Pastor accuses NMC of teaching religion

BY STACY POTOY

The Rev. Kirk Coffis says that NMC is teaching religion. President Tim Quinn says NMC is teaching about religion. Quinn feels there is a distinct difference, but Coffis disagrees and expressed his concern in an article in the Traverse City Record-Eagle on Sept. 28.

Coffis, pastor of Martyrs' Memorial Baptist Church of Rapid City, stated, "NMC is teaching about religion, but are also teaching the difference between teaching religion and teaching about religion. "Teaching about religion is providing unbiased, factual information about religious traditions of mankind. While teaching religion is placing a value judgment," Coffis stated.

As an instructor who just received his master’s degree in the New Testament at the University of Michigan, Coffis insists he will not allow teaching religion on campus. "I have been teaching about religion for 20 years at NMC and will continue to do so."
Channeling news is a challenge for media and the "pres"

Last week President Quinn gathered the local media together in an attempt to work with the press in an affirmative way and to make the reporter's life a little bit easier when covering a complicated story.

Serving cookies and coffee, Quinn proposed a plan in which he and two others are available to help reporters get the right information from any source.

Sounds good. Sounds great.

Anything to make the reporter's job easier.

Representatives of radio, TV, and newspapers were all called. Karen Anderson, college relations, or Kathleen Gay, interim director of College Relations, who will have "most information at their fingertips." And if they don't know enough about a particular event or happening, reporters have been assured by Quinn, that Anderson and Gay will know where to send the inquisitive reporter into the campus of the right track, for information on campus happenings.

Sounds great. Sounds better than great. Sounds terrific.

But, and there are a few buts, we must remember as reporters that information gathering doesn't stop with the president or whoever we're referred to for information.

Most likely it will be a good starting point.

By Deborah Edmonson

Hugo had much to teach us

I think hurricanes are wonderful. A matter of fact, I like all violent storms and cyclones. Nothing is more awesome and exhilarating than a good strong blizzard. It brings you face to face with a power I can't understand and wouldn't want to control, and one I respect beyond all others.

Today, we live in a world that is contrary to nature. We look ourselves inside out with safe, controlled climates and shelter we get exposed to. Humankind is seeking for perpetual springtime. Every invention seems to seek to deepen into a dreamy world of comfort, truly the novel mental sedative.

May our desire to control the uncontrollable nature from our fragile condition, which human are portrayed as once again. For the American dream to get an edge on our opponent, a battle to compete with our world, System what ever the means, we've succeeded. Yes, we've succeeded in bringing about a change in our climate.

Through the issuance and coursework of small tools and ingredients (Weapons to piloting our kingdom of eternal spring), we've begun the warming of our atmosphere. And this global warming will definitely affect our weather.

The weather is thought to be controlled by ocean currents whose interactions of relatively warm and cold influence the formation of storms. Especially hurricanes. While the precise rule of what our centers play on weather is still not fully understood, it stands to reason that even a slight increase in their average temperature could have disastrous effects.

Right now, we really don't know how much we've screwed up our future. Why don't we forget the pluses of our wasteful comfort for the somewhat less easy pleasures of a harmonious, sustainable lifestyle with nature. Don't fight it, be sensitive to its fragility as well as respectful of its power over you.

Above all, don't despise those hurricanes. Those weather changes storms that we can't control. And shouldn't even try to.

By Rusty Brack

CARRICK

The behavior. Seeing hurdle. March to the last mile.
Chinese acrobats Oct. 22

The Chinese Golden Acrobat and Magician of Taipei are performing Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Cadillac Community School auditorium.

The entertainers have previously sold out performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., with such acts as diving through fire rings, balancing acts including chains and swords, umbrellas, and a fire magician. Tickets for the event are $7 for adults and $3 for students and children, and are available at the NMC/Cadillac office, Cooley Community Education Center, Cadillac News Center, and Subway restaurant. The show is sponsored by Cadillac Community Schools and the Student Government Association.

College reps on campus

Representatives from Ferris State College will be on cam-

pus Oct. 12 from 5-9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the atrium of the Health Education Building. The session is the first of a number of four-year college and university sessions available on campus throughout the next two months.

"Fading Memories"

"Fading Memories," a project concerning estatements of

historical objects, is presenting a lecture on Oct. 12 by

James Bunnell, Chief Curator of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village concerning the "archival cool interpretation" of wooden objects with historical and ar-

chival value.

Visit Knechtz, Costume Curator of the Detroit Historical Museum will lecture on the care of textiles on Oct. 19.

It's Flag Football Time

Flag football is gearing up. Persons interested in playing informal flag football can pick up rosters at the Campus Services/Student Activities Office in West Hall. Teams may be either student or in faculty/family. For more informa-

tion, contact Maurizio Vozza at 922-5461.

Poem contest offers prizes

The American Poetry Association is having a nationwide contest with over $15,000 in prizes. All students wanting to enter the contest can send up to six poems with nothing longer than 20 lines.

Include your name and address on each page. Send to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-70, 225-A Pomen Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803 no later than Nov. 10. Writing selections will be considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology.

Teleconference on drugs

The Michigan Reporter of the Criminal Drug Law went into effect as of March 1989. It requires all federal judges and contractors to provide a drug-free workplace.

There will be a teleconference on Tuesday Oct. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chosen Center. Cost is $29 and includes lunch.

Tom Shre, lead employee assistance specialist, will give a short lecture. After the conference he will conduct a discussion/examination. There are any questions call 922-

1104.

Red Cross needs blood

This year's first Red Cross Blood drive will be Oct. 11 in the East Hall atrium. The drive will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to work these shifts. Interested persons may contact East or West Hall's front desks per-

sonnel.

NUMBERS

fall, had 40 students enrolled, causing the need to split the section in two.

John Fahl, communications div-

sion director, stated that all the freshmen composition

sections were nearly full, and a few new sections have been added which won't even border the English staff.

Despite rumors, the only overcrowding problem arose when the "dusked" times for classes filled the "undis-

coverable" times (i.e., the Friday-Saturday section and the late night section) were left wide open, he said.

Other steps taken by the Communications Division to alleviate the demand for more classes included adding two more sections of Composition 102, as another student didn't make it to the fall, and a few sec-

tions of Literature, all of which are at or near capacity.

This "increased enrollment" is a good sign for the college, but comes problems. Forah new names," Fahl said. "ENM is growing very rapidly and we are having a difficul	

scheduling problem," Fahl continued.

He also said that the qual-

ity of students has improved over last fall based on the ASSET Test.

Fahl also said that 30 percent needed to take Pre-composition, as opposed to 36 percent of this year's incoming freshmen.

The freshmen, whose test scores indicate that they should not take pre-

composition, enrolled in a pre-

composition seminar to cover other extraneous factors, but enrollment for the seminar has decreased slightly from last year.

While it appears that the faculty is handling the increased student body size, some stude

nts are only aware of part of the problem.

"The only problem I've seen is there's nowhere to park. And I'm getting sick of parking in Lot E and having most of my classes in the Science build-

ing," a science major, said.

"Moving my classes is fall but not to the point where it's a problem,"" An engineering major, said. "The only problem I've seen is that the book store still doesn't have all the supplies I need."
Students looking for closer parking spots

BY JENNY STEWART

"The parking situation is horri-
ble, you can never find a
place to park," Megan Kinney, a
pre-elementary education major,
said.

With the starting of a new
fall term and highly enrolled
students making it harder to
find a parking spot near their
classrooms, Brian Weiler, a
parking patrol officer, has
given over 100 parking tick-
ees a day since classes started.
It is required that all vehicles
be registered in the lots.
According to Weiler, all unregistered vehicles will be
towed, and NMC officials should
always be notified if a group of 10 or more
college parking stickers to high-
school students. Weiler said.

"They are only hurting the
college students and if anyone
catches it, it will be a high school student parking on campus.

No matter what
time you get
here you can
never find a
good spot. They
should have
shuttles from the back lots.

One student
is happy, but
another high school
student parking
on campus, "if high school
students have a class here
okay, but if they don't
have a class, they shouldn't
be taking our parking spots.

There is more stuff than there
are spots.

Students are finding they
have to arrive earlier so they
will have a spot. You never
know what time you get
there, you never find a
good spot. They should
have shuttles from the back lots.

Tami Chabot, a student
majoring in music, said.

Drama'tic start
begins this fall

BY JENNY STEWART

The drama department is
going to a fresh start
this fall with new profes-
sors, new productions, and
the new director who will
steer it all together: Phil
Murphy.

Murphy, a 3-year Terry
College resident and
former university director
for The Record Eagle, has made a
10-year career in theatre as an
actor, producer, writer, direc-
tor, manager and pro-
moter.

After graduating from
University of Michigan with a
Master in Theatre Arts,
Murphy still had one unreal-
ized goal. "I always wanted to bring theatre to
people who never watch the
work behind the scenes,
etc." Murphy hopes to util-
ize these dramas at NMC.

Some of my long-term
goals include tying drama
into the broadcast arts of
radio and TV, creating
a class which surveys the his-
tory of American musical
theatre, and promoting in-
terest in community the-
atre.

For the present, Murphy
has been busy auditing
performers for this fall's
production, "Funeral." The
production, which deals
with thearios and destina-
tion of a life-long friend-
ship between 3 Texas girls,
will star Christine Gaul,
Christine Thomas and Amy
Poselli. The play will pre-
serve Nov. 14-15 in 117.

Despite getting the new
production underway,
Murphy is still concerned
with the lack of students
toled not only in the set-
ting aspect of play produc-
tion, but also with market-
ing, box office and set-
ting. Murphy feels that
artistic directors, sets, lighting and sound resources are necessary to be in-
volved.

If anyone is interested
in volunteering for play pro-
ductions, contact Phil
Murphy in C-120 at 292118.

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Religion

In "Temptation,"
But Collette, feels that by
practicing Yoga, the
Hindu doctrine is also
being upheld. In the
statement, "To say
that NMC leaders have
done nothing about
interfaith cooperation
is a lie," Collette
practicing religions.

NMC is working on a
new religion which he describes as
a "world-scale movement
of individuals who believe in
a one-world order."

Quinn said Collette's state-
ments are unfounded. "His
statements, relative to what we
are or are not without basis
of research.

Collette has a responsibility
to promote greater
understanding," he said.
By the study of the great ideas of the
world, which includes the
study of religion, we are doing
just that.

But Collette, a practicing
one religion, he believes there
is no need for inter-faith
understanding. "Religion
affords every human a
choice to take a class or not," Quinn said.

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Students help find alternatives to substance abuse

By Eric Diaz

After a year of establishing the groundswork, Student Affairs, the Peer Education board and a Peer Education program has taken off. A student advisory board will offer student input towards current and future activities for Student Assistance. The board will decide upon programs such as dances, field trips, guest speakers, presentations, and state and national conferences. It will also help faculty with student interaction and arrange events with other colleges and universities.

The role of Peer Education, according to Kirsten Paul Kuntz, director of SA, is to link students to the college’s services. Fifteen students will assist in peer counseling and community education.

In exchange for volunteer hours, students receive training in student health/wellness issues that are sociologically and psychologically based. "The biggest component of wellness is prevention," states Kuntz. Accordingly, the primary issue for Peer Educators is substance abuse prevention. Students, through examination, may qualify for the Apprentice Counselor Certification as well.

The most common issues currently faced by students are drug usage, dating or receiving unwanted sexual advances through Peer Education. Students are encouraged to visit the Counseling Center in West Hall, Kuntz suggested. Another major goal of the student advisory board will be to find future funding for Student Assistance, possibly through grant writing and public presentations.

SA received a two-year, $90,000 Department of Education grant through the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Institutions. On October of next year that grant will expire.

With the resources, "if the public sees NMC as having a commitment to a campus-wide alcohol abuse prevention, then SA may receive possible local funding," Kuntz said. Members of the Peer Education Program are involved in other SA activities as well.

An Awareness Week corresponding to the National College Alcoholic Awareness Week was planned for January. The purpose of Awareness Week is to reform students on chemical abuse and chemical abuse prevention.

Although the student advisory board and the Peer Education Program are major points for SA, Kuntz says that the Student Assistance Program is still in its infancy. The long-term goal of SA is to establish programs that will affect student attitudes.

"Although the substance and alcohol abuse problems, Kuntz adds, it will be up to "the students themselves to set the attitude."
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Budget

program. "Bertil Coordina-

tor Eric Connolly said. De-

spite the crunch, a majority of

the program is funded by state

grants thereby alleviating any

problems he named.

The Writing

Center and computer

laboratories are not as

fortunate. Both have been

faced with a reduction in

student funding. This affects

not only the income of students,

which may be crucial, but also

the availability of the services

when needed commented Dan

Ponchak.

Kathy Beyer, a specialist

from the University of Washing-

ton's writing centers, said, "UC's

mainly has one of the best

writing centers in the country."

Yet, with the decrease in

student funding, the time

spent on each paper will drop.

Also, conferences between

reader and writer, will be

harder to arrange. It has be-

come necessary to do more

with less said a student assis-
tant.

Computer labs on campus

have had to reduce their open

hours to Dan Ponchak, a computer

lab assistant, remarked, that

with the drop in funding and

fewer hours of availability it

becomes hectic during the

week.

The decrease in funding to

the budget have also been felt

by some faculty.

Margarette Cotta, Coordi-
nator of the Modern Language

Program, has noticed the

change. "The budget crunch

has made the lack of sufficient

funding for a much needed

language lab even more obvi-

ous. This year we will have to

seek outside funding to main-

tain the same academic levels."

"Have we placed a price

tag on each student

value in a class," Cottom questioned.

"By having such

large expenditures

that are difficult/impossible to

justify the

current crisis," she said. According

to President Quinn there will be an

$8,000 maintenance ex-

penditure for this fiscal year, not

shown in the general budget for

San Lea.

However Marta Trapp, a

communications instructor, has

not seen any adverse affects as

a result of the budget tight-

ening.

Gordon Hornet, accounting

instructor, also has not re-

ceived any change due to the

budget. "I have no instruction in the

classroom, no support services, the

only integral part of quality

education," the Evans, a stu-

dent, questioned.
A woman snags for a couple minutes of study time in the sun.

Some students gather at their needing spots to have a rap session in a patch of fall sunshine.

A triety student grabs a snack during a quick break in the Science Building basement.

A couple of students chat a bit under the shade of the white pines.

Students gather together in the basement of the Science building to study between classes.

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