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Not sleet nor snow nor the typical U.P. weather will keep this bicyclist from getting to class! Though this isn't the ideal season, bicycling seems to be a common form of transportation and recreation for many NMU students. (Photo by Andy Gregg)

Olympic athletes' future is uncertain

By AMY VANSTEE
Junior Reporter

Athletes' Olympic dreams and higher educational goals are riding on the future plans of the United States Olympic Education Center.

According to Jeff Kleinschmidt, assistant administrator of sports training, there are not any plans to close the center, as the OEC is working very hard to find an alternative source of funding. He also said that the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and Gov. Engler have agreed to help in the funding process.

"Dr. Vandament and the rest of the Board of Control have agreed to fund the program through the Summer Olympics," said Kleinschmidt.

If the USOEC does not receive adequate funding for next year's program, the doors to Olympic hopefuls will be closed between July 25 and August 9. The chances of going to the '92 Olympics may be nearly impossible for some athletes.

In late October of 1991, Gov. John Engler cut the USOEC's annual \$600,000 appropriation from the state, which is given through the Department of Natural Resources.

Of the \$600,000 appropriation fund, \$200,000 is used in food service costs alone. Many of the food service workers are employed during the summer because of the

OEC athletes, Kleinschmidt said.

Outside of the Michigan appropriation fund, a total of \$37,570.95 was paid for tuition directly to NMU for the fall of '91. Either 56 USOEC athletes paid individually or the USOC assisted them with tuition grants.

The USOC provides tuition scholarships to eligible athletes which totals \$27,750 per year. Direct financial assistance is also provided to individual USOEC athletes by the USOC that totals \$79,792 per year.

Kleinschmidt also said \$570,983

"The Olympic Committee strongly believes that this is one of the best programs that they have at this time. (We're) very optimistic that we will find another source of funding."

—Jeff Kleinschmidt, assistant administrator of sports training

additional assistance per year is used for paying coaches salaries, athlete tuition assistance, transportation assistance to events and other things.

According to Kleinschmidt, the USOC now has three Olympic Training

Centers: Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lake Placid, New York and San Diego, Calif. These training centers train athletes for a short period of time for three to 14 days and usually are intense, Kleinschmidt said.

The USOC decided to redesignate Northern Michigan University as the only United States Olympic Education Center in the nation. The OEC has approximately 86 athletes and coaches who are participating in resident athlete training programs in the sports of badminton, biathlon, boxing, cross-country skiing, ski jumping and speed skating.

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Bush promises recovery

The President's plans will help boost economy, but how long will it take?

By JOSEPH ZYBLE
Managing Editor

As expected, economic recovery was the focus of President George Bush's State of the Union address Tuesday. But, the feasibility of his proposals depend upon whose interpreting them.

Congressman Bob Davis told the North Wind yesterday that the president's plans will help the economy, but the process will be a slow one.

"This is going to be a period of very slow recovery. I think the (rest of) the '90s will see growth, but it will never match the 70s and 80s," Davis said.

NMUpolitical science professor David Carlson said the address was "not all that bad. However, under the circumstances it was not good enough to do what I.e. needed it to do." He predicts that the economy is in for "rough sledding" for the rest of the year.

According to Davis, the president's proposed military cuts will not have

much of an impact on K.I. Sawyer. He said the limiting of the B-2 Bomber program would probably demand that the airforce maintain older b-52s that were scheduled to be mothballed.

Reductions in missile programs should also have minimal impact. "The cutbacks will have some impact on all basis, but it won't be that big for K.I. Sawyer," he said.

Davis said that the largest measure for aiding the economy has been implemented.

"I think the biggest single factor in spurring the economy is already in place and (Congress) had nothing to do with it; that is, the lowering of interest rates." He said "millions" of individuals across the country are refinancing homes, and businesses are refinancing to expand.

Davis used an example of one of his staff members who refinanced his home that resulted in lower monthly payments. This left him with \$5000 extra dollars a year.

"There's nothing we can do in Congress that's going to put \$5000 in

his pocket like that. Obviously he's going to spend some. Everyone who gets their house refinanced gets lower house payments," he said. The result is that people have more money to spend.

Carlson said it was interesting that Bush offered tax credits for first time home buyers. However, many people's incomes would be too low for them to take advantage of the proposal. The proposed capital gains tax cut is also a primary measure for economic recovery, according to Davis.

"Dropping the rate down from 28 to 15.4 percent is going to help considerably," he said. "Almost half, if not half, of the total amount of dollars for the number of people in the \$50,000 range will receive half of the benefits."

Tom Foley, Speaker of the House, disagrees. In the democratic rebuttal following the State of the Union address, he said "The bottom line is that two-thirds of all the money from the administrations capital gains cut

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Longyear renovation would be \$2.9 million

By PAUL STIEBER
News Editor

Renovation costs considerably less than earlier estimates were projected for John M. Longyear Hall last night in a presentation in the University Center.

John Meyer, preservation architect for the firm Wigen, Ticknell, Meyer, presented his recommendations for Northern Michigan University's oldest building after a six-week study.

He also gave a detailed description of current problems with the building, how those can be alleviated, and possible uses of the building.

"The bottom line, including contingency funds and projected architectural fees" is \$2.9 million," Meyer said last night. "This is considerably less than what was projected in 1984."

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The President's Ball: First Impressions is sponsoring the second annual President's Ball. See story page 2.

Afraid to take the Writing Proficiency Exam? It may not be as hard as you think. See story page 11.

NMU swimmers clobber Spartans: The NMU swim team beat MSU 174-126 in a dual meet in East Lansing Saturday. See story page 15.

Pow-wow conflicts with group by-laws

Valentine's Day date idea: attend the President's Ball

Funding for Native American event questioned by the SFC

By SHAWN OLSON
Junior Reporter

On Tuesday the SFC faced the dilemma of funding an event that conflicted with its bylaws. The American Indian Science Engineering Society gave a budget proposal to fund a pow-wow.

April Lindala, AISES member, said the event would benefit anybody involved on campus. Lindala said the cultural and traditional aspects of the event would also be offered to the children of Native Americans.

The budget proposed an allocation of funds for a giveaway. AISES said the giveaway of presents is a traditional aspect of the pow-wow. Everyone in attendance participates; there are no spectators. The giveaway recognizes and honors those who take part.

The bylaws of the SFC prohibit the allocation of funds for such use.

\$1,742.38 of the original AISES budget of \$2,675.44 was approved with the stipulation that clarification about the dancers leading the pow-wow be provided by Feb. 17.

An addendum of \$1,943 was

approved for an International Business Seminar budget. This money is in addition to the original funding which was approved last semester at a cost of \$4,587.65.

This additional money was allocated to bring Zsuzsanna Ranki of the University of Economics of Budapest, Hungary, to speak on economic initiatives in Eastern Europe.

The seminar will be held in April and is sponsored by the International Business Leadership Organization.

The SFC has \$4,398.44 to allocate for the remainder of this semester.

Student Finance Committee

CORRECTION

The SFC article last week should have stated the approval of maintaining the SFC allocation of the student activity fee at \$5.35. They did not approve to maintain the student activity fee at \$16.85.

Organizations interested in indirect allocation funding have to present justification to the Referendum Committee not the Strategic Planning Committee.

By PAUL STIEBER
News Editor

Students, faculty, staff and administration will have an opportunity to share an evening of food, music and dancing on Feb. 14—Valentine's Day evening—at the second annual President's Ball.

The event, sponsored by the First Impressions organization, will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms of the Don H. Bottom University Center from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

According to Scott Rice, First Impressions chairperson, there will be a social hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., during which hors d'oeuvres will be served.

From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. a six-course dinner will be served. According to Mary Peffers, chairperson of the President's Ball committee, this dinner will include filet mignon with three sauteed jumbo shrimp and vegetable primavera with fettuccini noodles.

Following dinner, from 9 p.m. to midnight, there will be ballroom dancing.

Music will be played by the local band Superior Swing. Rice said the group will be playing "big band music, ballroom dancing music."

Rice also stressed that the ball is open to faculty, staff, administration and students. He said that last year "an equal amount of students, faculty and staff" turned out for the event.

The dress for the event is formal or semi-formal attire. Rice said that last year some people arrived in tuxedos, while many also arrived in suits and sports coats or other semi-formal attire.

He said that you can get as "dressed up as you want to get."

Also, for anyone who claims they cannot attend because they don't know how to dance, that is not a valid excuse.

Rice said that ballroom dancing lessons will be available to all interested persons. These lessons will be free of charge.

They will be held February 12 and 13 in the multi-purpose room of the PEIF from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night. Anyone interested in attending must register with Tina at 227-2033.

Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$40 per couple and have been on sale since the beginning of the semester.

Tickets can be purchased from the Student Activities Office, the Cashier's office in Cohodas and from all First Impressions members.

As of yesterday, Peffers said the Student Activities Office had sold four tickets and the Cashier's office 10 tickets.

Both of these totals already surpass last year's totals from these two offices.

Peffers expects the most ticket turnout to come from the First Impressions members, as it did last year.

"It's been a long year working on this," Peffers said. "I'm ready to see it pull through."

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International

Iraqi's hassle UN inspection team:

A crowd of 40 Iraqi men roughed up United Nations weapons inspectors in Baghdad Monday with Iraqi policemen looking on passively. The UN team's leader, United States Army Maj. Karen Janse, and two colleagues were "jostled, shouted at and pinned against the wall of the lobby" of a hotel while Iraqi police looked on, UN Spokesman Francois Giuliani said. The melee was the latest in a series of incidents involving UN inspectors, whose work is being carried out under the terms of the Persian Gulf War cease-fire. A UN official called the demonstrators a "hired mob." Giuliani said that while Jansen and the two others were trapped near the hotel, the rest of the team was trapped inside a bus for 25 minutes before forcing its way through the crowd to the hotel. Giuliani said the police claimed they were not allowed to do anything.

Libya ready to hand over agents:

Libya said it is ready to hand over the two Libyan intelligence agents wanted in the bombings of two airliners to an international commission on Tuesday. "If an independent and unbiased international commission is formed, we can hand over the two accused Libyans to this commission," said Abdel-Salam Jalloud, Libya's second highest official. The United Nations Security Council has ordered Tripoli to surrender the two agents indicted in Scotland and the United States for the 1988 bombing of a plane over Lockerbie. France is seeking cooperation over the 1989 bombing of a French UTA airliner over Niger. Authorities say 441 people died in the two bombings.

Armenians shoot down helicopter:

About 40 Azerbaijani men, women and children were killed Tuesday as Armenian rebels shot down a civilian helicopter over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Azerbaijani presidential spokesman said. The attack was the most serious incident reported in the fight for control of the war-torn enclave since another helicopter was shot down on Nov. 21, killing more than 20 people. Vagib Rustamov, a spokesman for President Ayaz Mutalibov of Azerbaijan, said the chopper was flying over Stepanakert, capital of the enclave, when it was attacked. It was en route to Shusha from the town of Agdam. The chopper was shot down by a heat seeking missile. Predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan and mainly Christian Armenia, two former Soviet republics, have battled for three years to gain control of Nagorno-Karabakh, an enclave located in Azerbaijan near Iran but populated mostly by Armenians.

National

Dahmer jury selection nearly over:

In Milwaukee on Monday, attorneys began selecting a panel of jurors who will decide whether Jeffrey Dahmer, serial killer, was sane when he strangled and dismembered 17 young men he had lured to his home for sex. The trial will determine whether Dahmer will be sent to a mental hospital or prison. About 150 potential jurors reported to the courthouse in Milwaukee. Of the 70 questioned, 25 said they could not serve on a jury that will be sequestered for an expected three-week trial. All 25 were excused, some citing financial and family reasons. By Tuesday, 18 prospective jurors had been selected for the final pool of 28, from which defense lawyer Gerald Boyle and prosecutor Michael McCann can each strike seven for a panel of 12 jurors and two alternates. Opening statements are likely Thursday morning. Dahmer, 31, was arrested in July after officers found body parts scattered throughout his apartment. He later confessed to killing 17 young men since 1978, 16 in Wisconsin and one in Ohio.

State

No arrests in murder of student:

Houghton Police Chief Ralph Raffaelli said Tuesday that Michigan Tech student Jodi Lynn Watts, 19, who was murdered last week, was also beaten and raped before being killed. Raffaelli said that the FBI has been asked to join the investigation, which includes five police agencies, by putting together a physical and psychological profile of the killer. Watts was killed Jan. 21 between 2:30 and 2:45 a.m. on a city parking deck behind Subway Restaurant. Raffaelli said the murder is the first in Houghton "in 50 or 60 years." He said a rash of obscene phone calls have been made to MTU coeds since the murder. "The entire city and area is frightened and this sort of thing does not help the situation," he said. Raffaelli did say that police have a number of possible suspects and that progress is being made. He said that hundreds of people have called in information. On Tuesday night about 500 community and university people marched and held a candlelight vigil for Watts.

Central deals with murky budget by cutting faculty

CMU to cut faculty and staff to deal with its budget woes

By JOSEPH ZYBLE
Managing Editor

A dwindling student body and budget reduction pressures have led to major cuts in faculty and staff at Central Michigan.

The big culprit, enrollment at CMU, has dropped from 17,229 students in 1989 to 16,616 in 1991. Projections for this fall are for 400 fewer.

According to Dean of Arts and Sciences Ron Johnstone, the university uses a 20:1 student-faculty ratio formula to determine its personnel capacity.

The university uses the FTE, full-time equivalent, code for making reductions. An FTE represents one full-time faculty member, two part-time faculty or three graduate assistants.

Over the next two years 85 FTEs will have to be eliminated, roughly 10 percent of the faculty.

"We are told by the administration that the cuts are not associated with budget restraints," said Rod Kirk, president of the Faculty Association at Central.

The faculty is not convinced. "It's frustrating," Kirk said. "The administration only seems to be concerned with enrollment figures and projections, not the actual situations."

"What I hear is that classes are full and many students cannot get the ones they want and need."

Kirk also said that during a

recession, enrollment typically increases because people return to school to "re-tool."

Johnstone was aware of this fact but said "our projections are still for

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—Rod Kirk, CMU Faculty Association president

enrollment to go down."

Another factor is the shrinking course loads students are taking. These have also taken a downturn in recent years at CMU.

Jerold Misner, dean of Education, Health and Human Services, said the cutting method is not perfect and the university is prepared to make adjustments.

"If our resources aren't exactly in the right spots we will try to make a quick transfer," he said.

The university will also add additional courses where enough student demand is present to adjust to the needs of the students.

"I think overall it will be very tight—lean and mean as they say," Misner said. "We will be able to meet the needs of students. (The cuts) won't have devastating effects."

On the positive side, no tenure faculty members will be affected by the cuts.

The cuts will be among the ranks of those whose contracts are renewed on a yearly basis, Misner said.

Exactly 19 staff members from the clerical, technical and supervisory ranks have been laid off due purely to budgetary restraints, Misner said.

There is still a beacon of hope for faculty members, according to Kirk. The reductions are based on the policy of an administration whose president recently resigned "under duress."

The former CMU president resigned after receiving votes of no-confidence from every major board on campus last semester, Kirk said.

"The previous administration had a short-range view. The policies that administration spawned are unfortunately still being followed," he said. "We still have hopes that things will get better."

Kirk said the new administration may decide to re-evaluate the lay-off policy and make changes.

If the policy does not change and enrollments increase, "Central Michigan University will be in a poor position to provide the service we would like to," Kirk said.

Liberal studies classes to be reviewed in new evaluation

By KATHY BOURCIER
Associate News Editor

Students will have a liberal studies course review available to them to help select courses when scheduling for the fall.

Seanan Holland, Academic Senate member, and Mark Broemer, ASNMU off-campus representative, are heading the project.

According to Holland, the review will provide "feedback on the quality of instruction and the course itself.

For example, term papers, what kind of tests the professor has, what kind of written assignments the professor has, projects, things like that."

A similar evaluation was published by ASNMU in 1989, but was focused mainly on the quality of instruction and was labeled a "Faculty Evaluation."

Though this review is aimed toward providing an explanation of the courses, there will also be a small section on the faculty member teaching the course.

"What we'll also go into is if the professor keeps your attention, does the professor present things in a logical, flowing manner, does the professor make so many errors on the board that it's distracting to the content of the lecture," added Holland.

Broemer said that there are 232 liberal studies courses that they would like to include in the review.

"You have everything from anthropology and chemistry to computer science. That way we're not biased toward any department and we're not biased toward any faculty member," said Broemer.

"When students enroll for courses, they pretty much know the professors in their major and their minor from

word of mouth; but, for other departments, they have no idea at all," added Broemer.

The review will also include a small course description, similar to the one in the university bulletin, but geared more to students.

According to Broemer and Holland, students in various liberal studies classes will be handing out evaluations to be completed during the class period. The professors will be contacted before the students distribute the forms.

John Berens, chairman of the Academic Senate, doesn't anticipate serious objections from the faculty.

"Based on the previous attempt to do this, there will be some faculty who will not wish to cooperate," said Berens. "But, generally, they should be supportive."

President William Vandament feels that the direction of the survey will determine the faculty reaction.

"If they place considerable focus on providing full information about courses, faculty will be receptive. There will be less resistance if it is designed toward a class review and not a faculty review," said Vandament.

The evaluation forms will be distributed throughout classes during the seventh and eighth weeks of this semester, just after spring break. After that, it should take about four weeks to tabulate the results and print.

Broemer is planning to fund the review through the ASNMU budget, but he is hoping to prepare a proposal to bring before the Student Finance Committee.

If the review is successful, a new one will come out every year. In between that time an update will be done to include any new courses that are added.

Because of the large amount of work involved, Broemer and Holland are encouraging any students who are interested in participating to contact the ASNMU office at 227-2452.

New dean will be chosen by March

Committee received over 100 applications for vacant position

By KEVIN WEED
Senior Reporter

Finding a person to fill the job title of dean of the School of Arts and Sciences may seem like a difficult task, but the Dean Search Committee is well on its way to a good start, according to Committee Chairwoman Karen Rybacki of the speech department.

"We have well over 100 applications," Rybacki said. "We have an excellent pool of applicants, and I'd guess 20 to 25 percent are women or minorities."

The position opened up last fall when Don Heikkinen resigned from the office after serving as the school's dean for over 17 years.

Rybacki said the committee does not have a specific mandate to pick a woman or minority, but that it is looking for someone with experience in management decisions, who is committed to scholarship and also has a strong sense of the responsibilities involved in the role of dean in a school of arts and sciences.

"We're in the process of narrowing down the list of applicants to 10 or 12 persons," she said.

From this 10 or 12, the committee will do intensive reference checks to narrow the field to five or six persons who will come to Northern for interviews.

"I would subscribe to the set of criteria that the committee has," Associate Dean of Arts and Science Eugene Whitehouse said. "I think a minority or woman appointment would be a good idea if they meet the criteria."

"Applicants have sent us their philosophy statements, along with their resumes, and their goals and expectations as the dean of a college of arts and science," said Rybacki.

She added that the applications received are very complete and detailed and that applicants obviously put a great amount of thought and research into both the open dean position and Northern Michigan University.

Though the search committee conducted a nation-wide hunt, there is a possibility the new dean will be one of the Northern employees who applied.

"We have many very qualified internal candidates," added Rybacki. However, she pointed out that being a current Northern employee will not be an advantage because "the committee's charge is to select the best pool of candidates."

The committee hopes to begin the interview process by late February, with a final selection coming in early March.

"We want to have the new dean start by July 1," said Rybacki.



Whitehouse

WBKX continues FM drive, 'should' be done by fall '92

Station waiting on transmitter construction approval

By WALKER TISDALE
Staff Writer

WBKX, the student radio station is still in the process of securing FM status.

According to the station's General Manager Ted Fisher, WBKX's goal for going FM has been "an ongoing project for a number of years."

At the station's board of directors meeting held this Mon., it was noted that the station had filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C., back in fall of 1991.

Upon doing so, WBKX had to go through three steps: filing the initial application with the FCC, a reviewing of the application and a decision on a construction permit.

Fisher is optimistic and hopes the FCC will approve the application soon, thus permitting construction in the spring or summer of this year.

Once this step is complete, the assembly of the FM transmitter will begin. The transmitter will allow the broadcasts to be heard on the FM band.

The site is set for the southern smokestack at the Wisconsin Electric power plant on Presque Isle.

In the fall of 1991 it was estimated

that the FM drive would come to about \$40,000 in total cost. As of the last board of director's meeting that figure had not changed.

Partial support will come from the Student Finance Committee, which has already granted \$10,000 to the drive.

"We're very excited about the prospect of going FM. That's always been a goal since the station started 20 years ago."

—Ted Fisher, WBKX general manager

The remaining sum will come directly from the station's Student Activity Fee allocation and a contingency fund that WBKX had instituted itself.

Spirits are soaring at the station over the anticipation of receiving FM status.

"It'd be great if the station went

FM," says Dan Olberg, a WBKX disc jockey. "If that happened, I think we'd appeal to a wider audience; maybe even more people would join the station," he said.

Fisher echoed Olberg's sentiments: "We're very excited about the prospect of going FM. That's always been a goal since the station started 20 years ago," he said. "This will be a sweet success when it happens."

Although optimism throughout the entire process, there was a hint of concern at the onset of the project.

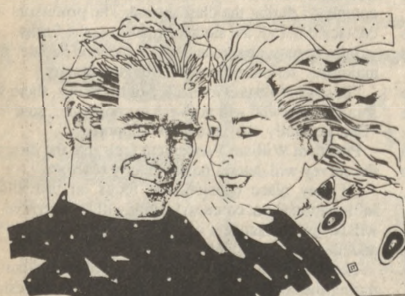
According to Fisher, Jim Kizer, general manager of TV-6, was apprehensive about the WBKX endeavor because of the possibility of audio interference for cable subscribers.

Fisher said, "the issue was addressed in a board of directors meeting back in the fall." Currently there is no direct opposition to the station achieving its FM status.

With high hopes and tension mounting, the project is in the long stretch. And if all goes according to Fisher's time estimations, listeners could be listening to WBKX on the FM dial as soon as the fall of 1992.

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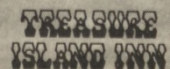
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HOUSING COMMITTEE: One student is needed as an alternate on this committee.

HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: One Off-Campus student is needed to address student medical cost concerns for this committee.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD: Frustrated at how cutbacks are forcing the library to cut magazine subscriptions? This very important committee can address these and other important library concerns.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD: Students are needed on this committee to work on drug abuse and prevention policies that would affect the University.

STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTION GOALS:

GOAL #3: Will involve examining the state of advising programs for this university.

GOAL #6: Will look into the reallocation of University funds to be directed towards academic teaching and learning. Preferably the student should have participated in the 1991 Strategic Planning Conference.

GOAL #7: Will look into expanding summer enrollment class offerings and increasing enrollment in these programs.

ACADEMIC SENATE: One student representative is needed on this vital committee that deals with the academic side of college life.

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Editorial

Rape reaches everywhere

It is past time that all women realize that they can become the victims of rape and sexual assault virtually any time and anywhere.

The tragic rape and murder of a 19-year-old sophomore last week at Michigan Tech is all too graphic evidence that our area is not immune to violent acts.

According to Public Safety there were five reported incidents of sexual assault at Northern in 1991. Four of the five reported sexual assaults were of the fourth degree, where sexual contact is involved. Only one was first degree sexual assault, where actual penetration is involved.

At Northern, the "jump out of the bush" rapist has not been a problem. Most sexual assaults have been perpetrated by acquaintances, according to Public Safety.

Until all women educate themselves about rape it will continue to be a prevalent crime everywhere in our society.

Here are some vital facts from NMU's Public Safety Department about rape that all women should know:

- **In one-third** of all reported cases, the rapist is an acquaintance, neighbor, friend, or relative.
- **Rape often occurs** when women are alone at night, but it also happens frequently during daylight hours.
- **Many rapes** take place in the victim's own home. Securing your home by locking windows and doors is helpful.
- **Alcohol** is involved in 90 percent of all campus rapes.
- **90 percent** of women raped fail to report the rape.
- **Freshmen** women are the most common victims.

Women are safe nowhere. Yes, we hear about rape in Detroit and Chicago often, but it also happens here.

The incident at Tech should send an ominous warning: women are at risk everywhere—in Houghton, Marquette and Jonesville U.S.A.

Unfortunately, so few report the crime. Statistics show that nine out of 10 rape victims never say a word. In some instances, victims try to suppress their feelings and memories as a psychological defense mechanism. Others feel too guilty or embarrassed to report it. All violent attacks must be reported.

By keeping silent perpetrators are virtually given a free hand to strike again. If all victims reported the attacks on them it would help curtail the frequency of these violent crimes.

There are positive signs on campus for women. There was an excellent turnout at the date and acquaintance rape program that was conducted Tuesday in Jamrich Hall. There was a sizeable crowd of both men and women.

But not everyone was there.

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Letters to the Editor

MTU student reacts to column

(Editor's Note: This letter is in response to Dan Sullivan's column that ran in the North Wind two weeks ago and appeared in the Michigan Tech Lode last week.)

To the Editor,
Hi! I'm a junior in civil engineering at Michigan Tech, and I am writing in response to your article, "Engineers should learn how to get a 'clue,'" that appeared in the university paper Jan. 24.

Personally, I couldn't agree MORE with you! Two summers ago, I was working the night shift as an assembly worker making fly-wheels for engines.

The people I worked with were very comical and not at all hesitant to let a nasty word or two or three, etc. fly out of their mouths.

What my point is that those blue-collar workers, "limited" to a high school diploma, have been working with the machinery for years, and they have some pretty brilliant ideas about how to make the company's product manufacturing more efficient, or to keep it from getting worse.

I heard a few stories from my fellow workers that involved the mechanical engineers coming in, thinking they know everything, and making deci-

sions as to how they want things run.

From the knowledge and experience I acquired over the summer, I feel pretty safe in saying that the ME's did NOT know how things were running in the first place!

When these hard-nosed engineers come in saying, "this is how it's going to be done and no 'buts' about it," they make some foolish decisions. Foolish decisions that could possibly be avoided if they would talk with some of the workers who make their living on the machines. And believe me, engineers listening to, taking account for, and implementing their employees' bits of advice do a world of good on the employees' working morale! This "obviously" leads to a much more efficient company!

I, like you, would be very interested in hearing the "other side" of the story, and, if I find the time, I will talk with some of my professors or others to try to find some valid information.

I am writing you this to let you know that I, and others up here like me, understand the fundamental value of knowing "how something works" before designing it. I see it as a critical step that separates a good engineer from a mediocre one.

Idealists soon to have open forum

To the Editor:
As the editor-in-chief of the upcoming world's first major, international weekly newspaper of idealist thought, The Idealist Weekly, I would like to vehemently object to the treatment of it, both in this campus and in the community.

The fliers I posted for it around campus were mostly taken down because they lacked the stamp from the Student Activities Office, which is not given out for profit postings.

To my mind this reeks of the Stamp Act and constitutes a form of economic censorship whereby the University can reserve the right to solicit on campus to certain more mainstream organizations, such as the Chicago Tribune or the Kronos Quartet.

It is difficult to believe that either of these organizations are functioning as charities.

Without the income from subscriptions and advertising we will be unable to publish our periodical, and we will have been effectively silenced by the powers that be at this university.

I have not only been threatened by various people in the community for our rather aggressive advertising cam-

paign, but by the Northern Department of Public Safety (bring Robespierre to mind?) and the city Police Department.

They gave me the benefit of their legal advice, and demanded that I change the content of my fliers.

Perhaps I suffer from amnesia, but I do not remember when I retained these idiotic pigs as either legal counsel or advertising consultants.

I have to object to law enforcement officials telling me that I am able to exercise my First Amendment rights, but only as they would have me do so.

This is tantamount to telling me I may not exercise my rights at all. To these pathetic morons I only have one thing to say: Take us on. It is obvious that the reason you show such hesitancy to play what you call my "games" is because you know you can only lose.

I am president and chief executive officer of an international corporation, and am just cynical and intelligent enough to realize the truth: that it is people like me who are allowed to get away with pretty much whatever we want.

The Idealist Weekly intends to func-

tion as the voice of idealist dissent, and this role cannot be fulfilled when realists dictate what the perimeters of that dissent must be.

It will not lay down and play dead, much as Northern or Marquette might wish that to happen.

We will prevail whatever it takes, whether it means an antitrust suit against Northern Michigan University, a criminal trial of myself, or the exposure of university and community officials for the imbeciles they are in whatever medium.

In any of these forums, we will emerge triumphant.

In closing, I would like to assure those members of the community that have received our flier that, firstly, Assassination is a type of perfume, and, secondly, that what has been perceived to be vague threats of the rest of the flier are not threats at all, if you are not realists, and if you are, imply no incipient harm to your physical safety.

The idealist revolution has always construed itself on mental and spiritual grounds.

It will be a daily inspiration for me, throughout my career!

Joel Rinkel

P.S. I like the quote from one of your professors from Georgia Tech, I assume, stating, "If you want to be a truly effective engineer, you must first understand how what you are designing works."

Letter informs readers about primary voting procedures

To the Editor:
We wish to alert you to changes in the 1992 presidential primary election.

Unlike any other partisan primaries held in the state, the presidential primary on March 17, will be a "closed" primary as opposed to an "open" primary. (In the "open" primary, the voter is presented with a ballot that shows all the political parties' candidates; in a "closed" primary the ballot shows a single party's candidates.)

To vote in this election, citizens at least 18 years of age must be registered voters and declare a political

party preference by Feb. 18, the required 30 days before the election.

This requirement does not have to be met to vote in any other primary or election in the state.

Voters may declare a political party preference at any Secretary of State branch office or at their city or township clerk's office, or other temporarily designated areas.

Reminder: To be able to vote in the presidential primary, you must declare a Republican or Democrat party preference by Feb. 18.

Dorothy Peterson
President, League of Women Voters

Writing Proficiency Exam

Students who are interested in taking the March 28 writing proficiency exam must be registered by March 16.

Dan Boyer

Other Views

Dan Sullivan



Ozone hole will not cause end of civilization

A lot of people have been doing a lot of talking about an ozone hole in our atmosphere over the North Pole...

Whew. Well, I personally don't feel the need to get too "hyper" about it because I personally don't believe that this so-called ozone hole is all that big a deal.

Ozone is nothing more than an isotope of oxygen, which comprises ap-

proximately 21% of our atmosphere. Molecular oxygen is commonly referred to as O2, because to be stable, oxygens like to hang out in pairs.

Given that nature abhors this instability, it's logical to assume that ozone (O3) will immediately convert back to oxygen (O2), if there are enough of them around. It does.

In other words, ozone disappears on its own, even without being eaten up by all those bad chemicals.

Now remember, to oppose nature's desire for stability and produce ozone you need a lot of energy. Isn't it convenient that we are only a few million miles from a huge ball of flaming radiant and ultraviolet energy, otherwise known as the sun?

So now we all know that ozone

doesn't occur naturally; it is produced when molecular oxygen in the upper atmosphere absorbs the ultraviolet energy from the sun, preventing it from reaching the surface of the earth.

If scientists were a little more detailed about their explanation they would say that the constant production of ozone in the upper atmosphere absorbs the ultraviolet energy to protect the inhabitants of earth.

These details are important, because scientists also omit the following:

a. The ozone hole only occurs at the North Pole in the months of September through November, when there is NO direct ultraviolet sunlight on the atmosphere where the hole is.

b. The detailed study of the upper atmosphere only began after the accidental discovery of the "hole" by a

satellite, a few years ago, and the world is billions of years old.

c. We must also consider the distance of the Earth from the sun, the tilt and wobble of the planet, and the level of sunspot activity on the sun.

d. The production of oxygen by plant life on the planet has been severely reduced due to the wholesale slaughter of the rain forests and other wooded areas.

My point is this. It is important for the population of any global society to become involved in efforts to reduce the destruction of their ecosystem, BUT it is more important for those efforts to be directed at a real problem, not a vague symptom.

The ozone hole is not the problem. It is marshmallow fluff, and we can't realize that unless we are given—or learn—the whole story.

Do your best to save the planet, but don't trust soundbites on CNN. The information you generally get from reporters has been diluted, primarily because they couldn't understand the scientist, who didn't know how to speak in simple terms...

Read. Ask questions. Respect but question authority. Educate yourselves. Don't blow off college and waste the only four years you have to gain a concentrated body of knowledge.

Look at it this way. If you spend all of your time getting a tan now, your kids may be spending all of their time trying to avoid one.

Larry Alexander

Letter doesn't ease NMU minds

Last week President Vandament wrote a letter to the editor in response to an emotional and critical North Wind editorial that had run the week before.

In an effort to avoid future misunderstandings I would like to respond to some of Vandament's comments.

First, in an effort to avoid future accusations the Board of Control could consider putting administrative pay adjustments under a separate and clear heading in its published agenda.

A second problem I see is President Vandament's idea that students are angry because the raises came later and therefore seem like special treatment.

It is not the timing of the raises we are upset about. We are upset by the raises themselves. We do not feel they are just. The problem is the logic behind many of the pay raises.

Of Northern's 144 administrators, coaches and non-union employees, 57 are earning over \$55,000 a year. Forty-seven of these get more than \$60,000 and 20 of these get over \$70,000.

The cost of living in the Marquette area does not justify this kind of salary.

The fact is, most of the NMU community is getting by on far less. I don't believe that we need to adjust upward what appear to most students as already very high salaries.

In point of fact, a family of four can get by in Marquette on less than \$20,000 a year.

Of course, it's a struggle and I don't expect top Northern officials to cut their salaries to a level close to that.

In fact I support the raises given to some of Northern's coaches and such who were not making what I would consider a living wage—although they made as much as my family.

But Northern's decision makers should realize that students don't see administrators as being needy.

We see tuition going up, inflated textbook prices, rising rents and less services.

Then administrators could avoid blaming cuts in services on faculty pay raises that are a higher percentage than what they gave themselves while being less in actual dollars.

And faculty pay raises were high because of "previous erosion."

In other words, there was an inequity involved. Faculty as a group was being paid 10 percent less than their peers while administrators as a group are being paid 10 percent more than their peers.

Northern's administration has made bad decisions. And many of these have left the rest of the NMU community harboring resentments.

Naturally these resentments are voiced by faculty and staff as well as students. These are valid opinions expressed by people who feel their sensitivities have been ignored.

I don't believe faculty and staff are merely "trying to fit in" when they

point out these bad decisions.

If President Vandament is going to talk about "cheap shots" he should be more careful in his own choice of words.

But, semantics aside, he seems to want to work with students. So let's try to work with him.

The first thing we need to do is clean up the administration's image. We can help by offering constructive criticism about the way students are treated when dealing with the administration.

We don't feel like a priority. I have been at NMU for almost four years and I've had many encounters with people who are less than helpful—some downright insulting.

But let me add that I have also run into people who are more than helpful.

The point is, students pay the bills here at Northern. If our administrators want their sensitivities respected, they should respect ours.

Are you interested in writing for the North Wind? It's a great way to meet members of the campus community. For more information call 227-2545.

Wild Kingdom

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

NOTE: The following is funnier if it is read in the voice of Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship, Enterprise. COLLEGE—The final frontier. These are the voyages of the college student. Their four—or five—or even six—year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to hang out, drink beer, and party without reservation. To boldly live in dormrooms and group houses that would repulse cockroaches and swine!!

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ASK MR. COLLEGE section featuring a character in a graduation cap and gown answering reader questions about college life, such as 'Dear Mr. College, I'm graduating this year and I have absolutely no idea what to do with my life.'

Northern nurses seek Sigma Theta Tau chapter

By DONNA MENDENHALL
Staff Writer

In an effort to bring the National Nursing Society Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau to Northern Michigan University's campus, the Nursing department initiated an Honor Society in October of 1991.

Currently, the seventy-two member

strong group is striving to gain more opportunities.

"Our goals are to foster research activities in the area of nursing science and to bring Sigma Theta Tau to this campus," said Sara Doubledee, Advisor and Chair Person of the steering committee.

To be eligible for Sigma Theta Tau,

the Honor Society needs to increase their membership, based on their criteria. Undergraduates need at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, be in the upper third of their class and had to have completed courses NE 340 and NE 341. Graduates need a 3.5 GPA or higher and must have completed one course in their specialty. Both need three letters or reference. Dues are a reasonable amount of \$25.

The first steering committee meeting took place on Wednesday, January 29. They were to setup committees for fund raising projects and to plan an annual spring dinner and research day. On this day, people will present research related to the nursing profession. Officers will also be chosen.

If the Honor Society is able to become a Sigma Theta Tau chapter, members will have an increased number of opportunities. They will be receivers of a national network of research and have access to Sigma Theta Tau's archives. They will also be able to compete for research monies and fellowships for doctoral programs and graduate study.

For more information contact the Nursing Department at 227-2834, located in room 224 of Magers Hall.

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Meyer was referring to a study done in 1984 that put the cost of renovating Longyear Hall near \$6 million.

Meyer said the cost is considerably lower than the cost in 1984 because of his findings concerning the exterior walls of the building.

"We firmly believe they (the walls) don't have to be torn down."

As proof of the stability of the walls, Meyer told the crowd that during his studies of the building, a cherry picker machine got stuck on the wall. Surprisingly, the wall held sturdy.

However, despite the nearly \$3 million decrease, the university still has to find \$2.9 million to renovate.

"We moved from close to \$6 million, now down to something on the order of \$2.9 million," NMU President William Vandament said. "That is our current problem."

Vandament explained that the university is currently pursuing two tracks in terms of funding Longyear Hall.

One route is through alumni contributions and possible support through certain foundations.

The other possibility is for a private developer to come forward and purchase the building from the university and sink his or her own money into renovating it.

During his time exploring the building, Meyer studied the interior and exterior walls, the roof, entranceways and the inside condition of the building.

He recommended that the roof be reslated, the single pane windows replaced with more economical insulated glass, and some paint removed from the sandstone on the west side of the building, which had abutted Pierce Hall. He said some scars may always remain on Longyear from its departed friend, but that it only needs "a lot of tender loving care."

If renovated, Longyear Hall would hold various university offices, some conference rooms and even public offices. However, Vandament is planning to hold an open forum for the university to discuss possible uses and sources of funding for the oldest NMU building.

Dave Forsberg, member of the Coalition to Save Longyear Hall, said, "We in the coalition know funding is out there to preserve Longyear Hall but we have to come up with a set of uses. We've got to get the uses nailed down."

Forsberg also said that the coalition is trying to arrange a meeting with U.S. Sen Carl Levin and Rep. Bob Davis to discuss possible federal funding for the building. Eastern Michigan has received federal money to renovate one of its historic buildings this way.

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will go to the richest one percent of taxpayers."

Carlson said that capital gains tax, the criminal justice reform and healthcare are "fairly tired" issues that Congress has been debating for some time.

The president's insistence that Congress approve them is not a positive step.

"I think this will in effect lead to bipartisan wrangling, unfortunately for America," Carlson said.

Davis said the revision of tax tables and a child care deduction will also help the economy.

One of the major barriers to repairing the economy is bipartisanship the president said. In his speech, Davis is optimistic.

"I think it has to be done. The American people aren't going to stand for getting into great big partisan battles. I don't think democrats will thwart the president now," Davis said. "I don't see how we can not do something."

Carlson said the president gave no indication that he was willing to compromise on his proposal.

Unless it was just political strategy, very little may get accomplished.

As bad as the economy is nationally, employment is in better

shape than it was in the U.P. during the 1982 recession. "In 1982 (unemployment) was way over 20 percent. That is little comfort to the person who is already laid off. Nevertheless, it is not as bad," he said. Davis estimates unemployment near 15 percent in this district.

To really get back on its feet the economy is going to have to undergo drastic change.

"The whole world is changing. This country is changing. We are use to having the Gross National Product go up considerably, creating jobs. We're not going to see that again," Davis said.

He said companies like General Motors that have laid off thousands of employees will be never "going to call all those people back."

"I think you are going to see a definite improvement in the economy in early summer, maybe late spring," Davis predicts.

Davis said the president is offering "no-nonsense, solid" proposals for economic recovery

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one of the best programs that they have at this time. (We're) very optimistic that we will find another source of funding...this program is too important to Michigan, the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University to allow it to close," said Kleinschmidt.

Twenty-five to 30 percent of the entire U.S. delegation in the Winter Olympic's have participated in the OEC program at Northern, Kleinschmidt added.

"I want to stress that we are here for the athletes and providing them with the opportunity to obtain their education," Kleinschmidt said.

If the OEC closed, Kleinschmidt said, "It would be different for each individual athlete, some of the athletes would go home and go to college in their home states...while others would probably go home and never open another textbook or finish their education. Some athletes literally don't have a home to go to. For those people I don't know what will happen to them."

He also said that some athletes are very poverty stricken with different social economical backgrounds.

Le Chance Shepherd, a boxer and a freshman at NMU, said, "Basically the Education Center provides a great opportunity, because a lot of us have no place to go." Shepherd said if the OEC closed he would try and find another place similar to the OEC, but he doubts if such a place exists.

He would try to go to school in Milwaukee, but did not know if he could afford college expenses. According to Shepherd, "Being in the city life doesn't focus on what your view is...people pulling you toward negative things and not your needs."

Zahi Raheem, a 15-year-old boxer attending Junior High in Marquette, said his neighborhood in North Philadelphia was very bad. If Raheem went back he said he would, "Do what I was doing before I came...hanging on the streets, being bad, fighting in school and not going often."

Jeff Benjamin, a speed skater and a sophomore at NMU said, "I think it's a good program." Benjamin said if the OEC closed he would go back to Chicago and try to skate there. "Speed skaters are all spread out and this program here brings them all together." Benjamin feels there is a good chance the OEC will close, because the bill keeps going past the governor and it gets vetoed.

John Gargiull, badminton player and a freshman at NMU, said he would go back to Long Island, New York, and apply to Arizona State or other schools that have better training than home. Gargiull also said he would, "like it (OEC) to stay forever. It's a good program. It attracts a lot of people from all over...a variety of culture."

Jeff Baltzell, a biatholionist and a junior at NMU said, "I am at disbelief...quite surprised that it (OEC) would close that easily and quickly. The Olympic Committee will realize the value of this and make sure that it won't close." Baltzell said that he's not really sure what he would do if the OEC closed. If he was doing really well, then he might try for nationals or he would possibly quit the sport all together.

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Further Questions? Call DeAnna Doyle
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For What It's Worth Run, run, runaway

By AMY VANSTEE
Junior Reporter

It was just one of those nights when I had to escape from my studying and the confinement of my dorm room. Oh excuse me, all those resident advisers out there—"my residence (hide-a-way) hall room."

So I called my good friend Julie at 7:30 p.m. and asked her if she wanted to go running in that thing, which is now called the "Superior Dome." "Evy" with it's new name Julie and I will continue to call it "The Dome."

Well, anyway getting back to the story... I had to do some begging and pleading to convince Julie that a good cardiovascular workout would do our bodies some good. After begging with Julie for about 15 minutes she finally gave in to my whimpering cries.

We met in a matter of 10 minutes after putting on our running gear. With our fancy running gear strapped tightly to our bodies, we felt like true Olympians going to a Greek coliseum for battle.

Once at "The Dome" we both anxiously entered through unlocked doors to run on the 200 meter, orange track that glowed in the dark.

"The Dome" had a creepy feeling to it because not a soul or anything human appeared inside at about 8:15 p.m.

The parking lot outside also had very few cars in it. Meanwhile, inside "The Dome," the lights in the center where the track is located were turned off. It was just a tiny bit dark in the place where Julie and I wanted to run. Here we wanted to test our legs and lungs to their heart-racing capacity. Actually we would find out what bad shape we were in after a couple laps.

Julie's first reaction when we entered was, "Amy, I think 'The Dome' is closed!"

I responded with, "Oh! Julie 'The Dome' is not closed. If it were than why would the doors be unlocked."

Julie said, "If it's open, why are all the lights turned off?" I reassured her by saying, "The lights are just turned off because they are resting and besides there's nobody around anyway. Besides it will be cooler with the lights off."

Julie responded again with, "all right, if you say it's OK, then I guess we can do a few laps around the track."

We sat by nearby bleachers to take off some layers of clothing that had protected us from outside's chilly winter winds.

In our ready-to-go action gear, I told Julie that we should stretch out a little. In my mind I thought that stretching was important, because it was essential not to tear muscles that have been resting for months.

Once stretched, we were ready to run on the bouncy orange track for the first time.

It was nice to run away the frustrations of school and of course the men that were always giving us troubles in our daily lives.

Julie and I started running, but in Julie's case it was a slow jog.

Just as I completed about six laps and Julie managed to capture four golden laps, a lady screamed in our direction.

"The voice was screaming, 'Excuse me, you're not supposed to be in here!'"

My running attempts were stopped by a "manish" little lady who projected her voice with "God given authority!"

After that Julie and I decided that it might be wise to put our outdoor gear back on and go outside to run, before we got arrested by Public Safety for breaking and entering.

As we left Julie said, "I can just see it now: North Wind reporters taken in by Public Safety police officers."

We advised each other that it would be best to make "a get-away", now, before anything else mysterious happened that night.

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THINGS TO DO
DIVERSIONS
PLACES TO GO
PEOPLE TO SEE



A member of the Omowale Cultural Society beats on a drum. The group will be performing Tuesday night as part of NMU's Black History Month.

African dance teaches

By AMY VANSTEE
Junior Reporter

Omowale African dancers and drummers will educate their audience through performances on traditional African music and dance Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. in JXJ 102.

The group is sponsored by the Cultural Events Series as part of Black History Month. It cost about \$2500 to bring the dancers to campus.

According to Wayne Francis, director of Lee Hall Gallery, the dancers "definitely take you into a part of Africa that you haven't seen before...take you into a different world."

The master drummer and leader of the dancers is Sundiata Kieta who is a professionally trained historian and traditional Yoruba priest.

Francis said Kieta has performed live as a percussionist with Winston Marsalis, Dizzy Gillespie, and Miles Davis.

Kieta choreographs and arranges all of the performances based on traditional African material.

"They're tracing the history of Afro-Americans through dance, music and drumming," said Francis. "Ideas of spirituality are brought into the group's performance, which represents their core existence."

The program will begin with the African Conz Shell percussion sounds and drum calls. The performance also includes the African welcome dance, and the shaker, an African gourd instrument, as well as an introduction to the African languages, and other dances and rituals. It will culminate in the ritual African ceremonial dance.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for the public, and may be purchased at the door.

Exam is misunderstood

By JULIE STOUT
Senior Reporter

If the mention of the writing proficiency exam sends shivers up your spine and thoughts of procrastinating until your senior year to take it through your mind, you're not alone. There comes a time in every NMU student's life he must face the writing proficiency exam or fail to graduate.

According to David Goldsmith, director of the writing proficiency exam, "very few students wait until the last exam to take it but too many wait until their last year. He added that there is a lot of ignorance and fear about the exam."

The essay is taken after completion of both composition requirements.

"It's an essay. Everyone has written essays from the first grade on," Goldsmith said. He added that he tries to make the exam as painless as possible for students.

According to Goldsmith, topics picked for students to write about come mainly from headlines and national events found within the North Wind.

One of the more popular questions, which Goldsmith periodically repeats, is whether the writing proficiency exam should be abolished.

"Is Elvis alive?" is one of the more unusual questions asked on the exam that resulted in some great answers, Goldsmith said.

When grading exams, instructors aren't looking for outstanding content in only two hours, Goldsmith said. He added that the mechanical aspect of writing is the most important area looked at when grading the essays.

Judging of the essays is done by individuals affiliated with the English department. Goldsmith said that with 16 people grading the essays there are enough people to form a norm as to whether an essay will pass or not.

The exams are graded on a point scale. If a paper is rated 1, it does not go to a second reader. If a paper receives a 2 or 3 from the first reader, it then goes to a second. If the second reader gives a score that doesn't agree with the first, a third person will read it to determine whether the paper will receive a 2 (passing) or 3 (failing).

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Seasoned comedian to perform at NMU

By DAVID BIALY
Staff Writer

Comedian Bill Leff will demonstrate his strange and bizarre antics Monday night in the Great Lakes Rooms of the U.C. as a part of the U.C. Main Event lineup for 1992.

The Main Event crew spent hours upon hours of searching through videotapes coming up with a few candidates. It costs U.C. Main Event about \$1100 to bring Leff to campus.

"We went to a conference in Wisconsin and saw Bill Leff on stage there. We thought he would be great for NMU," said Renee Crame, of U.C. Main Event.

Leff, a native of the Chicago area, has been in the comedy business for over five years and has appeared in Florida, Georgia, Los Angeles, and many Chicago area showcases.

He became a comedian after attending Columbia College and working at Second City Comedy Showcase. A short while later Leff appeared in the Paramount production of "Major League,"

released in 1989, and had the chance to work alongside Charlie Sheen.

Hoping for an Oscar nomination, which never came, Leff continued his acting career by finishing a television pilot for ABC called "Marder at Midnight."

The young comedian has performed in just about every arena of comedy, from film to television and appearing live on stage.

Leff has been a winning comedian for many years. Back in the early days of his career he won the Chicago Stand-Up Stand-Off in 1987, the WGN Comedy Bowl in both 1988 and 1989 as well as the Johnny Walker Comedy Search in 1990.

In addition to his comedy awards, the young comedian claims to have won the Nobel Prize for Metaphysics in 1990.

Leff will be at NMU Monday at 8 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms. Admission is free to students with a validated ID and \$1 for non-students.

Orientation is fun if you are on the staff

By SHAWN OLSON
Junior Reporter

When you were a lowly first term freshman, did you wish you had a guide to find the mysterious third floor of JXJ? Did you ever wonder if the guide had the same question?

The Dean of Students Office is looking for student staffers to help prepare students for college life at NMU during summer orientation.

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Fulbright fellowship an honor

By BONNIE MICK
Staff Writer

Toby Rose, professor of English at NMU, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship Grant for teaching and research at the University College of Belize in Central America.

The Fulbright Fellowship Grant is awarded by the Fulbright Foundation. The award is funded and administered by the federal government. The amount awarded varies year to year.

"This is one of the most prestigious awards available in humanities. The Fulbright is a very prestigious honor. There are just a few of them given

out," said Raymond Ventre, professor of English and interim department head.

Ventre said the amount awarded to each individual was determined by the cost of living expenses in the area the person would be studying.

Rose will be teaching until June of this year in Belize, part of the British Honduras.

According to Ventre, she received the grant, to teach and research teacher education program while also researching her own material on teaching of English as a foreign language.

He said in order to receive a fellowship you must apply to the Fulbright Foundation and then compete against every other applicant in the country.

Close to 5,000 Fulbright Grants are given each year to those studying, teaching, or researching abroad, or foreign scholars coming to the U.S.

Fulbright Fellows are not new to the English department. "We have had five, which is pretty good for a small Midwestern university," said Ventre. "Toby has received two Fulbright awards, which is the limit."

Other Fulbright Fellows include David Goldsmith, James Livingston, Zacharias P. Thundy, and Earl Hilton, now retired.

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What's Up, Doc?

Steroids can be harmful

Dr. Thomas Schacht is a practicing NMU Health Center physician. Please send your questions to Dr. Schacht c/o the North Wind.

Doc,

Do the side effects of anabolic steroids go away when you stop taking them? **B. W.**

Yes, in most instances, but our knowledge of the potential long term adverse effects of these drugs is limited.

The proper name for this class of drugs is anabolic-androgenic steroids, or AAS. They are synthetic derivatives of the male hormone testosterone, and like testosterone, have both masculinizing (androgenic) and skeletal muscle building (anabolic) effects. Most were developed in efforts to provide effective replacement of male hormone to patients with hormone deficiencies. Some of these compounds are legitimately used for this and a limited number of medical conditions, including certain anemias and gynecologic conditions.

Some of the commonly used compounds are stanozolol, methandrostenolone oxandrolone, and methyl testosterone. Some are taken by mouth, others are injectable. Both forms are used illicitly in doses 10-200 times the usual pharmaceutical dose. The drugs are most often taken in a cyclic manner for 1-4 months, alternating with drug holidays. Mixtures of oral and injectable drugs are often used (known as "stacking").

These drugs have been around since the 1950s, and from the start have been used by athletes seeking improved muscle strength. They are effective for this purpose when used in high doses by highly trained athletes of either sex, but only when combined with enhanced nutrition and training. They have little impact on strength in untrained individuals. The magnitude of this strength enhancement has not been well quantified. Much of the reported improvement in strength may derive from the euphoria and sense of well being that users experience.

The primary source of these drugs is clandestine labs in this country and overseas, with a smaller portion diverted from legitimate medical and veterinary supplies. Bogus and counterfeit drugs are common on the black market, sometimes with wholly unrelated ingredients.

Our knowledge of the deleterious effects of these drugs is limited in part by the fact that use is illicit, compounds and doses used vary widely, and counterfeit drugs (sometimes amphetamines) are common.

Easily recognized side effects are increased acne, enlarged breasts, shrunken testicles and hair loss—these effects are generally reversible.

Less common but more frightening adverse effects are liver damage and possibly cancer. When taken by adolescents they can cause stunted growth.

A universal and especially worrisome effect is a severe lowering of the level of HDL or "good" cholesterol, and a rise in the LDL or "bad" cholesterol. While the total cholesterol remains unchanged, these changes in the balance of HDL and LDL cholesterol may increase the risk of coronary artery disease by sixfold. This increased risk is of much greater magnitude than that seen by obesity and cigarette smoking, and may well be the greatest threat to AAS users.

Another serious side effect of AAS is psychological dependency. While we're not used to thinking of "steroids" as mood altering drugs, several studies suggest that long term use may lead to a preoccupation with drug use, difficulty stopping despite side effects, characteristic withdrawal symptoms and drug craving. Users often report euphoria and increased energy; some also note irritability, agitation, anxiety, and even delusional thinking. Acute withdrawal symptoms may be followed by longer lasting depression, fatigue and insomnia.

Athletes and others using these substances should consult with their physician regarding the potential health consequences, and seek professional help if they feel unable to stop using these drugs.

Student wins play award

By **DEANNA DOYLE**
Staff writer

Obsession...Backstabbing...True love...Scandal...Sounds like an introduction to a daytime soap opera when actually it's a synopsis of an award winning comedy by Buddy Thomas.

"The Ecstasy in the Light" is about college theater," said Thomas, a Northern graduate student. "People become vicious during tryout time. There is backstabbing between friends, lies, an obsession to be in the spotlight. That's where the title comes from. The 'light' meaning the spotlight."

"The Ecstasy in the Light" won second place in the Playwrights' Workshop Competition at the American College Theater Festival regionals held at Southern Illinois University. Thomas' comedy was among six selected from 108 submissions by students from around the Midwest. "It's a satirical comedy in the crazy aspects of auditioning and yet a love story sparks despite all the scandals."

Although Thomas has been most successful in writing comedy, the 1991 graduate of Wagner College in New York, has also written dramatic productions. "After doing tons of research, I wrote an intense drama about AIDS for this same competition. The funny thing was nobody liked it. It was then

I decided to stick with comedy which is my favorite, anyway."

Thomas' interests in creative writing started in fourth grade. "Our teacher made us write a page a day to practice penmanship. Instead of copying out of a book, I started writing stories. Eventually I had like a 15 page story and I was only 10 years old. I thought it was fun."

Thomas admitted his method of inspiration for writing can sometimes get him into trouble. "I get themes for my writing from things occurring in my life. For 'Ecstasy in the Light', I stepped on some toes because people thought I had written about them. It was kinda funny because no one believed me that I really hadn't."

Another source of inspiration for Thomas was his roommate, James Tambirin. "James is hilarious! He is the funniest, kindest, most caring person I have ever met. He's amazing. He definitely made an impact on my writing."

An artistic internship is currently one of Thomas' major projects. Coordinator of the Shiras Institute/Mildred and Albert Panowski Playwriting award, Thomas distributes entries to the judging panel and sends contestants the results. He also is an assistant teacher to Shelley Russell-Parks.

The theater environment, according to Thomas, is a great

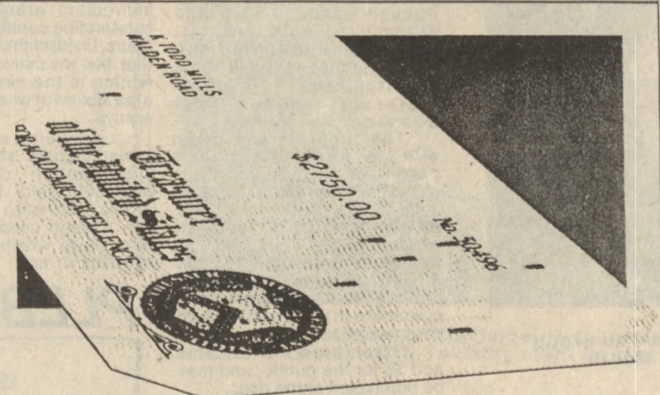
way to learn about script writing. "Some people try to write for the stage and never have been around the theater. Just being around the people and to experience the stage is the best way to learn."

Awards received by Thomas for his writing include the 1991 Boise Writing Award and the 1985 Miami Herald Silver Knight Award for drama. He was a finalist in the 1991 Elmira College Playwriting competition, the 1990 Boise Writing Award, and the 1987 Miami News Story competition.

According to Thomas, being in the right place at the right time can also mean success. "I was riding the bus from New York to Marquette when this very large lady sat beside me. We started talking and after telling her I wanted to be a writer, she pulls out an application for a fellowship at Walt Disney World. I couldn't believe it! I would be assisting in things like writing for series on the Disney Channel." Thomas anxiously awaits the response to his application which should arrive in about two months.

Thomas advises someone who wants to enter a writing career, "Write every day. The more you do the better you'll get. You might get rejected a lot when you first start, but don't give up. You never know when your break will come."

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Dance to favor scholarship

By SHAWN OLSON
Junior Reporter

A dance to raise funds for the Arthur M. Walker scholarship will be held Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., in the Ancient Mariner's Galley, down campus. The dance is being co-sponsored by United Sister's and Ebony Excellence.

Cappie Dees, president of United Sisters and a past recipient of the award, mentioned the scholarship is presently depleted.

"People who know what it's for don't want to see it run out," said Dees.

Toni Barnes, coordinator for Select Student Supportive

Services, said the award is below its principal, the basic amount of the award. Money awarded to recipients has come from outside sources, not the original scholarship.

The Arthur M. Walker award was established in 1973 as a living memorial by his friends and associates. Walker was the first director of Black Student Services at NMU.

Eligibility requirements for the award are that applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or better and be fulltime or a prospective fulltime minority student. The student has to demonstrate financial need and be in good standing. The

recipient is expected to actively work at fostering the cause of minority students. The award is geared toward graduate students but is open to undergraduates as well.

The dance is an attempt to get the scholarship back to its original philosophy. Walker said "it is important to increase access to institutes of higher learning to minority students ours is an equitable society in practice as well as in philosophy."

For further information on contributing to the scholarship fund, contact Darlene Childs at 227-4700.

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ALL THE BEST OF NORTHERN'S SPORTS

'Cats escape with split; UM next



NMU freshman Brent Riplinger controls the puck in the Wildcat win over Minnesota-Duluth last Saturday. Riplinger

scored a goal and assisted on another to run his point total to 14 for the season (Mark Johnson photo).

Beaufait helps 'Cats beat Duluth

By JOE HALL
Sports Editor

All season long, we've heard about the heroics of Jim Hiller, Scott Beattie and Dallas Drake. After all, the three have been the nation's top three scorers most of the season.

But with Drake out with a broken foot and Beattie and Hiller not scoring, the hockey Wildcats needed someone to step up last Saturday to keep Minnesota-Duluth from getting a sweep.

It was time for the unsung hero to become the hero.

Mark Beaufait.

The senior center, a quiet, unnoticed player who'd be the star nearly anywhere else, took control, scoring twice and leading NMU to a 6-4 victory over the Bulldogs at the Lakeview Arena.



Beaufait

The win broke a three-game losing streak and kept alive NMU's slim chances of catching first-place Minnesota.

Beaufait scored a power play goal in the first period to put NMU ahead, 2-0, but his biggest goal came with 7:12 remaining in the game after Duluth had tied the game at 4-4 with 8:25 left.

Hiller was stopped from point blank range by UMD goalie Tony Flint, but Beaufait fought off a check and knocked it under the crossbar to provide NMU with the winning margin.

"We needed this one really bad," Beaufait said. "It's big because it puts us four points ahead of Duluth. That fifth goal was very important. They kept coming and if they would've scored that fifth goal, we could've been killed."

NMU Head Coach Rick Comley, after UMD beat the 'Cats 4-3 on Friday, made a number of roster moves. He moved Beattie down to the third line with Brent Riplinger and Tony Szabo and put Beaufait on the top line with Hiller and defenseman-turned-forward Phil Soukoroff.

It seemed to leave UMD guessing, especially as the game went on, with Beattie and Hiller both eventually finding themselves playing with Beaufait.

The hard work of freshman Bill MacGillivray and two goals from newcomer Troy Johnson also contributed to the win. MacGillivray was exceptional on penalty-kill situations and picked up an assist. Johnson got the Wildcats on the board seven minutes into the game with a power play goal, then scored NMU's last goal at 19:43 into an empty net after a few

Team needs sweep to stay close in WCHA race

By JOE HALL
Sports Editor

This weekend, for the second time this season, the hockey Wildcats and Minnesota Golden Gophers will meet as the top two teams in WCHA.

On Dec. 14-15, the 'Cats swept UM in Minneapolis to take over the WCHA lead. This time, NMU will have to sweep them at Lakeview Arena just to stay in the WCHA race.

Minnesota (16-4-0) leads second-place NMU (12-7-3) by five points. The Gophers are 10-0 since the 'Cats beat them. UM swept Colorado College last weekend, 6-3 and 8-2.

As usual, tickets are long gone. However, unlike recent weeks where as many as 1,000 people have been no-shows, the place should be jam-packed and loud. There will be 200 standing room tickets on sale each day at 6 p.m. (WMQT-FM 107.5).

"I don't think I'll have to worry about getting the guys up and ready to play in this series," NMU Head Coach Rick Comley said.

Even if the 'Cats sweep the Gophers again, UM will still lead the WCHA by one point and have two games at hand. Senior defenseman

Lou Melone, however, said the wins could be very important anyway.

"If we could beat them four times, it would say a lot," Melone said. "It would do a lot for us in the NCAA polls even if we don't win it."

The last series came down to a battle of goaltenders, and NMU's Corwin Saurdiff outplayed Minnesota's Jeff Stolp. While Saurdiff saved 84 of 92 shots in the series, Stolp was leaky. In the first game, he gave up seven goals on just 27 shots. In the second game, he allowed four goals on just 19 shots.

For the season, Stolp is the WCHA's best at 18-4-0 with a 2.78 gaa. Saurdiff is No. 3 at 13-5-1, 3.57.

A key could be power plays. NMU is No. 1 in the WCHA on power plays, and UM is No. 1 on penalty kills. In the last series, the 'Cats were five of 10 on the power play while Minnesota was three of 17.

However, if the game goes overtime, the 'Cats could be in trouble. NMU is the only team in the WCHA without an overtime win. UM leads the WCHA with three overtime wins.

Minnesota is led by Craig Johnson (12-27-39), Tent Klatt (17-17-34),

Jeff Nielsen (12-11-23) and Steve Magnusson (7-14-21). NMU is led by Jim Hiller (22-38-60), Scott Beattie (19-38-57), Dallas Drake (25-30-55) and Mark Beaufait (22-25-47).

Drake is not expected to play for the second straight week because of a broken foot. Also injured is Mike Harding. Drake and Harding each had two goals in the December series.

NMU is 6-3-2 in WCHA home games, 7-3-2 at home overall. Minnesota is 9-2 in WCHA road games, 9-4 in all road games.

Minnesota leads the all-time series 16-11-4, but NMU is 3-0-2 in the last five meetings, including a 4-2 North-ern win in the WCHA championship game. The 'Cats also beat the Gophers in an exhibition game Oct. 12.

WCHA HOCKEY STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games		
	W	L	T	PTS	W	L	T
Minnesota	16	4	0	32	20	6	0
N. MICHIGAN	12	7	3	27	15	8	3
Wisconsin	13	8	1	27	15	8	1
Minnesota-Duluth	11	10	1	23	11	12	1
Michigan Tech	10	13	1	21	11	14	1
North Dakota	9	12	1	19	13	12	1
St. Cloud State	8	11	1	17	9	11	2
Colorado College	6	11	3	15	8	12	4
Denver	7	16	1	15	7	18	1

Saturday's results				Tomorrow's games			
N. MICHIGAN	6	Minn.-Duluth	4	Minnesota	at	N. MICHIGAN	
Minnesota	8	Colo. College	2	St. Cloud State	at	Colo. College	
Michigan Tech	4	Denver	3	North Dakota	at	Michigan Tech	
St. Cloud State	3	North Dakota	2	Wisconsin	at	Minn.-Duluth	
				Denver	at	Alaska-Fairbanks	

Friday's results				Saturday's games			
Minn.-Duluth	4	N. MICHIGAN	3	Minnesota	at	N. MICHIGAN	
Minnesota	6	Colo. College	3	St. Cloud State	at	Colo. College	
Denver	6	Michigan Tech	3	North Dakota	at	Michigan Tech	
North Dakota	6	St. Cloud St.	4	Wisconsin	at	Minn.-Duluth	
				Denver	at	Alaska-Fairbanks	

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Swimmers beat Michigan State again, 174-126

By **JOE HALL**
Sports Editor

Last year, when the Michigan State swim team lost to NMU by 13 points, they called it an upset.

Saturday in East Lansing, the Wildcats beat the NCAA-I Spartans again. This time, the 174-126 margin of victory served notice that it was no upset.

NMU used its considerable depth and lifetime-best times of three swimmers to drown the Spartans of the Big Ten and raise its record to 5-0. NMU is ranked No. 3 in NCAA-II. "There were a lot of close races and the Northern swimmers were a little gutsier and pulled them out," NMU Head Coach Anne Goodman James said. "We wanted it a little more."

Senior Kara Kochert, junior Sherrie Nagelkerk and freshman Jodi Kley all had lifetime bests in the victory, but did not post times good enough to qualify for nationals.

Kochert finished second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 1000 freestyle. Nagelkerk finished fifth in the 1000 freestyle and Kley was second in the 200 freestyle.

"Those were probably the difference," James said. "Our depth is why we're a stronger team this year than

last year."

"I was excited," Kochert said. "It made me know I can do a lot better. I tried to get a qualifying time but I barely missed it, but I'm pleased with the time that they gave me."

The swimmers were especially happy to beat Michigan State be-

cause of the Spartans' arrogant attitude that the only reason NMU won the year before is that MSU had held soft practices.

"Michigan State talked about how we wouldn't beat them again," said Tea Cerkvnik, the team's top scorer with 136 points. "We wanted to show

that we are better than them. They talked about how we beat them by only a couple of points, but this time we beat them by 50 points. I enjoyed it."

Before last year, the Spartans had beaten Northern Michigan seven straight times.

Team stunned by Notre Dame deaths; will face Eastern

By **JOE HALL**
Sports Editor

The tragedy of an Illinois bus accident has hit the NMU swim team hard.

Last weekend, Notre Dame's swimmers were returning from a meet with Northwestern when their bus flipped on icy roads, killing two swimmers and injuring everyone else in the bus.

Because of the accident, Notre Dame will not travel to Ypsilanti this Saturday to face the Wildcats and Eastern Michigan. NMU will still

take on Eastern Michigan at 2 p.m.

The absence of the Fighting Irish makes NMU's expected victory over another NCAA-I opponent (EMU) seem less important. The Wildcat team is shaken by the tragedy.

"It really hits close to home," NMU Head Coach Anne Goodman James said. "It's like an extended family. We know most of the swimmers on the other teams."

"I have three friends on the Notre Dame team," senior Kara Kochert said. "It's a sad situation. I was really

scared when I first heard, but I was relieved my friends weren't the ones that died. But I have a lot of sympathy for the Notre Dame team."

"It's very sad," said Tea Cerkvnik. "I don't know what to say. This shows that it can happen to anybody."

Kochert said that it affects all swimmers because there is a bond that connects them all.

"No matter what team you're on, swimmers are special people," Kochert said. "When one gets hurt, we all hurt. I really feel sorry for

them. I hope they continue with their careers; if not this year, maybe they can next year."

As for the meet against Eastern, James stopped predicting victory.

"It'll be like that (Michigan State meet) again this weekend," she said. "They have a very fast pool. They can push us. We have three people close to qualifying times."

"We'll be concentrating on getting them qualified so we don't have to wait until the last minute," James continued.



NMU senior guard Scott Spaanstra moved to shooting guard from point guard in the Wildcat win over Lake Superior last weekend. "I love it," he said. (Mark Johnson photo)

Ski teams at home

By **TONY JUDNICH**
Associate Sports Editor

After breezing through an easy regular season, the NMU nordic ski team may face its toughest competition of the season when it races in the Midwest conference championships Feb. 1 and 2.

The races will be held at Suicide Bowl on Business M-28 between Ishpeming and Negaunee.

The men's team has won three

national titles while competing in the NCSA, while the women took home the trophy last year. Both squads compete in the formidable NCAA this season.

How does NMU Head Coach Sten Fjeldheim view the season so far?

"I couldn't be happier," Fjeldheim said. "We've won all of the college races that we've entered, we have one man in the Olympics (Peter

Another switch by Ellis had forward Kyle David start at center.

"I had sweaty palms, but I was fine once the game started," David said.

David proved his confidence by leading NMU with 18 points. He also held Laker center Bobby Allen to only nine points and four rebounds. Allen was averaging 18 points.

"Our interior defense was tremendous," Ellis said. "The play of David and (Matt) Wonders in the post and rebounding was big."

NMU outrebounded LSSU, 43-34. A third move in Ellis' strategy had redshirt freshman Brandon Sager at point guard, with Scott Spaanstra at shooting guard.

"I love it," Spaanstra said. "It's my natural position."

'Cats back to .500

Basketball team 7-1 at home after sweep

By **TONY JUDNICH**
Associate Sports Editor

C.B. Hedgecock Fieldhouse is earning the "home sweet home" adage this season for the NMU basketball Wildcats.

By sweeping a two-game homestand versus Saginaw Valley State 61-56 and Lake Superior State 90-61, the 'Cats improved to 7-1 at home.

NMU, 3-3 in the GLIAC, 8-6 overall, play four road games in the next two weeks, starting tonight 7:45 at Wayne State (WGLQ-FM 97.1).

The 'Cats will play at Oakland Saturday at 3 p.m., then face Hillsdale and Northwood next week.

"It's a big challenge but we're back in the race," NMU Head Coach Dean Ellis said. "We're looking forward to the trip."

Ellis presented a new line-up, playing three guards and two forwards.

"If we stay healthy, we'll stay this way," said a pleased Ellis.

"Everybody played excellent," said senior Dan Viitala of the win over LSSU. Viitala, starting at small forward instead of his usual shooting guard slot, nailed 16 points. "Our communication was good, and we had fun."

"We worked on that combo in practice, and it works," Sager said.



Sager

Sager scored 10 points and had game-highs of nine assists in 37 minutes of play, while Spaanstra and Matt Wonders had 13 points each.

"Sager did a fine job," Ellis noted.

"We've had major contributions from him in the last two games."

"Sager was the key," LSSU Head Coach Terry Smith agreed.

Thursday SVSU came to town. The Cardinals were tied for first in the GLIAC, but the 'Cats battled all night for the four point victory.

"We beat a first place team," Ellis said. It's not a pretty win, but we'll take it."

SVSU led for much of the first half, scoring easy buckets inside, but NMU stayed close by making eight three-pointers.

NMU surged with a minute left in the half as Viitala made two free throws and a three pointer for a two

point lead heading into the locker-room.

"We were lackadaisical at first," center Erik Smith said. "We knew we had to get intense."

The 'Cats did just that. Leading by five with 8:30 left in the game, NMU called time-out. Ellis instructed his guard-oriented lineup to run a delay setup on offense, and it became another successful move by the sixth-year coach.

NMU ran the shot clock low each possession, then would subsequently nail a jumper to keep ahead of SVSU (3-2, 9-7). The 'Cats also helped themselves by making eight free throws in the second half.

"They played well with the delay-tempo," SVSU Head Coach Robert Pratt said. "It was a good move by Ellis."

"We relied on our perimeter shooting," Ellis said.

Viitala scored 26 points, tops in the contest. Spaanstra put in 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"We didn't expect a blowout," Viitala said. "Teams are starting to notice us now."

GLIAC BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Michigan Tech.	5	2	10	5
Grand Valley State	4	2	11	5
Wayne State	4	2	11	4
Oakland University	4	2	10	6
NORTHERN MICHIGAN	3	3	8	6
Saginaw Valley State	3	3	8	8
Ferris State	3	3	7	7
Lake Superior State	1	5	9	6
Hillsdale College	1	6	6	11
Tonight's games				
NMU at Wayne State, 7:45 p.m. (WGLQ-FM 97.1).				
Michigan Tech at Oakland University				
Ferris State at Lake Superior State				
Hillsdale at Saginaw Valley State				
Saturday's games				
NMU at Oakland University, 3:05 p.m. (WGLQ-FM 97.1).				
Michigan Tech at Wayne State				
Hillsdale College at Ferris State				
Saginaw Valley at Grand Valley St.				
Northwood at Lake Superior State				
Tuesday's result				
Michigan Tech 91, Hillsdale 86				
Saturday's results				
NMU 90, Lake Superior 61				
Michigan Tech 96, Sag. Valley St 84				
Grand Valley St. 92, Hillsdale 66				
Wayne State 74, Oakland 64				
Ferris State 84, Northwood 70				
Last Thursday's results				
NMU 65, Sag. Valley St 61				
Michigan Tech 81, Lake Superior 65				
Oakland Univ. 83, Ferris State 79				
Grand Valley 92, Wayne St. 91 OT				

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Lady 'Cats sweep into second place

Cardinals, Lakers fall at Hedgcock

By KEVIN WEED
Senior Reporter

Last weekend proved to be a productive one for the Lady Wildcat basketball team as it moved from fifth place into a tie for second in the GLIAC conference.

The team climbed through the standings with two home victories over Saginaw Valley State and Lake Superior State at C.B. Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

Leading the Cats (11-3, 4-2) in both games were the team's leading scorers Deanna Sutton and Julie Heldt, as well as point guard Nichole Leibold.

Northern hopes these three can lead the team to two more victories on the road beginning with tonight's game at Wayne State (7-9, 1-5).

On Saturday, the team will travel to Oakland University (11-4, 4-2) for a showdown with the Pioneers, the GLIAC's other second place team.

Last Thursday night, Sutton scored 25 points and pulled down 16 rebounds, while Heldt chipped in with 19 points and eight rebounds in an 87-76 win over Saginaw Valley.

"(Heldt) played well defensively," Wildcat Head Coach Mike Geary said. "She had a real good game."

"Deanna did a good job getting open, and our perimeter people did a good job of getting the ball to her," he said.

"I give credit to Nichole Leibold," Sutton said. "She works real well with the post."

Leibold scored only one point, but had eight assists in 35 minutes for the Cats.

Northern played the Cardinals (10-6, 3-3) to a second half draw with each team scoring 50 points.

"Our goal at halftime was to win the second half," Geary said.

But while the Wildcats could not increase their 11-point halftime edge, it was still good enough for the victory.

Saginaw was led by junior guard Roseann Rutledge, who scored 23 points and dished out six assists while committing seven turnovers.

Wendy Jamula added 21 points and five rebounds off the bench for the Cats.

On Saturday afternoon, the Wildcats scored often and early as they rolled to an easy 79-60 victory over U.P. rival Lake Superior State (11-5, 3-3).

Once again, Sutton and Heldt led the way as they scored 16 and 10 points respectively while each grabbed seven boards.

"Heldt played a great game," Laker Head Coach Erika Ledy said.

"I didn't think Northern played good defense, but Northern played very good defense tonight," she said.

The 'Cats led by as many as 36 points in the second half before the Lakers came back to make the final score more respectable.

"It's hard for players to not play according to the score," Geary said, in referring to the big lead NMU built

early in the game. "But you can't get sloppy. That's when you have to be mentally tough."

Northern took a 43-18 halftime lead with solid defense and hustle.

"They got to the ball before us," Ledy said. "They were three steps quicker than us everywhere on the court."

"Since (the Ferris State game), we've improved a lot already," Wildcat assistant coach Jeanette Yeoman said. "But I think we can still improve our performances."

"I was happy with our effort and intensity," Geary said.

"We played well," Leibold said. "and we got two wins at home."

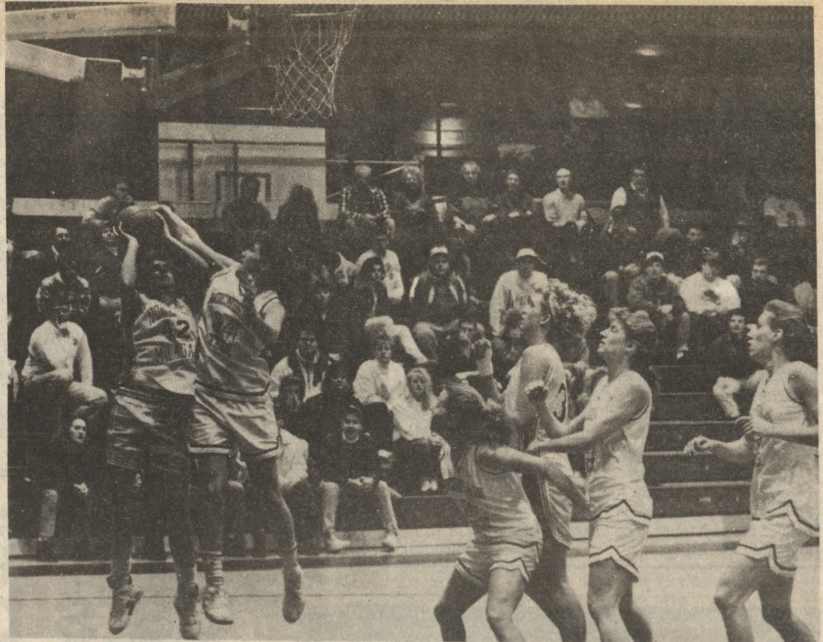
Leibold scored eight points and had four rebounds and four assists against the Lakers.

Tonight, the Wildcats will face a Wayne State team with only one conference win, but Geary isn't worrying about which team Northern is playing.

"I don't care who we play," he said. "We have to play well ourselves."

Geary said if they can accomplish this, "it will take a great effort for teams to beat us."

Last season, NMU beat Oakland in Rochester, then beat the Pioneers again in the GLIAC tournament.



NMU junior forward Julie Heldt shoots over a Michigan Tech defender in a game earlier this season. Wildcat Deanna Sutton fights for position underneath the basket. NMU travels to Wayne State and Oakland this weekend. (North Wind file photo).

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'Cats split with Duluth



NMU senior defenseman Lou Melone battles his way up-ice against Minnesota-Duluth last week (Mark Johnson photo).

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nifty moves up-ice.

"I thought Billy did a great job tonight," Comley said. "He had some good hits and worked very hard. A lot of the freshmen came through."

"We wanted to make sure we weren't giving up rebounds," MacGillivray said. "We wanted to try to nullify shots from the point. One of the goals was to hit more. We got that missing link tonight."

For Johnson, the first three weeks of his career have been weeks of constant re-adjustments.

"I've had a hard time adjusting," Johnson said. "In the juniors, I was one of the fastest guys in the league. Here, I'm probably the slowest guy

on the team. Tonight, I just got a little lucky on the power play. Ripper (Riplinger) had the puck on the left side and he fed it to me through a guy's legs.

"All I had to do was put it on net."

Saturday's game saw the NMU defense play better than it has in weeks. It was more aggressive with more hitting and fewer breakdowns.

The three times the defense did break down resulted in a hat trick for Doug Torrel, with two goals coming on breakaways.

"We played solid defense for once," senior defenseman Lou Melone said. "We've been backing in, backing in. Coach (Comley) said 'when they're in our end, make 'em pay the price.'

We did that. I thought our defensemen played very well tonight."

Defenseman Steve Carpenter had three assists and Melone, Jason Hehr and Steve Hamilton all had assists as well. It was Hamilton's first point of the season.

Comley described Corwin Saurdiff's play as "not great," but in fact, two of the goals were on breakaways and another was on a two-on-one sequence with the Wildcats shorthanded.

Saurdiff (13-5-1) stopped 23 of the 27 shots fired at him, better than his un-Saurdiff-like performance of Friday night when he allowed four goals on 25 shots and couldn't hang on to a 3-2 lead.

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Vorderberg, one woman in the World Junior Championships (Sara Kylander) and one woman in the Michigan Battalion (Kara Hermanson). The season has gone great so far."

Vorderberg will compete in the Olympics in Albertville, France.

"He's favored as one of the top three skiers in the country," Fjeldheim said. He's our leading low point scorer. We'll miss him, but I'm confident that the rest of the men can pick up the slack, if there is any."

The conference championships will contain 12 teams with about 100 men and 60 women.

"The men's race will be tight," Fjeldheim said. "It should be between NMU and St. Olaf (Minn.). We have many skiers who could pop a good one."

After the Super Series, the teams will travel to Hayward, Wis., for the American Birkebeiner. Then it's on to the NCAA national championship Mar. 4.

Earning a spot as NCAA national qualifiers will take impressive performances at the conference meets also at the Midwest Super Series on Feb. 15-16 in Giants Ridge, Minn.-Feb. 8-9 in Minn. and

"The NCAA is a whole different ballgame than the NCSA," Fjeldheim said. "But we're very capable. We have some top 10 skiers, and those are national qualifiers. We have a lot of depth and a lot of spirit."

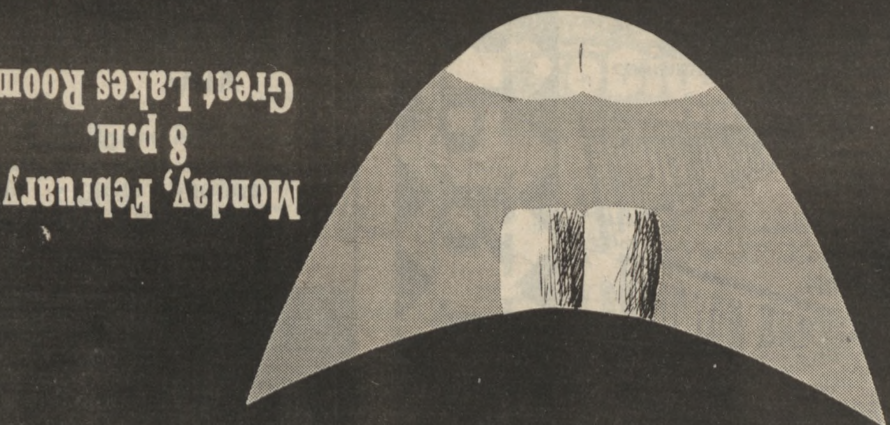
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NMU 1-0; Troy Johnson (2), pp. 13:05, (Ripinger, Hein).

NMU 2-0; Mark Beattie (21), pp. 18:41, (Soukroff, Beattie).

UMD 1-2; Doug Torrel (12), 14:02, (Plante, Miller).

UMD 2-2; Kevin Kaiser (11), pp. Attendance: 4,253.

Power Plays: UMD 2-6, NMU 4-9.

Penalties: UMD 11-25, NMU 8-16.

net (Carpenter), UMD 27, NMU 35.

UMD 3-4; Doug Torrel (13), 8:26, una.

(Hiller, Hamilton).

NMU 6-4; Troy Johnson (3), 19:48 empty.

UMD 4-4; Doug Torrel (14), HATTRICK, 11:35, pp. (Plante, Hauer).

NMU 5-4; Mark Beattie (22), 12:48, (Hiller, Hamilton).

NMU 4-2; Brent Ripinger (6), pp. 4:15, (MacGillivray, Carpenter).

NMU 3-2; Joe Frederick (7), 2:52, (Hiller, Aldoff).

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Team	SHG	PPG	PTS	A	G	W	L	T	PCT.
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Film: "Camille Claudel" (R) will begin at 7 p.m. in JXJ 102.

Gay/Lesbian support group will meet at 7 p.m. For more information call 227-2980.

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Basketball NMU at Wayne State University.

Friday, Jan. 31

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Film: "House Party" (R) will begin at 7 p.m. in JxJ 102.

Hockey against Minnesota will begin at 7:05 p.m. in the Lakeview Arena.

Saturday, Feb. 1

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antifreeze it will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 249-4108.

Film: "Boyz N the Hood" (R) will begin at 7 p.m. in JxJ 102.

Hockey against Minnesota will begin at 7:05 p.m. in the Lakeview Arena.

Basketball NMU at Oakland University.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Sunday Mass will begin at 7 p.m. in The Mariner's Galley at the Quad II Central Area.

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Monday, Feb. 3

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Comedian Bill Leff will perform at 8 p.m. in the Great Lakes rooms.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Swimming against UW-Green Bay will begin at 5 p.m.

Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist Campus Ministries will be holding "Theology for Lunch" for faculty and staff. It will begin at 1 p.m. in Conference room 246 Magers Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

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To the Trolls who have come to invade my humble abode- Hope you guys and gals had a great time! It was great to see all of you!!!! Love, Erika

To the foxes that DOMINATE Power Hour with me. May I have a beer? Matt Z.

Leann, hey Miss America! Hope you enjoyed the party. I thought you quit smoking? NOT! House Party is awaiting. Hope to see you there. T.J.

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NMU junior Andy Shively didn't waste his day off from school last Friday. He and some friends tried their snowboards out on the rock-filled slopes of Marquette's Sugarloaf Mountain (Andy Gregg photo.)

Local ski areas have something for everyone

By DEANNA DOYLE

Staff Writer

Maybe you're into skimming down a smooth hill at high speeds, or maybe bumping down a mogel hill, slowed only by the holes you encounter. Whatever your tastes are, Marquette Mountain and the Porcupine Mountains offer something for everyone.

"The location is a definite advantage for Marquette Mountain," said junior Ed Benoit. "It's great having a ski mountain just around the corner. The lift rates are OK, but the paper usually carries discount ads. It's also a fun atmosphere to meet people in."

According to Office Manager Lucy Chaput, the Marquette Mountain ski resort, formerly called Cliff's Ridge, has been around for 32 years. "The name changed to Marquette Mountain about 10 years ago," said Chaput.

Marquette Mountain challenges its skiers with a 600-foot vertical hill, 18 trails, and two double chairlifts, both over 2,500 feet long.

"There is night skiing six nights a week, and our longest run is 1.25 miles long. We also have a 90 percent snow-making capacity," said Chaput.

Adult lift tickets may be purchased for \$20 on the weekdays and \$26 on the weekends. Various price specials are offered after designated times throughout the week.

Marquette Mountain has several organized skiing leagues such as: Marquette Racing Team for children, Junior Coke League, the Pepsi League and King of the Mountain for adults.

Marquette Mountain is patrolled by a volunteer ski patrol team. Instructional lessons are available at the resort, either privately or in small groups. Although overnight lodging accommodations are not offered at Marquette Mountain, there are sleep and ski packages at many of the neighboring hotels.

Marquette Mountain also provides indoor entertainment for its visitors. "Jim and Ray perform on the weekends starting at 2 p.m.," said Chaput.

Marquette Mountain continues to improve every year during its skiing season of November through the end of March. "We're looking to open new runs for next season," said General Manager Vern Barber. "We're also planning to expand the parking facilities in the future."

If one doesn't mind driving a little farther to Silver City, Mich., to ski at a "family orientated" resort, the Porcupine Mountains, more commonly called the "Porkies," are perfect.

"We are a state-owned park so we can offer lower prices along with our friendly atmosphere," said Ron Welton, who is Park Manager.

Lift tickets for an adult are \$18 on the weekend and \$16 during the week.

Established in 1950, the Porkies have long been a favorite among Upper Peninsula skiers because of the mountains' spectacular views. "Lake Superior is beautiful in the winter. Overlooking the lake and forest gives the Porkies a majestic feeling," said Welton.

The Porcupine Mountains, also boasting a 600 foot vertical drop, have a total of 11 miles of slopes spreading across 80 acres of the 320-acre park. Complete with seven intermediate trails, four expert and three novice trails, there is something for skiers of all skill levels.

For the less adventurous skier, cross-country skiing is a popular sport in the Porkies. The Nordic system has four main cross-country trails equalling 42 km.

Both downhill and cross country skis may be rented through the pro shop. First aid is available from a qualified volunteer ski patrol team.

An A Frame chalet is equipped with large picture windows, three fireplaces, food service and a ski shop. "It's a nice atmosphere to warm up in after skiing all afternoon," said Welton.

The Porkies do not offer overnight lodging accommodations.

Besides downhill skiing during the winter season of December through April 1, other outdoor activities such as backpack camping, snowshoeing and snowmobile trails are available at the Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park.

As Old Man Winter blows his frosty breath onto the Upper Peninsula, places such as Marquette Mountain and the Porcupine Mountains are proof winter can be enjoyable and exciting to snow enthusiasts of all ages.

Local snowmobiling club links Upper Peninsula trails

BY BRIAN CIOCHETTO
Junior Reporter

Every winter the Hiawathaland Snowmobile Club rounds up its sleds and hits the white, dusty trails.

Led by a trail boss who plans their destination, the club helps keep an Upper Peninsula winter recreation tradition alive.

The Hiawathaland club recently celebrated 25 years of organized winter fun together. Sure, they have parties — they also have family outings, groom their own trails and help spread the gospel about their favorite winter sport.

Janice Simpson, former president of the local snowmobile club, said a lot of

members worked for years to get area trails that link with trails that tie together the region.

"A lot of our members go door to door and talk to landowners and get permission to groom, and with a lot of the trail systems, have had to get a new permit every year," said Simpson.

"We go all over the U.P.," said Simpson, and "sometimes, to Minnesota or Wisconsin and Mackinac Island."

Snowmobilers will travel as much as 200 miles a day, if it's just singles or couples. Family or group outings are usually much shorter, more organized trips, according to

Simpson.

When a group gets together, Simpson said every detail is planned out, including a standby vehicle in case of a breakdown.

A ride-in for all snowmobile clubs is held each year at a U.P. location.

This year it was held in Iron River where roughly 300 riders turned out.

Warm weather, however, can put a damper on the fun. "Last year, we had to cancel a lot of trips because there wasn't enough snow," said Simpson.

"The club has a family membership limit of 75, which Simpson says is full right now. "We have people waiting to get in," she added.



An unknown snowmobiler bursts through the air over Sands Township near K.I. Sawyer (Andy Gregg photo.)

Cardboard Classic offers a creative challenge

By AMY VANSTEE
Junior Reporter

Get out your glue! Find your tape! Gather enough cardboard to construct one of the sleds to be raced across Marquette Mountain for the ninth annual Cardboard Classic on Saturday, Feb. 29.

According to Helen Ulmer, of the Marquette Mountain staff, "The Cardboard Classic is a way for U.P. residents to break up the 'humdrum' of cabin fever."

The idea to have a Cardboard Classic came from WGLQ's radio disc jockey, Mike Daniels, said Marquette Mountain's manager, Vern Barber.

According to Barber, Daniels saw a similar activity out west and decided to bring 'The Classic' to Marquette in cooperation with Marquette Mountain.

The event has attracted a spectator crowd of about 5,500 and over 300 participants, said Barber.

Barber said the total cost of this event is \$15,000. Cash prizes totalling \$500 will be given away that day.

Sleds are to be made entirely from cardboard, glue and tape Ulmer said. String can only be used as decoration and not in the construction of the sled.

Prohibited items are wire, metal, wood, plastic, staples, nuts and bolts; washers, fiberglass, bondo, any hardened plastics, or epoxy-resin.

According to Ulmer the cardboard sleds will be judged before the competition under three categories: appearance, workmanship and creativity.

Each sled will be judged in one of the five sled categories: show class, junior-single, junior-multi, adult-single and adult multi.

The junior division is for kids 14 years and younger, and the adult division is for 15 years and older. Participants in the show class category can

be from any age.

Multi divisions must have two to six participants in the sled and show class divisions are the fancier constructed sleds.

The sleds will travel down Rocket Run.

At the bottom, a special 'crash team' of ski patrolers will stop sleds from going any farther down the hill with carpet to help absorb their ceasing impact, said Barber.

Anyone interested must call Marquette Mountain the week prior to competition.

Actual registration is from 9-11 a.m. at Marquette Mountain on Feb. 29, and the Cardboard Classic starts at

noon.

According to Ulmer, Miller Light will be having beer specials all day and extra security will be there so the crowd doesn't get out of hand.

In the past, participants have come up from lower Michigan and some have traveled from Chicago.

She also mentioned that this day is also a perfect opportunity for downhill skiing, because the slopes will be empty from the Cardboard Classic.

The 'Classic' is free to participants and all spectators are required to pay a \$1 for admission. For additional information call Marquette Mountain at 225-1155.



A participant in last year's Cardboard Classic celebrates victory (Andy Gregg photo.)

Marquette area filled with cross country ski trails

By DAVID BIALY
Staff Writer

Cross country skiing, a pastime enjoyed by many in the U.P., could be the answer to the wintertime blues.

Cross country skiing is not only good exercise; it's also a wonderful way to explore the forests, fields and lakeshores that make Marquette what it is.

In the Marquette area there are over 10 cross country ski areas.

One area that is frequently visited by Northern students is Presque Isle Park.

Its views of Lake Superior and the variety of trails from beginner to intermediate make it a great idea for trails close to campus.

However, these trails are not groomed.

"Most students that go cross country skiing go to Presque Isle because it's close," said Jen Wycoff of the Outdoor Recreation Center. "More go out on the weekends than during the week because of class schedules," she added.

The ORC, located in Hedgcock Fieldhouse, offers students inexpensive rates on sports equipment for any season.

In the winter months you can rent cross country skis for \$5 for one day and \$7 for two to three days. A deposit is required but is refunded when the skis are returned. It's a good idea to call ahead; the ORC has only about 70 pairs of skis for rental.

The traveling ski enthusiast should try Munising. It's not a far drive, and yet full of

opportunities for all skiers.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has 11 miles of trails that are groomed weekly, according to the Munising Chamber of Commerce.

The average snowfall for the area makes the skiing challenging and a perfect workout at the same time.

In the same area lies another set of trails that boasts some of the most scenic views. The Grand Marais ski trails, located in Grand Marais, serve the Munising area with about 21 miles of intermediate to expert trails. These trails are groomed on a regular basis.

The Maple Lane Farm Touring Center, located south of Marquette in Skandia, has something for every type of ski enthusiast.

"There are about five miles of trails ranging from novice to intermediate," said Nancy Gallion, an employee of the center.

"We've been open for nine years and serve mostly area people and those from K. I. Sawyer," she added.

The ski area is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and has sales, rentals, a snack bar, fireplace and drinks for guests.

The cost for one day is \$2 with your own skis and \$15 for a season pass.

There is also skiing at Blueberry Ridge, on County Road 553, a few miles south of Marquette Mountain, and at Harlow Lake, about five miles north of Marquette on County Road 550.

Negaunee's Lucy Hill made for the sport of luge

By **JULIE STOUT**
Senior Reporter

So skiing, skating and sledding don't grab you? Maybe lying in a box-like sled called a luge and riding at speeds of up to 60 mph, through frozen tunnels of ice will excite you!

Negaunee's Lucy Hill Luge Track is the only naturbahn luge track in the United States

and the training sight for the U.S. national team, according to Joan Reinaas, secretary of the Negaunee luge.

"Naturbahn" is German for a natural road. The sport of luge originated on roads created by logging in the Swiss Alps.

Although the naturbahn form of luge is not represented at the Olympics, a similiar form called Kaufman is.

According to Reinaas, Chris

Thorp, who is on the team, started out on the Negaunee run.

The Lucy Hill luge track is 810 meters long, which is roughly half of a mile, and consists of 30 corners.

Reinaas said the three-year-old track differs from Olympic tracks in that there are "no ice walls or artificial refrigeration used."

Negaunee's track is one of only five tracks in the world

that has night lighting.

Reinaas said the luge season officially opens next weekend.

On the average, about 20 individuals dare to try the luge run on weekends.

The next race to be held at Lucy Hill will be the Junior Midwest Championships taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

On March 1, the U.S. Nationals will be held there. According to Reinaas, the

luge run is a "family affair" in her house with her husband being the president of the Negaunee Luge and her son participating in the junior class division.

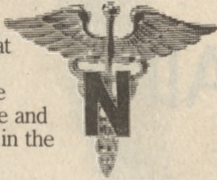
The Luge Run is open to the public on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. and on most Saturdays and Sundays between 1 and 4 p.m. The cost for adults is \$5 while children under 12 can try the luge run for \$3.

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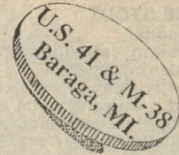
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