculous.

Everyone makes mistakes, but leaving someone in pain who needs help or leaving someone to die who might live is inhumane.

On Feb. 5, in San Jose, Calif. a 13-year-old girl was hit while using a crosswalk and thrown 30 feet. She lay in the street with a broken arm and leg, until another man phoned authori-

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BY MARY ANN CANCELLA

ties to report that, "a woman is laying in the middle of the street."

The driver who hit her never stopped, and there were no witnesses. Had the girl had more serious life-threatening injuries and no one had found her right away, imagine the possible outcome of this story — and all just because the driver of the vehicle did not stop.

Offering assistance at the scene of an accident should be something that we don't have to think about; it should be an instinct, not just for those who are involved but also for witnesses of an accident.

If you're driving down the road and are unfortunate to see an accident take place, just remember you aren't as unfortunate as those involved.

What could possibly be more important than saving another human life? Many times people casually pass by an accident scene and assume that those involved have already been rescued. You never know what may lay inside a smashed or overturned vehicle, unless you stop to find out.

The parents of the 16-year-old boy Lisa stayed with until emergency workers arrived called to thank her for staying with their son so that he was not alone.

It's only too bad no one could have stayed with him while he was still alive.

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

Bush hypocritical by bullying world

Monday night, President Bush took one small step for the war on terror, and one giant leap backwards for international relations and diplomacy. With a quick 10 minute speech, our president reduced the power of the United Nations to that of the failed League of Nations.

President Bush has made it apparent that an international governing body can never work because an aggressive and powerful country can ignore the wishes of the whole international community.

Bush ignored our agreement with the United Nations, saying, "[The U.S.] has the authority of using force in the interest of its own security." But would any other nation have that authority? Let's flip the situation: what if it was France, wanting to use force, going against the Security Council and the United States? Would we accept France acting without our permission and that of the Security Council? My guess would be no.

Only a superior military power such as the United States could take a dictatorial role in the United Nations and ignore the majority voice of the international community. It is amazing how little we have learned. Terrorism is a direct result of resentful nations and people feeling helpless. Our recent actions have only perpetuated feelings of resentment and helplessness. And we are doing all this in the name of democracy. Democracy?

Seriously, how hypocritical can we be, ignoring the wishes of a democratic international governing body to protect democracy?

Just because we disagree with the Security Council doesn't mean we can ignore it. Imagine if American states did that. Say Michigan didn't like what was decided in congress so we ignored them and did our own thing. That doesn't work. There was one time something similar to that did happen; it was called the Civil War.

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BY KYLE ORTIZ

We have just spit in the face of peace-loving nations across the world. Why? Well Bush's justification was, "We are a peaceful people ... we will not be intimidated by thugs and bullies."

I have to ask, who is being a thug and a bully in this case? The international community would not point to Saddam; their fingers would be targeting President Bush and the United States. Bush tried to defend his position by saying, "The U.N. security council has not fulfilled its duty so we will fulfill ours."

He then cited U.N. resolutions Iraq has broken as a reason to "use force." Well, guess who else has broken a number of U.N. resolutions in their day? The good old, "God blessed," United States.

Here in the United States when people go against the government we incarcerate them and call them treasonous fanatics.

It's too bad the United Nations doesn't have the power to punish the fanatical United States for ignoring the governing body's wishes and running off on their own personal war.

It's a sad day when the most powerful nation in the world chooses to ignore international diplomacy just because they can't get their way.

Seems pretty childish to me, but then again, so do freedom fries.

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

SOUND OFF

Do you feel it's important to attend the budget forums? Why or why not?



Caroline Blair
sophomore, psychology

"Yes, definitely. Students should know where their money is going and have some sort of say about it as well."



Dave Christy
senior, philosophy

"Yes, the forums are the chance for the student body to have input in how their tuition money will be spent. Without student participation, many programs that are vital to student life could and probably will be cut."



Lindsay Hilliard
freshman, secondary education

"It certainly is important. So many students around here complain about things like the budget without being fully informed on the topic. People should earn the right to complain; ignorance is not bliss"



Jeffrey Korpi
senior, sociology

"Hell yes, students need to inform themselves on what vital programs and services are going to be cut or reduced."



Erica Spelman
junior, nursing

"Yes, because I want to have input on how the university spends my tuition and state funds."

— Compiled by Becky Compton

CAMPUS NOTES

Fire research seminar held

The biology department at Northern Michigan University will sponsor a seminar at 4 p.m. on March 21 in the Mead Auditorium.

Sarah Pratt, a graduate student, will be presenting "Early Vegetation Dynamics Following the 1999 Tower Lake Fire in Northern Michigan."

Pratt did two field seasons of research in the Tower Lake fire area in 2000 and 2001.

"My research documents the effect of the fire on the vegetation and the response of the vegetation in the second growing season after the fire," she said. "I also documented the landscape scale distribution of one post-fire colonizer, Bristly sarsaparilla, after the fire and related it to physical and environmental factors including fire severity."

There is no admission cost and all are invited to attend.

Honor society presents story

A storytime on pets will be presented by NMU's National

Honor Society at the Peter White Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. on March 22 for ages preschool and up.

Participants are asked to bring their favorite stuffed animal to make collars for them.

Everyone will meet in the Children's Atrium. Call 228-9510 for more information.

'Cellos Galore!' gives concert

"Cellos Galore!" will be the second concert in the Peter White Public Library Chamber Music Series.

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The appropriately titled "Cellos Galore!" will feature 23 local cellists playing pieces by composers ranging from Strauss to the Beatles.

The program will be directed by Brian Kubin of the NMU faculty.

There is no admission charge and the series is sponsored by the Carroll Paul Memorial Trust Fund of the Peter White Public Library.

For more information, call 228-9510.

German film to be shown

"Germany, Pale Mother" is the fifth and final feature in the German film series presented by Northern Michigan University's department of modern languages and literatures.

It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on March 26, at Emma Joe's Coffee House.

The 1979 film was directed by Helma Sanders-Brahms and is 149 minutes long. It is the story of the director's mother whose husband was sent to the front in the war.

The German film series is titled "Surviving the Odds, Resistance and Return in the 1940s."

All showings have English subtitles and there is no admission charge. For more information, call Carol Strauss Sotiropoulos at 227-1201.

Comet display to be featured

A presentation on comets, titled "The ABCs of Comets," will be given at 7 p.m. on March 20, in the Westwood High School

little theater.

The presentation is suitable for students in grades four and above, parents and interested community members.

Before the main presentation, the Marquette Astronomy Club will present a feature on the night skies from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Following the presentations, telescopes will be available for public viewing. The Seaborg Center and the NICE Community schools are sponsoring the presentation.

For more information, call 906-485-3176.

Discussion on energy given

Speak UP is hosting a discussion forum on alternative energy at 6:30 p.m. on March 25 in the Peter white Public Library's Community Room.

Topics will include wind turbines, solar and storage technology.

There will be a discussion of the U.P.'s future in energy use and production as well as home designs for efficiency and home energy production.

For more information, call Charlie at 249-2043.

PPNM holds workshops

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will be holding a free weekend workshop for students and other young activists interested in pro-choice and other social issues.

The weekend starts with a Pro-Choice Movie night at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday's session begins with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. continues with a full session of interactive workshops until 5:30 p.m.

The workshop is free and all meals are included, but pre-registration is required by Monday, March 24. NMU VOX members are providing overnight housing for students in Marquette.

Sessions on "Communicating the Pro-Choice Message," "Voices Organizing on Campus" and panel covering a range of specific reproduction freedom issues will be held throughout the day. There will also be a number of guest speakers, including Rep. Steve Adamini and members of NMU and MTU VOX.

To register or for more information, call Planned Parenthood at 225-6733.




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TV star explains reality of addiction, life

CONVERSATION WITH

Chris Beckman, "Real World: Chicago" Cast Member

This is the true story of one guy picked to visit NMU and speak on his battle with alcoholism and life. Find out what happens when he speaks to Northern and starts being real.

On Tuesday evening, Chris Beckman, a cast member from MTV's "Real World: Chicago," spoke in the Great Lakes Rooms about his battle overcoming his drug and alcohol usage, his life before, during and after the show and addressing issues he couldn't talk about on the show in a presentation titled "Finding Yourself in The Real World."

Beckman currently tours the country giving speeches and pursues his art career in his spare time. Tuesday afternoon, Divisions Editor Yonika Willis sat down with Beckman in the Peter White Lounge.

How long have you been a recovered alcoholic?

Beckman: I've been sober for two years and I've been off of drugs for 27 months — including alcohol I've had continued sobriety is two years. Feb. 5 is my recovery date.

What advice would you give to students or anyone battling with drugs and alcohol?

Beckman: As with any addiction, my problem was that I couldn't voice what I was feeling or going through. The biggest challenge for me to overcome was to be able to talk to friends

and open up.

What I always talk about is to let me be the example of someone who went overboard and can't drink anymore and to learn moderation, but if someone is struggling with addiction, definitely seek help, maintain some balance and talk to people. Talking to people is the most important and it's good to have some sort of safety network with friends. Also, know that you're not alone.

One of the great things about coming to schools is that I find one or two students who are struggling. It was difficult to come out to peers and typically people who aren't 21 aren't recovering and it's pretty cool to have that bond with them.

How does it feel to be among one of MTV's sexiest men?

Beckman: Are you kidding me? I didn't know that. I need to tell my mother about that. I am flattered. It has nothing to do with me, though. I'd like to thank God, my mother and my father and the Beckman gene pool. I'm flattered, blushing and I feel great.

Do you still keep in touch with cast members?

Beckman: We do sometimes travel together as a cast to speak so I get to catch up with them here and there. A lot of them live on the West Coast, but I talk to Kerri the most and I see Theo a lot. I haven't heard from Tonya in I don't know how long.

Like so many other past cast members from previous shows such as Aneesa from your show and Pedro from the San Francisco cast, people regard you as an inspiration and an influence for coming out and



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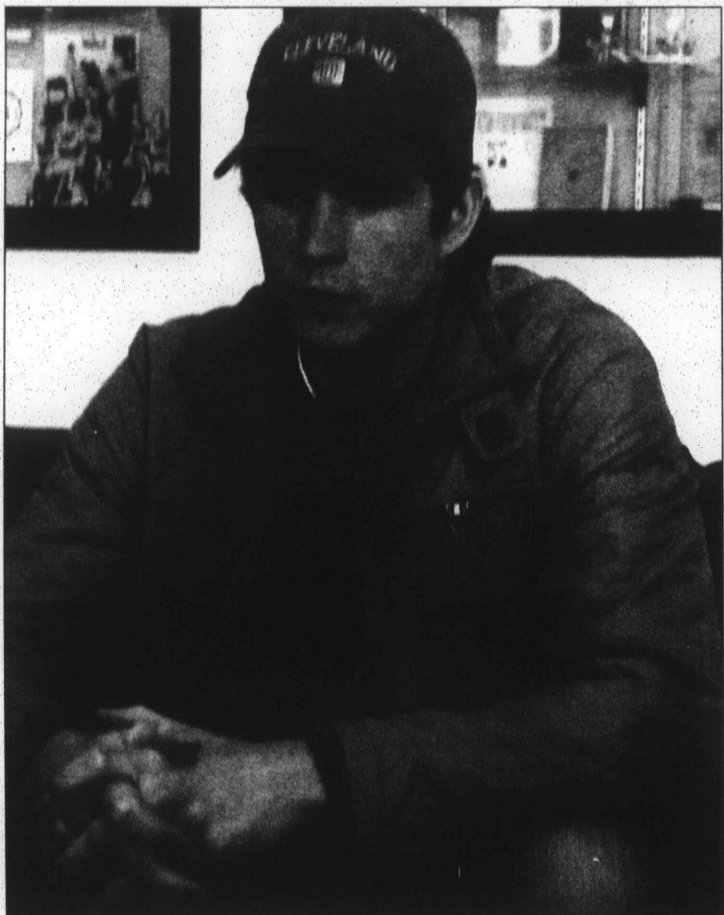
Chris Beckman, cast member from MTV's reality television show "The Real World: Chicago," spoke to NMU Tuesday evening in the University Center about his life, and addiction to alcohol and drugs.

being openly gay on national TV. Do you feel you are an inspiration?

Beckman: Looking back at the situation, I had no idea I'd be doing for the country what I'd be doing in places like Marquette. I

live my life for me. In terms of sobriety and helping people, I was helping myself. In many ways the show was a halfway house for me to stay sober. I feel that I'm not carrying the weight of representing the gay commu-

nity. I live my life a certain way and not for anyone else. I still try to stick by that. I can't be resorted to a place where I have to live my life by X, Y and Z and be defined by that when I'm so many different other things.



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Since being on The Real World: Chicago, Chris Beckman travels to schools to speak. He also finds time to pursue his art career.

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Terror threat alerts frightening

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



BY TRAVIS MARGONI

U.S. government officials have considered revising the current five-color terror threat alert system to determine whether a higher alert should be added now that the United States has officially marked the beginning of the war with Iraq. While they may add a different level but not another color, I think adding a color to further detail the fear our government wants U.S. citizens to feel would be a great idea. The current system just confuses me.

On Monday, President George W. Bush elevated the nation to the orange level of alert, "High." I'm not sure if this means I should have 16 or 22 rolls of duct tape on hand to seal my apartment from Saddam's chemical weapons of mass destruction, infinite terror and other-worldly suffering.

Of course, I'm only assuming that this is what U.S. leaders want the citizens of this nation to believe, and I certainly wouldn't want to seem unpatriotic by questioning the guy some of us, well, sort of elected.

The highest level of alert is "Severe," in red. When this alert is issued, public and government facilities are closed, and I become a shivering ball of tears hiding in my closet. It is possible that drastic steps such as canceling the "The Price is Right" may even need to be taken at this point.

One step down from red is orange. The government suggests taking additional precaution at public events and being prepared to switch work sites or work with a dispersed work force. Hiding is a good idea at this time. Although I usually leave my closet during an orange alert — assuming the Valium has kicked in — I still sleep with my helmet on just in case one of Saddam's super missiles of immense bloodshed and painful death manages to cross the Atlantic Ocean and hit my apartment building.

During a yellow, "Elevated" alert, it is a good idea to drive really fast and run stoplights when no traffic is approaching; moving objects are more difficult to hit than stationary ones. While I have yet to convince the police that my dodging and weaving through traffic and open roads is merely a result of the elevated terror alert, I know I've seen some of Saddam's wind-shield-destroying rocks of imminent danger buzz past my car. We should all be so prepared.

Even at the blue alert level, "Guarded," we all must remain very defensive. Imagine how foolish we would feel if we let our guard down and suddenly one of Saddam's child-torturing biological weapons of evil spreads some virus across the nation that destroys the future of the United States ... all because we were not guarded enough. If the terror threat level ever does slip down to blue, I know I'll still keep my gasmasks handy and my underground freedom tunnel unlocked.

Green signifies a "Low" threat of terror. If we ever see those days, carnivals would be held year-round, dogs would remain puppies and cats would always be kittens. The economy would magically fix itself and everyone would be as jolly as the Irish on St. Patrick's Day. We would all welcome the new utopian America.

Should government officials ever decide to add a new color, I think fuchsia would be nice. It could be at the top of the terror threat alert system. I'd like to call it the "Armageddon" stage. Mr. Bush would probably see it as a fitting name, considering his viewpoint from the religious right. Fuchsia is the appropriate color because prior to Armageddon, which, biblically, is the meeting of good and evil that signifies the end of the world, there would be a short period of bliss to celebrate the life that is about to be lost.

Perhaps we should encourage other nations to adopt a terror alert system, too. If Iraqi leaders were to have devised this particular system, maybe their civilians would have been prepared for the hellish attacks we began last night.

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

Before signing: tips to know about leases

BY PHILIP WENZEL
STAFF WRITER

The music from the neighbor's room is rattling the walls at 2 a.m. The RA is too lazy to get up and ask them to turn it down.

Incidents like this drive college students out of the dorms and into off-campus apartments.

Collegeboard.com, a Web site that offers advice to college stu-

dents, said nearly 40 percent of students in the United States are moving into off-campus residences. For many of them, it is their first brush with a landlord, and subsequently with a lease. Signing a lease is a big commitment, so it is important students know what to look for when signing away their time and money.

Wendy Premeau and Heather Boyle, realtor assistants in Marquette, deal with a lot of college tenants. The company they work for, Look Realty, owns

many student-occupied apartments and houses, and the two have a list of seven tips for first-time renters.

1. Read the lease in great depth. A lease should list the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant. A lease should list when rent payments are due, policies concerning activities not allowed in the building and the terms of breaking the lease if necessary.

Landlords should be responsible for taking care of anything that breaks down, such as appliances, plumbing, or laundry machines.

It is important to understand every item in the lease because too often little things are missed, Premeau said.

"People overlook things like parking fines, window fines and hall fines sometimes," she said.

2. Don't forget the security deposit. Many students don't realize they may be required to pay one to one-and-a-half months rent before they move one box into their new apartment.

3. Your lease should include a stipulation allowing for the subleasing or termination of it. A subleasing arrangement allows another person to take over your lease.

Some landlords will not let a tenant out of their lease for any reason. Avoid them.

"I wouldn't sign a lease that under no circumstances you cannot break," Boyle said.

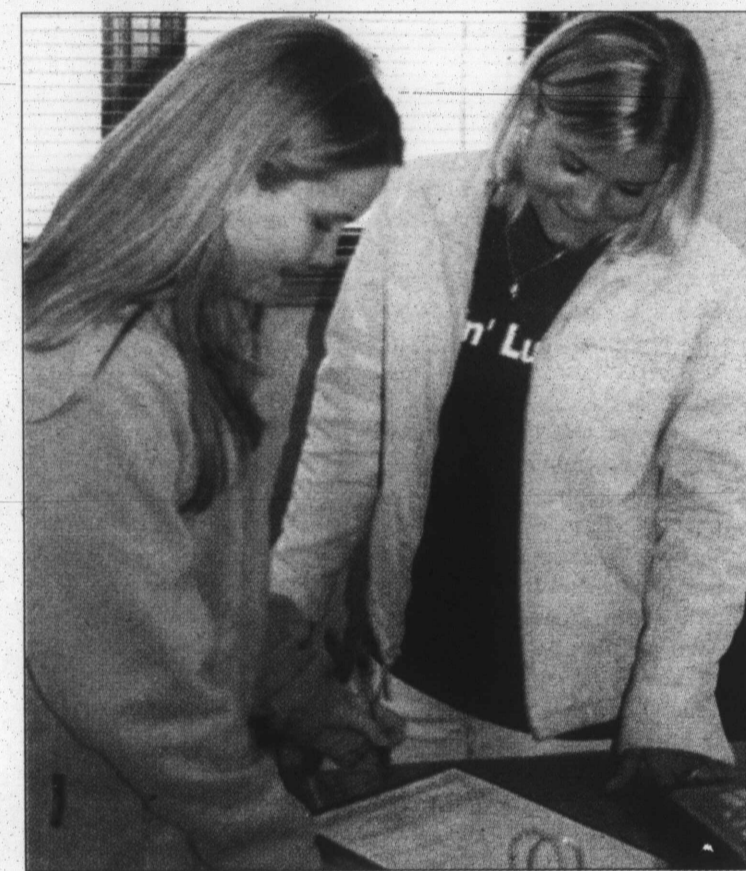
4. Don't sign any lease that gives a landlord the ability to enter your home at any time without notice, Boyle said.

Things to Know Before Signing a Lease:

—According to the Better Business Bureau

- Know how all maintenance repairs are handled
- Know the conditions under which the rent can be increased during any term
- Know how many people can occupy the apartment and if that includes anticipated growth
- Know if you have permission to sublet before your lease is up
- Know and make sure you understand the conditions of the security deposit and if it allows for refunds
- Know who is responsible for repairs and furnishings

Sign Here



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Sophomore physiology major Jeanise Gorechan signs a lease at Look Realty Monday as realtor assistant Wendy Premeau watches.

Roommates look for compatible matches

BY JOSH JOHNSON
DIVERSIONS STAFF REPORTER

While arranging class schedules for next fall is on most students' minds this week, a question of greater proportion looms overhead. Who am I going to live with next year?

Whether living in an apartment, dorm or house, choosing the right roommate can mean the difference between a best friend and a bloody fight.

Sophomore elementary education major Nichole Zarkowski is a resident adviser for the Breakwater house in Payne Hall. She said while being an RA in an academic house like Breakwater has its advantages, it can also be a challenge when roommates quarrels occur.

"It's not easier, but they're a lot more outgoing," Zarkowski said.

Roommates should share some common characteristics like sleep, study and smoking habits and common interests, she said.

Zarkowski said room placement in the dorms can sometimes lead to clashes between cultures and upbringings. She said a resident in her house was placed with a foreign student, but despite their cultural differences, the two got along well.

"I'd be choosy on who you pick. I've seen it work really well. I've seen it work really poorly."

— Sarah Davy
Assistant director of housing and residence life

Sarah Davy, assistant director of housing and residence life, said conflict occurs when lifestyle issues clash. Davy said most conflicts between roommates involve how space is used in regards to bedtimes, study habits and social activity.

One of the biggest problems between roommates arises when significant others are involved, Zarkowski said. Boyfriends or girlfriends who come over often or

spend the night can cause rifts between roommates, she said.

Zarkowski said roommates may spend too much, together initially. Eventually, one person may find another social group and conflicts occur, she said.

Bathroom usage is another issue which causes time management problems because of conflicting schedules, Davy said.

For those who have been in college a while, picking roommates from a group of friends may seem like no big deal. If getting along with Johnny or Jane on weekends or at a party is not a problem, why should living with them be hard?

Living with good friends is all a matter of compatibility, Davy said.

"I'd be choosy on who you pick," Davy said. "I've seen it work really well. I've seen it work really poorly."

Living with an established friend may prevent someone from spreading their social wings, Zarkowski said. Friendships can develop and increase if a roommate is someone new, she said.

The idea of splitting the cost of rent is

very tempting for those who live with multiple roommates, Davy said, and personality clashes may be overlooked for the sake of cheap rent.

Davy said roommates who live off campus may not always get along. She said the social skills required to live with others are usually not acquired until junior or senior year.

An advantage to living in the dorms is staff can mediate between roommates, she said.

Zarkowski said disputes between roommates are best settled with a third party. "I talk to them individually first, and then I sit them down together and I facilitate a meeting," Zarkowski said.

A solution is proposed for the problem, and the roommates can decide to work it out or move out, she said.

The registration dates for choosing roommates for next year on campus are fast approaching.

Students should start deciding who to room with as roommate selection begins the first week of April.



Jason Metevia/NW

Senior network computer major Matt Murphy, an on-campus apartment community adviser, shows senior computer information systems major Lisa Samuelson a vacant apartment on Summit Street on Tuesday. Many students looking to move out of the dorms choose to take advantage of the on-campus apartments.

Residents move from halls

BY MICHELLE MARCHANT
STAFF WRITER

It's two weeks into your sophomore year and something hits you; you do not want to live in the dorms anymore. No matter what, you want out. The halls are a mess, it's noisy, you can't get any privacy and the food is horrible. It's time, you think, for a place of your own.

Living in the dorms is an essential part of the college experience. It allows students to meet hundreds of people, make new friends and learn how to start living alone, without the supervision of parents. And, yes, students have said that first year in the dorms is great. It's fun, exciting and always filled with new experiences. However, by sophomore year, many students are more than ready to get out.

According to the housing and residence life guidelines, the eligibility for students to live outside of the dorms include having 56 or more completed credits, resided in the dorms for four or more semesters, 21 years old by the start of the semester, reside at home or with a legal guardian or are a veteran who qualifies for veteran's benefits.

Even though most students have to wait until their junior year to live off campus, it doesn't mean they have to wait that long to start looking. It is a good idea to begin looking for a house or apartment early. Most students begin their search the second semester of their sophomore year.

The first thing to think about is where to find houses for rent.

"The Mining Journal and the NMU off-campus housing Web site were helpful sources," sophomore nursing major Susie Stepaniuk said.

There are a lot of things to consider when choosing a place to live. Price is usually the main consideration, but most students will find that many places for rent around Marquette work out to be less than the cost of room and board in the dorms.

According to information provided in the Mining Journal's "for rent" section, a lot of houses around the area cost somewhere between \$700 to \$1,200 a month. Most students are splitting that cost with three or four other roommates.

When students have found a house and meet with the

landlord there are certain questions they should ask in order to make sure everything is clear and they are getting a good deal. Utilities are a major issue, as are the dates you start and finish your lease. Many landlords, such as Mike Kramer, who owns a few houses in Marquette, will put a lot of those details in their listing.

"I state in my advertisements that I don't allow pets or smoking in my houses," Kramer said.

Sophomore art and design major Andrea Honkanen

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said it's good to find out how much the current tenants are paying for the place and what that price includes.

"You should make sure you ask whether or not utilities are included in the price, and if they're not, then find out how much the current tenants are paying so that you have an estimate," Honkanen said.

Renter's insurance is another thing to consider. Most landlords, like Kramer, are likely to have insurance on the house, but you should also look into getting insurance for your belongings.

"I suggest looking for renter's insurance for your own valuables in the event break ins or fires occur," Kramer said.

Whether or not you have a car comes into play when deciding how close to campus you would like to live. There are many houses around the campus that are within walking distance.

According to the ads in the paper, very few houses and apartments for rent come fully furnished, therefore students should figure in the price of furniture when adding up the costs. An alternative to buying furniture would be to bring old pieces from home or thrift shops such as St. Vinny's or Good Will.

Remember, even if a house is currently occupied, most leases are up in May, so students can consider looking into those places anyway. If a landlord tells a student that an advertised house has already been leased, ask them if they own any other houses that are up for rent.

Today, March 20

Performance: Gaelic Storm will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.

Film: "PeeWee's Big Adventure" (PG) will begin at 10 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: The Budget Alternatives Committee will discuss their recommendations from 3 to 5 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: A Let's Chat session to discuss the budget will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Meeting: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the Charcoal Room in the UC. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting: First Aid will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Marquette Room in the UC. Open to all students. For more information, call Kory at 223-5315.

Lesson: Dance workshops are being held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Nicolet Room.

Meeting: Intersarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in Rooms Pioneer A and B in the UC.

Friday, March 21

Meeting: Superior Nights, a role-playing, impromptu acting student organization, will meet at 5 p.m. in the UC.

Presentation: The Department of Biology presents a Biology Seminar Series on the "Early Vegetation Dynamics Following the

1999 Tower Lake Fire in Northern Michigan." Sarah Pratt will present the information beginning at 4 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium in the West Science Building.

Event: NMU Steppin' Out Dance Club will host a Club Dance Party at Morges from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Call 226-6176 for directions.

Event: The boat, sport, and RV Show will be held in the Superior Dome all day. For more information, call 227-2850.

Saturday, March 22

Event: President's Ball will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms. Social hour will be held from 6 until 7 p.m. Refreshments and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. After dinner, there will be music and dancing until midnight. Tickets are available in the Dean of Students Office in the UC or from First Impressions members. They are \$15, and if you are on a university meal plan, they are \$10.

Film: "Die Another Day" (PG-13) begins at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students.

Event: The boat, sport, and RV Show will be held in the Superior Dome all day. For more information call 227-2850.

Exam: The writing proficiency exam will be held today. Pre-registration is required.

Sunday, March 23

Event: Relax with a massage at SATO's

Massage Night from 3 to 7 p.m. in Room 239 in the PEIF. A half hour massage is \$15. For an appointment, please call Brindy or Val at 225-5198.

Film: "Die Another Day" (PG-13) begins at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students.

Deadline: Last day to receive 50 percent tuition refund for complete withdrawal from the university (second block courses).

Event: NMU Steppin' Out Dance Club will host a Movie Night at 7 p.m. on the second floor in the UC. Movies to be shown are "Strictly Ballroom" and "Dirty Dancing." Open to all students.

Meeting: Outlook will meet at 8 p.m. upstairs in the UC. Call Nick or Randy at 227-1554 for more information.

Event: The Boat, Sport, and RV Show will be held in the Superior Dome all day. For more information, call 227-2850.

Monday, March 24

Meeting: NMU Steppin' Out Ballroom Dance Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms in the UC. For more information, call Janelle at 228-7178 or e-mail nmusteppinout@aol.com.

Lecture: Perspectives in Contemporary Geography will begin at 7 p.m. in West Science, room 3710. Dr. Stephen DeGoosh will be speaking on the topic "A Planning Saga." All are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail Christina at

cbruner@nmu.edu.

Presentation: NMU Piscators will host a presentation on Coast Trout at 7 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium. All are welcome to attend. Call Jacob at 346-5112 for more information.

Tuesday, March 25

Meeting: The Native American Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. in the Superior Room in the UC. Open to all students.

Event: The Culinary Students of Northern Michigan University are hosting their Second Annual Chili Cook-off to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in Jacobetti's Chez Nous Restaurant. The price for this is \$4 for all you can eat chili, cornbread, and beverages. For more information contact Katie at kallen@nmu.edu or 227-3995.

Wednesday, March 26

Meeting: Pagan Moon will meet at 9 p.m. in the UC.

Meeting: Citizens Opposed to War with Iraq will meet at 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Room 202. All are welcome to attend.

Worship: The Lutheran Student Movement will meet at 8:45 p.m. in the UC. Call 228-8033 for more information.

Performance: Platform Personalities presents Chuck D from Public Enemy at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.



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Top power-play units face off in Detroit

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

The NMU hockey team will get a chance to end former coach Rick Comley's first season with the Michigan State Spartans at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The fifth-seeded Wildcats will battle the fourth-seeded Spartans in a single elimination quarterfinal match-up at the CCHA Super Six Tournament.

The teams have already split two series this season, but this time, the winner of the game will move on to the CCHA semifinals and the loser will go home.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he is happy his team has given itself a chance to win the tournament.

"I'm proud of these guys and I'm proud to have coached them," Kyle said. "I just hope we're not done yet. We're not down there just to advance one game or two games, we're there to win it."

Both teams are coming off two-game sweeps in the first round of the CCHA tournament.

The Wildcats (20-16-2 overall) beat Western Michigan, 8-3 and 6-4, at the Berry Events Center. The Spartans (23-13-2 overall) ended Alaska-Fairbanks' season, winning 11-1 and 3-1 at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing.

Both teams feature the top power-play units in the CCHA.

Michigan State has the top-ranked power-play unit in the conference, scoring 27 percent of the time. Northern is right behind them at 24.5 percent.

"When you're in a tournament environment, the games are usually close, and in close games the special teams are often the determining factor," Kyle said. "Both our power play and special teams units will be ready to play."

Kyle said patience would be the key to the success of his power-play unit.

"We're not a high-shot power play," he said. "We don't get five, six shots in a power play. We may get one, but it's a good one."

If NMU beats Michigan State, they will play either the top-seeded Ferris State Bulldogs or the second-seeded Michigan Wolverines in the semifinal round.

The Wildcats have split their season series with both teams this season. They have also split two-game series with Ohio State and Notre Dame, the teams in the other quarterfinal match-up.

"There is not one team down there that has dominated us in any way," Kyle said.

Kyle said his players have proven that they can beat anybody at the tournament, but it will be difficult because they will have to play three nights in a row to win

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Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.	
No. 1 Ferris State (27-8-2)	Friday, March 21, 4:05 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio State (24-10-5)	
No. 6 Notre Dame (15-15-6)	Saturday, March 22, 7:35 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan State (21-13-2)	
No. 5 N. MICHIGAN (18-16-2)	Friday, March 21, 7:35 p.m.
No. 2 Michigan (24-9-3)	

Note: The semifinal losers will play a third-place game prior to the championship game. The winner of the CCHA tournament will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and the Ron Mason Cup.

the championship.

The semifinals of the tournament will be held at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The losers of these games will play in a third-place game at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The CCHA championship game will follow at 7:30 p.m.

If the Wildcats do win the CCHA championship, their season will be over unless the NCAA Tournament selection commit-

tee gives them an at-large birth to the NCAA tournament.

Senior forward Terry Harrison said he is happy to get back to Joe Louis Arena and no matter what happens, he has enjoyed his time playing for NMU.

"It's been a great experience, with great fans and great support from everyone," he said. "It's been a growing experience with seven great seniors and it's been a blast."



Scott Salisbury/NW

Senior goalie Craig Kowalski made 27 saves against Western on March 15 including a penalty shot given to WMU senior defenseman Josh Akright after NMU students littered the ice with shakers.

NMU sweeps home series

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Junior forward Justin Kinnunen and senior defenseman Jimmy Jackson have not scored many goals this season, but both provided the NMU hockey team with offense when it needed it most.

Kinnunen scored his first career hat trick on March 14 and Jackson scored the go-ahead goal the next night, as the Wildcats swept the Western Michigan Broncos, 8-3 and 6-4, in the first round of the CCHA playoffs at the Berry Events Center.

Coming into the series,

Kinnunen, a native of Negaunee, had only one goal, and Jackson, a native of Marquette, had scored only three times this season.

In the first game, Kinnunen opened the scoring five minutes into the game and then scored twice in the third period.

"I'm real happy for Justin Kinnunen," head coach Walt Kyle said. "He's been a real soldier for us and he's one of our best defensive players. He plays the kind of game that you can have success with in the playoffs."

Western took a 2-1 lead early in the second but it did not last long. Senior forward Chris Gobert tied the game when he

took a pass from freshman forward Andrew Contois, made a move around two Broncos' defenders and beat freshman goalie Scott Foster one-on-one.

"That was definitely a big goal," Contois said. "[Gobert's] been there all year. He's probably our best player offensively. When he gets alone like that, nine times out of 10 [the puck] is going to be in the back of the net."

Contois and sophomore forward Alan Swanson scored later in the period to give NMU a 4-2 lead. Senior forward Terry Harrison and Jackson also scored for NMU. Both goals came short-

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MTU cuts football team

BY CHRIS MOSIER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Michigan Tech University announced the immediate elimination of its varsity football program on Tuesday morning.

Facing a similar budget crisis as NMU, Michigan Tech must also reduce its total budget by 10 percent for the next fiscal year as a result of Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed cuts in state appropriation.

"It may seem premature compared to the announcement of other budget cuts, which will be happening in the coming weeks, but this was the best time to do it," MTU Director of News and Information Dean Woodbeck said. "It wouldn't be right to let them go through spring training with the administration knowing there won't be a program in the fall."

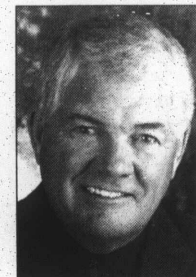
Woodbeck said each department was asked to make suggestions of possible cuts, and that the decision to cut the program was difficult.

"While we are sensitive to the fact that this will be an unpopular decision in the eyes of many, particularly those it directly impacts, we are also firm in our beliefs that this is the best decision for the overall well-being of the athletic department," athletic director Rick Yeo said in a press release Tuesday.

Yeo said student-athletes who receive football scholarships will continue to receive assistance through graduation as long as they remain in good academic standing. When current football scholarships become available, the money will remain in the athletic department and be reallocated to improve other programs, he said.

"When you're forced to make the significant budget reductions we were asked to, there really weren't a lot of options," Yeo said in the press release. "Our programs are already operating with no

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Yeo

Let the 'Madness' begin



SPORTS COLUMN

BY TOM MURPHY

Every year America looks forward to "March Madness," the most exciting three weeks in sports. This year's tournament promises to be one of the most exciting in recent years due to the amount of competition there is in the 65-team field.

There is so much talent in this year's bracket. It is going to be extremely hard for each of the number one seeds to make it to the Final Four.

Texas holds the No. 1 seed in the South but may face tough competition from teams like Florida, Purdue, UConn, Michigan State and last year's champion, Maryland. I also am looking for Xavier to be the sleeper team in this bracket. But in the end, Texas will make it out of this region.

The East is also a very competitive region. Top-seeded Oklahoma may have to deal with fourth-seeded Louisville in the third round. Louisville, the Conference USA champion, is coached by former Kentucky coach Rick Patino, who has won the tournament before.

The two seed, Syracuse, and ACC champion Wake Forest will make it very hard for Oklahoma to advance to the Final Four.

I am picking Syracuse and their star freshman Carmello Anthony to make it out of this region.

The Midwest is probably the weakest bracket in the field. Kentucky holds the No. 1 seed in this region and should not have a hard time making it to the Final Four. However, the Big East champion Pittsburgh could cause problems for Kentucky. My pick for the region is still Kentucky though.

The West region is probably the most difficult in the bracket. Kansas, Duke, Memphis, Notre Dame and Illinois are going to be tough competition for top-seeded Arizona.

The interesting thing about this region is the potential for upsets. Creighton, Central Michigan and Western Kentucky are all very good teams and have a legitimate chance to really make some noise. But Arizona will win this region because they are simply the best team in college basketball. Seniors Luke Walton and Jason Gardener played on the 2001 team that lost to Duke in the championship and they are hungry for the national title.

So there you have it, Texas, Syracuse, Kentucky and Arizona will go to the Final Four. Arizona will meet Texas and star point guard T.J. Ford in the championship, but Arizona is just too good and they have too many weapons. The Arizona Wildcats will win this year's NCAA tournament.

Olympic Gold medalist returns

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

As former WBA junior middleweight champion and 1996 Olympic Gold medalist David Reid watched the replay of his gold medal match against Cuban Alfredo Duvergel, you could see the excitement of the moment in his eyes.

Underneath his gold rimmed glasses Reid's right eye was wide open with enthusiasm but his left eye remained drooping.

"This eye is the reason that I am in retirement right now," the 29-year-old boxer from Philadelphia said. "I tried to get over it but somehow I can't. My health comes first right now."

While growing up in the rough streets of Philadelphia, David Reid was a fighter — not in the boxing ring — but on the playground.

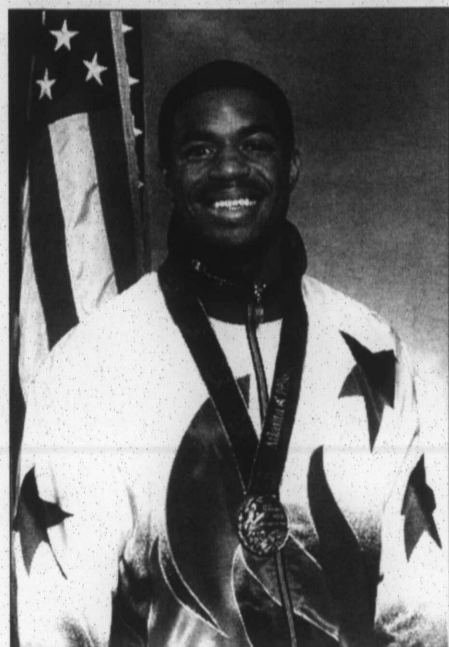
"When I was younger I got suspended from school for fighting and my mom said that I need to go to boxing if I want to fight, so that's what I did," he said.

Reid searched around his neighborhood for a way to get into boxing. He was told to find "the man with the glasses," Al Mitchell.

Mitchell is currently the head coach of the USOEC boxing team and is considered a legend in the amateur boxing world.

Mitchell began to train Reid in Philadelphia and eventually they both found their way to the USOEC on the campus of NMU.

"The experience of being in the USOEC helped me become disciplined," Reid said. "Having to get up every morning to train, going to the gym every day, it helped me a whole lot. You have to be real disciplined to fight and being here teaches you to be disciplined."



Courtesy of USOEC

Former USOEC boxer David Reid won a gold medal at the 1996 Olympics after knocking out Cuban Alfredo Duvergel.

Reid said being at Northern was one of the best times in his life.

"It was such a big change to go from Philadelphia to Northern Michigan University," he said. "It's the city versus the country. It was a lot of fun being here."

Reid began training for the Olympics at the USOEC in 1991. In 1996, all the training and hard work paid off as Reid captured the only gold medal for the U.S. Boxing Team. In his corner was his mentor, Mitchell.

"Before the (gold medal) fight Al said to me, 'I know you are going to win this fight,' then he gave me a little American Flag and said 'I want you to raise this flag like George Foreman did when he won the fight,'" he said.

Reid said the first round of the fight was a battle. He fought as hard as he could but found himself down two points (5-7) to the Cuban when the round was over.

In the second round, Duvergel took control of the fight and won the round 8-0. To win the bout, Reid had to knock out Duvergel in the third and final round.

"Al told me between rounds that I had to knock him out with the overhand right when he threw his straight left," Reid said. "I went out there (in the third round) and jumped right on him, not caring what happened."

The American and the Cuban battled for a little while, then it came, Duvergel threw the straight left and Reid caught him with the overhand right. The Cuban fell flat on his face. Although Duvergel got up before the mandatory eight count, the ref ended the fight and Reid won the gold medal.

"When he fell, I ran to the corner and started dancing because I knew the fight was over," Reid said. "The crowd lost their minds. Then I started waving my little flag just like Foreman did when he won the gold."

Reid said the best part was standing on the podium and hearing the National Anthem playing for him and his country.

Muhammad Ali was in the crowd that day and during the in-ring celebration Ali said to Reid, "You're a bad boy."

After a stint in the professional ranks where he won the WBA junior middleweight title but later lost it to Felix Trinidad, Reid is back living on the campus of NMU and helping Mitchell train the current USOEC boxers.

"I am going to practice with the guys, teach them some methods and help them get to the gold medal," Reid said. "I want to teach them like Al taught me."

Spring football practice begins

BY ROB HAMILTON
MANAGING EDITOR

The Wildcat football team's first game of the 2003 season is nearly six months away, but NMU is already busy preparing.

The 'Cats started its spring practice season on March 17.

The team will practice 15 times over four weeks, culminating with the spring intrasquad scrimmage on April 11.

Head coach Doug Sams said the practices will teach players the team's offensive and defensive concepts as well as help coaches evaluate personnel.

"One of our basic goals is to see how some of our younger players have improved and developed over the off-season," Sams said.

Sams will be entering his second season with NMU, after a 6-5 record last year. He will be coaching a team that graduated 16 seniors and 11 starters from last year's team.

Sams said the spring practices will give him a chance to look at players that did not play much last season.

"This is a chance for a younger class to step up and shine," Sams said. "During the season it's hard to see how much these players have improved."

The Wildcats will return many key members of their team from last year, including junior Kyle Swenor, the Wildcats starting quarterback last season. After transferring to Northern from Iowa State University last year, Swenor will have a year of experience under his belt with NMU's offensive system.

"In the second year around [we're] going to get more comfortable with the coaches and

our offense," Swenor said.

In Swenor's first season with the 'Cats, he broke school passing records in passing yardage (2,839 yards), passing completions (269) and passing attempts (462).

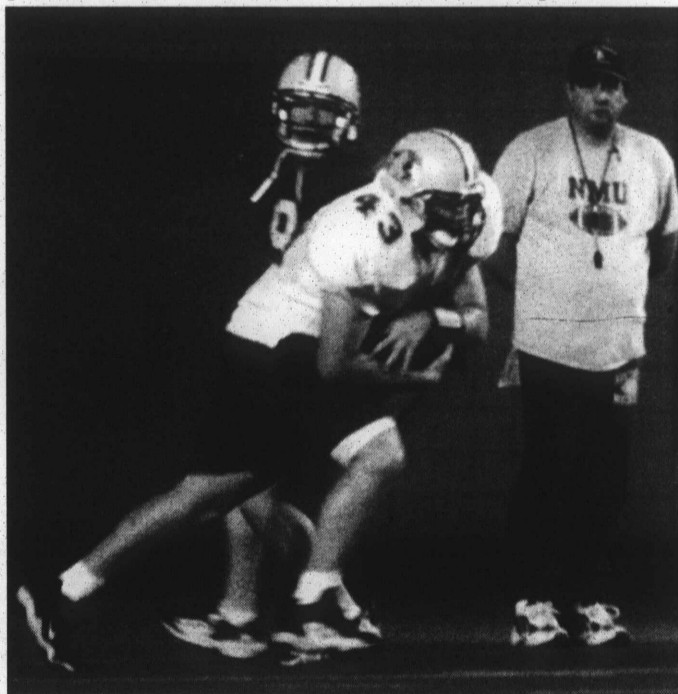
Other starters returning from last year include: second team All-GLIAC linebacker junior Brandon Genwright, first team All-GLIAC punter Ryan Wettstein, junior running back Terrell Goldsmith and junior wide receivers Pat Rouzard and Chris Messano.

While NMU began official practices this week, players have been attending mandatory weightlifting and conditioning workouts for most of this semester.

"We lift four days a week in the morning and we're running four days a week too," Swenor said. "Its showing though, all the guys are getting a lot faster and stronger."

All spring practices are open to the public and will be held at the Superior Dome from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

The intrasquad scrimmage game will be at 7 p.m. on April 11 at the Superior Dome.



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman running back David Lucas takes a handoff during practice on March 18 while head coach Doug Sams observes. Sams said he plans on assessing personnel during the spring.

Wildcats seek consistency next season

Team finishes with winning record, loses only one senior to graduation

BY TOM MURPHY
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

The NMU men's basketball team finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 15-14. They reached the semifinals of the GLIAC tournament and finished second in the GLIAC North.

"This season was not as successful as we wanted it to be," freshman guard David Noel said. "We wanted to win at least 20 games."

Noel said that the major problem for the team was inconsistency.

"We played well some nights," Noel said. "But some nights we just didn't have our minds in the game. 14 games is a lot of losses, too many."

The Wildcats began the season with four freshmen; Noel, guards Antwan Holt and Keder Hyppolite and forward Marco Volcy. All four players contributed throughout the season. Hyppolite averaged 4.8 points per game (ppg), Noel averaged 5.9 ppg, Holt averaged 10.5 ppg and Volcy averaged 10 ppg.

"There were a lot of ups and downs this season," Noel said. "Personally I am glad that I was able to raise my game to where it needed to be."

The Wildcats also had a core of veterans that helped lead the team.

Senior guard Adrian Whitten averaged 5.6 points per game and led the team with 65 assists.

For the past three years, forwards Billy Hill and Steve Watts have been important figures in the Wildcat lineup.

This year, Hill led the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game. He shot 39.6 percent (55-139) from behind the three point line and averaged 4.6 rebounds per game. Watts averaged 9.1 points per game, 4.6 rebounds per game and shot 43.6 percent (45-118) from the three-point mark.

"The veterans played really well at times," head coach Dean Ellis said.

"There was some inconsistency throughout the season but they really played well at the end of the season"

In the middle for the Wildcats was junior center Milan Azanjac. Azanjac averaged 10.1 ppg and led the team in rebounds with an average of 6.3 per game.

"(Azanjac) played extremely well at the end of the season," Ellis said. "He was in better shape this year and really had a great year. He defended well and played well in

the post. You can't be successful without a strong presence in the post and (Azanjac) gave us that."

Ellis said the biggest highlight for the Wildcats was the way they finished the season.

"We needed a win in our last conference game against Grand Valley to secure home court advantage and we got it," Ellis said. "The next day we went to play Wisconsin-Green Bay, a Division I school, and played very well. Then I thought we played very well in the tournament."

The Wildcats beat Grand Valley in the opening round of the tournament then fell to eventual champion Michigan Tech in a close game.

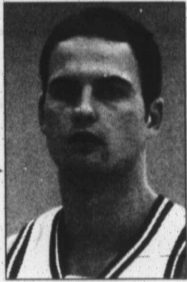
Nobody on the Wildcat roster received any post-season accolades but Ellis said that may be a good thing.

"It was disappointing to find out that nobody from our team was honored, but that just shows that we really played as a team," Ellis said. "Nobody really stood out; it was an all around group effort."

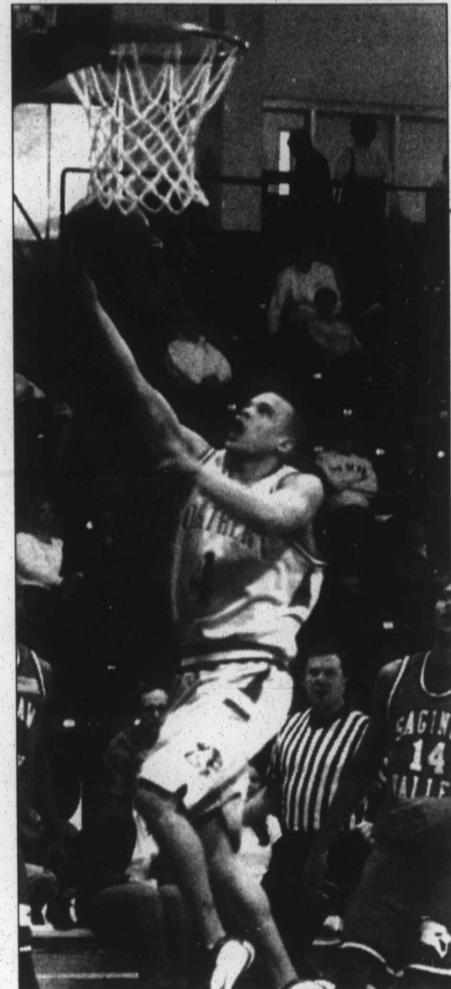
The Wildcats will lose Whitten to graduation, but he is the only player not returning to the team next year.

The Wildcats will have more production in their lineup next year when juniors Matt LaPage and Ladi Kabat return from red-shirt seasons. Red-shirt freshman guard Louie Koskey will also return from injury.

"We'll be better next year for sure," Noel said. "For sure."



Hill



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Senior guard Adrian Whitten is the only Wildcat who will not return next year. He led the team with 65 assists this season.



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Season lessons building blocks for improvement

BY MICHELLE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

As the 2002-03 women's basketball team ended its season, the players felt as if they had left a few goals unaccomplished out on the court.

Finishing 16-10 overall and 12-6 in the conference, the NMU squad was disappointed in not obtaining its goal of reaching the NCAA tournament this year.

"We are a lot more talented than our record shows," sophomore center Emily Belland said. "Our seniors played hard all season and it didn't pan out for them, but we will have a strong team next year. I'm looking forward to improving. I don't know how things ended up this way, but next year we are hoping to win the conference."

Sophomore forward Shannon Boyer said she felt this year was a learning experience.

"Our main goal was to make it to the GLIAC tournament, which we did," she said. "We also wanted to make it to the NCAA tournament and we didn't."

Boyer said next year's team has a lot to improve on.

"We are really going to work on our defense," she said. "It was the weakest part of our game this year, but we are a good shooting team when we are on and we have tough post players."

NMU still grabbed a spot in GLIAC tournament play despite back-to-back losses to Ferris State and Grand Valley State to end the regular season.

"We were starting to play better and then we had those home losses going into the tournament," said guard Jackie



Scott Salisbury/NW

Freshman forward Michelle Moard scored 215 points for her team this season. She was the only freshman to break 100 points.

Dummer, a redshirt freshman. "Losing in the first round really hurt. We had a lot of new faces this season, we did pretty good trying to mesh and we worked with what we had."

The 'Cats had a rough start to the season, losing four out of their first five games, but they soon rebounded and went on to win 13 of 15 games, including a seven-game winning streak.

"We worked the ball well, and were patient on offense," Dummer said. "We let the games come to us."

She said she was unsure as to why they were unable to hold onto the streak, but Belland said she felt the youth of the team played a part.

"It was hard to keep that momentum going," Belland said. "We learned a lesson and are going to carry it into next season."

Although the record may not show where they wanted to be, and they did not make all the tournament appearances they had set out to conquer, there were some highlights for the season.

The Wildcats faced off with Lake Superior State on Feb. 15 on the Laker's home court.

The teams were evenly matched right down to the final minutes, but Northern clinched a 63-60 win.

"The most memorable moment for me was beating Lake State at their place on senior night," Dummer said. "They took first place last year and had beaten us once already this season; it was kind of a revenge thing."

Boyer said she also felt the game was a matter of revenge.

"They're ranked in the nation and won the conference tournament and we beat them," Boyer said. "I think we connected most as a team then."

Junior guard Emily Samuelson said she enjoyed the team's victory over rival Michigan Tech, which also took place on the road.

"There's a hostile crowd at Tech," she said.

Despite coming out of a disappointing season, the team is already looking forward to next year.

"We will be building on what we started this season, just improving overall and getting further in the tournament," Dummer said. "People know what the standards are now and we have experience under our belt."

Belland said she believes not reaching the goals they set for themselves this year will add fuel to the fire for the 2003-04 season.

She said her team is angry enough to work harder next season.



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Senior forward Alyse Shier ended her Wildcat career in the GLIAC tournament on March 1.

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Time of year offers winter, spring activities

Temperatures in the past week have surely given all Marquette residents a sense that spring might be just around the corner. To add to that, there have been many sightings of robins, our state bird, another sign of imminent spring.

Robins migrate annually to the warmer southern United States in the winter but return to the northern states each spring.

I first heard a rumor of the robin's return when a friend of mine claimed to have seen one on his way to class. It was not until the other day that I got to see one of the red-orange bellied birds outside my own window. Without getting out of bed, I propped my head on my pillow and gazed out my window. There was a strip of green where the snow melted away from the sun-heated brick building.

I watched as birds flew in, pecked at the ground and flew out of my view again. The birds made me think of my friend's robin sighting. Just a few feet out of my window, well within my view, a bird landed in the grass and began pecking at the ground.



OUTDOORS COLUMN

BY DAVE MOSS

I watched it in particular as it was the nearest bird to me at the time. As it turned around it showed its breast to me. A robin! It seemed to look directly at me for a moment as if to say "Yes, I am," before it flew out of my view. Thoughts of warm sunny days, wildflowers and even days on the beach passed through my mind before I drifted back into my late morning sleep.

The promise of spring brings hope to those who despise the cold weather. The worst of cold walks into the wind going to class, trudging along unplowed sidewalks and slip-and-fall accidents on campus are probably over. However, for the winter

sports enthusiast, it adds a sense of urgency in how long good weather will last for skiing, ice fishing or snowshoeing.

While robin sightings and other signs of spring bring a certain buzz and excitement associated with this time of year, there will be plenty of opportunities left for winter enthusiasts.

It is highly unlikely the weather will last without another cold spell or two. Marquette Mountain plans on operating into April. Snow may melt in Marquette, but areas of heavier snowfall along County Road 550 on the way to Big Bay or the McCormick Tract wilderness area near Champion and Republic will hold onto the snow later than Marquette.

When the warm weather does come for good there are still plenty of places to go. Anywhere along the lake from Presque Isle Park to lower Harbor provides a good place to lie outside. I like to take my studies outdoors this time of year. With a book and a blanket or lawn chair, I spend a good deal of time next to Lake Superior.

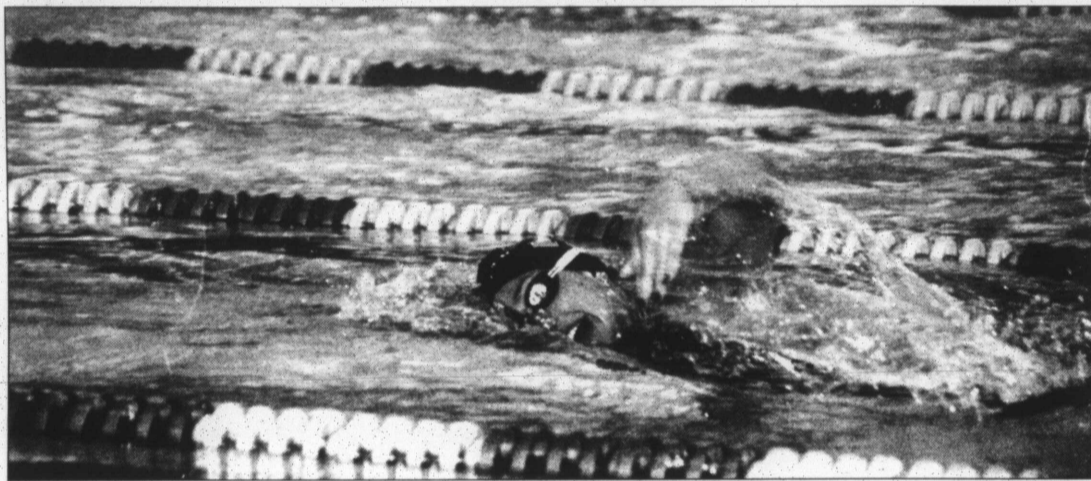
If the snow has kept you at bay from hiking spots such as Hogback, Sugarloaf, Dead River Falls or Little Garlic River, you will soon be able to return to these local favorites.

As the snow pack melts, streams such as the one that runs along part of the Hogback Mountain trail will open from a frozen dormant winter. They will come to life with the springtime rushing of cold water.

The ice flows left on Lake Superior in the weeks to come will provide a seemingly out of place backdrop to our activities that make them surreal in a way no other time of year can.

I am a winter sports enthusiast. I will make it a point to get in some more ski days and snow shoe trips. Yet, robins outside my window and around Marquette are a very welcome sign of spring.

There will be more winter left to enjoy before true spring and summer actually hits though. Until then, we can enjoy the best of both worlds.



Eryn Kovach/NW

Sophomore Lindsey Vermillion was a member of the 800 freestyle relay team, which took third at the GLIAC Swimming and Diving Championships. As a team, Northern also took third place at the meet.

'Cats finish season, Cole, Quick earn national honors

BY RACHEL GRIFFIS
SPORTS STAFF REPORTER

Two NMU swimmers and one diver represented Northern at the NCAA Division II National Meet in Grand Forks, N.D. on March 12 through 15.

Junior Kathie Cole earned NCAA II All-American honors in both her diving events. On the one-meter board, she took seventh place with 328.50 points. In the three-meter diving, she scored 379.05 points to earn fourth place.

Head diving coach Jim Rainey said Cole gave a career best performance at Nationals.

"She's always had the potential to do well and this year we were able to narrow down her strengths and weaknesses and work to develop the weaknesses into strengths," he said. "She was able to stay focused on a competitive strategy."

Sophomore Dena Quick also was an All-American as she swam the 50-meter freestyle to take sixth place with a time of 23:82. In the 100-meter freestyle, she finished in 11th place with 52:39.

Also competing in the 50 freestyle was sophomore Sam Pechek. Although she did not qualify for finals, she swam a 24:92. Pechek swam the preliminary races for the 100- and 200-meter freestyle. Out of over 30 teams, NMU took 18th place overall at Nationals.

The 'Cats competed as a team for the last time at the GLIAC Championship on Feb. 19 through 22, where they took third place behind Indianapolis and Grand Valley State.

Senior Kristy Vermillion placed first in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:07.94. She also won the 1,000-meter freestyle in 10:36. Senior Katie Worley took second place in the 100-meter butterfly in 1:00.39.

Junior Shelly Ruspakka tied for second place in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:01.24. Pechek won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:54.42.

Cole scored 376.40 points on the three-meter board to earn second place and sophomore Lindsey Bobay took fifth place with 278.65 points.

Quick won both the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.20 and the 100 freestyle in 52.54. Pechek finished close behind Quick in the 100 freestyle to take second place with a time of 53.38.

"The seniors did a wonderful job at the conference meet," Rainey said.

The team is not sure if interim swim coach Bob Laughna will be back next year.

"He was a good coach and had been around the team before," sophomore Lindsey Vermillion said.

The team experienced a number of injuries and lost some members over the season.

Despite the obstacles, Vermillion said she was happy with how the team performed throughout the season.

"We had a small team and ended up taking third," she said.

Bobay said they became more of a team and established better friendships through the season.

"We had to work harder and pull together more and be more supportive of those who weren't injured," Bobay said.

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HOCKEY

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handed and were in the final minutes of the game.

All five Wildcats who are originally from the Marquette area scored during the game (Kinnunen, Jackson, Gobert, Contois and Swanson).

After outshooting the Broncos, 33-21, in the first game, the Wildcats did not coast to such an easy victory the next night.

Harrison and freshman defenseman Juha Alen scored on the power play in the first period to give the Wildcats a 2-0 lead, but the Broncos were not ready to end their season.

WMU senior forward Brent Rumble, senior defenseman Dave Cousineau and sophomore forward Pat Dwyer all scored for Western in the middle frame. Harrison scored his second goal of the game for the 'Cats, sending the teams into the second intermission tied at three.

"[Western Michigan] had to win and they played with that kind of desperation," Kyle said. "They did not quit and they came right at us."

The score remained tied until Jackson scored what may have been his biggest goal as a Wildcat in his final game at the Berry.

With just over seven minutes left, Jackson one-timed a pass from Gobert into the net during

an NMU power play.

Senior forward Mike Stutzel added an empty-netter with 1:19 remaining, but a wild ending followed.

WMU freshman forward Vince Bellissimo scored a short-handed goal to put Western down one with 54 seconds remaining.

NMU then took a two-goal lead once again when Stutzel scored his second empty-net goal of the game with only two seconds left. The NMU home crowd began throwing shakers (milk jugs filled with popcorn kernels) on to the ice in celebration, and the game was delayed for about 10 minutes. NMU was given a delay of game penalty for the incident and the Broncos were awarded a penalty shot.

The long delay made no difference in the final score, however, as junior goalie Craig Kowalski stopped WMU senior defenseman Josh Akright on the penalty shot.

Kyle said his team did not play as well as the previous night but he was still proud of them. "We found a way to win in the third when the game was tied, and that's what good teams do," he said. "If we can play better and still maintain that heart and that ability to win games in those situations than we should be in good shape."

NMU 8, WSU 3

Western	1	1	1	3
N. Michigan	1	3	4	8

FIRST PERIOD

1. NMU Justin Kinnunen 2 (Dan Donnette, Peter Michelutti), 5:26; 2. WMU Vince Bellissimo 18 (Pat Dwyer), 15:59.

SECOND PERIOD

3. WMU Shaun Rose 6 (Brent Rumble, Trevor Cook), 5:13; 4. NMU Chris Gobert 12 (Andrew Contois, John Miller), 6:51; 5. NMU Contois 2 (Jamie Milam, Terry Harrison), 9:15 PP; 6. NMU Alan Swanson 9 (Jordan Bianchin, Kevin Gardner), 17:01.

THIRD PERIOD

7. NMU Kinnunen 3 (Michelutti, Geoff Waugh), 0:43; 8. WMU Brent Rumble 3 (Jeff Campbell, Trevor Cook), 11:07; 9. NMU Kinnunen 4 (Michelutti, Donnette), 12:30; 10. NMU Harrison 14 (Gobert), 19:09 SH; 11. NMU Jimmy Jackson 4, 19:59 SH.

GAME STATS

SHOTS — NMU 34, WMU 22.
POWER-PLAYS — NMU, 1-2; WMU, 0-2.
SAVES — NMU, 19 (Craig Kowalski); WMU 26 (Scott Foster).

NMU 6, WSU 4

Western	0	3	1	4
N. Michigan	2	1	3	6

FIRST PERIOD

1. NMU Terry Harrison 15 (Juha Alen, Jimmy Jackson), 5:48 PP; 2. NMU Juha Alen 4 (Andrew Contois, Terry Harrison), 8:52 PP.

SECOND PERIOD

3. WMU Brent Rumble 4 (Shaun Rose), 4:13; 4. NMU Harrison 16 (Chris Gobert, Contois), 5:01; 5. WMU Dave Cousineau 7 (Vince Bellissimo, Brent Walton), 7:15 PP; 6. WMU Pat Dwyer 9 (Dana Lattery, Bellissimo), 11:19.

THIRD PERIOD

7. NMU Jimmy Jackson 5 (Gobert, Bryce Cockburn), 12:52 PP; 8. NMU Mike Stutzel 24 (Cockburn, Alen), 18:41; 9. WMU Bellissimo 19 (Walton, Dana Lattery), 19:06 SH; 10. NMU Mike Stutzel 25 (Alen, Gobert), 19:58 PP.

GAME STATS

SHOTS — NMU 20, WMU 31.
POWER-PLAYS — NMU, 4-6; WMU, 1-6.
SAVES — NMU, 27 (Craig Kowalski); WMU 14 (Scott Foster).

TECH

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room for error and to come up with the cuts we needed to, elimination of one of our major programs was really the only option."

The football coaching staff will be retained through the end of December, giving them time to find another job. Yeo said head football coach Bernie Anderson will have the opportunity to stay on the staff in another capacity.

Ken Godfrey, NMU Associate Vice President for Recreation and Athletics and interim athletic director, said cuts will be made in athletics at Northern as well. He could not specify if any NMU athletic teams would be completely cut, but said the information will be discussed at the university forums today.

NMU head football coach Doug Sams, who's team will also be dealing with budget cuts but most likely not a loss of the entire program, said the news of the loss of a very spirited rivalry wasn't a surprise — it was a shock.

"It's a sad thing and a tough decision, but they felt it had to be made," Sams said. "It's going to affect a lot of people's lives."

The loss of Tech's football

program means the 92 players on Tech's roster no longer have a team to play for. Sams said players with eligibility left will probably be looking for somewhere else to play, and that his phone has already been ringing.

He said it also means a loss of an NMU home game that he expected would have drawn a large crowd.

Jeff Ligney, director of media relations for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, said the GLIAC is doing the best it can to make the transition in the conference schedule as smooth as possible.

"It saddens us that it has to come to this, but in these economic times, a lot of schools are struggling financially, and we understand," Ligney said. "It's the unfortunate reality of college athletics today."

Ligney said the cuts will affect the GLIAC in many ways, including adjusting competition schedules and possibly the amount of money the conference receives from the NCAA each year.

"This may not be the end of GLIAC sport cuts in the near future," Ligney said. "Hopefully we'll find a way to maintain what we have and keep the integrity of the conference intact."

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Angie - It's all over in Europe. Thanks for the brownie. - **Mel**

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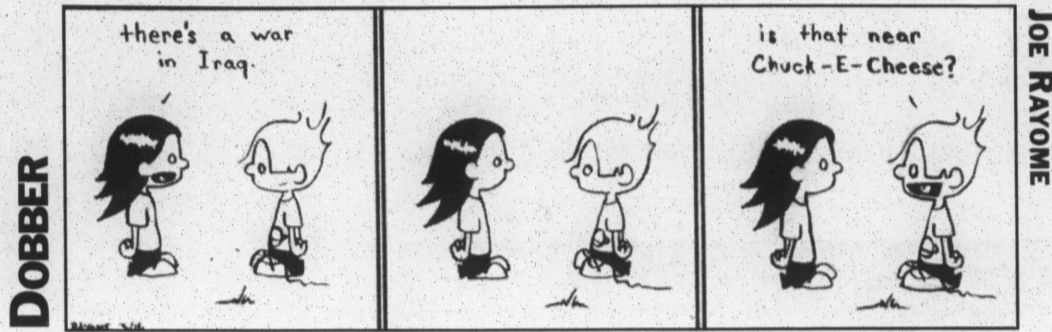
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He has hosted his own segment on the Fox News Channel and published a best-selling autobiography, *Fight The Power*. He is a regular guest on numerous television shows including *Nightline* and *Politically Incorrect*. Chuck is also the spokesperson and major proponent of music on the Internet.

He is currently working on a second book, has formed a rock band that will release an album later this summer, is booked to deliver keynote addresses, sits on panels at over a dozen conventions this year alone, and continues to appear as a guest lecturer at colleges across the country.