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Marijuana arrests in 2007 top recent data

by HEATHER LUEBKE
staff writer

Drug law violations involving marijuana on campus rose significantly in 2007, according to information obtained this week by the North Wind.

The number of violations rose to 20 in 2007, up from 16 in 2006, said Jeff Mincheff, the assistant director of Police Services at Public Safety. In a typical year, the number of violations are usually in the mid-teens.

Victor LaDuke, an investigator with Public Safety, said the number of drug law violations rose in the past three years, signaling that illegal drug use is a significant issue on campus.

"I think [marijuana use] is a big problem," LaDuke said. "I don't think the arrest numbers are indicative of the usage. I think there's a lot more people using it than we catch, and I think it's an issue."

Mary Brundage, the associate Dean of Students, said that Northern's statistics on student

marijuana use have not been out of the ordinary, or abnormally high compared to other universities.

"Spending the majority of my time focusing on student conduct, I have not been alarmed with NJMU's number of marijuana violations," she said. "Most

I don't think the arrest numbers are indicative of the usage.

- Victor LaDuke, Public Safety investigator

of the students I have met with regarding violations of our drug policy are very good people who made a poor decision. The fact is, like it or not, marijuana is illegal."

The procedures for dealing with drug violations tend to be uniform, said Mincheff, and all cases that are opened are brought to the Dean of Students office for additional disciplinary action.

However, Brundage said there is not a specific, predeter-

mined way of dealing with every marijuana violation on campus, and most cases are unique to each individual. The conduct system at Northern also assures that each student in violation of student code has an opportunity to discuss the infraction with the Dean of Students office.

The Dean of Students office takes drug violations seriously, which sometimes results in suspension, but there is not a "cookie cutter" approach to penalties, Brundage said, adding penalties are only determined after a face-to-face meeting with students.

Marijuana use is not a new issue on campus either. Drug law violation cases have been an issue on campuses nationwide for decades. A small percentage of crimes overall are reported, Mincheff said, and marijuana use is but one of those crimes.

Drug law violation cases are spurred by complaints, anonymous tips, or after discovery of the illegal drugs by officers.

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Chad Casper/NW

Students at risk for theft

by CASSANDRA STUROS
associate news editor

Prusinski said. This is not the best option for protecting yourself, however.

With the holiday season behind us, most students can find relief in giving their credit cards a break from overspending. For identity thieves, however, the spending has just begun.

Students tend to feel they are invincible when it comes to issues such as identity theft, Mike Prusinski, vice president of communications for Lifelock, a national company based in Tempe, Ariz., that specializes in identity theft protection. He added that they need to learn to take precautions to prevent it. Lifelock offers protection

"It doesn't stop anyone from using your data; it just tells you when somebody uses it. They call it identity theft protection, but it doesn't protect you at all," Prusinski said.

Another option is placing a fraud alert, which alerts one's financial institution every time a customer makes a purchase with his or her credit card. Prusinski said. The alert puts a red flag on every credit card purchase and notifies the owner of the card.

However, fraud alerts need to be renewed every 90 days by the customer, by contacting

their credit bureaus that offered them the fraud alert program.

Students... feel like they are bullet-proof and it won't happen.

- Mike Prusinsky, vice president of Lifelock

people who have had their identity stolen, he said.

Students are an easy target for identity theft because they feel that it's unlikely to affect them, he said.

"Students ... feel like they are bulletproof and it won't happen," Prusinski said.

They are ignorant of what is happening to their credit until they need financial support, he added.

"By the time [students] go to buy a car or leave college their credit is ruined," he added.

Students need to be responsible with their personal information, such as not leaving mail around where someone can take it and use it, shredding unwanted documents and not carrying unnecessary credit cards or their Social Security card, said Don Peterman, crime prevention specialist for Public Safety.

There are a wide variety of options for preventing identity theft. One is credit monitoring, which many companies offer,

Prusinski said. Fraud alerts aren't always efficient. Some organizations that provide the alerts don't follow the rules set in place and there can be some financial losses to deal with, but it is the most effective way, since customers are constantly in charge of their information, he added.

The most drastic way to prevent identity theft is a credit freeze, which freezes the customer's credit, so that if they try to purchase something, they are unable to until the freeze is lifted, Prusinski said.

Freezing credit can be inconvenient and costly. The customer has to pay each time he or she lifts the freeze and re-apply it and some organizations still don't work with credit bureaus, Prusinski said.

Students themselves are the best defense in guarding their own identities, Prusinski said. However, they need to take the necessary precautions.

"People don't need a compa-

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ny like Lifelock. The big issue here is people aren't doing enough to protect themselves. It's not a matter of if this is going to happen; it's when it's going to happen. People need to protect themselves," Prusinski said.



PETERMAN

Maria Catherino, a sophomore computer science major, has become more cautious about giving out personal information after an incident of identity theft within her family.

"My parents bought some furniture somewhere downstate. Someone who had worked at the furniture store stole their information and [purchased] a couple thousand dollars worth of CDs and sound equipment, charging it to their credit card," Catherino said.

David Hilden, a senior philosophy major said he isn't proactive about protecting himself against identity theft because he doesn't feel that vulnerable to it and keeps good track of his credit card bills.

To determine if your identity has been stolen, check your credit report. If there's anything suspicious or if you start getting bills in the mail for things you haven't purchased or receive notices from the IRS for failed back taxes, call the credit bureaus and contest it immediately, Prusinski said. Every American is entitled to one free credit report each year.

Identity theft seems to be a problem because it is anonymous and fairly simple to do, Hilden said.

"It must be kind of easy to get away with. Most people don't

have the courage to rob people to their faces, or they don't feel guilty about it in the same way that they would feel if they stole things out of people's houses," Hilden said.

Once you determine that your identity has been stolen, file a police report, then contact the Federal Trade Commission, the agency responsible for statistics on identity theft, Prusinski said.

However, unlike normal crimes in America, proving you were wronged and didn't spend the money yourself isn't an easy task, Prusinski said.

"With identity theft [the victim] is guilty until proven innocent. That's the worst part about this crime, it's the loss of time and the frustration of having to try and prove that they weren't the one who did this," he said.

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- David Hilden, senior philosophy major

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Mincheff said, adding people do not want to report or tend to ignore illegal drug use.

Caroline Blair, resident director of Gant Hall, said she is aware of the reality of pot use on campus. Even though pot is an issue at NMU, authorities don't

turn a blind eye to [it], she said. "I think we address this as we're supposed to," she said. "Students confront situations themselves too, and change happens when a group of people decides to talk about it. We do everything we're supposed to do."

Though violations of the student code need to be documented

at all times, cases can often be sensitive to deal with because of personal ties between dorm staff and residents, she said.

"Students in the residence halls respect the fact that we as residence hall staff have to do our jobs," she said. "It is personal, but we have good conversations, too. We are here to help people grow."

marquette music scene

Thursday, Jan. 17
Northland Pub: Billy Alberts, 8 p.m.
UpFront & Company: Sore on Sunday, 10:30 p.m.
Vango's: Jim & Ray, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18
Ramada Inn: Eric Treusch, 9 p.m.
UpFront & Company: Lloyd Dobler Effect, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Long Shot Saloon: Driver, 9:30 p.m.
UpFront & Company: Lloyd Dobler Effect, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 20
Northland Pub: Kirsten Gustafson, and Dave Ziegner, 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21
Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery: Fast Eddie's Blues Band Revised, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22
UpFront & Company: Jeremy Rowe Band, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23
Matrixx — Skybox: Wisecrack, 10:30 p.m.
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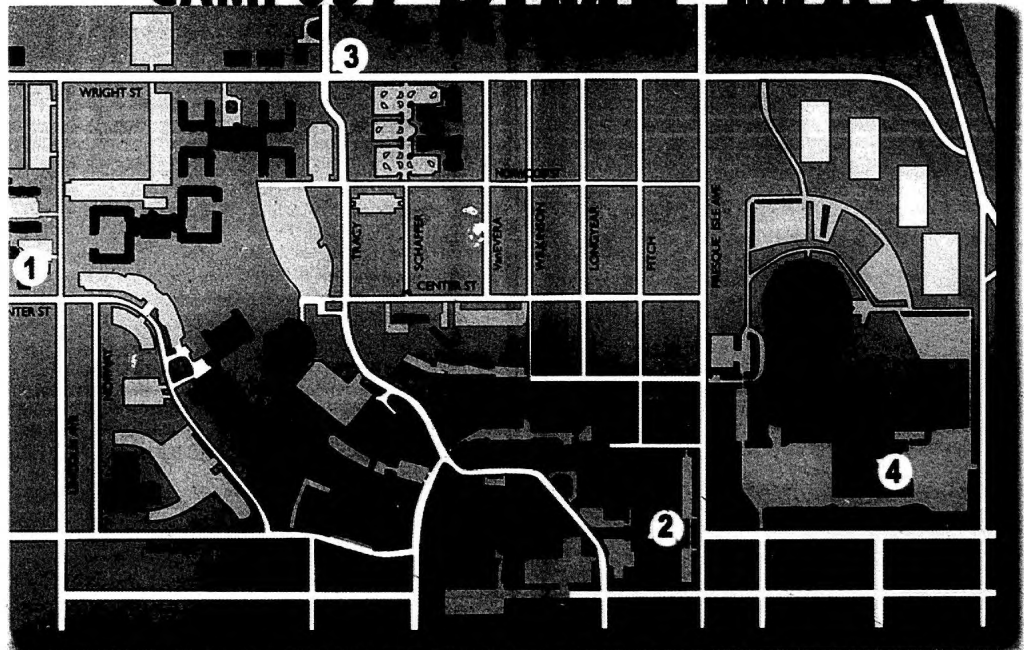
1) On Dec. 6, clothing, a cell phone, massage oil and toothpaste were stolen from the Norwood apartments. The case is still under investigation.

2) On Dec. 18, a complaint was made by someone receiving harassing phone calls at Cohadas. The case has been resolved.

3) On Dec. 31, two individuals were arrested on Wright Street for possession of marijuana. An arrest was made.

4) On Jan. 12, a simple assault took place at the Berry Events Center involving one adult and one juvenile. There were no serious injuries. The case is still under investigation.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



BRIEFS

Local

Center offers woodworking class

The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning (NCLL) will present a Woodworker's Rally with two six-week sessions January through April. NCLL is an organization that offers various educational classes and activities for its members. The class will be taught by Carl Moore, a former NMU instructor who has been teaching woodworking classes for the NCLL for more than 14 years. "The desire for senior [citizens] to have a woodworking class started this program over 14 years ago," Moore said. Through informal instruction, participants will be able to figure problems out on their own and ask for help when needed. "All skill levels are welcome to join the class," Moore added. Classes will be held in the Jacobetti Center in Room 137 every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. The first session will run from Jan. 21 to Feb. 25 and the second session will run from March 10 to April 14. The cost for an NCLL membership is \$20. The cost for one six-week session, with an active NCLL membership, is \$30. A non-member can register for the woodworking class for \$60 per session. Participants can bring their registration information and money on the first day of class. To register for the Woodworker's Rally, contact NCLL headquarters at 227-2979 or e-mail ncll@nmu.edu with further questions.

— Danielle Brandreth

Local

Children to sleep over at the PEIF

The Northern Michigan University volleyball team and the NMU Recreational Sports Department will host the Winter Wildcat All-Night Party this Saturday, Jan. 19. Children in second through sixth grade are invited to participate in activities at the PEIF. Activities will be open throughout the evening, which begins at 7 p.m. and lasts until 7 a.m. Attendees can play volleyball, racquetball and soccer. Movies and popcorn will be available. The pool will also be open, and inflatable toys will be on hand for use. There will also be a climbing wall session and an opportunity to go snowshoeing. Head volleyball coach Dominic Yoder said the team was inspired to hold the party because it would be a fun way for the volleyball team to meet those interested in the Marquette community and have a fun evening for kids. "It's a great opportunity for kids to come to campus, meet the volleyball team and experience the activities available to them," he said. Yoder added that the team hopes to increase attendance to volleyball games and build community connections. Pizza and pop will be served all night, and activities will be run by members of the volleyball team. The cost to attend the Winter Wildcat All-Night party is \$25 to stay between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. or \$35 for the entire night.

— Anne Bradley

Weird News

Boy glued in bed to avoid school

A 10-year-old Mexican boy dreaded returning to school after Christmas break so much that he glued his hand to his bed. Sandra Palacios spent nearly two hours Monday morning trying to free her son Diego's hand with water, oil and nail polish remover before calling authorities, police chief Jorge Camacho told the Associated Press from outside the northern city of Monterrey. "I didn't want to go to school because vacation was so much fun," Reforma newspaper quoted the boy as saying. Palacios said Diego sneaked into the kitchen in the early morning to get the industrial glue, which he then slathered on his right hand. She didn't hear him get up, but later awoke and found him watching TV with his hand stuck to the bed, she told Mexican newspaper El Universal. "I don't know why he did it," she told Reforma. "He's a good boy, but mischievous like all kids." Diego's hand was fine, and paramedics managed to unstuck him in time for class.

— San Francisco Chronicle

Did You Know ?

The largest party ever recorded weighed 97 pounds. It was made by NMU students in an outdoor oven.

— "A Sense of Place," compiled by William and Margery Vandament

NMU faculty and staff data available online

by ALLI FOX
contributing writer

Northern Michigan University's department of institutional research recently updated their Web site to include detailed demographics of Northern's faculty and staff including the average age of faculty and staff and the census of minorities and Caucasian members.

According to the Web site, the number of minorities in 2007 was 23 minority males and 18 minority females out of 294 male members and 242 female members respectively on faculty, and 12 females and 14 males out of 325 and 329 respectively on Northern's staff.

"This data is nothing out of the ordinary," said Katie Schoonveld, institutional research assistant, of the staff demographics. "It's nothing we didn't expect."

With these statistics, Aaron Whitaker, a junior media production major, felt that Northern could benefit from a more diverse faculty and staff.

"It would help to have a greater minority count," Whitaker said. "Northern could use more female and minority professors. I'm fine with how it is, but I would like to see a rise," she added.

However, other students don't see the diversity at NMU as a problem. "Honestly, I don't think the diversity of NMU is as important as how good the faculty is at doing their job," said

Madeline Hunsaker, a junior criminal justice major.

Among other information listed is the average age of faculty, 50 years old, and staff, 45 years old.

Emily Westphal, a senior art and design education major, thinks that the older age of the faculty and staff here at NMU is a good thing.

"It's good that they have more life experience," Westphal said. "They've been through more of an education; that's respectable. I would say that life experience and teaching experience are respectable."

Junior Nick Gray, an ecology

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— Katie Schoonveld,
institutional research
assistant

major, agrees that the older age of some of the faculty and staff brings experience and knowledge to the student body, however, he also realizes how it might be a problem.

"[The professors] know the issues," he said. "However, sometimes they are so set in their ways that they won't change to accommodate students better."

The changes in the institutional research Web site include the addition of the sections detailing the characteristics, including age, ethnicity, education, etc., of the members of Northern's faculty

and staff.

The project was spearheaded by Schoonveld, who put the data together along with the Administrative Information Technology department, and the Affirmative Action office, she said.

The demographic information has always been available through the department of institutional research, however, now it has been put online, making it more readily accessible, which was one of the goals of this online project, Schoonveld said.

Now when department heads, administrators and others call her office, she can point them to the Web site, she said.

People from different departments, as well as administrators, sometimes call her office to request information about certain demographics, she added.

The main goal in gathering this faculty and staff data, however, was more than just making it available online, Schoonveld said.

"The main goal is to provide people with what the faculty and staff environment is like at NMU," she said.

Demographics of the faculty and staff's age and ethnicity are just two collections of data that can be found on the institutional research Web site.

To find more information regarding the educational background and other characteristics of faculty and staff visit the Institutional Research Department's Web site at www.nmu.edu/ir/.

Student group wants fans to get in the spirit

Northern students looking to express their school spirit can look to the NMU Cat Pack, NMU's student booster club that supports sporting events through cheering on Wildcat sports teams and hosting campus-wide activities.

"The group promotes athletics by creating a fun environment," said Cat Pack president Nicole Olerich. "The group can be found cheering on the sidelines, hosting events and handing out souvenirs at many of NMU's sporting and USOEC events."

Olerich said the organization has traveled outside of Northern to make sure the Wildcats always have a cheering section. The group previously sent three

buses of NMU students to the Badgers' hockey game at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

"It was a great time," Olerich said. "We stayed overnight, went shopping and were able to see the game. I think over a hundred students went."

On Northern's campus, the Cat Pack has hosted frozen T-shirt contests, the human hockey puck, brat-eating contests and tailgating parties before sporting events.

The group is also constantly trying to spread news of NMU sporting events throughout the student body.

Olerich said she encourages students to join the Cat Pack and welcomes all students to attend the group meetings to find out

what the organization is planning for the future.

"The more the merrier," Olerich added.

The group is always looking for new student members and new ideas on how to keep the student body involved and excited about sporting events involving Northern teams, Olerich said.

The Cat Pack meets at 9 p.m. on Monday in the Olson Library. Students who want more information regarding the organization can e-mail catpack@nmu.edu. The group meets every other week to discuss upcoming sporting events.

— The North Wind Staff

Libraries visited most by 18-30 year olds even after advent of technology

by MICHELE RICHINICK
The Northeastern News
(Northeastern U.)

Movies like "I, Robot," which suggests that one day the Internet may need to be banned to keep libraries open, may have little legitimate basis. A recent survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project proves that libraries are not obsolete.

Of the 53 percent of United States adults who said they visited a library in 2007, the biggest users were young adults ages 18 to 30 from the group known as Generation Y, according to the survey, released on Dec. 30.

Generation Y usually refers to people born between 1980 and 1995, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Compared to their elders, Generation Y members were more likely to use libraries for problem-solving information and in general visited them more often for any purpose.

"I think it's fabulous that 18 to 30 year olds are heavily using libraries. Perhaps it is because this tech savvy generation has both an appreciation of and an

expectation for a plethora of good information," said Maria Carpenter, the head of advancement, marketing and communications at Northeastern University's Snell Library. "When they can't find credible academic sources for free on the net, they tap into the libraries' offerings, including research and collections, expertise and academic and professional resources."

The survey showed that 62 percent of Generation Y respondents said they visited a public library in the past year, with a steady decline in usage according to age. "Students use the university libraries for access to electronic journals as well as media tools and materials, and to a lesser extent these days, print resources," Carpenter said. "Students also seek research assistance, and use the libraries for group and individual study space."

More than two-thirds of library visitors in all age groups said they used computers while

at the library, suggesting users are not necessarily going to libraries to read books.

"I don't really know how to use the library, the Dewey Decimal System more specifically, and don't really know how to find what I need. I guess that's

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- Maria Carpenter, professor at Northeastern University

really a sign of the times," said Lawrence Pious, a sophomore journalism major at Northeastern University. "You could say that I'm a product of a new technological age because I know how to Google and browse through the links easier than finding a book in a given section of a library."

Despite students' knowledge of and access to the Internet, professors are still requiring them to cite book sources when

writing papers.

"Many of the websites on the Internet contain information that is unreliable. It is difficult to determine what is trustworthy and what is not," said Donna Bishop, a criminal justice professor. "I generally want my students to read peer-reviewed articles (articles that have been vetted by scholars in the field). They can obtain these most often through the NU library website, or through the computers in the library. I also assign books by noteworthy scholars. When students write term papers, it is essential that they be familiar with both the professional journal articles and with books on their topic."

Mike Grossi, a sophomore journalism major at Northeastern University, said books provide great primary sources that help enhance papers, but these are difficult to find online so going to the library is essential.

Overall, the survey results challenge the assumption that libraries are losing relevance in

the Internet age.

"When I go to the library I usually use the computers to print long documents, or I go to the reserves desk to get work that my professors leave. Although the Internet is not only faster and a larger place to find sources, it can still be unreliable," said Seth Cardinal, a communication and cinema studies dual major.

Moreover, 40 percent of young adults said they will use libraries in the future, compared with 20 percent of those older than age 30 who say they would go to a library.

"I go to the quiet floors so I can work without distractions," Pious said. "I bring my laptop without the charger so I make myself work. It gives me motivation to work more quickly."

The future of libraries appears optimistic, and professors will continue to expect their students to use libraries for research, Grossi said.

"Professors don't want their students to be content; they want them to really go out there and discover as much information as they can," he said.

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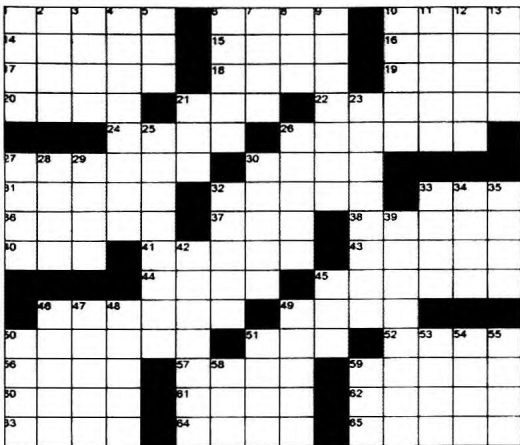


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Editorial

State's Primary concerns

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, Michigan Democrats attempted to choose their candidate for the next President of the United States — well, sort of.

It was only a primary election. And since Michigan moved its primary date up two weeks, an action that was against Democratic party rules, two candidates removed themselves from the ballot: John Edwards and Barack Obama. (At least that way, people can accuse them of being inexperienced, but not of being rule-breakers.) People who wanted to vote for either of them were urged to vote for Uncommitted; essentially a vote for no one.

After Michigan moved its primary date up two weeks in order to keep up with the Joneses-states of Iowa, New Hampshire and Wyoming (only the latter if you're a Republican), both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions responded by stripping the state of delegates.

As of now, Michigan isn't going to be able to send any delegates to the Democratic National Convention in August, and only half of its delegates will be attending the Republican Convention.

In short, the primary didn't have an immediate impact on the election for left-wingers in the Great Lakes state. Instead, it was more of a muddled mess, as Hillary Clinton defeated Uncommitted by a margin of 15 points, 48 to 33 percent. Members of Clinton's political team considered an outcome of less than 60 percent of the polls as a loss for her campaign.

The real importance of the election was that, given its early date in the voting process, the Michigan primary shed light on the economic woes of a troubled industry before Super Tuesday, when more than 20 states will go to the polls and cast their votes.

The American auto industry has been ailing for years, and the federal government has done little to help. Jobs continue to be outsourced and automakers continue to manufacture their products elsewhere.

Michigan citizens continue to pick up the pieces of what was once the dominating aspect of the state's economy. Thousands of manufacturing jobs have evaporated, leaving the state with a 7.4 percent unemployment rate, the highest in the nation.

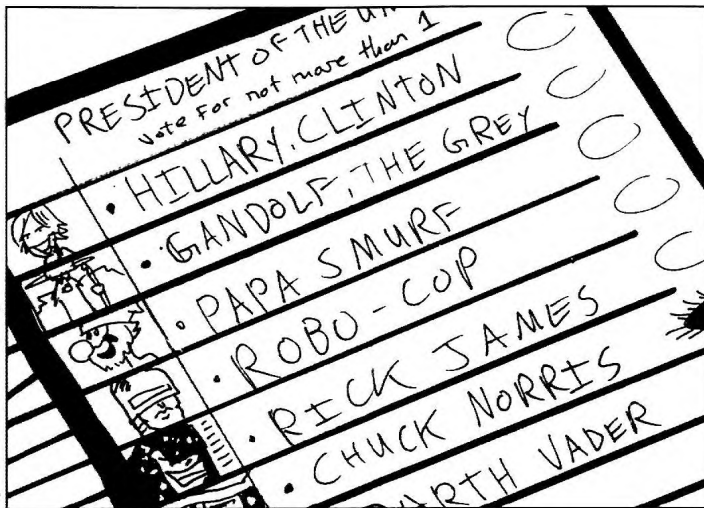
The earlier election date will cause the state to have less of an impact during this year's Republican and Democratic party conventions, but the issues that plague Michigan have now become talking points for nearly all of the presidential candidates. Maybe, if only for just a moment, the status of Michigan's floundering economy will be viewed with the importance it deserves.

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National IDs a hard medicine to swallow

by KIA MAKERECHI
 Daily Bruin (UCLA)

When children are young, parents often attempt a tactic that involves manipulating the child into believing that he or she wants what it is being given — usually medicine or some other unsavory item.

On Friday, Jan. 11, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff used this tactic on the American public.

In reference to "Real ID," the newest money plundering idea, he told members of the National Press Club that it is time "to get the kind of secure identification that I am convinced the American public wants to have."

Claims by the administration that the new ID will secure our nation from terrorist-minded illegals and speed up the screening process at airports and borders are so unconvincing that "the American public" would be waiting for a reason to want it.

The Real ID Act of 2005 was originally a response to the attacks of Sept. 11 but is now seen as a tool in preventing illegal immigrants from passing as legal residents.

However, that a single ID would be able to stop illegal immigrants from entering the country is not the only questionable claim of the program.

The Washington Post reported that the plan was originally slated to cost states \$14 billion, a staggering number that was almost immediately reduced to a "mere" \$3.9 billion after 17

states voiced their intent to be noncompliant should the Real ID plan come to fruition.

Chertoff's American public is left deciding whether it's more ridiculous to inflate a federal program by more than \$10 billion, or that \$3.9 billion is seen as a reasonable figure for superfluous documentation.

According to statistics from the National Conference of State Legislatures, 29 states have introduced legislation preventing them from complying with the federal mandate. Six states had actually already passed such legislation at the end of their respective Friday sessions.

That national security would be protected by a new ID is a generally weak claim. The legitimacy of Chertoff's assertions that the IDs would be impossible to counterfeit is nothing more than political conjecture — there is no way to know what hackers are able to penetrate until it is on the market.

Given that the proposed IDs would have digital information ranging from birth certificates to Social Security numbers, the short term national security benefits (before unsavory characters crack the system) are seriously outweighed by the loss in identity security.

The IDs are set to emerge between 2011 and 2017, but states are required to seek waivers by May 11 if they plan to be noncompliant.

In this clash between state and federal ideology, it will be citizens who suffer.

The administration says that after the May 11 deadline, any American from a noncompliant state who travels at a domestic airport would face "a vigorous secondary screening process."

Students traveling home for breaks, commuting businessmen and women and family visitors do not deserve to face increased federal red tape.

Attempting to curb illegal immigration or increase national security through the exposure of public information may sound nice when Chertoff makes the public think they want it, but it ultimately fails on all levels — fiscal responsibility, logistical plausibility and common sense.

Web Poll Question

How often do you smoke marijuana?

- I'm high right now. Does that count?
- Once in a while, you know, when I need some inspiration.
- Sometimes I get a contact high from my suitemates.
- I tried it once.
- I don't smoke pot.

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Golden Years not as bright for younger generations

by ASHLEA SURLES
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

About four years ago I returned home from high school to find three squad cars in my driveway.

The sight of the police officers congregated in front of my house threw me off, but when I saw that they were crowded around my 78-year-old grandmother, I was even more baffled. My grandma lived about two miles away, didn't have a car and wasn't exactly someone you'd expect to get picked up for disturbing the peace.

It turned out that the police had picked her up when she was trying to walk down the unpaved side of a main road, with severely arthritic knees, from her apartment to my family's house. She had mistaken the day and thought that my mom had forgotten to pick her up to go grocery shopping. It was a Thursday, and my mom had told her on the phone the night before that, just like every week for the last few years, she would pick my grandma up on Saturday to go to the grocery store. This was the first major incident signaling the onset of my grandma's dementia, but in the next years there were many more like it.

Dementia is characterized by a loss of mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life.

It progressively impairs the memory, reasoning, planning and personalities of its victims. But you probably don't need that definition. This is the first time in history that it's considered to be common knowledge.

Recent studies show that neurological disorders like dementia and Alzheimer's disease among the elderly are higher than ever, afflicting 1 in 7 Americans over the age of 71. Today, Alzheimer's disease is the eighth most common cause of death in America, marking the first time in 50 years, and perhaps ever, that a neurodegenerative disorder made the top 10.

Our parents' grandparents died most often of heart attacks, cancers, pneumonia and tuberculosis. They didn't waste away in hospital beds or nursing homes, surrendering dignity along with pride as they lost the ability to think for themselves as many of our grandparents are doing right now. And our parents didn't watch them suffer.

Our parents learned hobbies like cooking and fishing from their grandparents and heard them tell stories about the World Wars and the Great Depression. Our generation visits grandparents in nursing homes who may not even remember our names. We are the first generation to witness the mental collapse of our elderly, and I can't

help but wonder what this means for us.

Many of us are learning to be proactive and will attempt to nip mental degeneration in the bud by exercising regularly, doing crosswords daily and eating plenty of greens. Ironically, this was something that many of our parents were taught to do by their grandparents, just not for the same reasons.

While statistics illustrate that people are living longer, these progressive mental diseases are striking early, teaching us that life is shorter than is often planned. We can look at our formerly capable grandparents slipping back into the incapacity of childhood and see the image as a symbol of life's unfairness. Growing up surrounded by these signs of the unconquerable and unavoidable injustices of life, we have no choice but to fear our inevitable fate.

Our view, which our parents and their parents before them have held, that we will be rewarded for a life well lived, seems to be disintegrating along with our chances of dying gracefully. We are growing up dreading growing old, not just because of the wrinkles. We are the first generation of true fatalists, learning to fear our own declines, instead of anticipating our destinies, when we are still studying for classes.

Bad behavior not new to candidates

The recent skirmish between the Clinton and Obama campaigns comes as no surprise to me in this overly scandalous election. It seems as though the news media isn't happy unless one of the candidates is attacking another.

So, when I checked out The New York Times online a few days ago, I wasn't too surprised to see that Hillary Clinton had become a supposed racist overnight.

For What It's Worth



by Jackie Stark

The ensuing argument between the two campaigns was only spurred by the increasingly ridiculous news media. They latched on to Clinton's seemingly innocuous statement and blew it way out of proportion. When Clinton said, "Dr.

King's dream began to be realized when President Lyndon Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It took a president to get it done," she wasn't attempting to subvert any impact that Dr. King had on the Civil Rights Movement. Any American who made it through 10th grade history knows that without Dr. King, race relations in this country would be wildly different than they are today. So why did the Obama campaign react so strongly against this statement, and why did the news media circulate it so widely?

It shouldn't be scandalous to simply state the fact that if former President Johnson hadn't signed the bill into law, it may not exist today. Though Dr. King was absolutely instrumental in raising awareness about racism and causing social change in America, he had no power to change the laws himself. It did take a president to do that.

And while it's nice to hear that the two campaigns have called a truce, I can't help but picture this whole exchange taking place on the fourth grade playground between the swings and the seesaws, with a mini Obama yelling "You're stupid!" and little Clinton responding "Am not!"

Mostly, the exchanges between any of the candidates, whether Republican or Democrat, are disheartening at best. One of these candidates is ultimately going to win this election, and so far, the front-runners have shown less than exemplary maturity levels.

However, bad behavior among presidential hopefuls is not something unique to this year's candidates. In 1972, Richard Nixon helped take out an opponent during the primaries by criticizing the man's wife.

Edmund S. Muskie ran for president on the Democratic ticket. According to the New York Times, while campaigning for the New Hampshire primary, the Manchester Union Leader, a conservative New Hampshire newspaper, attacked Muskie partly because of an anonymous letter sent to the paper which said he used the slur "Canuk" when referring to French Canadians living in the state.

Later, when defending his wife in a speech made in front of the Manchester Union Leader's building, he reportedly began to cry. This act was widely seen as the reason he lost the Democratic ticket. He claimed some time later that the supposed "tears" were actually snowflakes that melted on his face.

Later, it was discovered that the anonymous letter was sent to the newspaper by Kenneth W. Clawson, a political aide to Richard Nixon. Who could have ever imagined that Nixon would use dirty tactics to make it to the White House?

Howard Dean's race to the White House in 2004 also ended abruptly when he made his famous "YEEEEAAAAHHH!!!" speech. Granted, he was a little overexcited for a candidate who came in third in the Iowa Caucus, but being passionate shouldn't be a detriment when running for president.

And speaking of passion, Al Gore's extended kiss with his wife actually helped his campaign. So, for further reference, if any of you want to run for president some time in your future, screaming, bad, kissing, good.

It seems like every four years, the public has to sit back and watch as full-grown men — and this year — a woman, pick fights with each other over things that don't matter. We get to see unprecedented displays of emotion, good or bad. And at the end of it, one person emerges with a few scars, probably some extra emotional baggage and the title of President of the United States.

SOUND OFF

Which presidential candidate, if any, do you want to see in the Oval Office and why?



Kim Rieder
junior, biology

"I would like to see Barack Obama. Not only do I agree with many of his positions, he is also very relatable."



Devin Gilligan
sophomore, art and design

"Romney, because of his stance on the war and abortion."



Robyn McCarry
senior, graphic communications

"Obama. I am voting for someone who will get us out of this pointless war and who will protect our environment."



Patrick Harris
freshman, graphic design

"Ron Paul. He wants to minimize the government and run this country based on the constitution and the ideals on which it was founded."



Sara Jung
junior, management

"I've had a hard time deciding on a candidate and still am undecided. All I know is I do not want Clinton elected!"



Danny Digneit
junior, media productions

"John Edwards. He doesn't seem to let his religion influence his political views. Also, he's trying to stick it to the corporate man."

— Compiled by Jeff Kitson

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colorful FUTURE

The DeVos Art Museum presents "reGeneration," with works by 50 up-and-coming photographers

by SHANE NYMAN
features editor

One of the largest works of art in the latest exhibit in the DeVos Art Museum is a colorful photograph of a lean white horse, standing tall and facing the camera, wearing a strange headdress on his nose — and if you look closely, you'd swear he's smiling.

The exhibit, titled "reGeneration," presents works by 50 different photographers — including Sweden's Cathrine Sundqvist and her quirky horse photo — from all over the globe. Subjects range from humans and animals to architecture, car wrecks and landmines. The show opened this past Tuesday, Jan. 14 and is on display through Sunday, March 1.

The photographs in the exhibit were chosen by curators at Swiss photography museum Musée de l'Elysée. Hundreds of candidates from over 60 of the world's top photography schools were narrowed down to just 50 with one question as the main criteria: Are these images likely to be known in 20 years?

"Artists are using what's already been done in the past and they are reinterpreting it in the way we're looking at the world today," said DeVos Art Museum Director Melissa Matuscak. "That is the overarching theme and I think the artists who are doing this very successfully are the ones who are represented in the show."

"The artists who are able to

deal with these issues and deal with reinterpreting our world are the ones who are going to stick around for a long time," Matuscak added.

With those involved being viewed as artists of the future, Matuscak said it is interesting to look at this exhibit to see what the current trends in photography are and what may be on the horizon. Only one of the artists shot in black and white, and many of them have printed in very large formats.

"I think it's a good reflection of the availability of technology in photography now and what

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— Melissa Matuscak,
DeVos museum director

artists have access to, based on cost. I think that's really impacting what we're seeing with this medium," Matuscak said.

Senior art and design major Ed Andrzejewski's favorite piece is "Form #2" by Josef Schulz. Andrzejewski said the large-scale photo of a nearly unrecognizable spiral walkway is a form-study.

"It takes the subject out of context. It becomes abstract so you're looking only at the forms," Andrzejewski said. "It's not clear exactly what it is. The subject becomes ambiguous."

One set of very powerful photographs by Samantha Bass

shows a group of turkeys crammed together in a small pen and a group of blood-soaked goats hanging in a slaughterhouse. These graphic images together are used to show the distance consumers have from the food they purchase and eat.

"That artist is kind of working in a more confrontational approach," said Matuscak. "You go out to dinner or go to the grocery store and you just kind of see the end product. That artist is trying to put directly into our faces that there is an in-between. There's a process that goes on and we're incredibly lucky that we're removed from it."

French photographer Raphaël Dallaporta has a four-piece set included in the exhibit, where he has displayed different types of well-lit landmines and bombs from various wars against a black background. The objects appear to be straight out of an advertisement.

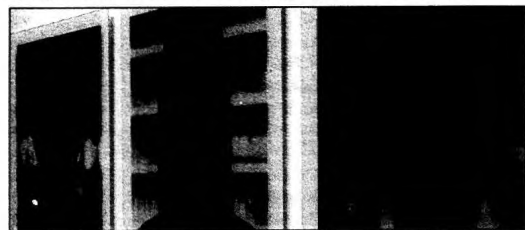
"Because they're shot in a way that resembles a commercial, [they appear] as objects that are desired and want to be consumed or purchased when really they're terrible, destructive things," Matuscak said.

On Friday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m., the director of Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Photography, Rod Slemmons, will speak regarding both the exhibit and the current state of photography in lecture hall B of West Science. There will also be a reception for the exhibit, from 6-8 p.m. Both are free and open to the public.

Amanda Shellnut/NW
The walls of the DeVos Art Museum will be lined with large format photographs from artists all over the world until March 1.



Amanda Shellnut/NW
Cathrine Sundqvist of Sweden has this unique photograph — maybe the gallery's most memorable — on display as part of "reGeneration."



Amanda Shellnut/NW
Swedish photographer Raphael Hefti's "Beauticians" series took harsh lighting to women selling make-up at cosmetic counters.




Amanda Shellnut/NW
"Goats" by American Samantha Bass, paints a graphic portrait of blood-soaked goats in a Mexican slaughterhouse.


Where should I buy my books?

by SHANE NYMAN
features editor

Shortly after the big fat tuition check is signed and sent off to the University, another hefty expenditure approaches: textbooks. A typical semester could set a student back hundreds of dollars in books alone, not to mention the extra costs of other school supplies. But unlike with tuition, textbook shoppers have a few different options. By carefully weighing the choices, students can save a bundle on books, just like the coupon clipping penny-pinchers in the grocery line.

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\$10.50 (New)
 Students First:
\$10.25 (New)
 Amazon:
\$13.25 (New)
\$8.94 (Used)

FIT & WELL (HP200)

 NMU Bookstore:
\$66.65 (New)
 Students First:
\$43.50 (New)
 Amazon:
\$62.50 (New)
\$25.00 (Used)

NMU BOOKSTORE?

The default stop for many students is the NMU Bookstore on the first floor of the University Center. The bookstore's on-campus location makes it an easy stop for students and because it's the official store for the university, every book for every class is guaranteed to be obtained. If it's not on the shelf, the store will have it ordered and delivered by second-day air.

"The NMU bookstore is the only place that students need to shop," said Paul Wright, assistant bookstore manager. "It's one-stop shopping. The books that students need are going to be here ...

and if we don't, we'll get it in."

Although the books may cost more at the NMU Bookstore than the other options, the customer-friendly return policy and eventual buy-back options that Web sites typically cannot match are bonuses.

Another advantage of shopping on-campus is the bookstore's Web site, www.nmubookstore.com.

There, students can browse through textbooks and even reserve and purchase their books. The Web site is one reason that, despite constant competition, the bookstore's sales have steadily increased each year,

Wright said.

Melissa Ledford, a junior elementary education major, picked up her books for the current semester from the bookstore, although it wasn't what she had originally planned.

"I procrastinated and bought my books on the first day of classes," Ledford said. "I normally do purchase them online or from peers first, if possible."

If textbook prices aren't the number one priority for a student, the NMU Bookstore could be the best option. Students looking to get all of their books quickly and conveniently in one stop will be satisfied.

Features

STUDENTS FIRST?

The new kid on the block is Students First, located at 502 W. Washington St. Students First relies on one main idea as their selling point: Their books are guaranteed less expensive than at the NMU Bookstore.

"Simply put, we are the cheapest," said Tim Weingarten, the store's manager. "Due to the internet, we can check prices instantly and when a price changes, we look it up and correct any discrepancies. A brand new micro-economic textbook which is marked at \$124.05 at the NMU Bookstore can be picked up used at Students First for \$89.25."

Weingarten said his store sells their books at least 5 percent cheaper than the competition on campus. There are times when books can be found for much more than 5 percent, however, especially when the bookstore only has brand new copies and Students First has used versions.

ence between our small store and the large one is the number of each book that we order. We order a smaller amount for each class," Weingarten said. C.J. Beil, a junior communication management major was satisfied after making his textbook pick-up from Students First this semester.

"I trust that their books will be the cheapest and they'll give me the most money back," Beil said. When the semester comes to an end, Weingarten said that Students First will buy back textbooks for other than or equal to what Northern offers.

Although their prices are cheaper, Students First cannot guarantee that they will have every necessary textbook. Because they order fewer amounts of each book sell-outs are common and students will have to seek another option. Students looking for the cheapest prices and who would like to avoid waiting for books to ship and other potential hassles from an online retailer can check out Students First.

ONLINE?

Usually the least expensive place to buy textbooks is through online retailers. However, when it comes to customer service and reliability, Web sites are much less convenient. The hugely popular online store Amazon.com has typically similar prices for new textbooks compared to what you'd find locally.

Where Amazon.com really sets itself apart is with its prices on used books. In some cases,

like with the required text for HP200, "Fit & Well: Core Concepts and Labs in Physical Fitness and Wellness," the used price is more than half of the price found in the NMU Bookstore.

Things to consider with online shopping are shipping costs, delivery time and the fact that what is ordered might not be exactly what was expected. Without actually being able to hold the book in your hand and flip through it before purchasing can be a drawback, especially when a textbook comes with an attached workbook or CD-Rom. Also, Web sites like Amazon.com sometimes have different versions and editions of books mixed up.

Still, these are risks many students are willing to take for such a break on their total textbook bill. If price is the number one concern, online shopping can be the best choice.

'Juno' suffers major identity crisis



by JOSH SNYDER
staff writer

Recently, comedies have taken a more grounded-in-reality approach rather than the shocking, gross-out humor of "American Pie." Films like "Knocked Up" take real life scenarios and show how strange and funny life can be. So far, these comedies have been successful. Hoping to keep that streak going, director Jason Reitman follows up his cult-hit "Thank You for Smoking" with his latest, "Juno." Unfortunately, "Juno" doesn't live up to the films which preceded it.

The film revolves around title character

Juno (Ellen Page), a 16-year-old high school junior living in Minnesota. After sleeping with her best friend Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera), she learns she's pregnant. Confused and frightened, she insists that she won't terminate the pregnancy and instead asks her dad and stepmom for help. They decide on adoption. Juno finds a couple who can't have children but desperately want one. They agree to adopt the baby when it's born. Although she knows the baby will end up in good hands, Juno still has to deal with being 16 and pregnant.

The biggest problem with "Juno" is that it's never quite sure what type of movie it wants to be. It tries to be a dramatic comedy, something like "Little Miss Sunshine," but will switch gears and take a "Napoleon Dynamite" approach — sometimes blatantly copying it. More importantly, the movie never captures what made these other films so successful while simultaneously never feeling like its own movie. "Juno" has a serious identity crisis — one Reitman should have definitely worked on with first time writer Diablo Cody.

In fact, the writing almost outweighs the identity issues as the biggest flaw of the film. The one thing a comedy needs to be a hit is a solid, witty script, something "Juno" lacks. The dialogue is atrocious, with lame one-liners like "You're the cheese to my macaroni." It's not even so-bad-it's-good, it's just plain awful. I don't know much about Cody, but if her world is filled with people talking like this, then we're all doomed.

What irritated me the most was that



Photos from Yahoo! Movies
Adoptive parents-to-be, played by Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman, discuss the upcoming birth with the quick-witted Juno, played by Oscar hopeful Ellen Page.

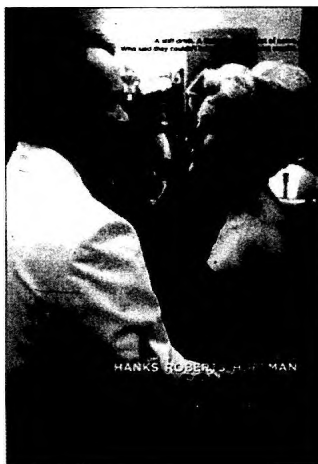
only teenagers, or those trying to be "hip," talked like this. It paints a very unflattering and downright false image of today's youth. I'm not saying that no one teenager talks like this, but I'm willing to bet that an overwhelming majority of them would never be caught dead using the phrase "honest to blog."

Nearly as weak as the dialogue is the soundtrack. Imagine the song that plays in the opening credits to "Napoleon Dynamite," except it's played throughout the entire movie. It seemed like after every 15 minutes of "witty" dialogue, Reitman "treats" us to another song with lyrics equally as bad as the script. Not only is this a major distraction, but the story has to come to a complete halt so we can hear another horrific song.

Reitman often uses these songs to help convey the character's emotions. The problem is that Ellen Page does a fantastic job in portraying Juno, so the viewer gets beaten over the head with the same message. It seems that Reitman and Cody had little faith in the consciousness of their audience so they thought it necessary to take the extra time to tell you that Juno is sad or scared, despite it being blatantly obvious.

Like many other films released in 2007, I went in with high hopes. And like many of those films, I left disappointed. "Juno" could have been something special, but instead it ends up feeling like the bastard child of "Napoleon Dynamite" and "Little Miss Sunshine." You'd be better off watching those two films again than you would be seeing this.

'Charlie' offers up rare political fun



by JOSH SNYDER
staff writer

War films were once a staple of the American cinema, pulling in huge crowds and plenty of awards. However, so many of these films have been made in recent years that the genre has become bogged down. Perhaps that was "Closer" director Mike Nichols's reasoning for his latest, "Charlie Wilson's War," an adaptation of a George Crile book by the same name. Instead of making a war movie about Afghanistan fighting the Soviets, Nichols takes an alter-

nate route by showing the politics behind our involvement in the conflict. But films strictly about politics can be a hard sell. Fortunately, Nichols is able to pull through and deliver a great film filled with charismatic yet real characters.

Set in the early '80s, "Wilson's War" follows Texas politician Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks). A Congressman whom everyone likes, Wilson spends most of his time drinking and sleeping with women, with the occasional vote or sub-committee in between. After watching a report on the war in Afghanistan, Wilson realizes that, with the right people, he could actually help the Afghans win the war, and hopefully begin the process that could lead to the downfall of the Soviet Union. After joining wealthy political activist Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts) and CIA Agent Gust Avrakotos (Phillip Seymour Hoffman), Wilson begins to fund a covert operation to get weapons into Afghanistan.

"Wilson's War" is at its best when the actors are given the spotlight. The cast is varied, from the sexist, alcoholic Wilson, to the blunt and loud Avrakotos. It's interesting to watch this behind-the-scenes look at these real life characters because they act nothing like you'd expect them to.

Of course, when you have a cast that includes Tom Hanks and Phillip Seymour Hoffman, the acting is going to be top notch. Although this movie ends up being about Wilson, neither Hanks nor Hoffman steal the show, putting in equally impressive performances. Roberts does a good job herself, but in the presence of Hanks, some

of her scenes come across a bit flat.

What was surprising about "Wilson's War" was its pacing. Not once did I find myself wondering how much time was left, and with a movie that's 98 percent politics and 2 percent action, that's an accomplishment. The subject matter is interesting and the dialogue surprisingly funny. I laughed more times during this than I have at some comedies. The script was able to deliver its message without being vague or heavy handed. It was this perfect balance that allowed "Wilson's War" to move effortlessly from start to finish.

Some of Nichols's choices in terms of style left me puzzled. What was bothersome was the use of actual footage of the war intercut with the few scenes of battle he filmed. While it was interesting to see real clips, there was an obvious difference in

quality between the real footage and the filmed scenes. In some instances, Nichols would quickly cut back and forth between real and staged shots. While it might have sounded like a good idea, it came across as fake, often being more distracting rather than enhancing the experience.

Although they took up small parts of the film, these scenes were poorly done. In fact, they could've been cut from the film and I wouldn't miss them.

Don't let the political nature of "Wilson's War" fool you. The movie is anything but boring. It's informative, funny, and has an important message that can be applied to issues currently facing us. With theaters packed with films about treasure hunters and aliens blowing stuff up, "Wilson's War" is a very much needed breath of fresh air.



Photos from Yahoo! Movies
Phillip Seymour Hoffman adds another great performance to his already hefty resume as CIA Agent Gust Avrakotos in "Charlie Wilson's War."



Photo from Rolling Stone

The Pixies' Frank Black performs at Lollapalooza in 2005. Artists such as OK Go, Mogwai, They Might Be Giants, British Sea Power and Joy Zipper contributed to the 15-track "Dig For Fire" tribute.

Various Artists "Dig For Fire: A Tribute to the Pixies"



★★★★☆

The Pixies are one of the most influential bands in modern music. They got their start over 20 years ago and have perfected a style of alternative rock that is still copied and expanded upon. The band's songs started soft, built up in the middle, then cooled back down to leave listeners wanting more.

As influential as the band has been, a surprising number of people don't know who the Pixies are. Many of their songs may be familiar: "Monkey Gone To Heaven," "Wave of Mutilation" and "Where is My Mind?" are still played on alternative rock stations, and the last was used during the dramatic final scene in the movie "Fight Club."

Nonetheless, the Pixies' influential power cannot be denied in the rock music world, and 15

bands, including OK Go, Mogwai, They Might Be Giants and British Sea Power, have contributed their versions of classic Pixies songs to this album.

If you're already a fan of the Pixies, then "Dig For Fire" is a must. "Wave of Mutilation" by Joy Zipper and "Gouge Away" by Mogwai rival the greatness of the originals.

This album also can be considered as something to tide your ears over until the first Pixies album since 1991 is eventually released. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

If you're not a fan of The Pixies, then what are you waiting for? Here are some contemporary bands that you may already have on your iPod screaming for you to listen to one of their favorite bands through their beautiful covers.

For Fans of: The Pixies, The White Stripes or Sonic Youth.

— Radio X staff

This week's top Radio X album plays:

- 1. MXPX "Secret Weapon"
- 2. Foo Fighters "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace"
- 3. Beirut "The Flying Club Cup"
- 4. Band of Horses "Cease to Begin"
- 5. HIJK "The Pen and The Letter"
- 6. Scary Kids Scaring Kids "Scary Kids Scaring Kids"
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- 7. "The Way I Are" Timbaland
- 8. "Tattoo" Jordln Sparks
- 9. "Hate That I Love You" Rihanna
- 10. "Crank That" Soulja Boy Tell 'em

Angels & Airwaves "I-Empire"



★★★★☆

In 2006, Tom Delonge of Blink-182 fame promised the album of the decade in regards to his Angels & Airwaves debut "We Don't Need to Whisper." That disc failed to deliver — but perhaps the world was not ready for Angels & Airwaves? Or maybe Delonge's band simply isn't any good?

Their new effort, "I-Empire," could hopefully answer those questions. If Angels & Airwaves is truly a band to remember this decade by, surely their second effort would be beyond amazing. It isn't.

"I-Empire" starts off strong with the song "Call To Arms," but the next 12 tracks don't bring anything exciting. It's nearly an hour long, and you've heard the best it has to offer by the five minute point. Good luck next time, Tom.

For fans of: Valient Thorr, Led Zeppelin.

The Epochs "The Epochs"



★★★★☆

A self-released debut record of this quality is hard to come by. The Epochs are from Brooklyn, and they've probably created one of the coolest pop albums in the history of the universe. Their self-titled release includes lots of electronica and strange instruments, and with the soft vocals, it makes for possibly the best progressive pop record since OK Go's self-titled album.

Expect huge things from these guys in the upcoming year.

For fans of: OK Go or Fujiya & Miyagi

The Raveonettes "Lust Lust Lust"



★★★★☆

Holy crap! My Bloody Valentine has been talking about coming back from a 15 year hiatus, but who knew they

would change their name to the Raveonettes.

OK, so the Raveonettes are not actually My Bloody Valentine, but there are a lot of similarities to Valentine in the band's third album.

"Lust Lust Lust" features boy and girl vocals over simple, slightly distorted guitar chords and even simpler drum beats.

For fans of: My Bloody Valentine, Slowdive or Sigur Rós

moe.

"Sticks and Stones"



★★★★☆

moe. is an incredibly interesting band. They've been making music for 18 years, and most of their fans aren't much older. They've taken the idea of a concert and created new experiences with their live winter shows "snoe.down" and they've sailed through the Caribbean on the "moe. Cruise."

For old fans of moe., you haven't heard any of the songs on "Sticks and Stones," because

they've never been played live. And for those of you who have never heard of moe., they're a great jam band from New York who use all sorts of strange instruments to make very cool, relaxing music.

For fans of: Widespread Panic, Phish or Dave Matthews Band

This Will Destroy You "This Will Destroy You"



★★★★☆

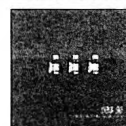
Instrumental music may be hard to enjoy for a lot of people, but for those with an open mind, an entire world of mystery and intrigue awaits you in the tremendous genre called "post-rock." There are no choruses and verses—only continuous power and emotion.

This Will Destroy You will take you on a 51-minute journey, although this album isn't going to destroy you, literally, like the band's name suggests. However, it might get you to

think differently, in a more epic fashion, for nearly an hour.

For fans of: Explosions in the Sky or Mogwai

Say Hi "The Wishes and The Glitch"



★★★★☆


The name Say Hi just doesn't have the same charm that Eric Elbogen's former alias had (Say Hi To Your Mom). But Elbogen says he wants to lose the "teenage potty humor" and with it came a new name.

The sound is mostly the same, but still seems grown up, just like the name of the band. Say Hi is mostly simple, easy-listening indie rock. Hopefully "The Wishes and The Glitch" is the album that sends them to the top of the charts.

For fans of: Nada Surf, Stars or The Thermals

— Reviews courtesy of the Radio X staff

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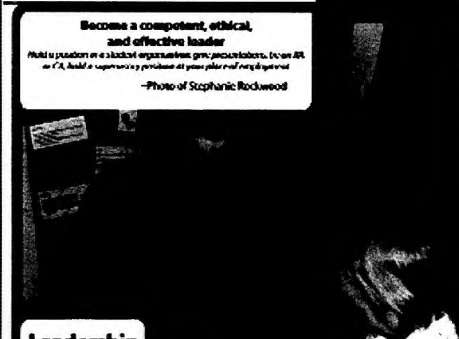
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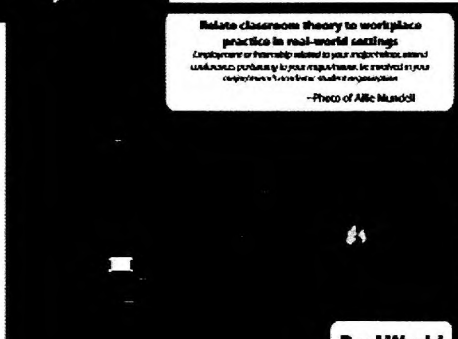
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Wildcats prepare for CCHA battles

by KYLE WHITNEY
sports editor

During NMU's winter break, things began looking up for the NMU hockey team. After a difficult 1-8 start to the year, the Wildcats had clawed their way back to respectability. In the past month, they went 1-0-1 against Michigan Tech, split a pair of games in the Denver Cup tournament (falling to Dartmouth and beating Sacred Heart), and split a home series with Notre Dame, the reigning CCHA regular season champions.

"I had been really happy with our play ever since that first nine-game stretch," NMU head coach Walt Kyle said. "Since the Miami series (on Nov. 3) we haven't

been swept throughout that whole stretch. The guys have played well, grown and responded."

Then NMU (9-14-1 overall, 6-10-0 CCHA) ran into the Wayne State Warriors, a 3-15-2 squad currently struggling through their final season in NCAA hockey. The squad marched into the Berry Events Center last weekend and swept the 'Cats, 4-1 and 3-2.

Despite the fact that NMU was confident, they may not have been as prepared as they should have been.

"Our confidence, I guess, really didn't help us out," sophomore NMU forward Ray Kaunisto said. "We just weren't mentally prepared, as we should have been with any team in the nation. They just

came out and they wanted it more than we did."

Kyle called the series a "tremendous disappointment" and felt that although the games were non-conference, his team lost a lot of momentum and must work to regain composure.

"We had created some serious momentum, we were playing well, we had a lot of those wins in other buildings and then we had an opportunity to play at home in front of our fans," he said. "Instead, we lay two eggs and now we have to spend a week where I'm not happy and things aren't pleasant around here."

Stewie's return

With 12 games remaining, the Wildcats are currently two-thirds of the way through their regular season schedule.

Over the course of a full college hockey season, unexpected things tend to happen. Kyle said that one of the most surprising aspects of this season has been the early inconsistency at the goalie position.

After a shaky start to the year, sophomore Brian Stewart gave way to freshman Reid Ellingson, who has started eight games this year while collecting a .893 save percentage and a 2.96 goals against average.

"Early in the year, I don't know if [Stewart] was properly prepared," Kyle said. "I think he just kind of assumed that he was there, he was the guy returning and that he was going to be the starter."

The coach added that Stewart has turned his play around, though, and the sophomore has since regained his starting role.

Since the beginning of December, Stewart has started seven games and is 3-

NMU over the break			
12-14	MTU	T	1-1
12-15	MTU	W	2-0
12-28	Dartmouth*	L	1-4
12-29	Sacred Heart*	W	5-2
1-4	Notre Dame	W	2-1
1-5	Notre Dame	L	1-2
1-11	Wayne State	L	1-4
1-12	Wayne State	L	2-3

Home Away

*at the Denver Cup Tournament



Amanda Shellnut/NW

NMU forward Mark Olver has his shot blocked by Warrior goalie Mike Devoney. In two games against NMU, Devoney allowed three goals on 57 shots while earning his first career victories.

Northern skiers glide to key victory

by GORDON BEEDLE
associate sports editor

The winter break may have been a vacation for some NMU students but the men's and women's ski teams where hardly relaxing.

The team had only 10 days off before returning to training on Dec. 28 in order to prepare for the U.S. National Ski Tournament in Houghton, Mich. from Jan. 2-6.

The tournament is scored through two events with men's and women's freestyle and classic scores combining for an overall championship winner.

With the top score of 909, Northern Michigan won the tournament for the second straight year. Behind NMU was runner-up Middlebury, with 877, and third-place Dartmouth with 857.

Among the 27 teams and 450 skiers were some of the top skiers in the nation. The NMU women's team finished second with a total score of 466 and for the first time, the NMU men finished first in the race with 443.

"We had some really good results and we had some results that we know can be better," said head coach Sten Fjeldheim.

NMU skied to the top of the championship standings, as four skiers placed well in both the freestyle and classic events. Martin Banerud, a sophomore, was third among college athletes in each race.

While seniors Morgan Smyth and Maria Stuber both

placed in the top 10 twice, Laura DeWitt, a sophomore ended in the top 15.

Also finishing well for the 'Cats was senior Gus Keading, who finished 50th in the classical with a 45:14.

"Gus Kaeding, I think, had his best race ever," Fjeldheim said.

Keading said these races were among his best finishes but that everyone was more focused on how the entire team did rather than on individual scores.

"It's not the most important race for us, but it is the hardest and biggest," he said. "It's probably the most important race in the United States because this is how the world cup team is picked."

Fjeldheim said the men's and the women's team had huge improvements and they're pleased with the turnout.

"I think we did really well. We lost a lot of skiers (after last year) and we got a lot of young skiers so I think we did well but we also can do better," Smyth said.

Smyth qualified for European competition in Poland later this month with the U.S. team at the U-23 World Championships along with teammate Kevin Cutts who was selected to the U.S. Junior World Championship.

"Qualifying was exciting for me. It was the highlight of the week," she said.

Smyth went to the World Championships last year and finished eighth in the sprint race. This year, she is looking to finish in the top five, she said.

Also during the weekend, the U.S. Cross Country Ski

Championship took place on January 6 in Houghton and former NMU skiers Lindsey (Weier) Dehlin and Lindsay Williams pulled off an upset victory in the sprinting race for the U.S. National Ski Team.

Just one year out of college Dehlin and Williams completed the six-lap team sprint where each skier alternated on the 1.3-kilometer course in 21:24.

The two beat Rossignol's Karen Camenisch and Martina Stursova by six seconds.

Fjeldheim said that when Williams got the final exchange, she looked over and realized that she was neck-and-neck with the current national cup winner from Russia. Williams then pulled ahead.

"It brought a lot of team spirit. [Williams] trains with us all fall and summer so it was really inspiring," he said.

The next race for NMU is the Supertour, which initially was to be held in Colraine, Minn. Due to a forecast of dangerously low temperatures, the event has been moved to Marquette.

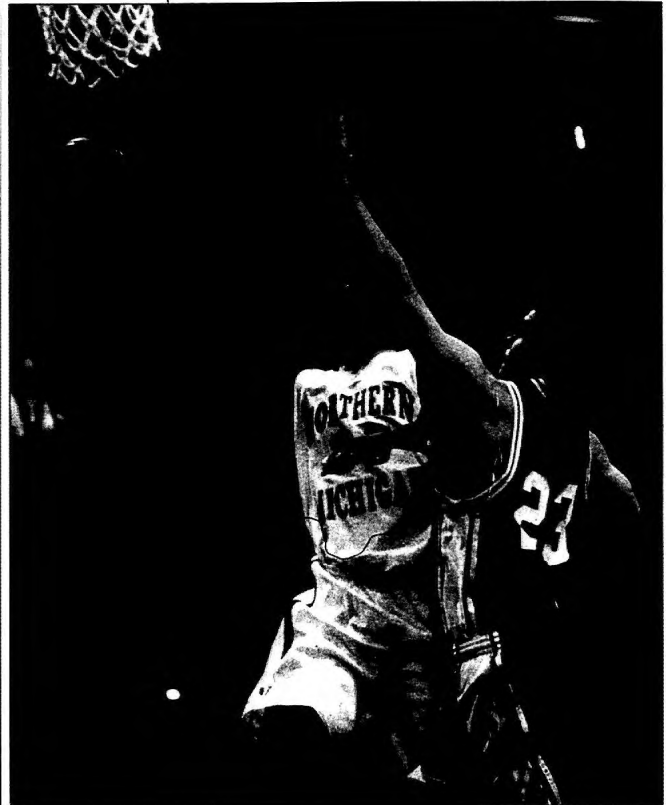
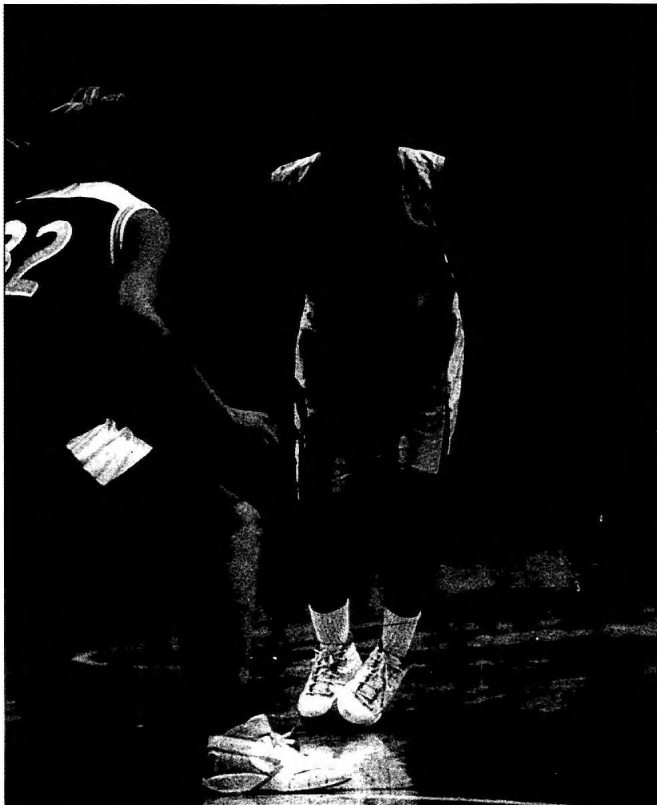
Temperatures must be at least -4 degrees and the predicted high for Minnesota this weekend is -10, Fjeldheim said.

The race will now begin at the Forestville Trailhead of the Noqueaman trails on Jan. 19-20 at 1 p.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively.

"Being at home is going to be a big advantage because we won't have to travel. We'll be able to sleep in our own beds and we know these trails," said Fjeldheim. "But we are still going to try and compete to our best."

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Northern basketball takes no breaks



photos by Spencer Bouchard/NW

This season, LeShawn Lambert (34) and Jerard Ajami (30) have helped to lead their respective teams this season. The women went 4-4 over break, while the men had a 2-7 record.

Northern women excel on court | Ellis' team loses seven games

by CARSON LEMAHIEU
assistant sports editor

The NMU women's basketball team ended a successful winter break on a sour note, Saturday, losing by one point in overtime to Northwoods University.

The 'Cats came into the game with a 4-1 record over the winter break, with the only loss coming in a two point game against pre-season Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) favorite Grand Valley State University.

"I'm impressed with how the team played over break but the losses were disappointing," head coach Troy Mattson said. "The two losses went down to the last play; it's disappointing, but the progress of the team is what is important."

In Saturday's game the Wildcats (7-8 overall, 2-5 GLIAC) battled the Northwoods Timberwolves (12-2 overall, 5-1 GLIAC) in a back and forth game that saw the lead change hands 11 times.

NMU took a six-point lead with 4:22 left in the game before the Timberwolves went on a 6-0 scoring run, capped by Sarah Golwacki's game tying three pointer with six seconds left in the game. In overtime the 'Cats failed to maintain the lead and were outscored by one point.

"It's always heart breaking to lose close games," Senior Allison Carroll said.

NMU kicked off its play over break with a pair of wins over Marygrove College and Upper Peninsula foe Finlandia in the MTU Women's Basketball Classic. Winning by a score of 91-42 over Finlandia on the first day of the tournament and defeating Marygrove 88-20 on the second day.

The 'Cats jumped on Finlandia early and

had a 48-13 point lead at halftime. The Wildcats were led by sophomore Angie Leckson, who scored her first career double-double in the game.

NMU continued the trend of starting quickly the next night against Marygrove, holding the opponent to only seven points in the first half. The quick starts in these games allowed Mattson to play younger players who haven't seen extended minutes in games so far this season.

"I like the future of the team. Everyone is coming back next year except LaShawn (Lambert) and Allison. Our young players have looked good so far, and we have a strong recruiting class for next year," Mattson said.

NMU will continue the season this weekend as they look to improve their conference record by taking on two GLIAC teams at home. The 'Cats are currently tied for the last spot in the GLIAC tournament.

"Right now what is important for us is getting into the [GLIAC tournament]. We know the potential of this team, and I think other teams know our potential," Mattson said. "We aren't a team that other teams in the conference would like to be playing in the first round."

On Saturday, the Wildcats will take on Wayne State (6-7 overall, 2-4 GLIAC). On Sunday they will face Hillsdale (12-2 overall), 5-1 GLIAC).

by CURT KEMP
editor-in-chief

The NMU men's basketball team and its players have gone through more than a handful of problems this season. The list isn't a long one, but it is daunting.

1. Lose the starting point guard to start the season.
2. Lose the backup point guard weeks later
3. Experience issues with team depth
4. Start the season 0-8.
5. Play the No. 3 team in the nation—twice in three days—and play the No. 2 team four days later.

The team's first win finally came on Dec. 8 against conference-rival Michigan Tech.

One week later, the first semester of classes at NMU was complete, and the 'Cats began the most difficult portion of their schedule.

During the winter break, the Wildcats played then No. 3 ranked South Dakota in a tournament hosted by Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. and two days later played South Dakota on their home court.

The Wildcats spent seven games on the road, with their only home game coming against then No. 2 ranked Grand Valley State.

Throughout the month-long break, the

'Cats received little holiday spirit, going 1-7 and pushing their record to 2-13 overall and 2-5 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). Despite only two wins, the Wildcats are only 2.5 games behind the GLIAC North's second-place team, Northwood University, and remain in the thick of the conference hunt.

"One great thing right now is that the GLIAC North is up for grabs - except for Grand Valley who is running away from everybody," NMU men's basketball head coach Dean Ellis said. "But, everybody else is essentially in a tie for second, and the second place team hosts the GLIAC tournament."

Ellis hopes that the Wildcats can repeat as the second-place finisher in the GLIAC North, and added that the team's schedule at the beginning of the year features probably the second-most-difficult schedule in the GLIAC, behind that of Michigan Tech.

"We played the second toughest schedule and we have seven home games left, so things will start to even out just because of that - and it's fairly even right now," Ellis said. "We're going to give everything we have to get into second position and hold it."

The Wildcats, despite only two wins on the season, have not lost faith in themselves and their teammates.

"They've just dealt with everything and come in every day and work hard in practice and work hard to get ready for games," Ellis said. "They're an amazing group."

According to the coach, the men will reap the benefits of being positive later in the season.

"It'll end up paying off somehow. It's

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NMU over the break			
Men's			
12-8	MTU	W	61-51
12-15	@ Ashland	L	64-73
12-17	@ St. Norbert	L	59-59
12-27	@ S. Dakota	L	49-71
12-28	@ Augustana	L	66-75
12-30	@ S. Dakota	L	55-92
1-3	GVSU	L	55-83
1-10	@ SVSU	W	73-56
1-12	@ Northwood	L	55-69
Women's			
12-8	MTU	L	61-74
12-15	@ Ashland	L	53-56
12-26	@ Finlandia	W	91-42
12-30	@ Marygrove	W	88-20
1-3	Wayne State	W	91-33
1-10	@ SVSU	W	73-56
1-12	@ Northwood	L	62-58

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give him some more experience and to give Stewart some valuable rest down the stretch.

The home stretch

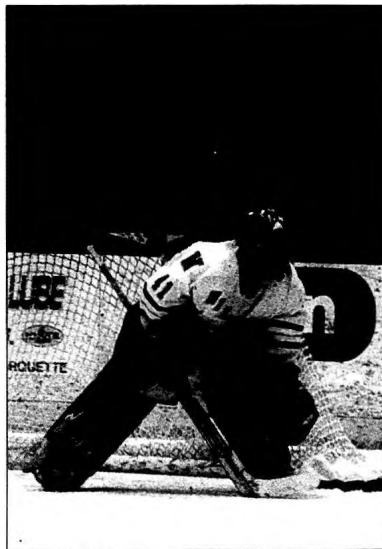
In the next five weeks, the Wildcats will take on a collection of CCHA foes. The gauntlet will serve as a serious test for the team. The 'Cats will start this weekend by heading south to take on the Ferris State Bulldogs. In the following five weeks, they will play Ohio State and No. 1 Michigan on the road. At home, they will face off with No. 7 Michigan State and the cross-country rival Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks. NMU will wrap up the regular season with a home-and-home series against the Lake Superior State Lakers.

The Wildcats are currently in ninth place in the CCHA, but are within three points of fifth place. And while all CCHA teams make it into the season-ending conference tournament, the final placement matters. The top four teams will receive a first-round playoff bye and the next four teams will host first-round games.

"It's huge. We've got to win all of our home games, I feel," Stewart said. "I've just got to keep going in there and keep playing strong for the team and doing my job. Hopefully, the rest takes care of itself."

The current NMU team is composed largely of underclassmen that have little experience in college hockey, let alone a season-ending stretch with playoff implications. The older players have been trying to impart the urgency of the situation on their teammates.

"It's hard to relay the message across to some of the younger guys," NMU junior forward Nick Sirota said. "It's hard to kind of teach the freshmen how important it is to get home-ice advantage and to try to climb up the standings as much as we can."



Amanda Shellnut/NW

NMU sophomore Brian Stewart has worked to turn his game around after a rough start to the season.

The older guys are going to have to try to continue to remind them of how important it is to get as many wins as we can in the CCHA."

Although the Wayne State loss may have hobbled the Wildcats' confidence, Kyle said that the team has a chance to determine its own fate and should need no help getting mentally prepared this week.

"Players have an obligation to get themselves ready to play. I think that, as a coach, you want people who have pride in how they perform and pride in how their team performs. We hope we have those guys here and I would think that they understand that."

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hard to tell right now, but stuff will happen, and we'll be saying, 'It's because they handled a difficult part of the season great and now they're getting rewarded,'" Ellis said. "I don't know exactly when that's going to be, but it'll happen."

Much of the team's positivity comes from senior guard Jake Suardini, Ellis said, adding that:

"This whole group has yet to be down or disappointed enough that it affects their play. Nobody likes losing, but Jake's been a big factor in keeping everybody

in the right frame of mind," Ellis said. "And I don't know if that's easy to do as a senior because your career is winding down quickly - and in our case, we're losing more than winning."

To help Suardini, and keep him from hitting his 36.5 minutes per game mark, the Wildcats will have point-guard Ryan Reichel back in the lineup on Saturday. After weeks out of the lineup with a hand injury, Reichel will be back for the 'Cats when they host a GLIAC conference game against Wayne State University at the Berry Events Center. The addition of a true point guard like

Reichel can only help the depth-strived Wildcats.

NMU's coach said that Wayne State was dealing with depth issues, as well, and that having to play against Michigan Tech two nights before they visit NMU might work to the 'Cats advantage.

"They play at Tech on Thursday and we don't play until Saturday, so that can be a positive, especially when we're on our home court," Ellis said. "They've got problems with depth, and they keep the tempo up and their pressure up, so it'll be interesting to see whose lack of depth is a factor in the game."

USOEC

NMU boxing program down for the count

The United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC) boxing program is officially no more. Due to state budget cuts to the university the USOEC had to terminate the program because it did not have the funding to continue in the winter of 2008.

Jeff Kleinschmidt, the director of the USOEC said the program officially ended on Dec. 15, 2007.

He also stated that the USOEC has located a possible alternate funding from USA boxing located in Colorado Springs but due to internal governing politics within the entity USOEC boxing was unable to get the funding for this semester, he said.

"We will not have a boxing program this semester," Kleinschmidt said, "But we are optimistic it could be back as soon as the fall."

Al Mitchell, the head coach of the boxing program, is still employed until January 31. Just three athletes of the 13 members of the team stayed to finish their degrees. One athlete stayed for personal reasons, while the other nine went on to pursue other interests.

Kleinschmidt said he hopes the program can overcome this obstacle, still be a strong program and recruit successful Olympic prospects in the future.

—Gordon Beedle

Home/Away	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Men's			Wayne St. 3 p.m. Berry	Hillsdale 4 p.m. Berry
Women's			Wayne St. 1 p.m. Berry	Hillsdale 2 p.m. Berry
Skating			Superior Forestville Trailhead	Superior Forestville Trailhead
Swimming			St. Norbert Green Bay 2 p.m.	
Hockey		Ferris State 7 p.m. Big Rapids, Mich.	Ferris State 8 p.m. Big Rapids, Mich.	

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



On Jan. 19, the NMU volleyball team will be holding an open tryout for remaining roster positions for the 2008 season. Registration for the tryout, which will become an annual event, according to head coach Dominic Yoder, will begin at 11 a.m.

In order to participate, an athlete must meet the criteria of a high school senior who is on track to graduate in May and exhausted high school eligibility, junior college transfer, four-year transfer who has a release from their current university or a current student enrolled at Northern Michigan.

Bring any equipment that you need to play volleyball, as well as a copy of your high school transcripts, test scores and a current physical taken within the last six months.

If interested, send an e-mail to assistant volleyball coach Kristin Slamer at kslamer@nmu.edu and include your name and position. Recruiting for the 2008 season will be complete following the tryout.

Swimmers dive back into competition

The Northern Michigan University Swimming and Diving team will resume the 2007-2008 season Saturday, Jan. 19 against St. Norbert College. The Wildcats have not been in action since last semester.

"The season is going well," head coach Bob Laughna said. "Everyone is doing well and is upbeat about the rest of the season." NMU had a rough start to the year, losing all four contests at the St. Cloud State University Double Duals on Oct. 19-20, but bounced back with a six-point victory over Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) foe Hillsdale College at home on Nov. 17.

The 'Cats finished up the 2007 portion of their schedule at the Eastern Michigan Invitational where Northern finished eighth of 10 teams.

The winter break did not stop the training for the NMU swimmers, though, as the team stayed in Marquette to practice.

"Some of us stayed in a hotel to stay up here during the break," said sophomore Sarah Van Oon. "Coach Laughna cooked dinner for us every night."

The swimmers will start their season in the pool, practicing six days a week.

TODAY, JAN. 17

Academic: Last day to register for May graduation.

Event: IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 6-10 p.m. in the Pioneer A and B Rooms of the University Center.

Event: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-10 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

Event: First Aid Productions will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Event: Swing Dance Club will meet from 7-11 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Event: Victory Over Death will meet from 7-10 p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

Event: The exhibit "reGeneration: 50 Photographers of Tomorrow" will be on display in the Devos Art Museum all day. Admission is free.

FRI., JAN. 18

Event: Rod Slemmons will present "Photography without Boundaries" at 4 p.m. in West Science Lecture Hall B.

Event: Jewish Student Union's Shabbat Dinners will be from 6-9 p.m. in the Pioneer A & B Rooms of the University Center.

Event: Nancy Redfern to perform a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall. Admission is free.

SAT., JAN. 19

Event: The Falun Dafa Club will meet from 1-3 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Film: "Dan in Real Life" (PG-13) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

SUN., JAN. 20

Event: NMU Paranormal Research Team will meet from 5-7 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

Event: Upper Peninsula Scale Modelers will meet from 6-9 p.m. in the Ontario Room of the University Center.

Film: "Dan in Real Life" (PG-13) will show at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Event: Victory Over Death will meet at 6 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Event: Latin Dance Club will

meet from 7-9 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

MON., JAN. 21

Event: Steppin' Out Dance Club will be meeting from 6:30-11 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Event: NMU Cuong-Nhu Oriental Martial Arts Club will meet from 6:45-9:15 p.m. in the Pioneer B Room of the University Center.

TUES., JAN. 22

Event: The Waterfront Restaurant, located on the corner of Lakeshore Boulevard and Washington Street, will hold its grand opening from 3-5 p.m.

Academic: Last day to drop a class to reduce course load for a 100% refund.

Event: The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning will offer a tour of Pioneer Surgical Technology from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$4 for NCLL members and \$7 for nonmembers. To register, contact class liaison Jim Matteson at 228-4165 by Friday Jan. 18.

Event: NMU International Dance Club will meet from 6:30-

11 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Event: Indoor soccer for 6 to 8 year olds at the YMCA from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:45-6:45 p.m. for 9 to 11 year olds. The cost for members is \$38 and \$76 for non-members.

WED., JAN. 23

Event: Superior Edge orientation will begin at 5 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Event: "Cold War and International Politics," a lecture presented by Ruud Van Dijk, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Whitman Commons. Admission is free.

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Shout Outs

Roomate — It's good to be back. I would like to eat Oreos and study for five minutes with you again sometime soon. — **Other Roomate**

Mom and Dad — I've been living on lasagna all week. Without it, I'm not sure I would have lasted this long. — **Lacking Culinary Skills**

PEIF — This is the beginning of our love/hate relationship. I think right now it's love. — **Physically Unfit**

France — I'm looking forward to tomorrow. — **Guess**

Spain — Sorry I skipped out on you twice. I'll try and be better. — **Horrible Planmaker**

Dramatic Monologue — You'll be taking up most of my weekend. Consider yourself lucky. — **Student**

China — Traveling abroad should be way easier. Way way easier. — **Not in China**

Life — I'll see you this summer. — **Too busy for you**

Soda Pop — I miss you. Maybe we can get together sometime? How does this weekend sound? Just don't tell my diet. — **Needs to Lose Freshman 20**

Homework — Seriously, it's only the first week. What are you doing here already? — **Stressed Out Student**

Cloverfield — Oh man, I'm so excited for this Friday, almost as excited as I am for Rambo! Just don't be bad, like Rambo bad. — **Super Excited Movie Nerd**

Pizza Hut — Thanks. — **Hungry NW Staff**

Ash Berken — I'm going to shoot my freaking face off. — **Admirer of your always-entertaining death threats**

Susan — Where the F are you? — **ME**

Rach — Hopefully I didn't lose the mail key. This really just ruins my life. — **Roommate**

Cassandra — I enjoyed deciphering and brainstorming with you tonight. — **Jamie**

Becky — Thanks for all the reassurance. I never get sick of it. — **Jamreed**

Cupcake — Seriously. Get here. <3 — **ME**

Nicole — I'm going to miss you a terrible amount. How am I going to live? — **Needs you to breathe**

Becky — We are going to miss you so much! Have a blast in Thailand. — **NW Staff**

Ashley — Great job tonight. Don't be too hard on yourself. It can only get better from here. — **NW Staff**

Skippy — Thursday night. 'Nuff said. — **Paper C**

Copy editors — Next week I will bring some gold stars. — **Heather**

Aaron Rodgers — PUT 'ER IN THE OLE VICE!! — **Brett Favre**

NY Giants — I need a big win out of you this week. Put tears in those cheese-head's beers. — **Shane**

Dan — Don't ever get a job. I like you living your life like a piece of furniture. — **Shane**

Dan — I agree with Shane. Your life now is so much fun. It makes Shane and I feel like real members of the working world. — **Curt**

Dan — Wash the dishes, vacuum the floor and generally keep mine and Shane's apartment clean while we're at work. We'll let you stay there under you can get on your feet. — **Curt**

Alex — As the official fourth roommate, I think it's your responsibility to keep Dan in check. He's got an attitude now with this whole "I graduated" thing. — **Curt**

Staff — I was really worried about tonight, and you came through in flying colors. Let's keep that up for the rest of the semester. — **EIC**

NE — Don't take everything to heart. You can make your section great, but it's not going to happen overnight. — **EIC**

ME — Don't fret. It gets better. — **EIC**

Dale K — Kyle's innocent. Use your kid gloves. — **EIC**

Berken — Your laughs build self-esteem in the office, especially at the Features desk. — **EIC**

Snow Days



Susan Page

The Assassin Sessions



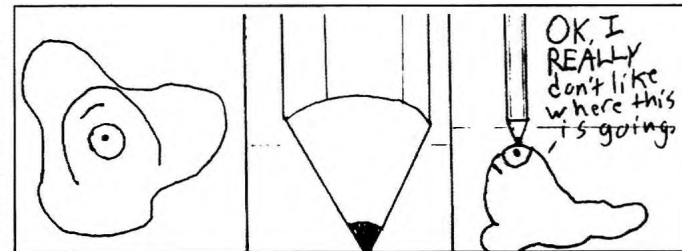
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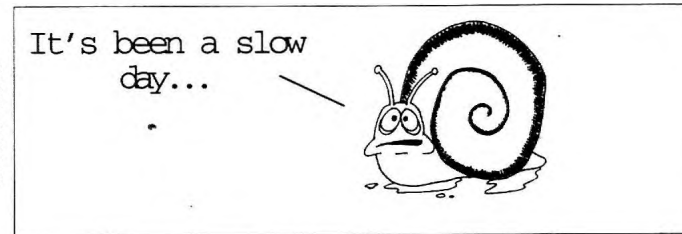
David Ostrenga Jr.

Creative Diarrhea



Alex Stevens

Snail's Tales



NW Staff

Snyder — Your band can beat up my band. But, that said, my band has way better humor, and they're way more elitist. — **Curt**

Nyman & Snyder — You two need to talk about music and movies in another room. The office can't hold that sort of love fest. — **Curt**

Daano — I heart you. — **CDN**

Travis — Welcome to our dysfunctional family. — **EIC**

Stark — Enjoy the break and good luck finding another job. — **Boss**

NW — Here we go again. — **Staff**

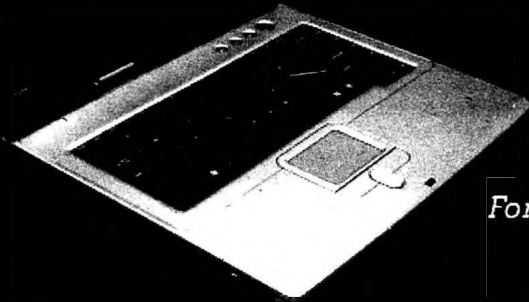
Pot — It's been awhile. — **Dead Sober**

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