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INDIE INSPIRATION Rock musician Ben Kweller performed an acoustic set on Monday night in the Great Lakes Rooms. Kweller's performance was sponsored by First Aid Productions.

NMU soldiers speak on experiences at war

by CASSANDRA STUROS
associate news editor

A group of soldiers discussed changes happening in Iraq to a gathering of NMU students and ROTC members last Friday.

"The Ground Truth," a presentation by NMU's Army ROTC Wildcat Battalion, was held so students on campus could hear stories from soldiers. The main focus was for ROTC members to hear first-hand accounts from soldiers who have been to Iraq.

Maj. Chris Mahaffey came to Northern and discussed what is going on in Iraq. A question and answer session followed via satellite with his class located in Fort Knox.

Changes are happening in Iraq to improve the country's security and the people's way of life which often times isn't looked at by the media, Mahaffey said.

"Unfortunately, the good stuff we do is not really, as we would say, 'sexy,'" he said. "So the major news [outlets] don't really pick that up and there are a lot of good things that we do."

Capt. Joseph Harrison said the

media portrays a lot of the negative aspects of war because it's what sells.

"I hear about the number of suicide bombings still going on in Baghdad, but you know if it bleeds, it leads," Harrison said.

Soldiers are building schools in Iraq, making road improvements and constructing government buildings, said Capt. Michael Kay.

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— Maj. Chris Mahaffey

"[Rebuilding Iraq] is a step-by-step process, and unfortunately for those who aren't patient it's not a quick one," Kay said.

He also said a lot of soldiers go into Iraq trained for combat and end up having to do tasks unrelated to that, such as reconstruction of buildings or roads.

"What's amazing is you're looking at guys that, prior to this, were trained on how to fire a tank and how to run around with a rifle.

And now they've [been taught] how to tap wells," he said.

During the presentation, Harrison mentioned the change in currency in Iraq. Iraqis are experiencing a transition from their old currency, dinars, which have Saddam's face on them, to ones without, Harrison said. There is a lack of publicity covering these changes in Iraq, he said.

"One of the big things that you see over and over is no one talks about the amazing transition of their monetary system and their markets and how they are doing surprisingly well and they're surprisingly vibrant," he said. "You don't see their economy collapsing; it's actually getting stronger, and

it's getting done day in and day out by soldiers and by hard-working Americans helping [Iraqis] take the reigns of their own government."

To judge what's going on in Iraq based on only the things seen in Baghdad isn't accurate, Harrison said.

"Baghdad is a beast unto itself. Look at New York City and

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Students to be DNC delegates

by CASSANDRA STUROS
associate news editor

Two members of the NMU College Democrats will serve as delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in Denver in August.

Miles Baker, an NMU senior political science and international studies major, was elected as a delegate in favor of Barack Obama. Jason Morgan, a freshman political science and international studies major is an alternate (for another delegate) in favor of Hillary Clinton.

Both Baker and Morgan applied to be delegates, and initially attended the First District Convention in St. Ignace as a learning experience, Morgan said. At the convention, both made one-minute speeches as to why they should be chosen as delegates for their party, he added.

"We just wanted to learn how it all worked for the future. Obviously, I'm a freshman, I didn't think I had any chance of doing anything," Morgan said. "All the people there were just really impressed that we young people were so involved."

At the national convention, delegates from each state officially nominate the Democratic presidential candidate. Michigan's votes may not count, however, due to the fact that the state violated rules set by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) which then stripped the state of all its delegates.

But Marcella Krupski, president of the NMU College Democrats, thinks that will change.

"I don't think the U.S. will want to exclude Michigan from that occasion or ostracize them in any way. I think they will be

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City trashes curb pick-up

by CARSON LEMAHIEU
staff writer

After years of being able to place unwanted futons, recliners and entertainment centers on the curb for disposal during move-out weekend, NMU students will have to, instead, haul their discarded items to a city rubbish yard this year.

Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Cambensy, said the city decided to end the curbside trash pick-up because of worries about the unsightly piles of trash ruining the city's scenic views. He also said the city was saving money with the program cut.

"The original curbside rubbish program took place over a month long period. The piles left the city looking pretty bad," Cambensy said. "There also was a \$60,000 cost avoidance because of the elimination of curbside pickup. In the long run it is saving the people on the

green bag system a lot of money."

The green bags are what Marquette residents currently must use for trash disposal.

The \$60,000 savings has allowed the Waste Management department to nearly cut their budget in half.

Cambensy added that the decision helped to avoid an increase in the price of the green bags.

While the city's decision to cut the curb side programs makes financial sense, it has left many NMU students to find a way to haul their items to the disposal spot.

"I don't like how they stopped doing it. A lot of students move out and don't have anything to do with their couches," NMU student and writing major Eric Trombly said. "I think they need to restart it."

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He added that he felt the benefits of the curbside program outweighed the extra cost.

"We're already paying \$11 for a package of those green bags anyway. I'd rather see it increase and still have the pick-up," Trombly said. "The curbside pickup was also a way to recycle things. You see a nice couch on the side of the road and it's like 'Hey, a free couch.' Less stuff gets thrown out that way."

People wishing to drop garbage off will need to provide a Marquette City water bill in their name and a driver's license. Because many students rent

buildings where utilities are paid by the landlord additional paper work will be needed for some people wishing to drop off trash.

"When you start talking about rental units, often times the utility bill is in a different name," Cabensy said. "What you need to do then is have the landlord come to the public works building and fill out some minimal paperwork. Then we can just check the name the landlord gives."

The drop-off site is located at 910 Baraga Ave. and is open Tuesdays all summer from 4-7 p.m. and every other Saturday. To accommodate the extra traffic caused by students moving out at the end of the school year, the yard will also be open Saturday, April 26.

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Washington D.C. Take a look at the murder rates in their demographic, it wouldn't be fair to judge America as a whole based on the murder rates in Washington D.C.," he said. "I don't think it's a fair evaluation to say that the progress in Iraq can be measured by the heart-beat of Baghdad, either."

The people in Iraq are growing more accustomed to the help Americans are providing and are learning to trust and assist the soldiers, Mitchell said.

"What we've seen over the past couple years is the Iraqi population may not be on our side, but they understand that we respect them and that we're

training them with dignity and they are in return providing us with information on the enemy," Mitchell said.

Soldiers are getting killed in Iraq and this scares Americans into thinking that the military needs to get out of the war, he said.

"The insurgent kills the soldier, to send that casket home to affect you, to make you pull us out," Mahaffey added.

While being away from family is hard, and the job of a soldier isn't the easiest, it is something that soldiers still feel a desire to do, Mahaffey said.

"We love this country so much. We would do whatever you told us to do and we would do it as best as we can," Mahaffey said.

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seated, but in what fashion I am not positive," she said. "They simply don't want Michigan to be a deciding factor in this election because that would be a reward for Michigan rather than a punishment for breaking the rules."

Although only an alternate, Morgan said the experience of participating in the national convention is thrilling.

"I think it's incredible. It's just a huge honor, especially being Michigan's voter, you have so much going on that its just really important to experience and learn how it all works and help decide our presidential election," Morgan said.

Morgan supports Clinton because he said he thinks she has the ability to handle anything that comes her way.

"I have always supported Hillary Clinton; she's kind of the reason I started getting into politics," he said. "She's the first real politician who I admired. I always thought she was really amazing. No matter what she goes through, she's a fighter, and she's not afraid to do what she needs to get done."

Baker said he is also very excited at the prospect of serving as a delegate for the state of Michigan.

"If you're going to do something you need to give it your all, and that's what we did," he said. "It was kind of a shock to be voted for to represent the first district. However, it feels good."

Baker believes Obama can bring about a good change if he is



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UNTRADITIONAL Derrik Benett (right), Alexis Gorski (center) and Walker Clements (left) participated in Radio X's UnProm Friday night in the University Center.

elected to the presidency.

"He can inspire the [country] to get involved, pay attention to their government and to make it a personal responsibility to go and affect change," he said. "I think you get that with Barack and I don't think you get that with any other candidate; he is a once-in-a-generation leader."

To earn money for the convention, both delegates plan to do fundraisers for the trip, because the costs are not covered by the

NMU College Democrats, Baker said.

Krupski, who also attended the convention in St. Ignace, said she is excited that two members of the College Democrats will go to Colorado for the national convention.

"I think all of their hard work is paying off and that they are going to make a huge difference," she said. "Really, they're giving a great name to NMU as a college campus."

Correction

In the April 17 issue of The North Wind, the story "Coulter speaks on conservative views" should have read, "... approximately 75 spectators rose from their seats and paraded out of the arena, some making Nazi gestures on the way."

CAMPUS CRIME MAP

Map Key

- 1) On April 19, two 18-year-old males got into a verbal dispute that turned physical in Payne Hall. The case has been referred to the Dean of Students Office as well as the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
- 2) On April 21, a single-speed bike was stolen from Hunt Hall. The case is still open.
- 3) On April 21, an attempt was made to remove a catalytic converter in Lot 17. The case is still open.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Last blood drive offers free pizza

NMU students can donate blood one last time before the semester is over. The NMU Volunteer Center will host the annual Spring Blood Drive on Thursday, April 24 in the lower level of the LRC from noon to 5:45 p.m. The blood drive will help collect blood for the U.P. Regional Blood Center. Nicole Weber, Volunteer Center coordinator, said she encourages everyone to donate to the cause. "It's an easy way to fill a need in the community," Weber said. "It doesn't take too much of your time." Weber added that students make good donors because they are usually young and healthy. One in three people will need a blood transfusion during their lifetime, so the Volunteer Center and the U.P. Regional Blood Center are collaborating to help fill this need, she said. Weber said she advised students interested in donating to drink water and eat a healthy breakfast or lunch beforehand. No preregistration is required to donate blood, and pizza will be served for those who donate. More information about the Spring Blood Drive is available from the NMU Volunteer Center at volctr@nmu.edu or at 227-2466.

— Kate Annala

Children's art displayed in DeVos

On Monday, May 5, the DeVos Art Museum will open its annual U.P. children's art exhibit. Melissa Matuscak, director and curator of the DeVos Art Museum, said the art will come from Marquette County elementary schools and will consist of projects from children's art classes. "This year's theme is 'With My Own Hands,' so I have a feeling we will see hands, literally, finger paintings and other hand-related art," Matuscak said. She said there is a certain value to viewing children's art in that children are innocent to what goes on in the world. "I think children's art can be really inspiring to look at because it's artwork that's coming from a very honest and fun place," she said. Matuscak also mentioned that the children are able to focus on one activity better than adults because they are less concerned with pleasing others and more concerned with having fun. "The children's art show is a lot more unrestrained and free because [children] access a much freer place when they make art. They're not so distracted by the stresses of life," she said. The exhibit will be shown through May 17. There will be a reception for the public and the artists on May 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the DeVos Museum.

— John Becker

Author lectures on food safety

Vegan advocate and author Howard Lyman will speak at NMU on April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Lyman, who penned books "Mad Cowboy" and "No More Bull," is being brought to NMU by the Sustainable Agriculture Club and will address topics like environmental stewardship, animal cruelty, food safety and human health, said Erica Lensink, founder and president of the Sustainable Agriculture Club. Lyman is also the producer of "Mad Cowboy – The Documentary" which chronicles his journey from a fourth generation cattle rancher to a vegan supporter. He has appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" where he informed the public about Mad Cow Disease and unsafe farming practices. He's also the creator of the foundation Voice for a Viable Future, a group that supports sustainable organic agriculture practices and exposes the hazards of current food production methods, Lensink said. "We feel that Mr. Lyman will do a great job of portraying the message that the more informed people can be about the effects of their food consumption, the better off our health, environment and planet will be," said Lensink. Lyman will lecture and sign copies of his latest book, "Mad Cowboy." The Sustainable Agriculture Club hopes that through Lyman and their on-campus organization, students will learn about how food can be grown in ways that are sustainable and how they can implement these ideas on campus and in the community, Lensink said. "This event is important for anyone concerned about the future of our planet and everyone is welcome to attend." The event is free to NMU students and the general public.

—John Pann



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During the performance, Voices for Courage, a group shared their experiences with sexual assault Wednesday night in Jamrich. Jeanine Blom (above), NMU alumna, tells her personal story during the reading.

Women share stories of past sexual assaults

by CLAIRE ABENT
assistant news editor

On Wednesday night, a crowd gathered to hear the stories of sexual assault survivors and the recovery process that followed.

"Voices of Courage" featured the stories of five females and one male who had survived sexual assault, taken from the book of the same name. A reader's theatre, comprised of seven Northern students, presented the stories to the audience.

One of the stories featured in "Voices of Courage" was that of Caroline Blair, current resident director of Gant hall, who was raped while she was a student at NMU. Her story was read as though it was a letter to her assaulter. Part of her account deals with the process of working through the feelings she had through counseling and writing. After coming forward, getting help and talking to friends about her story, Blair was able to begin to moving beyond the assault.

Sophomore athletic training major Megan Shipp read her story.

"I took a long walk not long ago," read Shipp, "I thought about how far I've come. I feel more guarded and less carefree than I did before, however I also feel more aware. I place more value on friendship. I am more in-tune with myself. I am better able to recognize when others are hurting...the consequences of your actions, the pain you caused challenged me to find and understand myself."

Another account, read by senior secondary education major Tony LaMalfa, told the story of "Ben," a college student who was drugged and raped. Ben sought help after his rape, but a police official did not believe his story, simply because he was a man. After that, he became an advocate and educator, using his story to help make students become aware of and comprehend both male and female rape.

Freshman pre-medicine major Thao Do read the detailed account of the rape and recovery of "Juliette," a young woman raped by an acquaintance during

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— Thao Do, freshman pre-medicine

college. After she came forward, her university found her rapist guilty, but only placed him on social probation; he was still allowed to live on campus and participate in athletics. "Juliette" went on to share her story with others and become an advocate for sexual assault survivors.

"We can all be survivors," Do read from "Juliette's" story, "I believe that raising awareness, showing support and educating others will lead to fewer sexual assaults."

Do said that originally she was not sure what to expect from the reader's theatre at first, especially because the story was so emo-

tional. But after reading the story to the crowd, she felt that she was really able to do something good.

"I was able to get the story out that no one is alone when it comes to sexual assault. I was really happy that I was able to help," she said.

Adrienne Harrington, freshman pre-dental major, recounted the story of "Barb," a woman who developed an eating disorder in response to her sexual assault. Harrington was inspired to participate in "Voices of Courage" because one of her close friends was raped and went through many of things that "Barb" did.

"Voices for Courage" has been held on Northern's campus for the past two years. This year the event coincided with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The reader's all wore something teal, as teal is the official color of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The event was organized by Women for Women, a group comprised of the five female houses in the residence halls on campus. Erin Bostelmann, resident advisor in Halverson Hall, directed the production.

After the reader's theatre ended, members from various groups spoke to the audience about where and how survivors of sexual assault, or people who know survivors, can find help. Resources, information and help are available through the Health Promotions Office and NMU Counseling and Consultation Services on campus, or from the Women's Center, located in Marquette.

Three students win programming contest

by ANGELA MCCOY
staff writer

Out of 20 competing teams, Northern Michigan University's team Nullzilla took first place at the Ninth Annual Northern Michigan University Invitational Programming Contest on Saturday, March 29.

The competition, held from noon to 5 p.m. in Jamrich Hall, consisted of 54 students representing five universities: Algoma University College, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, The University of Michigan—Flint and NMU. Members formed teams of three.

The three members of this year's team, consisting of: junior, computer science major Brian Krent, senior computer science major, Scott Raiford and senior computer science major Ben DePew, competed in the same contest last year, as well as the last official regional Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) contest.

Krent said this was the third time he participated in the NMU competition, which consists of six computer science problems to be solved over a five-hour period with the use of only one laptop per team. He added that experi-

ence contributed to the team's win.

"In terms of team Nullzilla preparing for the contest, I'd say that this year's preparation was primarily based on experience of programming contests of years past," Krent said.

Raiford said he was especially happy about the win, since a Northern team hadn't won since 2005.

Although they have worked together as a team before, one member of Nullzilla played an important role in this year's competition, said DePew.

"Scott Raiford completed most of the programs for our team, so he was the key to our success," he said.

Krent agreed with DePew, stating that a win might not have been possible without Raiford's programming skills.

"Scott really performed above and beyond this time around," said Krent. "That isn't to downplay the team effort, but I must say I am quite proud of Scott for some of the feats he managed to accomplish this time around."

However, Raiford gave credit to the team as a whole, saying he couldn't have done nearly as well without his teammates.

"During the contest, several of the programs we completed were

started by Ben, written by me, and fixed by Brian," he said. "We make a very good team."

Although Nullzilla placed first among the teams, NMU received second place to Michigan Tech in overall awards. The number of problems completed, submission and penalty times and tiebreaker scores were taken into account when tabulating final scores.

Both Nullzilla and second-place Team Mik, the one-person team from Michigan Tech, completed all six problems. However, the win went to Nullzilla, who finished 92 minutes ahead of Team Mik and therefore earned more points.

Andrew Poe, longtime faculty sponsor of the event and associate professor of mathematics and computer science at NMU, said this year's contest was the best by far, especially because of the willingness of students to help out.

"This was a tradition I started at NMU in 2000, and I'm proud to see it's still going strong," Poe said.

Krent said that while the competition was fun, it also gave valuable experience.

"To me, it's really about the experience and enjoyment of the event itself, not necessarily winning or losing," Krent said.

marquette music scene

Thursday, April 24

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Upfront & Company:

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Lloyd Dobler Effect, 10 p.m.
Jim & Ray, 9:30 p.m.

Vango's:

Friday, April 25

Matrixx—Skyboxx:
Upfront & Company:

Stranded, 10:30 p.m.
Chicago Afro Beat Project, 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Matrixx—Skyboxx:
Reynolds Recital Hall:

Stranded, 10:30 p.m.
Marquette Choral Society Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Afro Beat Project, 10 p.m.

Upfront and Company:

Sunday, April 27

Reynolds Recital Hall:

Marquette Choral Society Spring Concert, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 28

Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery:

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Tuesday, April 29

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Editorial

Students stepping up

For years, The North Wind has labeled the NMU student body as lazy, apathetic and disinterested in its university.

In recent months, however, students have cast this title aside and have made great strides toward establishing themselves as contributing members of their community and their nation.

It all started in mid-October, when nearly 1,000 students participated in the annual Make a Difference Day.

A few weeks later, a group of students banded together to help preserve the Native Plants Area, which had been slated for destruction by the proposed Campus Master Plan. The students have since reached a compromise with NMU administration and the area will remain.

More recently, students became more engaged in political matters. In the April 8 ASNMU General Election, 1,885 students voted—the most since 2004. The four presidential candidates were above the average number for an NMU election. Both of these facts illustrated the students' growing concern with their influence in campus matters.

There was an outcry among the student body after the NMU College Republicans announced two months ago that controversial pundit Ann Coulter would be speaking at Northern. As a result, protests were quickly organized and carried out before and during her speech. Additionally, students established Northern's first Tolerance Week, a week of events that promoted understanding and acceptance.

Shortly after the speech, a class orchestrated First Amendment Day, during which students and spectators debated key political issues while perched on soapboxes at the center of campus. This provided a valuable dialogue concerning a selection of important issues, which otherwise may have gone unnoticed by many.

And just over a month ago, Mitch Foster was selected as a delegate to the state Republican Convention. This week it was announced that Miles Baker and Jason Morgan would serve as Michigan delegates to the Democratic National Convention in late August. These three students have placed themselves at the forefront of the national political scene during a key election year.

In the coming months, students would be best served to remember the strides they took this semester and become involved in their hometowns. They should remain involved in the presidential election and volunteer in their communities as they have been in Marquette. And when they come back next year, they should stay involved with what's happening on campus.

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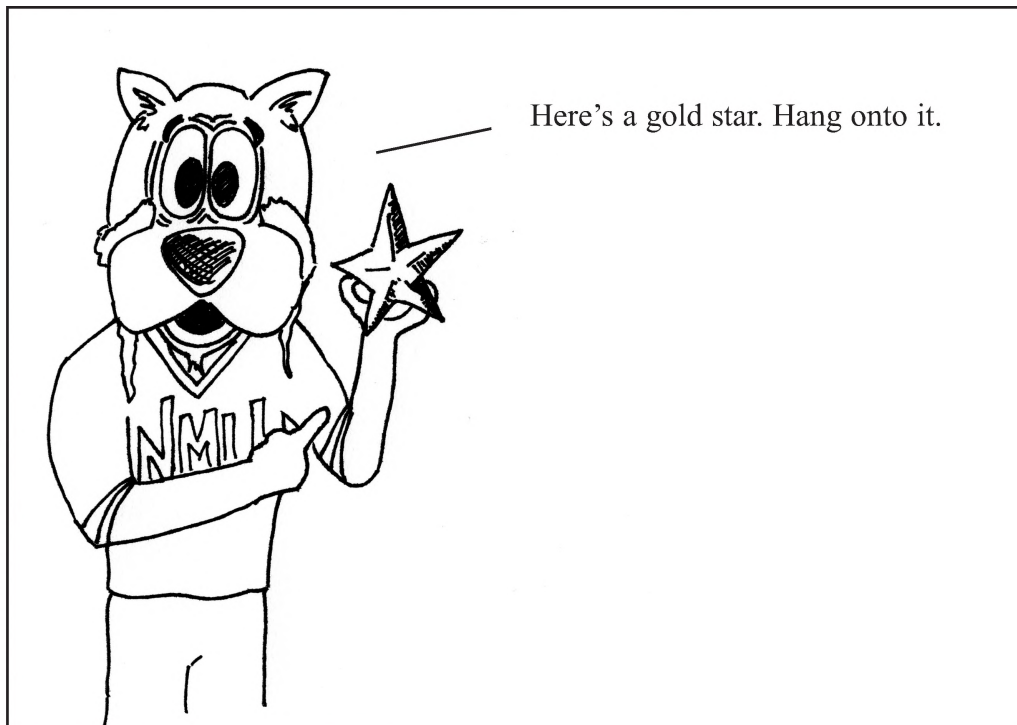
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Letters to the Editor

Coulter coverage less than stellar

The North Wind's coverage of Ann Coulter (April 17, "Coulter speaks on conservative views") did the NMU student body a great disservice. Both the front page story and the accompanying editorial were departures from the paper's recently excellent coverage of campus politics and news.

Coulter's speech wielded the power to cause harm, yet provided an opportunity to educate. It is a shame that The North Wind choose to facilitate the former rather than seize on the latter.

Ann Coulter is a polemicist. Additionally, she is charged with demagoguery, polarization, divisiveness, and propagandizing. These criticisms more often hail from the left than the right. However, there are few, if any, on the right extolling the virtues of her deliberative and thoughtful insights, rendering the left's assessment applicable regardless of the fact that the College Republicans want to paint her as some perverse form of entertainment.

By filling Coulter's front page article with over 20 direct quotes, and only deviating in order to make room to paraphrase her, The North Wind ceased to cover the event and began to cover the message.

Nevertheless, the lead article's most egregious failures rest not with the inclusion of Coulter's whole message but the selective way in which a partial message was presented.

Where were Coulter's disgusting "jokes" about Muslims?

Where was Ann's negative acknowledgement of the protestors? Where was the coverage of Coulter fans hurling insults at audience members solely because they did not agree with the speaker? And where was the coverage of the largely community-based crowd, which cheered belligerently at Ann's liberal use of "us vs. them" polemics?

The news media must paint a full and fair picture or risk the enduring stain of bias. The North Wind did not accomplish a full and fair assessment inside the Coulter event. And for the record, a protester making "communist gestures" doesn't make any damn sense.

News aside, I empathize with the pleas of The North Wind in favor of student engagement. Sadly, the editorial's (April 17, "Event inspires students") inconsistency on this subject does little to promote its own desired ends.

The newspaper's support of active students stands in stark contrast with its editorial's denunciation of walk-out protestors.

It appears that the editorial stood in favor of counter-protest activities but not that specific type of activity. This muddled conclusion on what is and is not an acceptable form of student engagement draws a razor-thin line indeed. Students listen when the message is clear. Stand up for what you believe in, but make sure you do it from your chair.

But maybe that wasn't what The North Wind was trying to say.

Miles Baker
 senior, political science

Thanks for supporting a cause

NMU's Coalition of Contingent Faculty would like to thank Northern and the Marquette community for the interest and support this past semester. Since our founding in January, we have worked to increase our numbers in order to become truly representative of all adjunct instructors at NMU.

We have hosted three speakers on contingent faculty issues in order to educate ourselves and others on the role of contingent faculty in the greater university community, the issues relevant to contingent faculty at NMU and nationwide, and how such issues might be approached.

We have begun a dialogue with administration at NMU in order to create a system of open communication in which the concerns of all contingent faculty here can be effectively addressed.

We look forward to hearing from all contingent faculty members interested in learning more about our work and joining our coalition, further educating ourselves and others on the issues contingent faculty face at Northern, and working continually with administration on those issues. Be on the lookout in May, when TV6 will run a three-part series on issues that relate to NMU adjunct faculty, and also watch for our continued awareness-raising activities throughout the summer.

Thanks again.

NMU Coalition of
 Contingent Faculty

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Trash should stay on curb

For What It's Worth



by Jackie Stark

At last, the end of the academic year has arrived. It's that wonderful time in which I study for exams, put the finishing touches on my last few papers, say goodbye to my friends for the summer and clean out my apartment, putting all the furniture I no longer want or need out on the curb.

But now, the last part of that end-of-the-year ritual can't take place. The city of Marquette has decided that there will be no curb-side garbage pick-up this year.

Instead, the city has set up a place on Baraga Avenue for people to dispose of their large amounts of unwanted furniture or other items. But you can only drop that stuff off on Tuesdays, with a couple of Saturdays in April thrown in there just to make us feel better.

And to make this garbage drop-off even more complicated, anyone dropping off anything at the site must have a copy of a

water bill in their name, to prove that they are in fact, Marquette residents, and not people from Negaunee trying to dispose of their trash for free. You know who you are.

However, if you're renting a house, and your landlord pays the water bill, which is the case for many Northern students, the landlord can sign a form, which provides you with the much-needed proof of residence so that you can take that lamp you made out of a keg and the La-Z-Boy your roommate puked on after drinking too much Jager and get rid of them forever.

The problem with this scenario, however, is while you may no longer understand why you ever owned a keg lamp, someone else might see its greatness. As the old adage goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

And while curb-side garbage pick-up week may be unsightly and a little disgusting, I can handle ugly neighborhoods for one week if I can get a free couch out of it.

To be honest, most of the furniture in my house was left by the previous tenants, which worked out in my favor. All I had to buy was a kitchen table from a garage sale. But now I'm moving to a bigger place, and I'll definitely need something more than two couches and a

table.

Without the week of discarded furniture, where am I going to find a decades-old vacuum, or an end table painted a nauseating purple or a desk that's missing some drawers?

What's worse about this whole situation, is that by forcing Marquette residents to take their furniture to a designated area, instead of having it taken for them, the city is assuming that all residents who need to dispose of some furniture all have a truck or an SUV, or at least access to one.

I drive a Dodge Intrepid. It's a ridiculously large vehicle, but it isn't big enough to put a bed into, or a dresser. And I'm sad to say, all my friends that do own vehicles have tiny cars. So if I wanted to get rid of any of my old furniture, I'd be in a bit of a pickle.

The city of Marquette should reinstate the week of curb-side garbage pick-up. I want to spend an entire day walking around the city with my roommate, sifting through people's junk. Why? Because people throw away some pretty funny stuff. And because, amidst the ridiculous couches from the '70s and the chairs that no longer have backs, I may just find that coffee table that fits perfectly with the old brown couch and unstable bookshelf in my living room.

NMU could have shown respect

Guest Column



by Kyle Bonini

As the chairman of the NMU College Republicans, I was pleased with the success of the Ann Coulter event last week. The NMU Republicans is a small student organization, and we faced countless challenges in order to make the event happen. Although I could not be more delighted as to how the event turned out, I was disappointed by many fellow NMU students, professors and student organizations. We witnessed a constant display of immature and unprofessional behavior from all across the campus.

From students, we received a regular flow of vicious hate mail and name-calling directed toward myself, our organization and our event. Those students, who profess to be the most open-minded and tolerant of others, felt it necessary to call individuals in our group "Nazis," "white-supremacists," "hate-mongers" and a long series of curse words I will not describe. In addition, students continuously tore down or defaced every poster our group put on campus. While we knew some students would be against our event, I was shocked to see the childish antics that many students pursued.

While professors were kinder to our event than students, they too lashed out at our organization with harsh language. One professor stated in an e-mail to our organization that Republicans stand for "hate, greed and oppression," and categorized our event as comparable to "the Ku

Klux Klan or the Aryan Nation." Likewise, another professor stated, "I am encouraging every student (who) I see to not attend and to totally ignore you. May your event fall on its face. I wish you total failure." You may ask yourself: Who exactly spews hate speech?

Student and community protests at the event also reflected poorly on NMU. The Progressive Student Roundtable organized a protest rally outside of the Vandament Arena. While this rally was an effective use of protest, the staged "walkout" during Coulter's speech was simply disrespectful and tasteless.

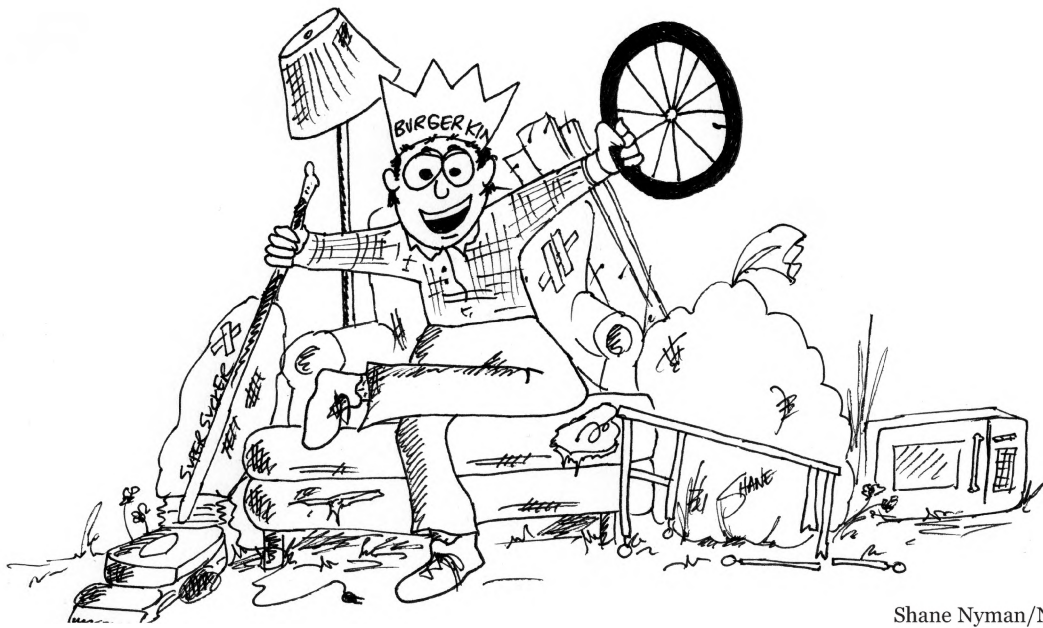
I was disappointed that members of the Progressive Student Roundtable took part in the "walkout," rather than denouncing it and keeping the protest limited to outside. Our group was saddened by the immaturity of those students in the "walkout" who made sure to flash their middle finger and raise their arm to salute the Nazis.

While they thought they were making a statement, they were really only making themselves look completely foolish. Our organization honestly expected more out of those protesting the event.

Despite the disrespect and childish responses from many individuals on campus, the event was still a major success.

Critics such as Platform Personalities, a student organization, said our group was not capable of putting on such a large event. We were glad to prove them wrong and show NMU and the community a different viewpoint on campus.

Our group hopes that the success of our event serves as an inspiration to other small student organizations at NMU that anything can be achieved with the right amount of resolve and determination.



Shane Nyman/NW

SOUND OFF

What's the best thing you've found during the curb-side garbage pick-up week?

— Compiled by Jeff Kitson



Staci Brekke
senior, criminal justice

"A very nice entertainment center."



Eric Weissgerber
freshman, computer science

"I didn't find anything."



Janessa Wolpert
junior, elementary ed.

"A pull-out couch."



Ben Lucey
junior, biology

"My roommates and I found a futon."



Amy Bishop
junior, zoology

"A swivel desk chair."

Two North Wind seniors say goodbye

by ASHLEY BERKEN
news editor

by JAMIE REED
managing editor

After two years spent at The North Wind, my time has come to an end. Next weekend, I will clean out my desk, finish my finals, pack my U-Haul and venture back to the land of beer and cheese. However, many different members of faculty and staff have prepared me for life outside the U.P., and for that, I thank them.

Before my freshman year, the only person who read my writings was my mother reading my diary. Let's just say she was less than a fan. Therefore, I came into my EN 211 class timid, scared and with no faith that I was any good. But my professor, Jim "Mac" McDevitt, brought me out of my shell and taught me that, with some help of course, I could actually write something people would want to read. Even now, when I see Mac in the academic mall, he remembers my stories and genuinely wonders how I've been. Thank you, Mac, for guiding me down this path.

Sophomore year I started my journalism education with Jim McCommons. Jim entertained the class with anecdotes about experiences with Better Homes and Gardens and his early days in the newsroom. He also taught me the art of the interview and that after each story I wrote, I would be an expert for a week on that topic. Thank you, Jim, for teaching me how to be an expert on the flu, zombies vs. humans, caffeine addictions and all other tribulations that Northern students face.

Junior year was a year of realization. It was when I was introduced to a different type of non-fiction writing: The essay. It was also the first time I saw the three most dreaded words on the top of a paper: "Please see me." I sat down with Paul Lehmborg, shaking with nerves, wondering how horribly I could have screwed up accounts of my own life. However, Paul just wanted to let me know that sometimes there are memories and events we've experienced that don't need to be taken lightly. Sometimes, it's OK to let your words stop laughing and start crying. Thank you, Professor Lehmborg, for teaching me that "I can't know what I think until I see what I say."

Senior year I became a desk editor at The North Wind. It was also the year I was warned about Cate "Terwillibeast" Terwilliger, The North Wind advisor. I heard she had a sharp pen and strict ways. But, after a year shaking at my desk when she read my stories, I realized that in the end, her No. 1 priority was to see each and every one of us at this office succeed. She taught me how to edit, dig for stories and be a leader. Thank you, Cate, for making me a journalist.

So, in the end, there were tears and there were papers that I didn't hang on my fridge. But, college is more than that. College is a place to learn, not to be graded. Students should talk to a professor who intimidates them at least once a semester. Let professors know that you, the student, are there to learn. Who knows, those professors could end up teaching you more than you ever thought they could.



Amanda Shellnut/NW

When I was younger, I had my sights set on becoming a veterinarian. By the time I reached adolescence, I had a very impressive collection of stuffed animals, and spent most of my free time christening the creatures with names and showing them off to my friends. My pals, on the other hand, spent their time after school playing with baby dolls that realistically cried and peed on themselves. Needless to say, I wasn't impressed.

Then, in eighth grade, I job shadowed a local veterinarian. But after the doctor flung a cat on the operating table and started cutting into its fleshy pink belly with a scalpel, I could barely resist the urge to dry heave all over the operating room floor. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but it wasn't that. My lifelong dream had come to an end.

So I threw myself into writing, a subject on the opposite side of the blood and guts spectrum. When the time came to pick a major for college, I casually jotted down English writing on my application. While I didn't have the patience to write a novel, I was convinced that journalism was the most stable way to make a decent living from writing. So what if I didn't have any experience? Who cares if the only thing that interested me in the paper was which one of my friends was student of the week? I could learn.

But as a college freshman, I avoided The North Wind office like a disease. I was certain these journalism experts wouldn't want to waste their time on an amateur like myself. But I finally realized that if I wanted to learn about journalism, I had to suck it up and fill out an application. So I did, and had to resist dry heaving all over again.

I wrote my first article without having a clue as to what I was doing. I was like a toddler trying her hand at finger-painting for the first time. And when I left the office that first day with my story dripping in pure red Bic-blood, I thought my short-lived career as a journalist was over. But within a couple weeks, I was offered a job as copy editor, and later, managing editor.

The time, energy and dozens of panic attacks that went into juggling a full course load and editor position was worth it, even if I had a near-impossible time realizing it. Also, I'm confident that all of those near-breakdowns will help me in the stress-filled pustule that is the real world.

In 10 days, I'll sport my cap and gown and prepare to move to a city with a population of over 200,000. Out of those 200,000 people, I know about eight. But when I leave this office for the final time and move 300 miles away from Marquette, I'll know that I always have a home at The North Wind, and will never forget the editorial staff that made my college career a lot more stressful, but a lot more enjoyable.

Students should appreciate the simple things

Staff Column



by Cassandra Sturos

"It was all so simple then." You've all heard that phrase before, most often coming from your grandparents when they're reminiscing about 15 cent Cokes and not needing a car to get to school. You certainly don't expect to be uttering this phrase as a 20-something in college, right? But I have to say, it has entered my mind a time or two when thinking back to my childhood.

Some of my fondest memories

of growing up will always be playing in my neighbor's backyard with my siblings and some of the other neighborhood kids. We played everything imaginable: Capture the flag, football, tag, kick the can, sardines. On weekends we would organize night games and all convene in my neighbor's backyard, because he had the most manicured lawn, amazing trees for climbing, a pool and a trampoline.

All I remember thinking about then was not getting caught in whatever game we happened to be playing and secretly hoping the neighbor boy would fall in love with me and kiss me in the moonlight. I was almost always the first to get caught when we played any kind of tag because I couldn't climb the trees fast enough. (Okay, fine. I couldn't climb trees at all.)

And no, the neighbor boy

never kissed me in the moonlight either, although our lips bumped once when we were playing a game of football while he was tackling me and I didn't shut up about it for weeks.

It's true what they say: Life really was simpler then.

Of course why wouldn't it be? We didn't have credit card bills to worry about, car insurance to pay, research papers to write. Instead, we were transfixed with a wonder and appreciation for life.

I am still filled with wonder today when I see the Northern Lights or go and stay at my grandma's camp and roast marshmallows with my family. But those moments of wonderment are now few and far between.

As college students, we get so caught up in being stressed that we forget to appreciate some of the best things in life that often have nothing to do with the

things we are focusing most on. It's great to strive hard to get good grades. It's commendable to want to make a lot of money and do well for yourself. It's even nice to go to the gym and become a healthy individual (or at least that's what my trainer helps me to believe). But what about playing kick the can with your friends or daydreaming about kisses in the moonlight?

That part of our life should never really leave us, at least not completely. We all need to grow up at some point, because as great as Peter Pan had it, staying a child forever is simply too good to be true. But shouldn't we, despite being grown-ups and having to construct a decent resume, also make time for the things that were once all we could think about?

Don't just say to your best friend, "I would love to go frolic

on the beach but this paper's not going to write itself." Actually go frolic on the beach. You'll get your paper done, get into grad school and still have time to be a big success. All those things are important, but you should also make time to play catch, watch for shooting stars, run around in the rain and make slurpees out of snow.

What it comes down to is this: When you are 50, you might look back on your college days and wonder why you didn't sleep on the beach in October with your friends more often. These college-days go by just as fast as childhood, so appreciate every time you climb a tree, jump into Lower Harbor at night in your underwear or fall in love, because those experiences will mean more to you than any number of zeros you will ever see on your future paychecks.

Sect should be held accountable

Staff Column



Josh Snyder

In a recent interview on CBS's "Early Show," three middle-aged male members of the Texas sect of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints claimed they didn't know either polygamy or sleeping with underage women was illegal. Although the men may reconsider changing the way they approach future relationships, they do not consider an adult male engaging in sexual acts with underage females to be a form of abuse.

The polygamists, whose compound was raided earlier this month, claimed they would never force anything on anyone, and that their religion is one of peace.

While it's clear that these men are just hiding behind their religion in an attempt to get out of any legal trouble they may face,

the notion that they had no idea what they were doing was wrong is ludicrous.

Throughout various cultures and societies, there are many similarities in what actions are considered immoral. Murder, for instance, is a crime in almost every society. Lying, although not as severe as murder, breaks a sacred trust people have with one another, thus the liar is ostracized from a social group, just as the murderer is sent to prison.

And then there's the coercion of young women to marry, many of whom are not old or mature enough to comprehend exactly what they are expected to do—birth and take care of numerous children—something many adults have a difficult time doing.

During the interview, one of the men said it is part of their religious beliefs to have an older man marry a younger woman. At the same time, he insisted the reason people believe that he and the other members of his sect abuse these young women is due to the fact that the sect is so secretive about what it does.

My question: If they truly

believed what they were doing wasn't wrong, and it was part of their religion, why keep it such a secret from the public eye? You don't see Catholics hiding the fact that they attend mass every Sunday. And why is that? Because there is nothing inherently unethical about attending mass, therefore Catholics are perfectly all right with everyone knowing that, every Sunday, they come together to worship and pray.

If we truly wish to advance socially as a society, we need to let them know we do not tolerate their actions.

But, as we have learned from the many women who have fled the clutches of these manipulating men, the young women in those compounds inherently know that what is being done to them is wrong.

They know, just as well as they know murder and lying are wrong, that being forced into a marriage with a much older man, having as many children as he wants and sharing him with countless other women, is not a healthy, moral living environment. And each time they try to escape and are caught, they are told that, if they try to leave again, there will be conse-

quences. Forcing these women to remain in the compound is not the type of behavior I would expect from people who supposedly believe what they are doing is right. Add to this the level of secrecy and the men are practically admitting that what they are doing is immoral.

They claim they are allowing the women to make these choices for themselves, but the fact is they force the women to make these difficult choices at an early age, when humans are more susceptible to manipulation.

It's mind-boggling to believe that our society looks at what these polygamists are doing and says, "Well, it's part of their religion. We may not agree with it, but it's their beliefs." While I believe freedom of religion is one of the most important freedoms we have, that freedom should not extend to people who blatantly use it to harm others.

And the fact that many of these men are not behind bars, when it's so apparent that they knew what they were doing was immoral, is unjustifiable.

If we truly wish to advance socially as a society, we need to let them know we do not tolerate their actions. Simply put, we need to hold all of these men accountable.

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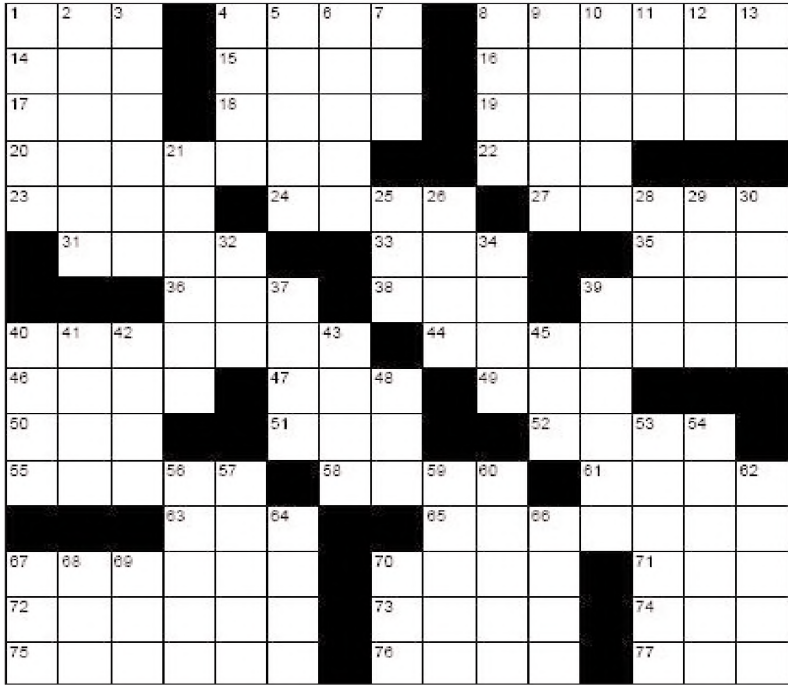
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Cancer survivor David Bailey brings his inspirational music to NMU

by JAMIE REED
managing editor

David Bailey spent most of his childhood in Beirut, Lebanon, a city on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea largely known for its rich and dynamic culture. He attended school in both Beirut and Germany, and earned his degree from Grove City College near Pittsburgh. After an education that took Bailey to three different countries, he went on to work for the U.S. government and started living what most would consider a normal and stable life.

Then, in 1996, Bailey's life drastically changed when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

"There's really no place in the mind that's prepared to deal with that kind of information," he said. "The first week or so there was some fear, certainly, and a lot of confusion. I think I accepted it but I was committed almost immediately to fighting it and finding out what I could."

And fighting is exactly what Bailey did. After being told he had six months to live, Bailey entered a trial treatment program at Duke University. He also quit his government job and took up singing and songwriting full time, something he dabbled with throughout his life but never took seriously until after his diagnosis. Over 11 years later, Bailey has defied his diagnosis and continues to perform his songs around the globe.

"Initially, what was just a distraction became part of a mission," he said. "I found a new life in my music. I could use

it to try and help other people. The more I did that, the less I was obsessing over my own issues."

The now 42-year-old Bailey will perform on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall. His performance is being sponsored by NMU and the Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center (UMBTC).

Bailey said his main goals when performing are to both entertain his audience and get them thinking, which is something he hopes to accomplish at Northern.

"When people come to my shows I get some of the most amazing reactions: people laugh, people cry, people think. I think all of those are good," said Bailey, who cites his musical influences as David

Wilcox, James Taylor, Crosby Stills and Nash, Jim Croce and Jackson Browne.

"My goal always is that people leave inspired to do more and to do better," he said.

"Ideally, during the concert, they'll both have a good time and enjoy what I hope is good music and good songwriting, and also a message of inspiration."

Bailey's motivating message was one reason he was invited to perform at NMU, said Rich Rovin, the medical director at the UMBTC.

"He's out about 11 years from his diagnosis, which is truly remarkable," Rovin said. "He shares his hope through stories and songs that are so moving and funny and honest that, whether you're afflicted with cancer or facing any challenge in your life, it's a great message to hear."

Bailey has performed for UMBTC for

I found a new life in my music. I could use it to try and help other people.

- David Bailey



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David Bailey, 42, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in 1996 and was told he had just six months to live. He's spent 11 years battling the illness with the help of singing and songwriting. He will perform on April 24 in Reynolds Recital Hall.

the past two years as part of the Hope Starts Here Cycling Challenge, a bike ride through Marquette that raises funds for the center. Rovin said Bailey was invited back to share his songs with a broader audience.

"We really felt that his message was so special that we wanted to have a separate event to try and have more people have

access to him," Rovin said. "The appeal is so broad that it reached more than the folks who were at the bike ride. We wanted to have a wider representation of the community."

Admission to the concert is free, but donations to the UMBTC are encouraged. For more information on Bailey, visit his Web site at www.davidmbailey.com.

MUST-SEE (and must-miss) SUMMER MOVIES

by JOSH SNYDER
staff writer

SEE!

1. Wall-E

Pixar may have created the single most adorable character ever in Wall-E. They've also managed to weave in a fantastic story, something that 90 percent of Hollywood forgot how to do a long time ago. Not only will this be the best of the summer, but I'm calling it early — it'll be the film of the year.

2. The Dark Knight

"Batman Begins" proved that superhero movies weren't all about cheesy one-liners. They can be smart and practical, too. Coincidentally, "Begins" is one of the best comic book films ever, and "Knight" looks poised to top it, due in part to the late Heath Ledger's chilling performance as the Joker.

3. Speed Racer

"Matrix" creators the Wachowski brothers are looking to once again stun audiences with their latest, "Speed Racer." Yes, it's an adaptation of the cartoon, but the film's colorful visual style, break-neck speed and intense action sequences are sure to have eyes glued to the screen.

4. The Happening

Love him or hate him, there's no denying the appeal writer/director M. Night Shyamalan brings to his films, and "Happening" is no exception. The trailer has set the film up to be another dark, twisted journey into Night's mind. And it's nice to see him hopefully return to form after the mediocre "Lady in the Water."

5. The Pineapple Express

Like any good pal, the now-famous Judd Apatow is helping "Knocked Up" star Seth Rogan get some of his projects off the ground. So we'll know who to thank when Rogan's action-packed buddy-comedy "Pineapple Express" hits theaters. Given the amount of laughs in the trailer, this one is sure to be a hit.

SKIP!

1. Meet Dave

Eddie Murphy is a man on a mission. That mission? Make a film worse than "Pluto Nash." And he just might succeed with "Meet Dave." It's going to be close, but if anyone can pull off the feat of releasing one of the worst films ever made at the height of a promising summer box office, it's Eddie Murphy.

2. The Love Guru

I didn't know it was possible to cram so many recycled jokes into one trailer, but "Love Guru" proved me wrong. At least Mike Meyers waited almost a decade before he took his popular "Austin Powers" formula and recast it into a semi-racist character that no one is going to care about or find funny.

3. What Happens in Vegas

Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz starring together in a romantic comedy.

Does anything else really have to be said? This film will hold one distinction, though — it'll be the only summer comedy to be led by not one, but two stupid, untalented hacks. If this were their last film, I would be a very happy man.

4. Sex and the City

Admittedly, I was never a fan of the TV show. However, I understood why people liked it. It was well-written, well-acted and had a good story. Unfortunately, the film looks to share none of those traits. It's shaping up to be nothing more than one long, poorly-done episode.

5. Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull

The instant George Lucas compared the latest "Indiana Jones" to "The Phantom Menace," I knew it would crash and burn. That and the fact that Sean Connery, the only good thing about any of the "Jones" flicks, wasn't going to be in it, made me question why this was being made in the first place.



Summer Music Festival Preview

by SHANE NYMAN
features editor

Lollapalooza

Downtown Chicago's Grant Park will play host to a modern rock dream lineup August 1-3, as Lollapalooza hosts **Radiohead**, **Rage Against the Machine**, **Nine Inch Nails** and Jack White's **Raconteurs**. And if that's not the desired cup of tea, **Kanye West** and **Gnarls Barkley** are on the undercard. **Wilco**, **Bloc Party**, **Cat Power**, **Brand New** and **Lupe Fiasco** are booked, as well as over 80 other acts. Tickets run roughly \$200, though, unlike Bonnaroo and other camping festivals, lodging isn't included.

Junior health and fitness management major Tim Moutrie, who has been to Lollapalooza each of the last four years, said he can't believe this year he's getting to see the likes of Radiohead, Nine Inch Nails and Rage Against the Machine for under \$200.

"The ticket price is always worth all of the bands you get to see," Moutrie said.

(For more information, check out lollapalooza.com)

bonnaroo

For the last few years, the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival has hauled in the biggest names in music for its four-day romp in the middle of Tennessee farm country. The latest edition of Rolling Stone magazine called Bonnaroo the best music festival in America. The only drawback for Northern students is that the festival's 700-acre home in Manchester, Tenn., is a 15-hour drive from Marquette. Still, the ticket price of \$229.50 (plus those service charges and add-ons) covers not only access to some of music's biggest performances of the year, but also four nights of camping. Known previously as a jam-band festival, this year's lineup, which will take the stage from June 12-16, is more diverse than ever before. Headlining acts range from **Pearl Jam** and **Metallica** to **Kanye West** and **Jack Johnson**. And in case those names don't stretch across enough genres, **Willie Nelson**, **Cat Power**, **Mastodon**, **Teisto**, comedian **Chris Rock** and a hundred other acts are involved.

(For more information, check out bonnaroo.com)

ROTHBURY

For a weekend of campsite partying and big name acts similar to Bonnaroo, but much closer to home, Rothbury Music Festival in Rothbury, Mich., could be the answer. Only a seven-hour drive from Marquette, the inaugural four-day bash features **Dave Mathews Band (DMB)**, **John Mayer**, **Widespread Panic**, **311**, **Snoop Dogg**, **Modest Mouse** and **Phil Lesh**. Rothbury is one of several other European-style festivals to pop up in America over the past few years.

Patrick McBride, an undeclared sophomore, plans on driving downstate for the July 3-6 festival. One of the main attractions that led to McBride buying his ticket was headliner DMB, who he had planned on seeing last year in Wisconsin, but his trip fell through. This time around, he was quick to grab his ticket. Aside from DMB, McBride's anticipating other Rothbury big-name acts. "I just can't wait to see and hang with Snoop Dogg," he said.

(For more information, check out rothburyfestival.com)

...and elsewhere

This year, more than any other, has loads of large scale events spread across the map, from California to Texas to New York, and seemingly everywhere in between. Wakarusa in Lawrence, Kan., offers up **The Flaming Lips**, **Cake** and **Buckethead** (wakarusa.com). Columbus, Ohio's two-day Rock on the Range is headlined by **Stone Temple Pilots**, **Kid Rock**, **Disturbed** and **Serj Tankian** (rockontherange.com). Sasquatch! in George, Wash., plays host to **R.E.M.**, **The Cure**, **Death Cab for Cutie** and the comedian folk duo **Flight of the Conchords** (sasquatchfestival.com). For **Radiohead** fans unable to swing Lollapalooza, New Jersey's All Points West festival might be the next best thing. Also on the bill are **Jack Johnson** and **Kings of Leon** (apwfestival.com). And speaking of Radiohead and Johnson, they're both playing Outside Lands in San Francisco with **Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers** (sfoutsidelands.com). Johnson's also heading up the Virgin Mobile festival in Baltimore, alongside **Nine Inch Nails**, **Kanye West**, **Wilco** and **Foo Fighters** (virginmobilefestival.com).

Apatow's 'Marshall' unforgettable



★★★★★

by JOSH SNYDER
staff writer

It may have taken all semester, but a film has finally been released that's not only worth seeing, but worth buying as soon as it hits store shelves. The latest Judd Apatow-produced comedy, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," is poised to be his next big hit. Given the lack of quality films lately, "Marshall" is a much-needed godsend for cinema-goers.

When television music composer Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) is dumped by his TV star girlfriend, Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), his life gets turned upside down. No matter what he does, he's always reminded of Marshall, who's now cozying up to rocker Aldous Snow (Russell Brand). Desperate for some relief, he takes a friend's advice and goes to Hawaii. But when he arrives, he

runs into Marshall in the hotel lobby. Not wanting to look like a coward, he decides to stay and is forced to face his break-up with Marshall while learning how to have fun again.

Unlike many comedies which cram all of their laughs into the first 15 minutes, "Marshall" paces its humor perfectly. You're always laughing at something, regardless of what's going on. Even during the most awkward moments, which happen to be some of the funniest, you'll always have a smile on your face.

"Marshall" works so well because of an exceptionally strong script. It's quick, witty and hilarious. Best of all, it's realistic, and the fact that the absurd scenarios were written with such believable dialogue is a feat many comedies haven't pulled off. What's even more impressive about the script is that it was written entirely by Segel, whose snappy, sharp and sometimes subtle sense of humor encourages audiences to see the film twice. You'll be laughing so hard in some scenes that you'll miss the next couple lines — the script is that well done. The situations the characters find themselves in are relatable, giving the film that down-to-earth feel, despite raunchy language and random full-frontal male nudity.

The characters are also realistic. They are fleshed out, deep individuals who fit their roles perfectly. After months of terrible horror films, it feels weird, yet refreshing, to actually care about characters. When they do something good, you'll find yourself cheering for them. And when they walk head first into a dis-

astrous situation, you'll roll your eyes and curse them under your breath.

For a comedy, the acting was very impressive. I was a little worried when I heard that Segel would be the lead actor, but he was able to carry this film as if he's been leading films for years. And Bell plays off of him perfectly. In fact, the entire ensemble did an amazing job. No one overacts or underperforms, impressive for such a large cast.

The only downside is that with so many actors, some of the better talents are a bit underused. Comedians Jonah Hill and Paul Rudd, while having hilarious roles, are basically boiled down to cameos, instead of

being full-fledged supporting actors. While it was nice to see other actors get a shot, Rudd just may be one of the best comedic actors working today, so I was a bit disappointed to see him used so little. If both he and Hill had just a little more screen time, this problem would have been solved, and they would have actually strengthened the film.

But it's not like "Marshall" really needs any sort of boost to its already outstanding performances. In fact, it doesn't really need much of anything else. As it stands, this is easily the best film released this year, and is going to be hard to top in terms of comedy.



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Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), star of television's hit drama "Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime," vacations with English rocker Aldous Snow (Russell Brand) in Hawaii.

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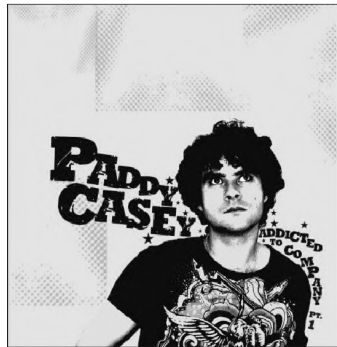
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Casey's latest a step to worldwide success



★★★★★

by SARAH O'NEILL
contributing writer

In Paddy Casey's native country of Ireland, his name could send a crowd into hysterics. In the United States, however, it is virtually unknown. Thanks to recent commercials on MTV profiling him and his music, Casey's latest album may be the one that establishes him as an international celebrity.

Bringing back the genre of genuine folk music, but with a twist, "Addicted to Company" proves that Casey is worthy of whatever fame he receives. His unique sound is enough to intrigue you, but his one-of-a-kind voice and stellar songwriting abilities take center stage.

It seems that adding the background band was only necessary for the completion of the album, and that he could have succeeded alone with only his guitar.

The title track is a slow, but steady, tune accentuated by an acoustic guitar and a violin during the chorus. There is even a ringing xylophone evident during some parts. Casey's voice is pleasant and he wastes no time getting through the lyrics, coming very close to rapping them. While it all may seem like one big mouthful, the words seem to bring you into Casey's mind and leave you feeling like an old friend. He sings, "Maybe I'm just addicted to company and I love / Places to go and I love people to see / And that's all right / That's enough for tonight."

Since he is a folk singer above all else, he has to have some songs protesting the fallen state of humanity. The song "Fear" is catchy with a serious meaning. The intense drum beat in the background and fast pace of the music mirrors the message he is trying to convey. "And I'm scared that my child won't live a long time / With your murderin,' rape and your drug money crime / Scared of the drugs stealin' youth from the young / Well their life story. Well that'll never be sung." It is evident while listening to the song that it is not a trendy "make art, not war" attempt, but a heartfelt plea for change.

A song on the album that other critics have raved about is "City." The funky mix of bass and saxo-

phone create a truly unique sound, while Casey for once pronounces the words slowly with much detail. The story behind the song is of a lonely soul in the city, looking to make it big.

The song "Not Out to Get You" takes a trip back in time, with the tune and music coming inches away from the famous track "Putting on the Ritz." "Leaving" is a ballad, with a light airy tune and a somewhat island-infused feel. The last track, "It's Over Now," is just Casey and his guitar. Reminiscent of his fellow Irish man Damien Rice in "The Blower's Daughter," he nearly screams the lyrics with raw emotion. "Well it's over now, and we both know why / 'Cause our bridges we burned as we passed them by / Yeah it's over now, and the dream is broken / And all our bitter words, will have now been spoken."

Without making any of the tunes cliché, Casey succeeds at including many emotionally jarring songs on his new album. The tracks include a cry for peace, the ballad of the lost soul and, of course, the break-up song. Although his curly red hair and skinny frame doesn't scream "rock star" — his music speaks clearly of the road stretched out ahead. Soon enough, the name Paddy Casey will cause more than just the Irish to cheer.



Radio X's top weekly album plays:

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| 1. Flight of the Conchords
"Flight of the Conchords" | 6. Plants and Animals
"Parc Avenue" |
| 2. Muse
"HAARP" | 7. The Literary Greats
"The Literary Greats" |
| 3. M83
"Saturdays = Youth 15" | 8. Imaginary Johnny
"Only Chimneys" |
| 4. Tokyo Police Club
"Elephant Shell" | 9. Murder by Death
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"Bleeding Love" | 6. Jordin Sparks
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| 4. OneRepublic
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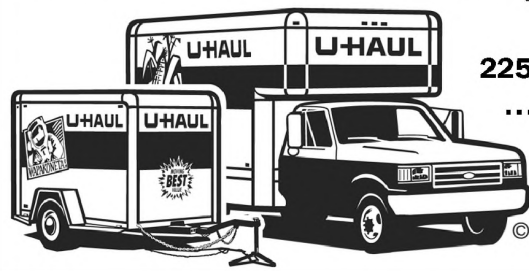
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Track team breaks three records in meet.

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Spencer Bouchard/NW

Junior quarterback Ben Hempel throws for a first down during the spring game. Hempel and freshman Matt Blanchard started at quarterback for their respective teams.

Spring Football Game

Green and golden talent showcased

by CURT KEMP
sports editor

On Sunday in the Superior Dome, the NMU football team took to the field for the final event of the spring season: The Green versus Gold spring game.

The Gold won 19-11.

Unlike previous years, the 2008 spring game was two full teams against one another, with the team captains drafting players. Previously, the spring game pitted the offensive starters against the defensive starters, and a point system was implemented to determine the winner.

Overall, the NMU coaching staff was pleased with what they saw during the game, but realized there's room for improvement.

"We were happy with some of the things we did," offensive coordinator Jeff Duvendeck said. "Obviously there's a lot in film that we can learn from, with the mistakes that we made."

Defensively, the Wildcats are still learning new coordinator Randy Awrey's scheme, and Awrey said the defensive players were taking steps in the right direction in that regard.

"I thought our players did a great job as far as learning what we were trying to teach them—and not only learning it, but comprehending it, understanding it and going out and performing it," Awrey said. "They're all taking steps, and I thought we took some good steps forward."

He likened learning a defensive scheme to building a house.

"We have the basement in. We've got a lot more of a house to build, but we have a good foundation in," Awrey said. "I feel good about what we've got done."

When asked who was most valuable defensively, Awrey lauded outside linebackers coach Joe Ballard, inside backers coach Tom Wender and defensive line coach Dick Koski.

"That's a great group of coaches right there," Awrey said.

Ballard, who won two Division-II national championships as a player at Grand Valley State, said it was a pleasure to be able to coach with Awrey, Wender and Koski.

"They're all great. They work well with the players, and they know what they're talking about," Ballard said. "I'm learning from them. I think if you add up all their years of experience, it's close to 200 years of experience. So for me, it's a great honor."

Awrey added that NMU's defense will be a team effort in the fall.

"I think that defensively, you really need to develop that team mentality," he said. "Because one player on a Saturday afternoon could stick out, but the only reason he might stick out is because the other 10 guys did their job. He may make a big play—he might make a sack or he might get a pick—but that wouldn't have happened if the other 10 guys don't get the job done."

One highlight of the game was the

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Top 3 sports stories of the year

Hockey addressed the doubters in '08

To commemorate the end of the academic school year, *The North Wind* sports staff compiled their favorite NMU-related sports stories of the year. These three stories illustrate achievements despite great adversity, a high level of sportsmanship and some of the greatest accomplishments in Northern sports history. For those who witnessed these accomplishments, the stories will be remembered for a long time to come.

If NMU hockey continued on the path it was on during the beginning of the 2007-08 season (2-8 with eight-straight losses), the team wouldn't be a part of any "story of the year" discussions. But, things turned around for the Wildcats, albeit slowly, and that's why the Northern hockey season was the story of the year.

To start the season, NMU defeated Toronto in an exhibition game, beat rival Michigan Tech and lost 4-0 to UM-Duluth in the Superior Cup. From there, NMU faced the top competition in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). In the next three series, NMU squared off against the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Miami. NMU lost every game of the stretch.

The University of Michigan finished the regular season as the No. 1 team in the nation, advancing in postseason play to the Frozen Four. At the end of the season, Michigan, Michigan State and Miami all advanced past the first round of the NCAA tournament.

After NMU's slow start, head coach Walt Kyle and his team fielded questions on the state of the hockey program, the underperforming recruits and a lack of leadership. The questions were valid if you simply looked at NMU's record, but with the competition the Wildcats were up against, coupled with the loss of top goal-scorer Mike Santorelli from the previous year, the 'Cats couldn't be expected to start the season on top. It would take some time.

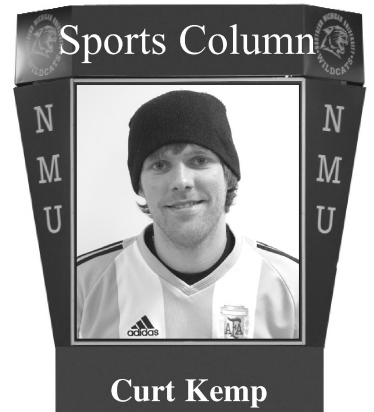
Northern then split its series with Western Michigan, and the tide began to turn. NMU would either split or sweep every series, including a split with national championship runner-up Notre Dame—that is, until the now-defunct hockey program of Wayne State came to town. NMU was swept by the lowly Warriors, and questions of the team again came up.

Some wondered what had happened to the once promising youngsters on the hockey team, others blamed the coaching staff for squandering talent. But, three weeks later, all questions were answered when the Wildcats went down to Ann Arbor for a weekend series with the top-ranked Wolverines and tied them twice.

One thing was glaringly obvious at that point: NMU could compete with any team in the nation.

The next weekend, NMU swept defending champion Michigan State at home with scores of 3-1 and 3-0. And the critics went mute.

Leadership in question? Look to senior Matt Siddall, who came into the season with 14 career goals. Siddall would score 18 goals this season alone. What about the youth?



Curt Kemp

NMU placed two players on the CCHA all-freshman team when Erik Gustafsson and Mark Olver each picked up the honor. Gustafsson led the team in plus/minus points (+26) and Olver was the team leader in goals (21) and points (38). What about the coaching staff? Walt Kyle, John Kyle and Rob Facca took a rough start and turned it into motivation for a team that was largely underclassmen.

One more sweep was left for the Wildcats in the regular season, when NMU took two from Nebraska-Omaha at home—and then it was playoff time. It was in the postseason where the 'Cats truly shined.

For starters, NMU came back from losing the first game of two separate three-game series to advance—twice. And the second series, well it was against Michigan State.

Michigan State was seeded higher than the 'Cats, coached by former NMU head coach Rick Comley, the game was in East Lansing, and MSU had arguably a better goaltender in Jeff Lerg—a candidate for the Hobey Baker award and eventual second-team all-American. One overtime goal from underclassman Matt Butcher later, and the Wildcats were on to the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit for the CCHA championship.

The first hurdle for the Wildcats was the top-ranked Michigan Wolverines. During the game, NMU led after two periods 3-2 behind spectacular goaltending from Brian Stewart and goals from Siddall, junior Nick Sirota and Butcher. Then things just got crazy. Michigan scored off the legs of NMU players, off of skates and rarely scored without some sort of deflection. NMU got no puck luck—and was still in the game until a final empty-net goal in the waning seconds. The final score read 6-4 in favor of Michigan.

NMU's head coach praised his team in the post-game press conference, citing Siddall as one of the best people he's had the opportunity to coach and smiled as he mentioned the way NMU came back from the rough start. He was clearly proud of the team's accomplishments, and it's hard to argue with him.

The next day, NMU defeated Notre Dame in the consolation game 2-1. That's the same Notre Dame team that wouldn't lose again until they faced 2008 national champions Boston College in the NCAA tournament.

As the 'Cats left Detroit, with little hope of a postseason berth, there weren't many questions remaining. Kyle and the 'Cats had addressed all subjects already over the course of the season. Their resilience will be remembered for years to come.

SPRING GAME

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ongoing battle for the starting quarterback position, with junior Ben Hempel and freshman Matt Blanchard taking on the starting role for each team.

Junior Vincent Church and freshman Carter Kopach are the other two vying for the starting quarterback role. Quarterbacks and wide receivers coach Dan Mettlach said that not having named a starting quarterback this early in the season is a good thing.

"It's a good thing because it'll keep the competition up and it'll keep everybody working hard," he said. "We probably won't name a starter until the fall rolls around."

Blanchard showed his athletic ability Sunday, avoiding tacklers and breaking short runs for first downs, including one for a touchdown. Mettlach said Blanchard played well in the game, and added that he also made some freshman mistakes that may have gone unnoticed.

"He's got a ways to go, and he knows that," Mettlach said. "And he's the type of kid that's going to work and try to polish up those things over the summer, but we were happy with what he did on Saturday."

Hempel, the more seasoned of the two quarterbacks, showed an ability to control the Northern offense and was composed while throwing in the pocket. Hempel finished the spring game with two touchdown tosses to a pair of sophomores, one to tight end Austin Hughes and the other to wideout Zach Nichols.

"He's the type of kid that's not going to make many mistakes," Mettlach said about Hempel. "He knows where the ball's supposed to be and he gets the ball out in time."

Hempel's touchdown throw to Hughes was only one of several plays to the NMU tight ends. He and sophomore tight end Luke Carlson saw a lot of plays come their way on Sunday. Hughes, at 6 feet 6 inches and 255 pounds, and Carlson, at 6 feet 5 inches and 250 pounds, are both big targets for the quarterbacks to take advantage of. Mettlach said they'll be important aspects of the offense for next year.

"They are definitely weapons that our quarterbacks need to be on the same page with, because I think they can help us out a lot coming this fall," he said.

Tight ends coach Josh De St. Aubin said both Carlson and Hughes are big, but also athletic.

"They're that hybrid player—the offensive lineman who has speed and can get out and run and catch

the ball in open space," De St. Aubin said.

He added that the work ethic of all of NMU's tight ends has been impressive. De St. Aubin said redshirt freshman Blake Crider, who will be looked to provide Hughes and Carlson with rest during the season, has put on 25 to 30 pounds since arriving at Northern.

Hughes, specifically, has pushed himself to work on his game in the offseason.

"He never stops. He's always looking to improve and his heart is there," De St. Aubin said about Hughes. "It's amazing to watch that kid. He's here every day—running, lifting, going over his playbook, and he's always in there watching film whenever he can. If there was one way to describe him, it'd be his work ethic. It's amazing."

Carlson's described as a "freak athlete" and De St. Aubin was impressed with the things Carlson is able to do on the field, adding that Carlson has put on muscle but still remained athletic.

"You can ask him to do pretty much anything, and he's going to be able to do it," he said.

NMU's offensive coordinator said having athletic tight ends was a luxury for the team because it added another aspect to the offense.

"I like getting them on the field because they are big; it gives us a better run game. They do a good job in the run game," Duvendeck said. "Because they are athletic as well, it's a nice target too, for a new starting quarterback to have—and whoever's our starter is going to be a new kid."

The running game will be again led by sophomore Mark Bossuah, who picked up Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) first team laurels last season.

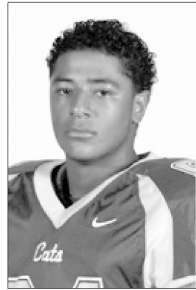
"I would love to have him on any team. He does a great job, works his butt off, keeps his mouth shut," Duvendeck said. "He really praises the offensive line and praises the rest of the team and just wants to win. He could care less if he has 400 yards or 10 yards, as long as we win the game and he's doing his role."

Duvendeck added he was optimistic for the 2008 season.

"We're extremely excited," he said. "I thought we had some very close games last year, and with the new defense—and coach Awrey does a great job with that—if we can stop some people, we should be able to win, and I don't see us not being able to do that."

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**— Jeff Duvendeck
offensive coordinator**



HUGHES



Spencer Bouchard/NW

NMU freshman quarterback Matt Blanchard leaps across the goal line for his lone score of the spring game.

Top 3 sports stories of the year

Smyth finishes career in style and with class

This year's top sport story is one that displays athleticism, heart, inspiration, determination—and, perhaps most importantly, sportsmanship.

The story begins at the 2007 NCAA Championship Nordic skiing races. There, three athletes from the NMU women's team made history, sweeping the podiums in both the 5k-freestyle race and the 15k-classic race.

In the freestyle, senior Lindsay Williams took first, junior Morgan Smyth came in second and senior Lindsey Weir brought home third. In the classic, Weir was first, with Williams in second and Smyth finishing third.

After their respective collegiate careers came to an end, the two seniors, Williams and Weir, went on to train for the U.S. National Ski team and compete at an international level. Smyth, the other medalist, had one year remaining at NMU to continue with an already impressive legacy.

But Smyth's final season proved to be an emotional one, one that will stand apart from other NMU all-American skiers.

In July 2007, Smyth tore her meniscus—the cartilage in the knee joint—in a rollerskiing accident. The injury kept Smyth off her feet for two months. During that summer, she extensively trained her upper body in order to be ready for the start of the season.

When the 2008 campaign started for the NMU nordic ski team, Smyth was back to 100 percent, and the top finishes returned as well. She went on to earn six top-three finishes before qualifying to race at the NCAA championships—the third time in her collegiate career she did so.

With this year's NCAA championships held in Bozeman, Mont., the trails were 6,200 feet above sea level, giving Smyth and the rest of NMU's qualifiers another obstacle to overcome.

In Smyth's first race, the 5k-freestyle, she earned a 5th-place finish. The freestyle race isn't known to be Smyth's strength, so the top-five finish gave her the confidence to repeat on the podium for a second year in the classic race two days later. But, it wasn't meant to be.

Before the start of the classic, the coaching staff of NMU's ski team decided to use a different type of wax due to the warmer conditions. Then, only a few minutes into the race, the clouds covered the sun and the temperature dropped.

Smyth's skis became extra sticky at that point and snow condensed on them, resulting in her pushing more weight with each stride. Head coach Sten Fjeldheim compared this condition to running a race with mud continually sticking on your shoes.

When Smyth finally crossed the finish line, she earned 16th place—close to ten minutes slower than her finish one year ago.

What makes this story great, though, is that Smyth did not throw her skis down in anger or scream at her coach for making a poor decision. She walked up to her coaches and thanked them for another great year, then walked up to the medalists and congratulated them on their finishes.

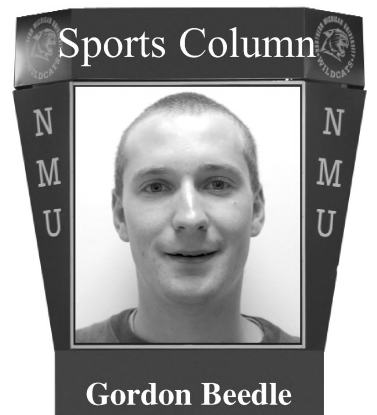
Smyth will leave Northern as one of the best athletes to ever come out of the nordic skiing program. She is a two-time all-American and a selection for the 2009 U.S. National Team.

But more important than that, she was, and is, a leader by example and an inspiration for all athletes still at NMU.

The sportsmanship shown by Smyth at the end of the disappointing race is something that is missing in other great sport stories. Too often we witness athletes blaming coaches for poor decisions, or a referee for a questionable call or even the weather for not cooperating. Actions such as these simply diminish great athletic accomplishments.

The NMU ski team has a principle they follow to rise above these variables. Fjeldheim said his team has a saying: "First you form an attitude and then that attitude forms you." According to Fjeldheim, if the attitude is always positive, then positive results will follow.

In all sports, there are going to be elements that athletes cannot control, but one thing they can always control is their attitude. And Smyth's attitude after her final race for NMU was just as heroic as her podium finishes.



Gordon Beedle

Track sets three records

by CARSON LE MAHIEU
assistant sports editor

When the NMU track team competed in the Northwood Open, they finished with impressive results—to the tune of three new school records.

Freshman Jessica Trotochaud set a new NMU record in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.49. She placed second overall in the event, 0.2 seconds behind the winner.

“Jessica had a fantastic race in the 400-hurdles. It was her first time out this year, and in high school, they run the 300-hurdles, so it’s quite a bit different,” NMU head coach Tom Barnes said. “She’s just started with the 400-hurdles and she broke our record by 3.5 seconds. It was an all around impressive run.”

Another NMU record was set in the 4x100-meter relay when senior Callie Boik, junior Natalie Bertucci, freshman Brittnee Balbierz and senior Danielle St. Onge ran a 49.64, good for a fourth-place showing.

The final NMU record was set by sophomore Karin Diebold, who leapt to a new record of 10 feet 6 inches in the pole vault, which resulted in a fifth-place finish.

Sophomore Krista Squiers won

the javelin competition with a throw of 119-09.0.

Other top three finishers for the ‘Cats were St. Onge, who finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.76 seconds, junior Jennifer Wiedmeyer, who finished third in the mile with a time of 5:01.36 and Bertucci, with a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles. The Wildcats finished with athletes in both second and third place in two separate events with junior Leslie Luehmann and St.

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– Tom Barnes
head track coach

Onge taking the silver and bronze in the long jump, and freshman Michele Bisig and senior Danielle Stein doing the same in the 5,000-meter run.

The team now turns its attention to the two final meets of the year, the UW-Oshkosh Invite on April 26, and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)

Championship May 1-2 at Saginaw Valley University in University Center, Mich.

Running in Wisconsin will give the Wildcats a chance to see competition that they do not go up against with as often as many of their GLIAC opponents. Among the teams that are competing in this upcoming weekend’s meet is the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the reigning Division-III champs.

Barnes said he is using this weekend’s meet as a chance to give some of his girls a break and experiment with running a few people in different events.

“We’re not going all out this weekend because we are keying up for the GLIACs,” Barnes said. “We’re going to use the meet at Oshkosh to get another tune-up before the GLIACs. We like going to Oshkosh because it’s a great warm-up for our conference meet.”

After this weekend’s meet, all eyes will shift to the GLIAC conference meet. Northern finished in 7th at the GLIAC indoor championships in March.

“We’re going to peak at the GLIACs,” Barnes said. “We’re running really good right now and we had a nice week that showed that we are headed in the right direction. We have a few more things to work on and with a little more rest we should do fine.”

Luehmann off to fast start in the heptathlon at Hillsdale College

NMU junior Leslie Luehmann broke two school records competing in the heptathlon at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Multis on Wednesday, April 23.

At press time, Luehmann was in first place in the competition, an event comprised of: the 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash, 800-meter run, long jump, high jump, shot put and javelin.

“Leslie has worked hard and is in great shape. She’s got a lot of focus and it’s not a surprise to me she is doing as well as she is,” NMU head coach Tom Barnes

said Wednesday night.

In Wednesday’s first event, Luehmann broke the NMU record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.29 seconds. She then followed that performance with a 5 foot 4.5 inches jump in the high jump—her second school record of the day.

Luehmann achieved personal best in the final two events of the day, throwing 36 feet in the shot put and running a 26.22-second 200-meter dash.

Tomorrow, Luehmann will try to hold on to the top spot in the competition as she competes in

the javelin, long jump and 800-meter run.

“She’s a real strong long jumper and javelin thrower, and she’ll do well enough in the 800 (meter run),” Barnes said. “I think she has a real chance at winning.”

Last year, Luehmann finished 6th in the competition.

For updates on Luehmann’s performance at the GLIAC Multis check out *The North Wind* Web site at www.thenorthwindonline.com.

– Carson LeMahieu

NMU basketball’s Kazmierkoski picks up GLIAC academic award

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) announced the recipients of the winter 2008 GLIAC Commissioner’s Awards. The awards, sponsored by Meijer Incorporated, are presented after the fall, winter and spring athletic seasons to six male and six female student-athletes who excel both in the classroom and on the fields of play.

Northern Michigan University’s Tyler Kazmierkoski was one of the six male student-athletes selected for the winter 2008 Commissioner’s Award.

Kazmierkoski, a starting guard on the NMU basketball team, is also a social studies and secondary education major who has maintained a 3.85 GPA during his collegiate career.

For the 2007-08 basketball season, Kazmierkoski averaged 13 points per game, grabbed a team-high 124 rebounds (4.6 per game) and led the team with 69 three-pointers made. He was seventh in the GLIAC last season with three-point field goals and an average of 2.56 per game.

– NMU Sports Information

Top 3 sports stories of the year Volleyball team building its reputation

This year’s best story in NMU sports is the re-emergence of the Northern volleyball team to national prominence after a disappointing 2006 season.

The 2006 season saw the ‘Cats jump out to an 11-0 start before collapsing and going 5-11 in their last 16 games to finish the season 8-10 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) and 16-11 overall. Head coach Qi Wang resigned at the end of the season.

With Qi’s resignation, the national search for a new coach was on. NMU’s athletic department brought in two coaches, Wick Cholchagoff and Terry Gamble, to interview for the position. Two weeks later, NMU thought it had found the head coach of the future when they named Gamble to the position. Days later, Gamble resigned for family reasons and the coaching search began again. The search ended for good in February when NMU signed former Michigan Tech assistant, and Cameron State head coach, Dominic Yoder.

Yoder was a relative unknown to most fans of NMU volleyball. Many people in the community felt the team was grasping at straws with the hire after Gamble’s unexpected rejection of the team.

Yoder’s team entered the season with low expectations—the team was ranked 5th in the GLIAC North Preseason Coaches Poll. The Wildcats did little in their first tournament to change anyone’s mind about those low expectations, getting shutout in the season opening Concordia St. Paul tournament in St. Paul, Minn.

The team lost its next match 0-3 to the University of Minnesota-Moorehead. Following that loss, the team turned things around in a big way—winning six in a row, and 20 of their final 27 to finish the season. Among those 20 wins was a win over national top 10—and GLIAC leading—Grand Valley. Grand Valley went on to finish 17-1 in the GLIAC and ranked 5th in the final national rankings.

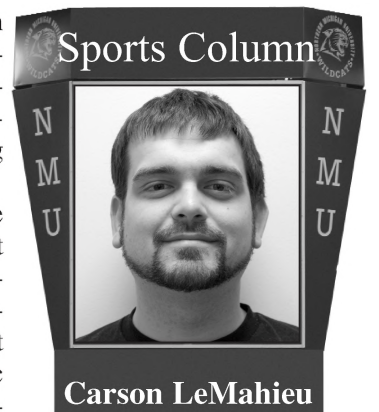
One of the biggest reasons for the team’s resurgent season is the All-GLIAC play of junior Caryn VanBeckum, senior Brittany McGowan and junior Breanne Zaremba. VanBeckum and McGowan were both first team All-GLIAC selections and Zaremba earned All-GLIAC honorable mention honors.

This spring, the team has continued the turnaround, posting a 10-3 record in exhibition play at three tournaments and a home match against Lake State. A 10-3 record is successful against any level of NCAA competition, but what makes Northern’s 10 wins so special is that four of them (Eastern Michigan, Toledo, Cleveland State and Oakland) have come against Division-I teams. Factor in close losses to perennial “big school” powers Notre Dame, Purdue and Michigan and it would be easy to mistake the ‘Cats for a successful D-I program.

I know people will say that its only exhibition play and it doesn’t count yet, but if NMU’s basketball team beat the four teams that the volleyball team has played—even in exhibition games, fans would catch Wildcat fever and the Berry Events Center would be packed for every home game.

When the Wildcats open their season next year they will try to reharness this momentum and take the team back to the NCAA tournament and hopefully the 2008 NMU volleyball team will be hoisting the championship trophy at the end of the tournament.

The 2007-08 NMU volleyball team is truly this year’s sports story of the year because the team could have given up last season when they lost 11 of the last 16 games in the 2006 season, or when they started the 2007 season with an 0-5 record, but they didn’t, and after rallying to finish the season 8th in the Great Lakes Regional Poll, the team now has four wins against D-I schools and a 10-3 spring board to jump into next year’s season.



Carson LeMahieu

Wildcats prove to be 'superior' over spring

by GORDON BEEDLE
associate sports editor

The NMU volleyball team ended its successful spring season on Saturday with more victories, coming this time in NMU's Vandament Arena against Lake Superior State.

The Wildcats were dominant in all five games, with scores of 25-12, 25-16, 25-15, 25-13 and 15-13.

The win gave the 'Cats a 10-3 record. The spring results, head coach Dominic Yoder said, are something his team can be proud of.

The 'Cats' only losses came at the hands of Division-I teams Michigan, Notre Dame and Purdue.

"In the spring, [the team] really polished our system of play. They became more comfortable with it," Yoder said. "The players are saying 'I got it. I got the system down. Now I just need to increase my success rate.' I think that is a good thing to hear, and I think the spring was a good motivator for that product."

Yoder added that his team proved to be back at the top of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference by not losing any of the spring competitions against Division-II schools.

"Being able to play against Division-II and play at a high level against them — I think is important to us," he said. "Basically, our philosophy on our team is, every time we step between those lines, we're going to compete, regardless if it is a national championship or it's a spring competition against a Division-III (team)."

This spring season was a longer one for the Wildcats than in past years, but Yoder said it is the level of competition he likes his team to have.

"For me, it's average. For the tradition here at Northern, it's probably not average. But it's something that I always want to make a norm here, that we are always going to compete at the highest level," he said. "We're not really going to have an off-season when it comes to competition."

In the upcoming fall season, 10 new recruits will join the team, and hopefully help to get the Wildcats back to the national tournament.

"They are going to be a fun group of players," Yoder said.

"They are going to help us be successful next year and in the future."

One of the challenges for the 2008 team, he added, is to get the new players accustomed to the style of volleyball NMU plays, and have them become part of the team on and off the court.

"I think for the new players coming, our current players are going to have to teach them the system. I think that is an important aspect—to absorb them into the team family," Yoder said. "Get the younger players to play at the higher level. And make them play more consistent in a college game."

With the summer offseason approaching, the volleyball team has no summer practices, but Yoder believes the majority of his athletes will keep up with the training on their own.

The training system Yoder implemented at NMU promotes a healthy lifestyle and he said the volleyball team will always be athletes, in season or out.

"I think they are athletes and I think they bought into the system," he said. "So will they or won't they (train)? That is up to them—but I think they are athletes."



Spencer Bouchard/NW
Sophomore outside hitter Daniela Bezerra spikes the ball during NMU volleyball's final spring match of the season. NMU won all five games.



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

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

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

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

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

Event: The Sustainable Agriculture Club will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room of the University Center.

Film: "Apocalypse Now" (R) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free for NMU stu-

dents and \$1 for non-students.

FRI., APRIL 25

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

Event: WUPX will meet from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Event: The New Business Venture Competition will take place from 12:30-6:30 p.m. starting in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

SAT., APRIL 26

Rummage Sale: Apartment wide rummage sale in Lot 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Film: "10 Things I Hate About You" (PG-13) will show at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Event: The Marquette Choral Society will host a Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

Film: "Brokeback Mountain" (R) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

SUN., APRIL 27

Event: The Marquette Choral Society will host a Spring Concert at 3 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

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

Event: Victory Over Death will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Event: Golden Z Club will meet from 5-7 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

Event: Latin Dance Club will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

MON., APRIL 28

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

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

TUES., APRIL 29

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

Event: Progressive Future will host an information session from 7-8 p.m. in Room 2303 of Hedgecock.


Event: There will be a Holistic Health Forum for the Mind/Body/Spirit: "The Practice of Yiquan as Part of Traditional Chinese Medicine" from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Room at Peter White Public Library.

WED., NOV. 14

Event: Pagan Moon will meet from 9-11 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

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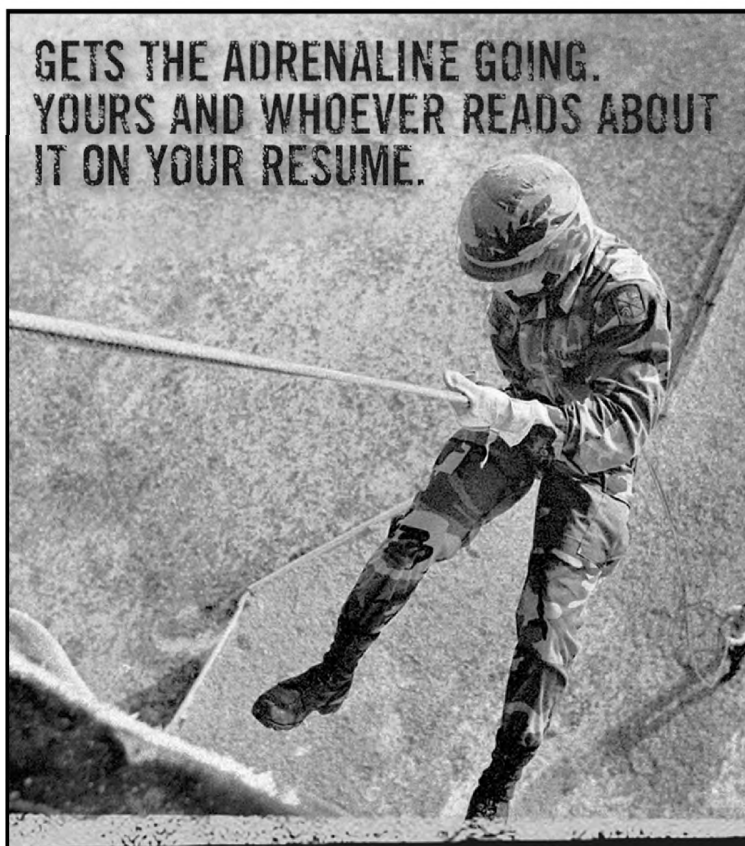
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Announcement

There are insufficient words to express our heartfelt thanks to the NMU community, our friends and family who donated and/or joined us for the benefit luncheon held April 15th on my behalf at the Jacobetti Center commons area. It was the rainbow after the previous three-month storm. We were totally overwhelmed by the love, compassion and generosity of so many. It was a very humbling experience to be the recipient. We return to the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit on April 22nd when I begin preparations

for the May 8th bone marrow transplant. Thank you all for your messages of hope, encouragement and continued prayers. With great gratitude, Rick and Shelby Parmenter

Moving Sale: 334 Jackson St. Marquette. Saturday 8a.m.-4p.m.; Sunday 9a.m.-4p.m. Furniture, Kitchenware, Clothing, Unique and Exotic Items

Shout Outs

Jamreed — My very last shout out. Don't worry I'm going to come to Madison and play with your pets and get tattoos. I love you — **Berken**

Cassandra — Thanks for being a great assistant and friend. I'm going to miss our inappropriate AIM convos at midnight. — **Ashley**

Grandma — Happy Birthday. It's my last week of college! — **Ashley**

North Winders — I'm going to miss all of you. Thanks for making my weeks...interesting — **Berken**

Tracy — SUMMMMER! — **Me**

Whoever we play — No one can stop the British Invasion — **Gordon**

Mom — Sorry I missed your birthday — **Gordon**

Kyle — Have fun with Dmitri Young and the Nationals in DC — **Shane**

Snyder — Have fun at the ole desk. — **Features**

Jamie — It's been a fun couple of semesters. Don't be sad. There's always Facebook. — **Shane**

Mom and Dad — Thanks for being my biggest supporters. I love you guys so much. — **Jamie (your favorite daughter)**

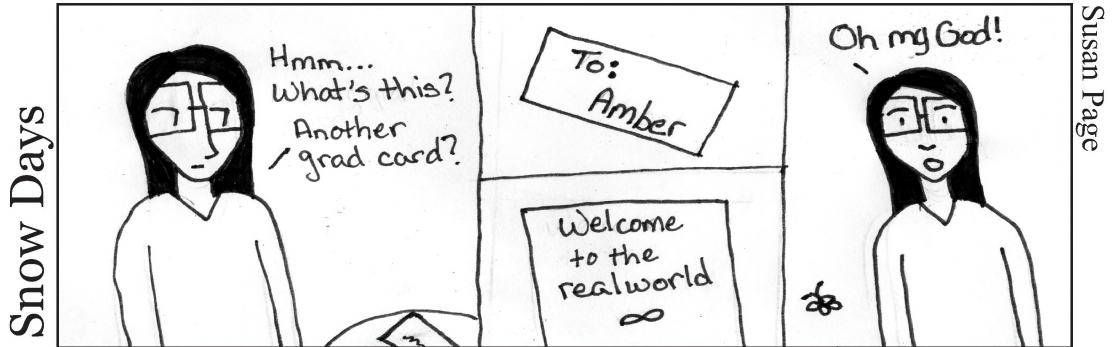
Lulu — I love you — **Karlo**

Congratulations North Wind graduates!

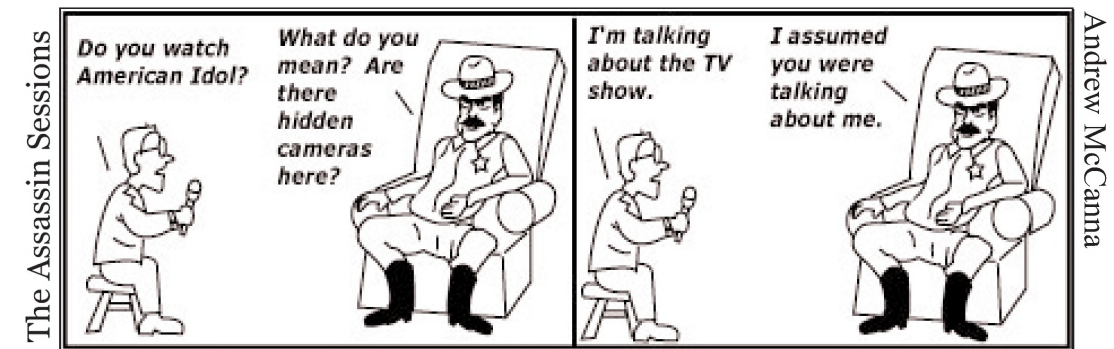


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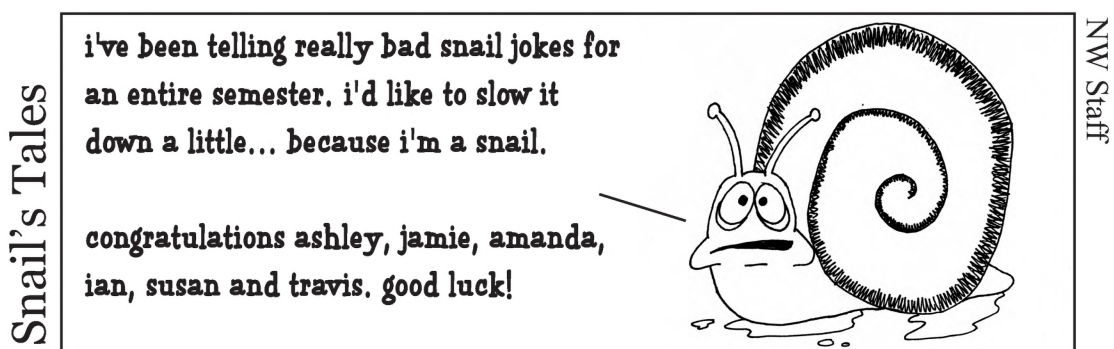
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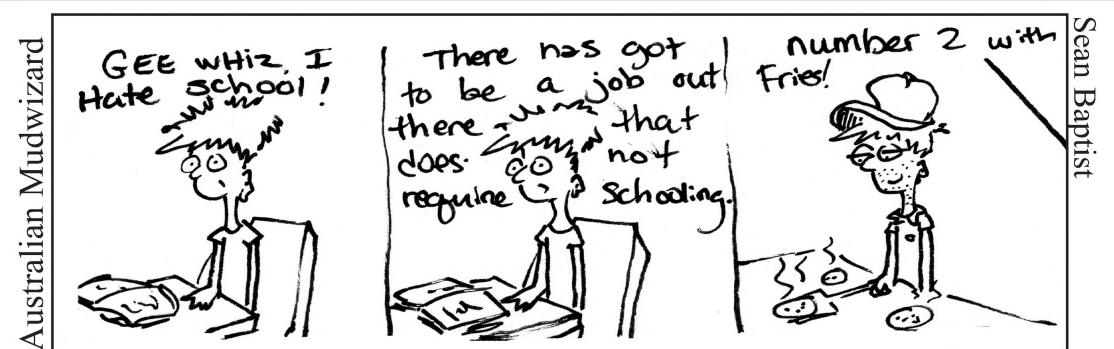
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