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## ATHLETES TO BE FETED

### TO AFRICA

NMC will lose one of its favorite instructors when Miss Barbara Sherman will transfer to Africa to teach for a year.

Miss Sherman will leave during the first two weeks of August for French Morocco, located in Northwestern Africa. She will live on an air force base in an Arab village 20 miles from Casablanca. The temperature she said, ranges from 90° in the summer to 35° in the winter.

She will teach Social Science to American high school students, the sons and daughters of air force personell. She plans to return to NMC for the 1956-57 school year.

### FOR SALE

One 1954 DeSoto

Another tradition is growing at NMC. Next Wednesday, April 27th, NMC's second annual athletic banquet will be held. The banquet will be staged in the hall of the new building and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is pot-luck, with everyone bringing one dish and his own table service.

Jimmie DeLapa, who is in charge of the dinner, stated that 150 guests were expected, and that they could count on a delicious meal.

After dinner, cross country awards will be presented, and the captain and most valuable player of the basketball team will be announced.

Athletic director Nick Rajkovich stated that Fenley Collins of Michigan State has been secured as speaker for the event. Mr. Collins has been head wrestling coach at State since 1927. He is a graduate of Oklahoma A and M, and was a national wrestling champion himself during his collegiate days.

EDITORIAL

It happens every year! It's hit MIC again, and harder than ever this time. Symptoms can be found almost everywhere. Instructors are more cheerful, classes are dismissed early (sometimes), and the Biology classes have taken to the woods. New romances are sprouting up--everyone seems to be a little livlier.

Special note: (It's lively enough in the cafeteria without Lloyd Maynard's new pet.) Oh, well, just another indication that it's SPRING.

Trouble is, we all tend to relax a little when it comes down to real hard work. It doesn't seem such a crime to cut a class occasionally, and who can resist gazing out our nice big windows during a dry lecture. Club work is slipping--it's too late to start any new projects now, you say--and who feels like bothering to write a few dry articles for the newspaper? Sophomores, especially, are tempted to let their work slide a bit. Whether they submit to this temptation or not, the fact remains that graduation is coming soon, and sooner or later the freshman class will have to move up to take our places. Now is the time to start. The FTA, for example would welcome any prospective members who would like to meet with them. Anyone who has taken Spanish might start cultivating interest in a club for next year. And everyone is invited to visit a session of the newspaper staff. How about considering a few of these things, while you're basking in the sun next class period?

Another Sign of Spring

John Stevens reported that he has been out in the woods talking to squirrels. We wondered where he got all his info for History of Civ.



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## IRISH'S IDIOSYNCRASIES

Once upon a time, long, long ago--- before the discovery of MM-- there lived three sisters in a moist kingdom by the sea. Their looks--none too good--were balanced by a reputation for virtue--none too good. Pauper--poor, wafer--thin and pancake--flat were they.

But for all that they were much sought after by the young men of the kingdom. One day, the king announced that a masquerade ball would be held at the royal palace in honor of the twenty-fifth birthday of the crown prince.

When the three sisters heard this they were overjoyed. "Oh, if we could only be invited," they sighed. "One of us might become friendly with the prince and be made his wife. Imagine! One of us might be the princess!"

"Princess, hell!" the youngest sister said. "I just want to be a big wheel."

So they sighed and sighed, and they prayed and prayed and lo! the youngest sister received an invitation. They hurried to a printer, had three copies made and prepared their costumes for the great event.

The oldest sister went as Lady Godiva, on foot, the second went as Salome after she had released the well-known seventh veil, and the youngest sister... more modest than the others went as Cleopatra in a highly amorous mood.

The party was a grand affair. Nearly ten thousand people attended, five hundred invitations having been issued. But the dashing costumes and the identity concealing masks made such prosaic facts of no importance.

"Oh, how will we know which man is the prince?" the sisters asked. And indeed -- how would they?

"He must be tall and exotically dark," said the first sister.

"He must be blonde with blue eyes," said the second.

"Probably as fat as a pig," said the youngest sister for there was no romance in her soul.

Then suddenly they saw him! He was tall and blond and handsome, dressed in uniform of a colonel in the Bulgarian Hussars. "That must be him," sighed the oldest sister.

"Surely it is he," sighed the second sister (for her grammar was far better).

"Four will get you five, he's a second cook," said the cynical youngest sister.

So, the two oldest sisters went to meet the Bulgarian Hussar and the youngest sister continued to wander about and ogle the men. Finally, she saw a short, thin man with horn-rimmed spectacles over his mask. He wore the uniform of a second footman. "Ah! This one looks dumb enough to be a prince," thought the maiden. She winked at him and in a moment they were dancing together.

The oldest sister and the Hussar promised to marry--they surreptitiously (dig that word) pushed the second sister from a convenient balcony. And of course the youngest sister and the footman promised to marry. And then.....

Word was given to remove masks. And lo! The second footman was in reality the third footman in his superior's clothes and the Hussar was the crown prince.

"I've been shafted!" screamed the youngest sister.

But not for long. The next day during the double wedding ceremony, the footman whipped out a revolver, shot the king, the queen, four princes and the oldest sister and proclaimed himself dictator for life at a salary of one million dollars a week and free uniforms.

And so the youngest sister achieved her fondest wish and became a big wheel. And the moral of this story kiddies, if you'll stop wiping that gooey chocolate on my shirt, is that things usually are what they seem to be. But don't let that stop you. Remember, a trigger happy footman is worth two figure happy princes.

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KEEP YOUR COLLEGE CLEAN

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

APRIL 26

MEETING OF ALUMNI

A group of former Northwestern Michigan College students, Director Preston Tanis and Nick Rajkovich met at 1:00 pm on April 9 at Schuler's for dinner. At about 2:15 the group went to the new college building for a business meeting.

Mr. Rajkovich gave some background material and told of the general purpose of the meeting.

Donald Shea acted as chairman in the absence of Richard Kluzak.

Copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were distributed for the approval and disapproval of the group. There was some discussion as to who should be eligible for membership and whether it should be an exclusive organization. It was decided that any student who had been enrolled in the college would be eligible and that an annual fee would eliminate uninterested persons. The annual fee is \$1.00 plus voluntary assessments for special purposes or events, as requested by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Nomination and election of officers followed:

Board of Directors - One-year term

Nominated: Richard Kluzak, Bill Miller, Carol Galligan, George Comden, Chuck Mellberg, Donald Shea.

Elected: Richard Kluzak, Carol Galligan, Bill Miller, George Comden.

Board of Directors - Two-year term

Nominated: Ruth Vermetten, Kathy Greilick, Wayne Lawton, Ruth Kiessel, Joanne Cook, Dick Taylor.

Elected: Ruth Vermetten, Kathy Greilick, Wayne Lawton, Ruth Kiessel.

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Board of Directors - Three-year term

Nominated: Barbara Overholt, Rosie Scharmen, Joy Kyser, Alex Galligan, Margaret Manigold, Joe Mariage, Forrest Gregg.

Elected: Alex Galligan, Rosie Scharmen, Joy Kyser, Barbara Overholt.

President

Nominated: Donald Shea, Joe Mariage, and Eldon Hancock.

Elected: Donald Shea.

Vice-president

Nominated: Joanne Roman, David Vermetten, and Janet Taylor.

Elected: Joanne Roman.

Secretary-Treasurer

Nominated: Mary Jane Allgaier and Betty Fahler.

Elected: Mary Jane Allgaier.

A motion was made that the Constitution and By-Laws be voted on as a whole with the changes. It was approved unanimously.

A motion was made that the Homecoming be on Friday, November 25 and passed.

The meeting adjourned at about 4:30.

It was suggested that the Alumni have a bulletin published perhaps twice a year to inform members of the progress of Northwestern Michigan College and to keep them posted on the activities and accomplishments of their former school-mates. I would be glad to act as editor and publisher of such a bulletin sometime in May. Please send in interesting news about yourself--whereabouts, marital status, accomplishments, experiences.

Secretary-Treasurer

SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS UNDERWAY

Athletic director Nick Rajkovich recently announced the spring sports program for NMC which will include both tennis and golf. These teams will have home and away meets with Alpena, Muskegon, and possibly Acquinas as junior colleges. A state meet for all Michigan junior colleges will be held in Grand Rapids. An intra-mural softball program will also be offered to all students of NMC.

Mr. Ed Howard, who has coached high school tennis, will take up the reins as NMC tennis coach. The teams have already been practicing at Shuffleboard Park for their opening match against Alpena on May 5. Boys out for tennis include Doug Brandow, Chuck Ball, Bill Estes, Lynn Smith, Dick Richter, and Lloyd McPherson.

Ed Karcheski, who has done a great deal of golfing at the country Club, will be in charge of the golf team. Practice sessions are scheduled to start sometime this week. Boys out for golf are Jerry Overholt, Bernie Mikowski, Tuck Thomson, and Niel Kibby.

The softball teams will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 P.M. Team captains are Dick Whiting, Royce Nye, Tom Gilpin, Wynn Mumford. Game schedule and rules are posted on the bulletin board.

TENNIS AND GOLF SCHEDULE

May 5	Alpena	there
May 13	Muskegon	here
May 17	Alpena	here
May 20	Muskegon	there
May 23	Aquinas (not definite)	
May 27	State Meet	Grand Rapids

SPRING FORMAL

MAY 6

N.M.C. MURDERS... (a serial)  
by the author of Steve  
Dagger

The body was stiff and it was Sergeant Biglo's case.

"The time of death?" asked Biglo.

"About 11 p.m.," answered D'Brin, who was preparing to take the body to his morgue.

"Name?" grumbled Biglo.

"Nyce," answered Celoo, his blond assistant.

"That's enough information for the present," grumbled Biglo, as he settled back in the typing room chair, his arm on a Royal, crushing the keys.

"You've hurt the keys," said Miss Caz, an innocent bystander.

"Everyone leave except anyone here at the dance last night," ordered Biglo.

Everyone stayed.

"Mr. Snow, where were you last night?" asked Biglo.

"At the Home Show, working," answered Snow, apparently the number one suspect.

"Who saw you?" Biglo went on.

"Whatta ya mean, who saw me?" retorted Snow.

"You know, an alibi."

"Well I got a good one."

"Yeah?"

"About a thousand people saw me."

"Yeah?"

"Yeah!"

"Well, I guess that's a good alibi," grumbled Biglo.

Biglo sat silently for a moment, pondering the situation.

The room was silent. It was raining outside. Someone screamed.

"Why is that girl screaming outside?" asked Biglo.

"Her car window's down," said Mr. Sleepy, another innocent bystander.

"Oh," said Biglo.

"Oh," said his blond assistant.

"Oh, Oh," said Miss Caz, as she looked at the Royal.

"I Think Nyce was murdered because he was supposed to run off with the council's cash," said sgt. Biglo, his eyes flaming. "He probably forgot to split the cash with his accessory after the fact."

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## INQUIRING REPORTER

This week's question: What is your opinion of the paintings displayed in the hall?

Sandy Henschell: "I like them, especially the VanGogh and other French reproductions."

Jim Birkholm: "I haven't thought about it."

Kay Deibert: "Terrific, I think they are really good."

Fred Milliron: "Time for a change."

Royce Nye: "Adds something, but what I haven't made out yet."

Bill Bright: "I like music, I don't care for pictures."

Frank Worchester: "They're gaudy."

Roy Hajek: "Run of the mill masterworks."

Sleepy Wagner: "Allright. Adds something to break up the monotomy of the halls."

Bert Reimer: "I'd rather see modern art."

Bob Hansen: "Looks like a real educational institution."

Gerri Bishop: "They are fine. We need more cultural opportunities."

Lloyd McPherson: "The appearance of the pictures, I believe, could be enhanced greatly by a more symmetrical arrangement."

Dick Whiting: "I approve of them very much....very interesting."

Shirley Kadrovach: "Good, we need more modern art, and a class in that subject."

Leroy Courtade: "An advancement toward a more cultural college."

Chuck Ball: "Adds distinction to our halls."

Gary Fort: "Very fascinating."

## Lil' Artery's Spurts

Spring is Here(?). Some days I think so and then other days, I don't. According to the calendar, it offically arrived a month ago. Oh, well, one of these days, everyone will wake up and develop an acute case of spring fever.

Mrs. Brand seems to have caught it rather early. All her biology students are required to stake claim to a plot of ground on the campus. All plots are guaranteed to contain something new, different, and exciting. What's more, they do!

The thoughts of most male students will soon turn to that record breaking trout that they hope to catch this season. I'm told that trout season begins April 30th. Right now, there are also some little fish available -- smelt. They are especially good when French Fried by chef Jim DeLapa. Lynn Smith will testify to that.

Next Wednesday, April 27, is the date for our annual Athletic Banquet. It's upto the students to make it a success. So, cooperate by being there and bringing your potluck dish. Also, you'll need your own deer friend of his lately. What's the matter with the boys at the cabin? You aren't taking that studying resolution seriously.

I suppose that you've noticed the sun-tan twins, Chuck Bigelow and Jerry Deater. They made a brief trip to Florida, but it was too short for them to hit all the spots of interest. John Anderson is now touring the same place, plus quite a bit more of the U. S.

Lloyd Maynard was clued in to the fact that the tin can tourists are not people who throw tin cans out the window.

Oh, yes....don't forget to get your tickets for the Spring Formal. Hear they've got a famous band 'n' everything. It's at the Country Club, and should be the social event of the season. See ya there!

KEEP YOUR COLLEGE CLEAN !!!!!

It is your privilege to use  
The tables in the cafeteria  
PLEASE return dirty dishes  
To the counter. THANK YOU.

## KNOW YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS.....

## DON THOMPSON

"Une tasse de café, s'il vous plait," is what this lucky NMC student will probably be saying when school begins at the Sorbonne in Paris next fall.

Future Frenchman Don Thompson is a 1955 graduate of Traverse City High School.

Don had several reasons for choosing NMC for his first two years of college work. He wanted to keep his job, could get all the courses he would need without going to a more expensive institution, and could study (1) better at home.

Give him fried chicken and mashed potatoes, along with an exciting basketball game and you will have a happy man. Don also rates golf and tennis high on his list and reading a good book as his favorite pastime.

This chief pruner for the Wunch Farms claims his most interesting experience was his first day in French class!

Don is an active member of the newspaper staff, yearbook staff, and the French Club. As we all know, just a short time ago he was chosen by his fellow French Club members to represent NMC and America as an exchange student in Paris. "It will be a tremendous cultural and educational opportunity. I think it will mean a lot to me if I finally decide to major in French because I will have had some actual experience in speaking it," is his comment.

Don thinks NMC is "tremendous.." and likes the good feeling which exists between the teachers and students.

## CHARLES BALL

Let's meet one of our newest College Council members, Chuck Ball!

This first-year student is a graduate of the '54 class of Traverse City High School, where he earned a scholarship to NMC. His future plans include another year at NMC, two years at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, followed by three years of seminary in preparation for the ministry.

Tennis, basketball, softball, and beefsteak rate a hit with Chuck. He is on NMC's tennis team and participated in intramural basketball.

Chuck works at Northern Floor and Tile on weekdays, and is minister for the Solon church every Sunday morning.

Chuck likes NMC and thinks the teachers and students are "top-rate." However, he shares the opinion of many that our school spirit is extremely weak.

## JEST 'N FUN

A woman was boasting to a friend that her husband had quit smoking.

"My, that takes will power," said the friend.

"I need it does," agreed the wife, "and that's just what I've got."

The beauty of the old-fashioned blacksmith was that when you brought him your horse to be shod he didn't think of 40 other things that ought to be done to it.

A group of children who were taken to the zoo recently were disappointed to find no monkeys visible anywhere. "Where are all the monkeys?" the young lady chaperoning the party asked an attendant.

"This is their mating season," he replied. "They are all back in the cages."

"OH," said the lady, "the children are terribly disappointed. Do you think if they threw peanuts into the cages the monkeys would come out?"

"I don't know, lady," the attendant replied laconically. "Would you?"

Many a woman will use a pill to get rid of a headache and vice versa.

An NMC student has been pestering his father for a '55 model auto. On a visit to the campus, the father pointed out that most of the cars in the parking lot were of ancient vintage. "But, Dad," protested the boy, "those cars belong to the faculty."

## NEWS ARTICLES

## TELERAMA

Saturday night is the night of the big Telerama over WPBN-TV. In a special program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, many valuable products will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Special talent has been gathered from throughout the area. Among the entertainers will be five of NMC's Jesters, the male quartet of the chorus, and other features yet to be named. In addition there will be several out-of-town students who will be interviewed. Among them are Jim DeLapa, Lynn Knudsen, Cathy Sanborn, Royce Nye, and others.

It is hoped by those in charge that enough money will be raised to begin on further expansion of NMC's physical plant.

Even for those who don't buy is promised an enjoyable and unique evening on Channel 7.

## SOCIAL MEETING

Wednesday night, an enjoyable evening was spent by students who came to the showing of Miss Baver's slides of Europe. Coffee and cookies were served afterwards in the cafeteria, and everyone joined in singing.

This social meeting is held each year so that past and present business students may get together and compare notes. This year everyone was invited, and the program was sponsored by the FTA and business students.

## PROM DATE SET FOR MAY 6

Council members are now busy making arrangements for the annual Spring Formal. Mr. Rajkovich stated that Red Johnson's Band, made up of top musicians from the U of M, will play for the event.

It will be staged at the Country Club, on Friday, May 6, and will last from 9 to 1. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.50 in advance or \$3.00 at the door.

COME!

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## NMC MURDERS (cont. from pg.5)

"After the fact?" asked Celog.  
 "Don't argue and bring in the Council members for questioning," said Sergeant Biglo.

(another thrilling episode soon)

## MIKOWSKI'S GANG RIDES AGAIN

Bernie Mikowski and his gang, who have become notorious through accounts of their escapades told in speech class, are on the prowl again. Observant classmates reported some suspicious goings-on in the vicinity of the A&W after class the other night. For details contact the author of the above story, NMC's own private detective.

## Supervisor Disappears

Where is Mr. Brackett? The strange note tacked on his door the other day aroused suspicions that he may have become the victim of mysterious circumstances. Rumor has it that Ted may have him "tied up" in the basement.

## NMC GENIUS

It seems that Jimmie DeLapa has developed another talent. It has been requested that the specific facts not be revealed, but it has something to do with cars. It happened after speech class this time, but you'll have to ask Jimmy for details. You could ask Mary Jane, too, but it's doubtful that you'd get more than a dirty look.

## JESTERS PERFORM AGAIN

The Jesters gave another of their performances last Tuesday night at the Elks Club for the Daisy Chain. Their program included a selection of skits and pantomimes. It was regretted that some of the numbers had to be cancelled because one of the members was slightly lacking in some respects.