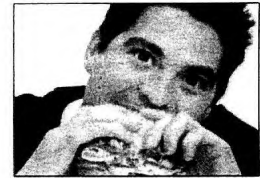


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## NMU student named '08 state delegate

by CARSON LEMAHIEU  
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Many NMU students enjoy video games, "Family Guy" and Taco Bell more than gubernatorial races and delegate counts, but NMU sophomore Mitch Foster would rather talk about politics.



FOSTER

Foster, a 19-year-old NMU student, recently attended the Michigan State Republican Convention in Lansing as the second-youngest delegate. Foster said the experience was a daunting, but rewarding one.

"When I first stepped onto the bus (to go to Lansing) I looked around and I thought 'this is scary,'" Foster said. "On the first day I was so scared because I was elected a teller to help run the caucus. The second day at the state convention, a lady who had been going down for years took me

around and I got introduced to a lot of people involved in the state party and the national party."

Foster said he got involved in the Republican Party at a young age through his father and grandfather who were both heavily involved in politics in Foster's home city of Big Rapids.

"My whole family has been Republicans except for my mom. She's from Rhode Island so she is liberal on a lot of ideas," Foster said. "My family is business-oriented and most of the ideas that the conservatives have put forth help out the business person."

Foster was elected to the Republican Convention because of his involvement on campus Republicans and the Marquette County Republicans. He is also the coordinator of the Michigan Republican Party and had actually campaigned in Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

Foster said the Michigan Convention is split into two days. The first day consists of dividing into district areas and making decisions for each county's Republican Party. On the second day of the convention, the dele-

gates decide on the party's platform and choose representatives for the National Convention in Denver this summer.

"I actually came within two votes of getting nominated to be a national delegate," Foster said.

Foster is not the only one on NMU's campus who has been heavily involved in politics throughout this year's primary elections. With 18-30 year olds making up approximately 25 percent of the eligible voters in the last election, according to the Youth Vote Coalition, members of both parties nationwide are working hard to energize young voters prior to November's election.

On Northern's campus, the College Republicans and College Democrats have taken up the task of getting other Northern students involved in the political process.

"Right now our big focus is on voter registration," said Marcella Krupski, president of the College Democrats at NMU. "We don't care if they are Republicans or Democrats, we just want as many students registered as possible."

College Republican President Kyle Bonini echoed Krupski's comments about the need to energize students on campus and get them active in politics.

"I hope that young voters show up to the polls and vote in record numbers in the 2008 election. I know that both sides, Republican and Democrat, hope for increased

a look at Senator Obama, they will gravitate toward Senator McCain because of his years of experience and vision for the future of America," he said.

Foster said he likes the youth movement being shown in this year's election and hopes that it brings about changes in the Republican Party in the near future.

"I just want George Bush, John McCain, Dick Cheney, Arlen Specter and all the other old guys to be done," he said.

Foster added that he still supports McCain as the Republican nominee even though he is a member of the so called "old guard" Republicans.

"Republicans saying they aren't going to vote for McCain are only a non-vote is a vote for Hillary or Obama," Foster said. "Eventually your vote isn't going to count and you aren't going to be in charge at all and then you won't have any voice."

**I actually came within two votes of getting nominated to be a national delegate.**

**- Mitch Foster, sophomore, political science and economics major**

participation," Bonini said.

The NMU College Republicans know they are preparing for a daunting fight if current front-runner Barack Obama, who is attracting the majority of youth support, according to CNN, wins the Democratic nomination. Bonini said he is not yet worried about Obama's early influence over college-aged voters.

Graphic by Chad Casper/NMU

## Group formed to help part time faculty

by CLAIRE ABENT  
assistant news editor

Adjunct English professor Jason Markle has two master's degrees and teaches two courses a semester at Northern. He also has a wife, four kids, a mortgage, increasing credit card debt and student loans to pay back. Even combined with his wife's salary, as an adjunct professor he barely makes enough to live paycheck to paycheck. He is hoping that the Coalition for Contingent Faculty can help change conditions for him and others like him.

The goal of Coalition for Contingent Faculty (CCF) is to gain equality for all educators at NMU. Contingent faculties are those who have term appointments, are adjunct professors or part-time instructors. Term appointments are instructors who are hired for a period of either one, two or three years. Adjuncts and part-time instructors also do not advise students or have to serve on university committees.

On March 14, CCF will host a speaker, David Schaaf, who is a

member of the Bay De Noc Community College Part Time Teachers' Education Association. The presentation, entitled "Organizing Part-Time Faculty at NMU: A Bay De Noc Community College Model," will detail how part-time educators organized to create a bargaining unit. Alan Maki, a labor organizer with 30 years experience, will join Schaaf and present different options for CCF to effectively organize and express their concerns.

The event will also allow attendees to express any concerns or ideas they might have regarding the establishment of such a bargaining unit at NMU, said organizers from the group.

Nationally, 48 percent of college faculty are employed part-time, according to a 2005 report by the U.S. Education Department. In 1975, only 30 percent of college faculty were employed in part-time positions, according to the same report.

But in some colleges in Michigan, contingent faculty make up as much as 73 percent

(University of Michigan) of the instructors, according to a 2006 report by the U.S. Department of Education.

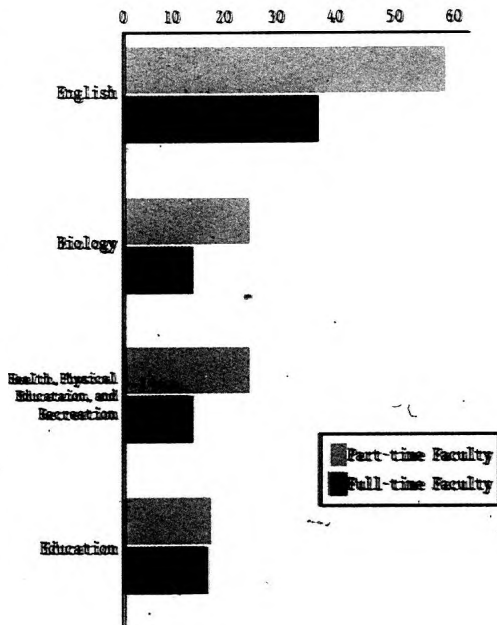
Other universities in Michigan have successfully organized part-time faculty. The University of Michigan accomplished organization of part-time and full-time adjuncts at all three of its campuses in 2003, according to the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), its representative union. Full-time, non-tenure tract faculty at Eastern Michigan University formed a union in 2000, also with the assistance of the AFT.

NMU hires term and adjunct faculty according to enrollment and the faculty-to-student ratio, said Cindy Paavola, NMU Director of Communications and Marketing. In the past two to three years, NMU decided to hire 60 full-time equivalent faculty over a five to six-year period, Paavola said.

National trends in college enrollment are going down, and while this is not the case cur-

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Number of Faculty by Department



**CCF**  
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rently at NMU, the trend is expected to hit the Midwest soon, said Paavola. By hiring more term appointed instructors, if enrollment were to drop dramatically, there would be less layoffs necessary.



" [ T h e PAAVOLA university] is looking at the current situation and future projections and trying to be realistic about both," she said.

Full-time faculty, those who teach at least 12 credits, are part of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), a union for which they pay membership dues. No such bargaining unit exists for part-time faculty at NMU.

However, Committee O, one of the standing committees of the AAUP, has taken an interest in helping contingent faculty reach their goals, said committee head and assistant professor in the history department Rebecca Mead.

The AAUP chapter at NMU has taken notice of the growing trend over the last 15-20 years, both nationally and locally, of hiring part-time, adjunct and other non-tenure track faculty, said Mead.

Last fall, Committee O held a meeting on the challenge of contingent academic labor at NMU, said Mead.

Amber Kinonen, a term-appointed English professor and founding member of CCF said they have four major concerns, although Kinonen does note that conditions for contingent faculty can greatly vary between departments.

The first concern the group expressed is inequities in pay and benefits among contingent faculty, said Kinonen. Adjuncts receive no medical benefits and are paid only per course they instruct, said Mead.

Adjunct faculty do have some benefits, including a tuition scholarship program. This program allows adjunct faculty to enroll in classes free of charge, up to the number of credit hours they are teaching in the semester, according to NMU's human resources department. Adjuncts also can enroll in professional development noncredit courses at no cost with department head approval.

The second concern is a lack of job security for contingent faculty. "For many individuals, the issue is job security; you never know from semester to semester or year to year what is going to happen," said Kinonen.

Another of the group's concerns is the lack of respect, acknowledgment and support that some contingent faculty

receive from their departments, said Kinonen.

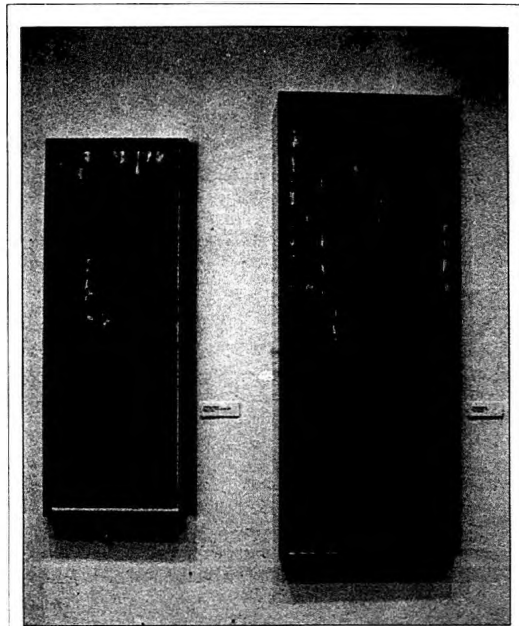
"They can't do things such as go to conferences. They are not given any funding. They're not invited to department meetings. Some individuals don't even have offices or a lot of availability to copy handouts," said Kinonen.

The fourth major concern of CCF is the quality of education delivered to NMU students. Stress caused by job insecurity and inadequate pay can affect performance in the classroom, said Markle.

"Higher pay—pay that is relative to the full-time faculty and reflects my credentials and experience—would alleviate that strain and allow me to focus my attention on what is important: the students and the university," Markle said.

In fall 2007, 214 of the total 536 faculty employed by NMU were considered part-time, according to the Office of Institutional Research. In some departments, however, the ratio of part-time to full-time faculty is vastly different. Of the 91 faculty in the English department in fall 2007, 57 are part-time. The departments of biology and health, physical education and recreation employ 38 total faculty each. Of those 38, 25 in each department are part-time.

Paavola also noted that the university values contingent faculty and that higher level admin-



Julia Woehrer/NW  
**NATURE ART** Charles Palmer's oil on canvas paintings are in the Seven Painters exhibit currently on display in DeVos Art Museum. The paintings will be shown until April 5th.

istration would be more than willing to listen carefully and address any concerns that CCF might have.

"At this point, as far as I know, the coalition has not contacted Academic Affairs or the Provost's office to discuss their issues and concerns," said Paavola.

CCF hopes to make working

conditions better for contingent faculty in the near future. It could not come too soon, said Markle.

"I can't speak for everyone, but I love my job. I love teaching. And this is a great place to teach—but we must be compensated fairly. We are dedicating ourselves to our teaching and to this school—the university needs to recognize this," he said.

**Map Key**

1. On Feb. 27, the front windshield of a vehicle was damaged in Lot 46. There are currently no suspects and it is unknown what caused the damage to the windshield.

2. On March 7, 19-year-old student Russell Fisher was arrested for Minor Operating a Motor Vehicle with any BAC, for having a blood alcohol level of .06. During a search after the arrest, marijuana was found, adding the charge Possession of Marijuana. The passenger of the car who was not a student received an MIP and was released.

3. On March 7, four minors were found consuming alcohol in Halverson Hall. They have been reported to the Dean of Students Office.

4. On March 8, a domestic assault was reported at Lincoln Apartments after a couple got into an argument. An arrest has been made.

**CAMPUS CRIME MAP**



## BRIEFS

## Campus

## ASNMU looking for '08 candidates

ASNMU, NMU's student government, is currently accepting applications for positions for the fall 2008 semester. NMU students may choose to run for one of the following positions: president, vice president, college of arts & science representative, college of professional studies representative, college of business representative, general studies/undeclared representative, graduate studies representative, off-campus representative, down campus representative, up campus representative and on campus apartments representative. Applications are available at the ASNMU office at 1203 in the University Center. Students interested in running must complete the application and rules and regulation form and return it to the office by April 1, said Elissa Kicinski, ASNMU Elections Committee chair and off-campus representative. Kicinski added that applicants can start campaigning as soon as the applications are turned in. Applicants must also attend a Campaign Informational Session to go over the rules, regulations and expectations of elections and campaigning. Sessions will be held Wednesday, March 18 at 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. Candidates must also be approved through the Dean of Students and must be currently registered for a minimum of six credit hours, carry a 2.0 cumulative GPA and be free of disciplinary probation. Kicinski said she encouraged students to apply to be a part of ASNMU. "It's the best outlet for [students] to get their voice heard and make sure something happens and really make a difference at a place that should be really important to them." The ASNMU election will take place Tuesday, April 8.

— Jamie Reed

## Campus

## Powwow to be held at Northern

The Native American Students Association (NASA) will host the 16th annual "Learning to Walk Together" Powwow on March 15 and 16 in the Vandament Arena. The grand entry will begin at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. During the grand entries, the powwow dancers will enter the arena and be announced to the spectators, said Samantha Hill, chairperson for NASA. At 5 p.m. on Saturday, NASA will host a feast featuring traditional American Indian food. During the feast, there will be a hand drum competition and singers from the groups will compete for money prizes, she said. Hill said she advised students who have never attended a powwow before to pay attention to the emcees because they will explain everything that's happening. "The emcee will announce when spectators can enter the arena for Inter-tribal songs, this is when anyone can dance inside the arena," she said. "There are also special songs, such as the two-step, where the audience is encouraged to dance with the head dancers." There will also be a variety of Native arts and crafts vendors at the event. Admission is free to NMU students and \$3 per day or \$5 for a weekend button for the general public. For more information or to volunteer at the event, call 227-1397 or e-mail nasa@nmu.edu.

—Sarah Eberhard

## Campus

## Students need prep before job fair

The Upper Great Lakes Collegiate Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 19 from 1-4 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Students will find roughly 60 employers representing a wide range of fields, including business, non-profit organizations and the U.S. Government. Some 400-500 students are expected to attend, said John Frick, director of Career Services. Frick said students looking to land an internship or a job at this year's fair should be prepared. "Do your homework and get your game plan down before you even walk in the room," Frick said. "Ideally, [students] should come with a resumé and some specific questions." Frick added that it's important for students to dress appropriately for the event. Men should wear a jacket, slacks and tie, and women should opt for a business suit. This year, the student chapter of the American Marketing Association will be on hand at the fair, helping employers set up and take down stands. More importantly, they will be available to answer questions that students might be more comfortable asking a peer. "If you need advice, or just want to talk to someone about options, stop in Career Services, talk to me or any other member of the staff and we'd be glad to help," Frick said. The Career Services Center is located at 3502 C.B. Hedgcock. For a complete list of employers who will be at the fair, students can visit the Career Services Web site at [www.nmu.edu/CareerServices](http://www.nmu.edu/CareerServices) or call 227-2800.

— John Pann



Julia Woehrer/NW

The Public Relations Student Society of America has the Darfur Experience Expo on display in the Academic Mall until Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The display shows photos, statistics and a hut replicating the housing structures in Darfur. The group will also be holding events throughout the month to raise money for Darfur residents.

## Groups raise money for victims in Darfur

by CAMERON WITBECK  
contributing writer

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will host four events this month to raise awareness and funds for the genocide crisis in Darfur.

The next event, the Darfur Experience Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament, will take place on Saturday, March 22 in cooperation with student organizations, The Promoters for Non-Violence and Students Against Silence.

The tournament is one of the events planned for the month of March. The Darfur Experience Ski and Snowboard Competition already took place on Wednesday, March 12. Other events will include the Mr. Wildcat Competition and the Darfur Experience Expo.

The Darfur Experience Expo will finish Friday, March 14, in the Academic Mall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. TCF Bank will provide prizes for the events.

Two hundred thousand people have been killed in the region of Darfur in western Sudan and the proceeds raised during March will go to the current survivors. The conflict stems from religious and cultural differences and competition for land and resources between the major militant factions involved, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) survey.

An estimated 2.5 million people live in refugee camps in the region, according to the United

Nations press release.

Between the end of 2003 and October 2004, nearly 10,000 refugees died every month, according to WHO.

Eric Schmoltdt, a junior accounting major and member of PRSSA, said NMU's chapter of PRSSA was inspired to get involved after attending the PRSSA National Conference and listening to actress Mia Farrow speak about the crisis in Darfur.

**All I know is that innocent people are being slaughtered, and it's a good thing that they are raising awareness.**  
— Kevin Van Coppenolle, sophomore, undeclared major

"She asked for help from every PRSSA chapter, and this is our response," Schmoltdt said.

The goal of the PRSSA and the other student groups is to raise awareness of the crisis, and to provide funds for the organizations helping the people of Darfur, Schmoltdt said.

"We hope to increase people's knowledge of what is happening over there, and we hope to raise more than \$4,000," he added.

The money gathered from all the events will support the Genocide Intervention Network (GIN), and the Darfur Rehabilitation Project. All funds will go to GIN, which provides the people of Darfur in the refugee camps with the necessary

fuel for basic needs like cooking and heat, Schmoltdt said.

The PRSSA looked at several organizations before deciding on GIN and the Darfur Rehabilitation Project.

"We looked for an organization with the lowest overhead administrative expenses. The GIN has 90 percent of its funds going directly towards the people," said Jeron Schmidt, junior entertainment and sports promotion major and president of PRSSA.

The PRSSA worked with the other student groups on campus before deciding on the events to find a way to raise awareness and still maintain interest, Schmidt said.

"We wanted to find a way to reach college students that is fun and entertaining, but still educational, without being stuck in a classroom like we are all week," Schmidt said.

Kevin Van Coppenolle, an undeclared sophomore, is aware of the crisis in Darfur and believes that the attention being drawn to it by these events is an important step toward helping the people of Darfur.

"All I know is that innocent people are being slaughtered, and it's a good thing that they are raising awareness," Van Coppenolle said.

To register for these events, students can go to the TCF Bank in the University Center and ask for registration and rule forms, or contact Schmoltdt by emailing [eshmoltd@nmu.edu](mailto:eshmoltd@nmu.edu).

# Poet to speak about life at the South Pole

by ASHLEY BERKEN  
news editor

When most think of Antarctica, more than likely thoughts of desolation and perhaps a few scientists being blasted by the cold come to mind. However, one poet struggled through the brutal winds and stood side-by-side with those scientists to use work and the habitat as inspiration for her writing.

Kathleen Heideman, NMU alumna, poet and arts educator, will give presentations Thursday and Friday regarding her recent trip to Antarctica and will also read other poetry she has written.

Heideman, who graduated from Northern in 1994, is being brought to campus by Committee W, which is comprised of faculty interested in women's issues and VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood.

In honor of March being Women's History Month, the groups wanted a female alumna to speak to NMU students and decided on Heideman after seeing her lengthy resumé, said Carol

Strauss-Sotiropoulos, associate professor of modern languages and literature and chair of Committee W.

"I think it's very inspiring to see someone who has graduated from this university have so many accomplishments in so many dimensions," said Strauss-Sotiropoulos.

**[Antartica] was like being on another planet with sunshine 24 hours a day...**

**- Kathleen Heideman, poet and arts educator**

Heideman has been acknowledged by the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Jerome Foundation for her work. She will share this work with NMU students and faculty along with photographs and videos of her trip to Antarctica which, she said, was an experience of a lifetime.

"I saw more deeply into things that, unless you work in science, you don't see," Heideman said. "I was seeing the world on a lot of difficult scales and it was like being on another planet with sun-

light 24 hours a day because the sun never sets during the season I was there. It was as if you were out in the middle of Lake Superior and it was frozen all the way across. You feel very tiny."

Along with photos, video and information on Antarctica, Heideman will read poetry that she started during her graduate studies at Northern about the Upper Peninsula mines.

"I started an epic poem about the mines at Northern and it got away from me because good projects get bigger than you," Heideman said. "It's taking in the history of under-mining in the iron range. I did a lot of interviews and historical research."

Heideman was a graduate student teacher while at Northern and is excited to return to the Marquette scenery and new students.

"The Upper Peninsula is a really special place to me," she said. "I actually kind of think of Marquette as home, just spiritually. It's the landscape on the edge of the lake."

Heideman will present Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. in Whitman Commons. Admission is free for Northern students.

## marquette music scene

### Thursday, March 13

Northland Pub: Billy Alberts, 8:30 p.m.  
UpFront & Company: Room For Gray, 10 p.m.  
Vango's: Jim & Ray, 8 p.m.

### Friday, March 14

Matrixx — Skyboxx: Stranded, 10:30 p.m.  
UpFront & Company: Boxkar, 10 p.m.

### Saturday, March 15

Matrixx — Skyboxx: Stranded, 10:30 p.m.  
My Place Lounge: Hozz, 8:30 p.m.  
UpFront & Company: Boxkar, 10 p.m.

### Sunday, March 16

Reynolds Recital Hall: Flute & Guitar Recital featuring Elda Tate and Carol McNulty, 3 p.m.

### Monday, March 17

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

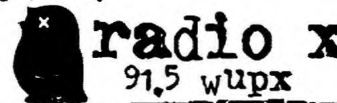
### Tuesday, March 18

UpFront & Company: Hozz, 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 14

Matrixx — Skyboxx: Wisecrack, 10:30 p.m.  
UpFront & Company: Buzz Factor, 10 p.m.

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# ASNMU chair removed

by JOHN BECKER  
contributing writer

ASNMU Chair of the Assembly Chris Germain was removed from his position after a vote of no confidence by ASNMU was passed on February 25. There were 11 affirmative votes, one negative vote and one abstaining voter.

Germain had served as ASNMU's Chair of the Assembly for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Chair of the Assembly helps find common ground between the executive board and the general assembly—all of those members who are not on the board—said Holly Kasberger, the former Chair of Student Affairs of ASNMU.

"Essentially the Chair (of the Assembly) runs the meeting and is the facilitator of the meeting. The chair approves agenda items and works as the outreach between the president and the representatives," she said.

The ASNMU General Assembly is composed of academic affairs and student affairs and is separate from the Executive Board. The General Assembly votes, whereas the Executive Board does not, with the exception of the Chair of the Assembly, who acts as a tiebreaker only.

The vote of no confidence

was initiated by Kasberger. In addition to the vote, there was a letter authored by Kasberger that was distributed to all ASNMU members, including Germain. The letter called for the General Assembly to remove Germain from his position as chair. Although only her name was on the letter, Kasberger said that others contributed, but declined further comment.

"I hereby ask you the board to issue a vote of no confidence against Christopher Germain, which means we are no longer confident that he can fulfill his duties as Chair of the Assembly and should be removed from his position," the letter stated. Germain said he wasn't given a warning before the vote.

According to the letter, Germain was not fully performing his duties as Chair of the Assembly. It also stated that ASNMU members had difficulty communicating with Germain because he often did not respond to members' e-mails and lacked seriousness when it came to constructive criticism. The letter stated that Germain didn't promote effective working relationships between members of ASNMU.

ASNMU President Chris Storves did not give any examples or documented cases of the claims made in the letter.

"It is at the discretion of the General Assembly. [The Executive Board] tried their hardest to stay completely neutral in the matter," he said.

Germain defended his performance regarding communication with other ASNMU members.

"This was quite simply proven false during the meeting," Germain said. "The representative who made this claim—and there was only one person, but it still made it into the letter—admitted during the meeting that the correspondence in question was personal and in no way related to ASNMU.

"Most representatives will tell you I was very reliable with all correspondence, including having each representative's number programmed into my personal phone," he added.

In the same meeting where Germain was removed from his position, Kasberger was elected by secret ballot to serve as new Chair of the Assembly. Kasberger said she has done similar work and is qualified to take on a more challenging position.

"I have experience with running meetings, and prior to being Chair of the Assembly, I was Chair of Student Affairs, which is one-half of the Assembly," she said.

# Web site lists college gossip

College students now have a new social networking site to explore with the arrival of JuicyCampus.com.

Instead of listing relationships and movies, JuicyCampus.com allows students to list gossip about their fellow students and events on their campuses.

The idea for the Web site began with the CEO of JuicyCampus.com, Matthew Izester.

"Thinking back to the fun and the ridiculous things going on when I was in college, I wanted there to be a place for people to have that kind of fun," he said.

The site exists for entertainment purposes only, and has become more popular as time goes by, with 56 colleges involved already and more chapters beginning every day, Izester said.

"Originally we used Facebook to promote the site, but we've kind of slowed that down because it got so much media attention," he said. "Mostly it's been promoted by word of mouth, which is

entirely appropriate because it's a site for gossip."

Because the Web site acts as an intermediary for information transfer, Izester said there is very little legal liability involved in running JuicyCampus.com, regardless of what is posted.

"We have immunity for being held liable because we are not the speaker. Sometimes we'll get complaints from people who are not lawyers; they just don't understand how the law works," he said.

JuicyCampus.com has caused controversy because people can post rumors without regard to the truth of their statements, according to the University of Delaware's newspaper, "The Review."

Izester, however, said he focuses on the amusement such gossip can provide, rather than the spreading of hurtful rumors.

"I just hope people can come over to the site and have fun."

—Anne Bradley

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# Editorial

## Part-timers need union

In 2007's fall semester, nearly 40 percent of NMU faculty members were not full-time employees. This means that 214 of NMU's 536 faculty members didn't receive full health benefits or job security and most didn't have much of a voice at the university. Instead, they were consistently guessing whether or not they'd have a job next semester.

While full-time faculty members are given more job security, health benefits, high levels of departmental input and a larger paycheck, their part-time peers—who teach many of the same courses—are overlooked.

But that may be about to change. Part-time faculty at NMU are banding together and forming the Coalition for Contingent Faculty (CCF), a group dedicated to bettering the status and benefits of part-time faculty members.

The North Wind supports the CCF's cause. The troubles the contingent faculty face affect not only those teachers, but also the NMU students who will suffer when their educators are overworked and concerned about their futures.

Be it full coverage or not, all faculty members at NMU should receive medical benefits, despite their status. A number of these individuals have years of experience, master's degrees and Ph.D.'s. The least the university can do is to give these individuals health care.

Part-time faculty is hired on a semester-to-semester basis, depending on the department. This means that someone who teaches two courses in the fall could be jobless come winter. Often, part-time faculty doesn't know if they'll be teaching at Northern until weeks or even days before the semester begins. The administration needs to give these crucial faculty members sufficient notice regarding their professional futures at Northern. The advanced warning will give the teacher time to prepare for an upcoming course and will provide students with a more beneficial educational experience.

NMU, like most Michigan universities, has been hit hard by recent budget constraints, which is demonstrated by ever-rising tuition costs. Northern is not alone in these struggles though, as schools across the nation are facing widespread funding cuts. And while part-time faculty can't be expected to be on the same pay scale as other faculty, the fact remains that the university is employing over 200 well-trained educators who are not receiving fair treatment.

If Northern Michigan hopes to provide a top-tier educational experience, it must first recruit top-tier educators. And to have any hope of doing that, the administration must start treating this vital group of people reasonably.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Coulter will foster campus-wide debate

I am writing to respectfully disagree with my colleague, Dr. Mohey Mowafy (Feb. 28), in his opposition to Ann Coulter's imminent visit to Northern. Although I believe that Coulter is an abomination, I welcome her visit and relish the opportunity to challenge her appalling ideas in a public forum. I also believe that the College Republicans could have made a much, much better and less expensive choice. But that's beside the point.

The university is a place where reasonable people can and should debate all ideas without restriction in wide-open public forums. This fundamental principle is central to the meaning of a university, and Northern is no exception. Moreover, the College Republicans have as much right to apply for Student Activity Fee funding as any other legitimate student organization. It is not for me or Dr. Mowafy to challenge that right simply because we object to their choice of presenter or the content of the presentation.

A better response would be for all students of good conscience to join the Progressive Student Forum in developing an appropriate response to Coulter's visit in the form of concurrent or next day presentations, workshops and information tables.

Having said all this, however, I must say that I sympathize with those individuals and groups who are the target of Coulter's nastiness. I can imagine a Muslim or a gay person saying to me, "To hell with your high-minded ideals, this woman wants me dead." Regardless, my hope is that we

can learn from Coulter's visit, transcend our fears, and confront this nightmarish person with courage and with the strength of our convictions and intellect.

I am reminded of the movie "The Ten Commandments", in which Pharaoh at one point hollers at Moses in exasperation: "Let him rave so men shall know him mad." In this case, of course, let Coulter rave so we shall know her mad.

Marcus C. Robyns  
 Associate Professor and  
 University Archivist

### Michigan beef is safe, despite national recall

In light of the recent Hallmark/Westland beef recall, I want to remind consumers that the safety of Michigan's food supply - from farm to fork - is paramount and continues to be the Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) top priority.

This is a serious responsibility in today's global marketplace where, if we're not vigilant, problems of every type can impact our food - whether it was produced here or on the other side of the world.

On a daily basis, local and state food inspectors assure the safety of the food supply by conducting inspections, collecting samples and testing food to detect hazards, responding to consumer complaints, enforcing food standards and labeling, removing unwholesome food from commerce, responding to recalls, food emergencies and disasters, licensing facilities, and providing food export certification.

The bottom line is Michigan consumers expect that the food they purchase and eat is safe; and MDA will continue to be vigilant in protecting the state's food supply.

Don Koivisto, Director  
 Michigan Department of  
 Agriculture

### web poll question

Should part-time faculty receive better benefits?

- Yes, they should receive the same benefits as full-timers.
- Yes, but they shouldn't receive the same benefits as full-timers.
- It sounds like a good idea, but how will NMU pay for it?
- No, they aren't full-timers for a reason.

### web poll results

How are conservatives viewed on campus?

- They aren't looked at differently than other students.  
3 votes
- Everyone knows it's better to be liberal at college.  
15 votes
- I have two words for you: Ann Coulter  
6 votes
- Conservative, liberal, who cares?  
5 votes

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# Online world taking over Rock 'n' roll a class of its own

For What It's Worth



by Jackie Stark

Apparently, I am three-fifths dateable. And I know it's true because Facebook told me.

Facebook has a new application called Spark. It's basically like the Web site Hot or Not, which we all remember from high school, except instead of rating people's hotness, you say whether or not you would date them, based solely on their profile pictures. Currently, my photo is of me smiling and giving a thumbs up. And apparently, three out of five people who cast their votes on Spark thought my thumbs up photograph was a winner.

And even though this application is totally useless (really, some random person can assess how dateable I am by a photo?), it is also part of an online trend.

It's become more normal to spend days at a time online, interacting with other people through a keyboard and a mouse. And though I have been on the wrong side of Internet addiction before (spending hours surfing Amazon or checking eBay for the cheapest signed Kurt Vonnegut novel), I've also been living my real life in the real world, which is more than some people can say.

And to be honest, I don't think I'm going to find true love on Spark.

But it seems as though a growing number of people think true love can be found online. It can even be found for them, if they're too busy chatting online to look for it. Hello eHarmony. While I find online dating sites a little strange (telling your friends that you met your boyfriend online hardly ever elicits a "how

romantic!"), there are newer, weirder forms of online networking making their debuts.

I'm sure most people have heard of "Second Life" by now. It's a whole new world, created exclusively to be online. Basically, it's like "The Sims," except the people are real. When you talk to someone on "Second Life," there is someone somewhere, sitting at a computer, talking back. You can start your own business, buy a house, get married, be whoever you want to be. You can pretty much live a second life (clever name guys) online. You can actually be the stunt man you always wanted to, instead of the insurance salesman you really are. "Second Life" even has its own currency, Linden dollars, which are tradable for real, authentic U.S. dollars. There are even scam artists on the site who try and cheat you out of your Linden dollars so they can cash them in for the real life greenback.

Personally, if I was going to be conned by someone, I'd like them to do it to me in real life, because being conned in a life that doesn't even truly exist is strange and a little unnatural. It seems to me that it would be worse to be duped in a fake life,

where you can pretend to be anyone you want, even somebody smart.

What is worst about all of these things — online dating, rating, and even living — is that people are huddled inside their homes, living pseudo-lives online and forgetting about their actual lives in the real world. And there have been too many news stories of people playing online interactive games for long enough stretches of time that they have died of dehydration.

I have a reasonable sized list of ways I wouldn't want to die, mostly because they are dumb, and dying as a result of not drinking any water because I was too busy living my fake life online is right up there with having a friend perform liposuction on me in my garage and accidentally shooting myself while trying to prove that the gun was in fact, not loaded.

My advice is this: Go to a coffee shop. Have lunch with friends. Spend a day at the beach. Do something with other actual, real life people. I promise you'll find it is much more fun than building a new life in "Second Life."

I'd even be willing to bet some Linden dollars on that.



Staff Column



by Gordon Beedle

On Monday, March 10 the rock 'n' roll world sold out once again: The pop queen diva of all pop queen divas, Madonna, was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame is supposed to be home to true rock legends' songs and memorabilia. Adding Madonna's cone-shaped bra to a display and "Like a Virgin" to the computer-simulated jukebox of all the inductees' songs is nothing more than a disgrace to what rock 'n' roll is and why it is deserving of a hall of fame.

Rock 'n' roll musicians are equally talented with words and instruments. The genre combines both good music and smart lyrics.

Madonna may have sold millions of records and changed part of the music industry—after all, she is the top-earning female singer, according to the Guinness Book of World Records—but she certainly isn't rock 'n' roll.

Rock 'n' roll was displayed to its fullest extent when Pete Townsend swung his guitar into the stage after a great performance, smashing it to pieces; or when Jimi Hendrix played the "Star-Spangled Banner" for an enormous crowd during Woodstock.

These stories, along with the performers' great music, is what brought those worthy musicians into the Hall of Fame. They did things in the music industry that were never done before and will never be done again. They have

earned the right to be remembered in this museum. They've earned the right to be called rock 'n' roll.

However, Madonna's induction is not the first time the Hall of Fame has turned itself into the Hall of Shame. In 1997 it admitted The Bee Gees and in 2001 the king of pop himself, Michael Jackson, became a member. While these musicians do have an impact in the music world today and have sold millions of albums worldwide, their music isn't rock 'n' roll — it's pop.

Madonna and the other non-rock 'n' rollers who have been admitted have done nothing more for the genre than Willie Nelson or 50 cent. And while I don't think these musicians are bad, I refuse to say they are rock 'n' roll.

The people of the Hall of Fame are turning this piece of musical culture into nothing more than the chart topping or best selling artist museum, which is exactly what true rock 'n' roll hates.

And this problem begins at the roots of the museum. Jim Henke, curator of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, told the Detroit Free Press, "We define it pretty broadly. It's somewhat about the influences, somewhat about the attitude; But more than anything it's about a cultural phenomenon. It's certainly more than just four white guys playing guitars, bass and drums."

The definition of rock 'n' roll cannot only be music that is popular with the masses. True rock 'n' roll artists must have original style to their music and smart poetic lines if they want to be compared to the genre's best.

Madonna and all the other chart-topping, pop singing inductees are ruining the definition of what rock 'n' roll is and what it should always be: Meaningful lyrics combined with great musical talent.

## SOUND OFF

How much time do you spend online interacting with people?

— Compiled by Jeff Kitson



**Ashley Stecker**  
freshman, graphic design  
"About 75 percent of my day."



**Steven Southworth**  
junior, electronic journalism  
"If my computer is on, my AIM is usually logged in. I also visit Facebook and MySpace once or twice a day."



**Benjamin Hocking**  
sophomore, undeclared  
"Not much. I find it more rewarding talking to people in person than on Facebook or MySpace."



**Jim Heinonen**  
junior, criminal justice  
"None at all."



**Jaime DeSmit**  
freshman, art education  
"About the same amount of time I spend drawing alligators."

# Veggies not offensive

Staff Column



by Claire Abent

I don't eat meat. On many occasions I find myself explaining to people why I have made this choice. I am almost always hit with a barrage of questions, which has never surprised me. What surprises me the most though, is the reactions I get not only from strangers, but from my own friends and family. I never expected that people would get offended or even defensive about my decision.

When I made the choice to stop eating red meat four years ago, the decision came easy. I had read about how cows were treated before they were slaughtered. I didn't agree with it, so I stopped eating red meat. I didn't miss it at all and didn't think twice.

The choice to become a full vegetarian was much harder. The

more I learned about the treatment of all animals before slaughter, the more disgusted I became. So late last spring, I decided to give up meat altogether.

Being a vegetarian is something I strongly believe in. It has become part of who I am. Although, I will admit that it hasn't been easy as I thought it would. I've broken down a few times but I have yet to completely abandon my beliefs.

Being a vegetarian doesn't cause anyone else any harm. It is not as if I am choosing to become a racist or setting buildings on fire out of spite for the government. I realize that with every set of beliefs, there are radicals and extremists. I am not one of those people. I am not setting cows free from their pens or vandalizing labs that do research on animals.

I'm not forcing anyone to change their mind or even asking them to. I don't call people murderers simply because they eat meat. It seems like others see vegetarianism as a controversial issue, and I don't. I see it as personal choice and a change in diet based on my own beliefs.

The things I hear from my friends and family are usually the hardest to swallow. A close friend once asked me "What do you even eat?" I always thought the

answer to that was obvious: not meat. People that I see frequently and know very well will still ask me if I'd like to eat meat. They know I'm a vegetarian and have been for a while now. On another occasion a close friend said to me while cooking dinner "Well, if you decide to eat meat, you can have what we're having."

It's insulting when my friends and family ask me those questions. These people are supposed to support me, regardless of what I choose to eat. They are constantly challenging me about something that I do everyday, something that is part of who I am. I would never ask a Christian friend if they'd like to stop believing in God. Nor would I ever ask a Republican friend if perhaps, today, they'd like to abandon their beliefs and become a Democrat.

I know that in some cases it is a polite gesture for my friends or family to offer me something that is non-vegetarian, simply because it is being served. But at some point, I am the one who becomes offended.

So the next time you invite me over for dinner, assume that I'm not going to want to eat meat. I'll even bring something that is vegetarian for everyone to enjoy. Maybe we can all bond together over tofu lasagna.

# St. Patrick not highly regarded

by SAMANTHA BOHNERT  
The News Record (U. Cincinnati)

Saint Patrick will be getting no love this year, at least from the Catholic Church.

According to an Associated Press article, St. Patrick's Day hasn't fallen on Holy Week, the week leading up to Good Friday and Easter, since 1940. Roman Catholic leaders are urging their patrons, as well as everyone else, to celebrate on Saturday, March 15, or not at all.

When did a celebration of a saint become worthy of punishment? If St. Patrick's Day cannot be observed in typical fashion, which for most is a lot of drinking and partying, then celebrating Christmas should be called into question.

So if Christmas Day is never moved from its Dec. 25 slot, then there should be no reason why St. Patrick's Day should have to compromise its position.

"There's no feast or anything that's more important than the days of Holy Week," said Al Hirt, pastor for St. Monica-St. George Church. "A number of feasts (including the feast of St. Patrick) that usually fall in that week will

not be observed during Holy Week."

The Catholic Church, said Hirt, has a ranking of the importance of saints, and unfortunately, Patrick is on the lower end.

It is unfair to admonish a widely celebrated day, which is seen as a holiday among the Irish community, just because the Catholic Church doesn't see St. Patrick as important as other saints.

If St. Patrick's Day didn't have as much emphasis on celebration, the Catholic Church might not have as much of a problem with it. But there is no one or nothing to blame for the day to fall during Holy Week, so green beer enthusiasts should not be deprived of their rights to celebrate on this national holiday.

Even Priest Hirt, who does not think it's appropriate to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17, allows it.

If a priest can accept people's actions in relation to a beloved celebration like St. Patrick's Day, then why can't the rest of the Catholic community be more forgiving? It sounds like someone needs a beer, preferably green.

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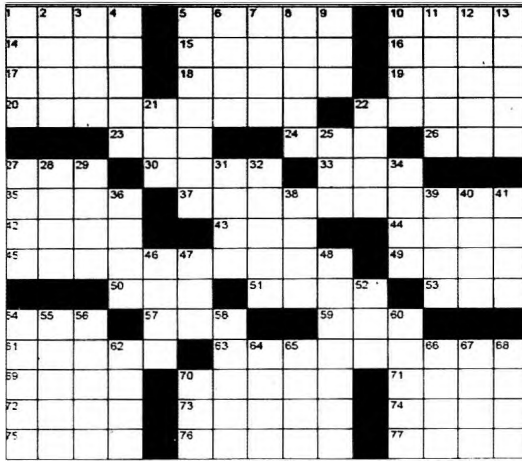


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## CULINARY KICK

*Cook, author and television personality Kevin Roberts visits NMU to talk dining, diets and hot sauce.*

by SHANE NYMAN  
features editor

For the helpless Northern students living on Ramen noodles, frozen pizzas and McDonald's, a push in the right culinary direction is coming to campus.

Kevin Roberts, a 35-year-old Los Angeles native, is the author of two cookbooks geared toward the college crowd. He will give his "Cook or Starve" presentation on Thursday, March 13 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

"Eat well, drink well, love well, live well ... that's my mantra," says Roberts, who is dubbed "The Food Dude," and also owns a handful of restaurants in the San Diego area and has appeared on numerous television shows. He's perfected the easy-to-prepare, cheap and healthy meal for those who feel lost in the kitchen.

Growing up, a number of Roberts' family members worked in restaurants. In high school, he and his friends would hold friendly competitions at barbecues and while tailgating. Always trying to top his friends

York publishing deal," he said. His first book was published in 2004 and he's been on the road ever since.

That first book was "Munchies: Cook What You Want. Eat What You Like. Finally, A Cookbook Even You Will Use." Geared mostly towards culinary-challenged males, the book holds 100 simple recipes like Atomic Wings and Quick Quesadillas.

"Munchies' is a cheap, simple, tasty and healthy book of recipes for college students and young adults," Roberts said. "It's to get them back into the kitchen cooking instead of eating Taco Bell every day."

The success of "Munchies" ignited Roberts' career, earning him spots on ESPN's "Cold Pizza," FOX's "Mike & Juliet Show" and "The Martha Stewart Show."

**Eat well, drink well, love well, live well ... that's my mantra.**

**- Kevin Roberts  
"The Food Dude"**

with wild new concoctions, Roberts eventually had a bit of a revelation.

"I just started compiling these recipes and I thought, 'You know, I might be on to something here!'" he said.

After working for a few years as a cook in both restaurants and for the cast and crews of television shows, including "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Grounded for Life," Roberts decided he had enough material to put together his first cookbook.

"I put my proposal together and in three days I had a New

York publishing deal," he said. His first book was published in 2004 and he's been on the road ever since.

One of Roberts' calling-cards is his chicken wings, which he has prepared for both Bernie Mac and Snoop Dogg. "I boil the wings first, and then I grill them. So, they're tender on the inside and the boiling knocks off about 80 percent of the fat. And then I grill them to make them nice and crispy," Roberts said.

Not surprisingly, Roberts has



Photo courtesy of Kevin Roberts

Kevin Roberts has published two cookbooks, owns a chain of restaurants in the San Diego area and has appeared on numerous television and radio shows around the country. He will speak at NMU on March 13.

a bottle of Frank's RedHot on every table in his San Diego restaurants.

"I use it because it's the best hot sauce on the planet. It actually just won best hot sauce in America ... over stupid Tabasco," he said.

Roberts' second cookbook, published in August of 2007, is a date-oriented cookbook for men titled "Kissing in the Kitchen: Cooking With Passion."

While still traveling to colleges and doing television and radio shows to promote the book, Roberts has also been spending time in New York filming an upcoming reality show that will air in May.

For more information, including recipes, tour dates and videos of various television appearances, visit Roberts' Web site at [www.munchiestv.com](http://www.munchiestv.com).

### Veggie Lasagna Rolls

10 lasagna noodles  
1 egg  
1 pound ricotta  
1 1/2 cups fresh mozzarella  
1/2 cup Parmesan  
1 cup veggies, finely chopped  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley  
Garlic salt and pepper to taste  
2 cups tomato sauce

garlic salt and pepper to taste well.

1) Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions. Drain.

2) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

3) In a large bowl combine egg, ricotta, half of the mozzarella, veggies, Parmesan, parsley,

4) Spread the noodles out on a cutting board. Spread a thick layer of the veggie mixture evenly over each noodle. Starting at one end, roll up each noodle.

5) In a shallow baking dish spread 1 cup of the tomato sauce on the bottom. Add the rolls, seams side down, so they don't unroll and fall apart.

6) Add remaining tomato sauce and remaining mozzarella on top of rolls. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until cooked through and cheese is melted.

# DELICIOUS DEALS

A week's worth of discounted drinks and dishes for students on a budget

by SHANE NYMAN  
features editor

A night at any bar or restaurant can take its toll on a student's wallet. Still, the smartest of student socializers can find the right night and the right establishment where hours of sipping and munching are relatively painless. The key is just that — choosing the right night and right establishment. Here are the best options for cheap drinking and snacking that Marquette has to offer.

## Monday:

Stucko's Pub & Grill on Third Street offers a dollar off all appetizers on the first day of the work week. For those looking to looosh up, martinis are just \$4.

Hudson's Classic Grill, on US 41 next to Comfort Suites, has happy hours from 1-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. where appetizers are half-price. After 4 p.m., their Bud Light and Miller Lite pitchers are \$4 and 12 oz. bottles are \$1.

## Tuesday:

Tuesdays through Saturdays are a great opportunity for students to score free breadsticks, chips and salsa and other appetizers from 4-6 p.m. at UpFront & Company on East Main Street.

Fat Boyz on Ontario Ave. hosts their "Taco Tuesday," where two tacos — put together at their build-your-own-taco bar — are only \$1. They also have a special drink each day of the week, either a beer or mixed drink, for \$1.75.

The Holiday Inn Lounge is also a viable option, as they host happy hour from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday with 50 cents off of all drinks. On Tuesdays, they also have trivia and \$3 Margaritas and Tequila Sunrise.

Stucko's Pub & Grill cuts both domestic bottles and well drinks to \$2.50 on Tuesdays, and their burgers are also a dollar off.

For the fullest stomach at the cheapest price, both Marquette movie theaters offer "Bring Your Own Bucket Night," where with any admission ticket, they will fill up whatever bucket or bag presented with popcorn for just 53 cents.

## Wednesday:

The Holiday Inn Lounge is a big attraction for Northern students on Wednesdays, said bartender Brett Davis. On this night, they offer 25 cent chicken wings and \$1.50 drafts of Bud Light and LaBatt Blue.

Also offering cheap wings on Wednesday is Stucko's Pub & Grill, who run their "Whiskey & Wings Wednesday" promotion. Half-orders of wings are 50 cents off, full orders are a dollar off and all whiskey drinks are 75 cents off. "That means it's only \$2.25 for the Kessler, the cheapest whiskey," Stucko's manager Sarah Rahoi said.

## Thursday:

For meals, appetizers and drinks, Hudson's Classic Grill gives a 10 percent discount to all students on Thursdays. They also have a new gourmet burger menu, with each week a different burger being a dollar off.

If a big meal isn't desired on "Thirsty Thursday," Stucko's knocks a dollar off all drafts, and the Doghouse Pub on Washington Street has dollar-off pints and \$2 rail drinks during their 4-7 p.m. happy hour. The Doghouse happy hour runs Monday through Thursday. Football fans also should take notice, as the Doghouse is one of the only bars in town that carries the NFL network.

## Weekends:

Although popular brew-pub The Vierling on South Front Street doesn't offer any daily specials, owner Terry Doyle said they work hard to keep their prices cheaper than their neighboring competition. "We charge \$4 for our 20 oz. pint beers, where other places nearby charge \$6 for a 16 oz. pint," Doyle said. On Friday nights, The Vierling has a \$10.99 fish fry with Lake Superior whitefish, which could make for a meal alongside a cheap, freshly-brewed pint of beer.

For another fish fry, the Holiday Inn Lounge hosts all-you-can-eat cod for \$9.95 and perch for \$11.95. Long Island Iced Teas and Margaritas are on sale for \$3, as well.

For the Sunday night outing, American classics their appetizer prices at half price. American has their large Brewins drafts of Miller Lite, Light and Killian's for \$2.50 and \$3.00, respectively. For \$1.25, these deals run through Thursday. Also on Sunday, Stucko's has a \$2.50 Bloody Mary drink and \$2 off pints.

# Ferrell drops the ball with 'Semi-Pro'



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by JOSH SNYDER  
staff writer

Will Ferrell is a comedian who is either loved or despised. In my opinion, Ferrell has starred in some of the best comedies of the past decade, including one of my all-time favorites, "Anchorman." So it goes without saying that I hold his films to high standards. But going into "Semi-Pro" with any standards is a huge mistake. It's not only a terrible film, but perhaps one of the worst of Ferrell's career.

Pop singer and one-hit wonder Jackie Moon (Ferrell) has used the money he earned from his hit single, "Love Me Sexy," to buy the Flint Tropics, a struggling team in the American Basketball Association (ABA). Moon becomes the owner, promoter, head coach and star player. Despite his enthusiasm, the Tropics have low atten-

dance and a terrible record. However, the rest of the ABA has fallen on hard times too and they've agreed to merge with the NBA. The catch is that only four teams are merging. The commissioner informs Moon that if he can bring the Tropics from last place to at least fourth, they'll be able to join the NBA.

"Pro" is the story of a man who was once on top but has fallen and must reclaim his place among the best of the best. Yes, that's also the plot for "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Blades of Glory." It was getting old in "Glory" and now it's just absurd and ridiculous. It doesn't even seem like Ferrell is trying, considering that three of those movies have revolved around sports and two have been set in the '70s. Ferrell is content with making a quick buck off a crazy idea that studios wouldn't normally green light in the first place. That may be funny for him, but it's not for us.

Where else "Pro" falters is in Ferrell's character, an uninspired and flat protagonist who feels like a caricature of Ferrell's characters from his SNL days. Moon's shenanigans aren't amusing in their absurdity; they're annoying in their ignorance. It's hard to watch a film featuring one of the best comedians today when that comedian fails to deliver half as good of a performance as he typically does. Ferrell really dropped the ball on this one.

There's some confusion as to who the main character really is. Is it Jackie Moon or former NBA player Ed Monix (Woody Harrelson)? Both seem to have as much screen time, yet neither feel like they could carry a three-minute comedy skit, let alone

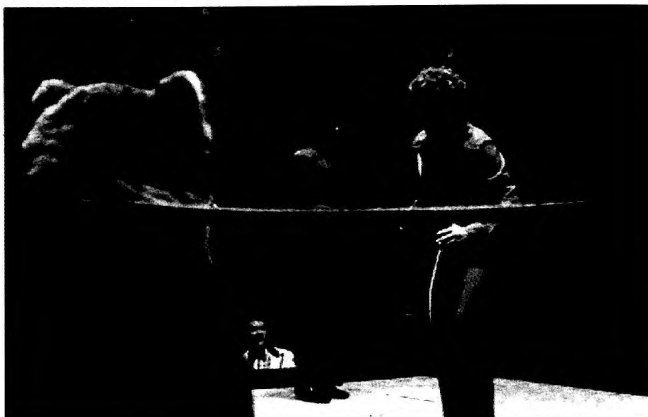
a 90-minute film. It's depressing to see Harrelson follow "No Country for Old Men" with this pitiful attempt at comedy.

Equally depressing is the supporting cast, which is strong but isn't given the chance to shine. The best examples of this are the Tropics' commentators Dick Pepperfield (Andrew Daly) and Lou Redwood (Will Arnett). Both characters have promise and are interesting, unlike the film's two leads. But they're not fleshed out characters.

But none of this should really matter as long as the jokes are funny. To say that "Pro" even has jokes would be a flat out lie. The script consists of rejected and recycled material from previous Ferrell

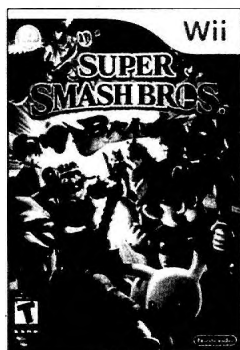
comedies, only this time they curse a lot to supposedly make them funny. But swearing for the sake of swearing is rarely funny. And when a comedy's best joke revolves around fighting a bear, which Ferrell already did in "Anchorman," you know you're in for a rough time.

Later this summer, Ferrell has a new comedy coming out called "Step Brothers." Not only is it a new storyline, but a return to form for the comedian. The trailer for this film ran before "Semi-Pro" and had more laughs and better developed characters, and you can see this on YouTube for free. Do yourself a favor; watch that and forget this mess ever happened.



Photos from Yahoo! Movies  
Will Ferrell prepares to wrestle a grizzly bear, much like he did in "Anchorman." The bear battle is one of many repetitive recycled jokes for Ferrell in "Semi-Pro."

# 'Smash Bros' reigns as best fighter



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by JOSH SNYDER  
staff writer

When it was first released in 1998, "Super Smash Bros." sounded like a terrible idea. The game seemed simple enough: Choose a fighter, pick a stage and try to smash your opponents off the stage to score points. But the list of fighters wasn't your typical "Mortal Kombat" combatants, they were all Nintendo mascots. It seemed odd watching Yoshi and Kirby, two beloved characters, fight to the death. Many thought the game would be a total disaster, but as always, Nintendo knew what it was doing.

Since 1998, "Smash Bros." has become one of Nintendo's highest-selling franchises, aided by 2001's "Super Smash Bros. Melee." The latest, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is out on Wii, and without a doubt, "Brawl" is the best entry in the series.

The gameplay remains largely unchanged from previous versions. It's still fast, intense and addicting, except this time there are more characters and stages.

"Brawl" lets up to four people battle at a time in a nearly flawless setup. Even with the frenetic pacing, the game still runs smooth and controls perfectly. The stages are some of the most creative I've ever seen. There's a lot of fun to be had just by interacting with each of the levels' unique abilities. As far as characters, they're all well-balanced fighters, although some obviously stand out. Newcomer Ike from the "Fire Emblem" series will become a quick favorite, while old characters like Yoshi remain the game's unofficial punching bag.

Since it's on Wii, many were concerned about how you would play. Fortunately, Nintendo isn't forcing motion-sensing. There are four different controller options: a Gamecube controller, a Wii-remote, a Wii-remote and nunchuck combination and the

Classic controller. On top of that, you can edit the button layout for any control scheme. Each method works great and ensures anyone will be able to pick up and play.

As always, there are tons of secrets to unlock. There are hidden characters and a handful of stages, some old and some new. For dedicated players, it shouldn't take much time to unlock them all.

However, there are hundreds of other items to collect that will keep those looking for a 100 percent completion busy. There are music, stickers and trophies to unlock, all from old Nintendo games. For the casual fan these won't matter, but for any die-hard Nintendo geek, they are a must.

For the first time in franchise history, you can play online, but it's a mixed bag. There are two ways you can play: with friends or against anyone. In order to play against a friend, you and your friend have to trade Brawl friend's



Photos from Nintendo.com  
Sonic the Hedgehog, who got his start on the Sega Genesis platform and has now jumped ship to Nintendo, battles Super Mario in "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" for the Nintendo Wii.

codes. This is a 12-digit number unique to each copy of "Brawl." Once both of you enter each other's codes you can play online. It's a lot of fun, despite the annoyance of using the 12-digit code.

It's when playing against random opponents where "Brawl" shows a weakness. It might take as long as five minutes to get into a match, if you get in one at all. And then there's lag, which is persistent in every match. It's not enough to kill the experience, but it's frustrating. And then there are the random disconnects, which

will suddenly freeze the game for a few minutes before kicking you back out to the main menu. When it works, it's fun. Unfortunately, it rarely does.

Despite the weak online gameplay, "Brawl" is the best in the series. If you're a fan, waste no more time and get your copy immediately. If you've never played before and are curious to see what all the hype is about, I highly recommend giving this game a try. It's fast and fun and will keep you playing for months, if not years, to come.



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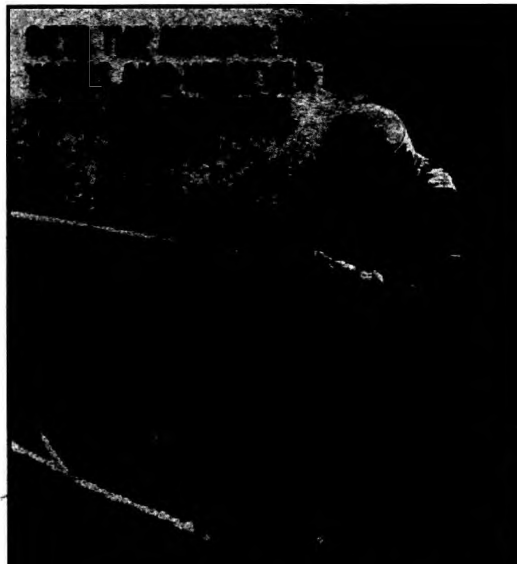
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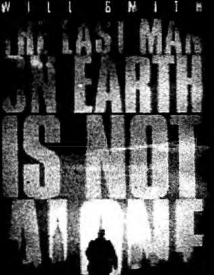
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After crushing Buck-eyes, 'Cats aim to stop the Spartans

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Jeff Kitso

Billy Smith, Blake Cosgrove and Brian Stewart battle on defense for the Wildcats over the weekend during their 2-1 series victory against the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Berry Events Center.

## 'Cats take three to advance in playoffs

by KYLE WHITNEY  
interim editor in chief

The Northern Michigan University hockey team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Playoffs on Sunday night after downing the Ohio State Buckeyes 6-1 in game three of a best-of-three first-round matchup in Marquette.

"What can you say? We came out with a game plan and wanted to play 60 hard minutes of hockey and that's what we did," senior forward Matt Siddall said after Sunday's contest. "Everybody throughout the lineup brought everything they had and that's all you can ask."

Northern lost game one by a score of 4-3, but evened the series after a 4-2 victory on Saturday night.

In the game that mattered

most—Sunday's elimination gamethe 'Cats (17-18-4 overall, 12-13-3 CCHA) took control and sent the Ohio State team (12-25-4, 7-18-3) packing.

"Early on Sunday, we had to weather the storm a little bit when they came at us with some hard forechecking," NMU head coach Walt Kyle said. "(Sophomore goalie Brian) Stewart was very good and Ohio State was pressing so hard that they created a number of really good opportunities that we were able to take advantage of. I was real happy with the effort, but our team has been like that all year. There is not a lot of quit in those guys."

The series marked the second time in as many years that the Wildcats played Ohio State in the first round of CCHA play, dropped the first game and fought back to win the series.

A major contributing factor to the Wildcats' series victory was

the play in Sunday's third period, when they outscored the Buckeyes 4-1.

"We've talked all year about winning games in the third period and winning playoff series late," Kyle said. "We lost the first game and a lot of times, a young team would fold under that. These guys didn't."

One of those young players, freshman forward Mark Olver, stepped up in a big way. After struggling a bit on Friday night, Olver had a solid weekend and finished with three goals and an assist in the three-game series against Ohio State.

"In my opinion, Mark was certainly developed into one of the top players in the league right now," Kyle said of his star freshman. "And when we get involved in a three-game playoff series, I expect Mark to be good every night. Friday may have been a down game for him, but it cer-

tainly wasn't a bad game and in the next two games, he rose up and played well."

NMU's goaltender, Stewart, may have been a bit off during Friday night's loss, allowing four goals on just 18 shots. The net-

**A young team would fold...These guys didn't.**

**— Walt Kyle NMU Hockey Coach**

minder bounced back, however, and allowed just three goals in the next two games, despite facing 63 Buckeye shots.

"We know that we can trust our goalie," Olver said. "He did have a shaky first game and we knew that wasn't Brian Stewart. He's a really good goalie and he

proved it throughout the season and I'm pretty sure he is our most valuable player. He is just a great person and a great goaltender and we're going to follow him as far we can."

While the Buckeyes finished the season in the bottom third of the CCHA, Kyle viewed OSU as one of the most challenging possible first round opponents and was pleased with his team's efforts.

"I thought we needed to play a good opponent in this round to get better and to get more playoff ready," he said. "We know that as we go deeper in the playoffs, we're going to play better opponents. Coming out of that series, I was happy with not only the win, but with our team's growth through the series."

## Weightlifters bring home five medals

by CARSON LEMAHIEU  
assistant sports editor

The USOEC men's and women's weightlifting teams continued their trek toward the 2008 summer Olympics as the athletes won a silver and four bronze medals at the National Weightlifting Championships Feb. 29 – March 2.

"Everyone was working hard in training, but the results weren't always there," USOEC weightlifting coach Andy Tysz

said. "They went into the meet and just ramped it up and made some lifts that they hadn't even been making in training."

Junior Justin Brimhall earned a bronze medal in the 77 kg weight class with a snatch movement of 130 kg. Brimhall also lifted 150 kg in the clean-and-jerk, which was good enough to earn a bronze medal in the overall competition with a combined total of 280 kg.

Senior Paul Roberts captured a silver medal in the snatch movement with a lift

of 135 kg and a bronze medal in the clean-and-jerk with a lift of 170 kg in the 85 kg weight class. Roberts' overall total of 305 kg earned him a bronze medal in the overall competition at the 85 kg weight.

The USOEC women weightlifters also fared well in the competition, with freshman Chelsea Kyle leading the way with a fifth place finish in the 58 kg weight class. Junior Alexandria Argueta finished seventh in the 63 kg division and senior

Ashley Suggs finished seventh at 69 kg with a personal-record lift of 96 kg in the clean-and-jerk.

USOEC weightlifters will compete again on April 11-13 when they travel to Reno, Nev. to compete at the National Collegiate Championships to finish their season.

"The nationals is important, but the collegiate meet is our meet," Tysz said. "We're real pumped and looking forward to going into that meet and doing great."



# Skiers close out in third place overall

by GORDON BEEDLE  
associate sports editor

Despite skiing in higher altitudes and bad weather conditions, the NMU ski team still finished as a top three Nordic team in the nation at the NCAA finals in Bozeman, Mont.

"To be the one Division-II school sandwiched between two D-I schools, and two big heavy duty programs, I'm pretty proud of how we did," head coach Sten Fjeldheim said.

First place went to Colorado University, with 387 points, while Denver University finished second with 290, NMU had 287, Dartmouth 286 and Utah 281.

## Going Out In Style

In the individual scores, NMU had three athletes earn All-American honors. The top ten finishes in the freestyle and classic race for the men and women earn All-American honors. The top five earn first team accolades and the next five earn second-team laurels.

Sophomore Martin Banerud was just seconds off the podium with a fourth place finish in the men's 20k classic, while fellow sophomore Laura Dewitt, at her first national competition, earned seventh in the freestyle.

"I think both Laura and Martin have potential to be national champions in the future," Fjeldheim said.

DeWitt had another solid finish in the classic race with a 13th place finish.

In the freestyle race, Banerud had some trouble adjusting to the altitude in Montana, and it showed with a 16th place finish.

"The altitude just got to him - I mean he just crashed. I've never seen a crash like that in a short race," Fjeldheim said.

"You need to start a little easier than you think you need to in the altitude, because it feels so much easier than what you're used to, but it kind of has this delayed effect - like a hangover. You're having a great time, and then you really regret it."

The third All-American to come out of nationals for the 'Cats was senior Morgan Smyth. She earned a sixth place finish in the freestyle competition.

Last year, Smyth made the podium with two top-three finishes in both races, but this year's climate would prove to be a factor for her, as she finished 16th in the classic race due to poor waxing conditions - a race she was ranked in the top three in the nation.

Before the classic race, the temperature was warmer, which made the women use a wax

that was more conducive to those conditions. Fjeldheim said, three minutes into the race, the sun went behind the clouds and the temperature dropped about six degrees.

"When her skis were not functioning and not working well, she handled it with a lot of class," Fjeldheim said. "She threw her hands up in the air and said 'Oh well, I did my best, and there'll be other days and you and I both know that if I would have had skis, I would have been right up there.'"

Northern brought three other skiers to Montana who competed at the race. Junior Phil Violett finished 20th in the freestyle race and 14th in the classic. Senior Maria Stuber crossed the finish line in 13th place in the freestyle and 36th place in the classic and senior Gus Kaeding placed 26th in the freestyle and 23rd in the classic.

This was the final race for seniors Tanya Cook, Bill Bowler, Smyth, Stuber and Kaeding. Fjeldheim

said this senior group would be missed and they have done more than their fair share of hard work.

"The hardest part was knowing that for those seniors, it's going to be their last race," he said. "We've gone a long way with these kids - traveled many miles and been in many many situations. So it's always hard to say goodbye to seniors."

## 'Gus was Gus'

Fjeldheim said he praised the work of Stuber and Kaeding, who competed in the NCAA national competition, but didn't earn All-American status.

He added without a good second set of skiers to earn finishing points, there probably wouldn't be a first set and no third place in the team competition.

"That's the beauty of the chemistry around our team is that there's no, 'I've got,

she's got, I want, I did, she did,'" Fjeldheim said. "It's more, 'I have to perform' attitudes. 'I will work hard. I will Rollerski in the rain. I will run in the freezing cold subzero weather.' There's no question that they worked super, super hard and the top athletes just have the benefit of having these athletes like a support staff."

One of those seniors who played an important role was Kaeding.

Fjeldheim said Kaeding has improved a lot since he came in as a freshman and now he is skiing as one of the top 10

Americans at the collegiate level.

"Gus was Gus. Gus is the most casual, relaxed athlete I've ever coached. I think his results were very respectable," Fjeldheim said.

Kaeding said he tried to bring a positive, calm attitude to the team and teach them to finish hard, even if they're far from winning.

"I was beat coming across the line, and I didn't even have anyone to ski with, but I went for it just because there was no reason not to," Kaeding said. "That is what I hope some of those other guys see in my skiing, that even if you're not doing a good race, you might as well give it your all. I think there is some pride there."

Fjeldheim added Kaeding helped with keeping the team

**The hardest part was knowing that, for those seniors, it's going to be their last race.**

**-Sten Fjeldheim, NMU head ski coach**

attitude during the training and he led the team by example. "First you form an attitude, and then that attitude forms you. And it is so important that your attitude is positive and the 'I can' attitude," Fjeldheim said. "I have to thank all these athletes for that. It's been a great year."

Now, as the rest of the seniors and Kaeding go their separate ways, they can only hope their legacy will stay after they're gone.

"I know I left them with a few good stories, and a few that they'll go 'What an idiot,'" Kaeding said. "I just hope that they recognize that I went hard every race and it wasn't just for me. It was the rest of them."



photos by Spencer Bouchard/NW  
Gus Kaeding (above) earned a 23rd place finish in the men's 20k classic race at NCAA nationals

# 'Cats seventh at GLIAC

by CARSON LEMAHIEU  
assistant sports editor

The NMU track and field team broke three school records and finished in seventh place at the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships, February 29-March 1.

Northern scored 37.50 points in the two-day event. The Wildcats were six points out of sixth place, as Saginaw Valley State had 43.50 points. SVSU is ranked No. 24 in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association national rankings. Grand Valley State won with 188.50 points.

"I'm real happy with the result," NMU head coach Tom Barnes said. "This was the most points we've ever scored in the indoor championships, and I think we have a chance to improve before the outdoor conference meet."

All six of the teams who finished ahead of the Wildcats were ranked in the top 25 in the national coaches poll.

"We have the toughest conference in the nation," Barnes said. "We love the tough competition, but to even get seventh is an accomplishment."

NMU and SVSU finished the first day of the competition tied for sixth place with ten points

each, but Saginaw Valley State pulled away from the 'Cats in the second day of competition.

"We showed a lot of determination," Barnes said. "I thought we had a real great effort last weekend and we came through in the competition."

The Wildcats were led by senior Danielle St. Onge, who placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 35-07.75. Teammate Leslie Luehmann, a junior on the team, finished in third, an inch behind St. Onge. The pair's jumps scored 14 points for the team. Luehmann also placed fifth in the long jump.

The fourth-place finish by the Wildcats in the distance medley relay was the highest-placed relay team for the 'Cats. The team composed of sophomore Erin VanEnkevort, sophomore Maegan Hendershot, sophomore Bibiane Mahy and senior Danielle Stein ran a 12:37.81 in the event.

Senior Kaylee Laakso set a new NMU record as she placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.84. Sophomore Angie Leckson set a school record in the shotput as she transitioned from the women's basketball team to the track team and placed seventh in the shotput with a new NMU record throw of 41-01.75.

"It was great to get the record as a senior," Laakso said. "There was a lot of incentive to get the record now, and I really worked

for it."

Junior Natalie Bertucci tied her previous school record in the 55-meter hurdles as she finished fifth with a time of 8.52. Sophomore Karin Diebold was the other record setter for the 'Cats in the meet, with a vault of 10-01.5

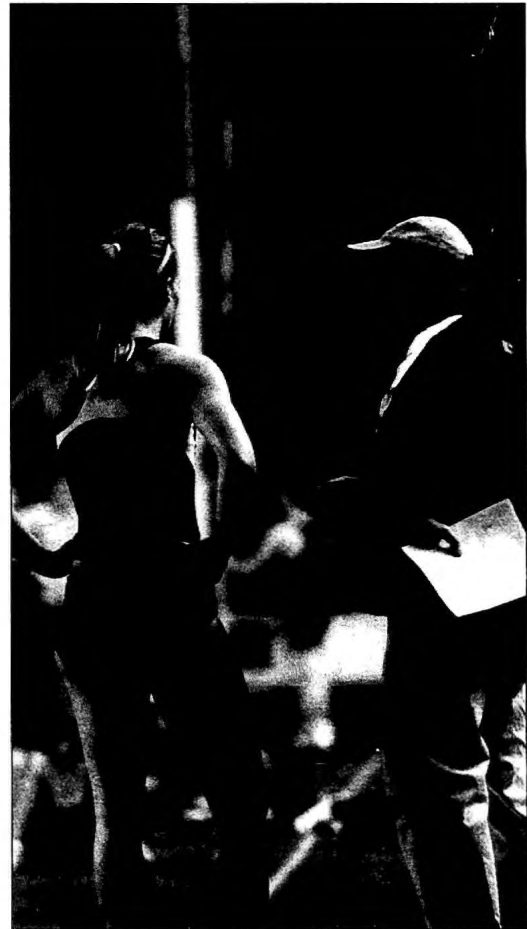
Also placing for Northern was the 4x400-meter relay team of freshman Britnee Balbierz, Laakso, freshman Jessica Trotochaud and VanEnkevort who ran a 4:11.25 enroute to a seventh place finish. Freshman Michele Bisig was eighth with a time of 18:52.21 in the 5,000-meter run.

With the outdoor season wrapped up, the Wildcats have a month to train before beginning the outdoor season at the Bulldog Invitational at Ferris State.

"We've been training real hard and conference was a little break from that," Laakso said. "Now we have to get back to working hard every day and getting ready for outdoor (season)."

Barnes added that he thinks the team will be looking at a high finish at the GLIAC outdoor championships in April.

"We have a couple of distance runners who are going to keep improving as the season goes on, and a couple of freshmen who are going to keep getting stronger with experience," Barnes said. "This team has real potential to do great at the end of the season."



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Leslie Luehmann talks strategy with head coach Tom Barnes during the Wildcat Open, earlier this season in the Superior Dome.



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# MSU on deck for the Wildcats

by KYLE WHITNEY  
interim editor in chief

Since Walt Kyle took over as head coach of the Northern Michigan Wildcat hockey team in 2002, the team has faced off with former head coach Rick Comley's Michigan State Spartans 18 times, splitting the series with nine wins apiece.

On Friday, the rivalry will be renewed, as the Wildcats head to East Lansing to battle the defending national champion Spartans in a Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) quarterfinal best-of-three matchup. The game will mark the third time in Kyle's tenure that his team has faced off against Comley's Spartans in the CCHA playoffs. The Wildcats were victorious in both previous playoff games.

And while NMU (17-18-4 overall, 12-13-3 CCHA), with a large crop of underclassmen, lacks major playoff experience, the No. 6 Spartans (23-9-5, 19-6-3) are playoff-tested and should be prepared for the series.

"I expect their best effort," Kyle said. "Everybody knows the capabilities of that team. They're defending national champions. They're a team that won it last year but was built to win it this year. They have a lot of high-end skill guys with playoff experience. They've got great goaltend-

ing and I have nothing but respect for Rick Comley. We're going to have our hands full."

For some of the Wildcat skaters, like senior forward Matt Siddall, the Spartans are a familiar face. In his career at Northern, Siddall is 4-6 against Michigan State. After NMU downed Ohio State in first-round CCHA action, he knew he would soon need to prepare for a challenge.

"We're going to enjoy this for a few hours and then you kind of wipe the slate clean and you recharge and get ready for the next series," Siddall said after last Sunday's victory over OSU. "We're going up against a great team, one of the best teams in the country and we can't take them lightly at all. We're really going to have to bring our A-game. We're going to have to play better and expect the best."

In their last matchup—just three weeks ago—the Wildcats swept the Spartans during a weekend series in the Berry Events Center. And while NMU played well that weekend, Kyle refuses to use those games as a predictor for playoff outcomes.

"I don't think Michigan State played as well as they were capable of a couple weeks ago in here," he said. "We know that they're going to bring a better game to the table down there in their building."

On the bright side, however, Kyle has seen his players improve steadily over the last few weeks. He said that the Wildcats are worried less about who their opponent is at this point, and more about improving game by game and series by series.

"We have a lot of guys playing at the best level they've played all year," Kyle said. "I think that's really the key going into the playoffs. If we can get everybody to the tops of their games, we'll play anybody and see where it falls."

For the seventh year in a row, the Wildcats advanced past the first round of the CCHA Playoffs. The early playoff success comes after a regular season that NMU opened with a 1-8 overall record and a 0-7 mark in CCHA play. Those early struggles simply helped to bring the team together, Kyle said.

"The guys that have been [guiding] all year have done a real good job," he said. "I have a lot of respect for the leadership on this team. We got off to a tough start, but coaches aren't the

guys who hold the team together in the room, it's the players, and I think the leadership in the room has done a great job."

Kyle added that, in his mind, the leaders aren't just the guys designated as assistant captains, like junior forward Nick Sirota, sophomore defenseman T.J. Miller and sophomore forward Billy Smith. The true leaders are numerous and fill the roster.

This sense of team unity has helped the Wildcats throughout the year. It helped when they needed to climb out of a 0-7 hole in the conference, it helped after they

were on the brink of elimination against Ohio State in the first round of the CCHA Playoffs and Kyle hopes that it will help on the road ahead.

"We'll certainly have to play from behind again at some point, whether it's this weekend or—if we're fortunate enough to advance—after that," he said. "Whatever the situation is, you have to understand that you're very much in the game and you can't stop playing until the whistle."

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—Walt Kyle  
head hockey coach

## NMU icers earn post-season accolades

Over the past week, four NMU hockey players were honored with CCHA post-season honors. Mark Olver, Erik Gustafsson, Nick Sirota and Billy Smith all picked up laurels.

Olver, a forward, and Gustafsson, a defenseman, were named to the All-CCHA Rookie Team. Bowling Green University was the only other school to have two players named to the rookie team.

Olver is currently tied for the overall goal lead with 18, and leads the team in total points, with 35. He led all CCHA rookies with 13 goals in conference play.

Gustafsson finished tied for ninth among all rookies and first among all rookie defensemen with 17 points. He also currently leads NMU with 26 assists on the season.

Sirota, a junior, earned all conference honorable mention. He is currently tied with Olver at 18 goals. Sirota also has the second-most assists and points with 16 and 34, respectively.

Smith, a sophomore transfer, has been designated as NMU's 2007-2008 scholar athlete. All nominees of the award require a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

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**Skill Builder:** "Falun Dafa—An Ancient Practice to Improve Mind and Body" will begin at 6 p.m. in the Erie Room 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:** Kathleen Heideman will present "Tracking Curiosity: from Lake Superior to Antarctica" at 7 p.m. in the Whitman Commons.

**Event:** Farm Intern and Volunteer Fair presented by Sustainable Agriculture Club will start at 8 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

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

**FRI., MARCH 14**

**Event:** WUPX will meet from Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Budo Taijitsu will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the Pioneer B Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Reception for Seven Painters Exhibition featuring a live performance by the Flying Martini Brothers will start at 6 p.m. at the DeVos Art Museum.

**Event:** Magic the Gathering tournament begins at 6 p.m. at Ultimate Game Zone on Washington Street. Fee is \$15.

**Event:** Kathleen Heideman will read her poetry at 7 p.m. at the Whitman Commons.

**SAT., MARCH 15**

**Event:** 16th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Powwow will begin at 1 p.m. in the Vandament Arena. Admission is \$5 for the weekend, \$3 daily. Tickets

for NMU students and children 12 and under are free.

**Event:** Magic the Gathering tournament begins at 1 p.m. at Ultimate Game Zone on Washington St. Fee is \$6.

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**MON., MARCH 17**

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**Skill Builder:** "Stretching for Lifelong Flexibility" will begin at 4 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

**TUES., MARCH 18**

**Event:** NMU International Dance Club will meet from 6:30-11 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Barry Scott, a MLK tribute speaker, will lecture at 7 p.m. in JXJ 103.

**WED., MARCH 19**

**Event:** Upper Great Lakes Collegiate Job Fair will start at 1 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

**Skill Builder:** "The 10 Essentials that Will Help You Climb Better" will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Climbing Wall at the PEIF.

**Event:** 20/20 Correspondent, John Stossel, will lecture on "Freedom and Its Enemies" at 4 p.m. in JXJ 102.

**Event:** Kerry Kennedy, daughter of Robert Kennedy, will lecture at 7 p.m. in JXJ 103. Admission is free to NMU students and \$5 for

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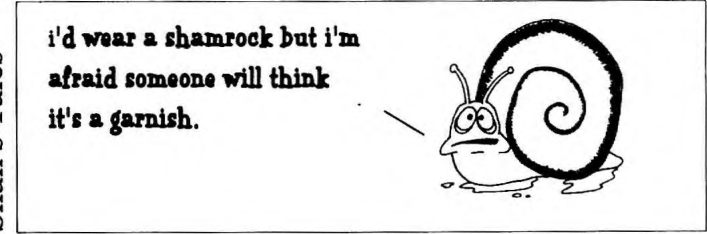
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