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## External Affairs Committee created

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

Recently-elected ASNMU President Hobie Webster has taken the first steps towards fulfilling his vision for the future of the program, as he has filled vacant spots on the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) board and worked to create the external affairs committee.

"The external affairs committee is the first big project we started working on at the end of the year," Webster said. "It's obviously still in the development phase, but it will have three key responsibilities: keeping in contact with the city and county commissions, getting involved in local service organizations and keeping abreast with financial issues in Lansing."

Webster said that the committee was created in part to help Northern move forward with the new master plan which was unveiled last fall. The plan includes initiatives to increase Northern student involvement in the Marquette community.



Webster

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—Hobie Webster  
ASNMU President

"Right now there is no real connection between what we do as ASNMU and what the city is doing," Webster said. "The majority of our students actually live in the Marquette community rather than on campus, so issues that are affecting the community are also issues that affect many students."

The committee will be composed of three members of the ASNMU board and also a chair person to oversee committee actions. Each member will be in charge of one aspect of the committee.

Webster said one of the most important branches of the committee is the person who will monitor activity in the state legislature and lobby for increased funding for Northern. The nominee will be in charge of following news related to college fund-

ing being passed through the house committee on higher education funding, the house appropriations committee and the senate appropriations committee.

"There is no issue that is as dramatically important to students as tuition, and having constant vigilance to what the state is doing is vital," Webster said.

In addition to the creation of the external affairs committee, Webster has also worked to fill the spots which remained vacant after April's elections.

Currently 24 of the 28 board positions have been filled. At the end of last semester the board consisted of only 14 members.

New Director of Information and Technology Jeff Thomas said he got involved with ASNMU because he was excited with the direction the organization was moving.

"I was very excited to see Hobie (Webster) and the other progressive roundtable students have a clear vision for ASNMU," Thomas said. "I wanted to be a part of it and my skill set was a natural match."

Thomas is currently revamping the ASNMU Web site.

The remaining unfilled spots are two College of Professional Studies representatives and two General Studies representatives.

Webster said the focus is now on getting incoming freshmen to fill the general studies positions — positions that have been notoriously hard to fill because the applicant must currently not have a declared major or an individually constructed program.

"It's incredibly important (to have the spots filled) because these positions are based on your personal experiences at NMU," Webster said. "Each rep is selected based on their ability to represent themselves essentially because they are part of their

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## NMU professor honored with distinguished award

By Cassandra Sturos  
associate news editor

Computer Information Systems professor Sandra Poindexter has received the Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year Award for her exemplary teaching.

Poindexter was nominated because of her amazing innovation and teaching style in the classroom, said Susan Koch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"She goes to extraordinary lengths to know every student in every class by name, focuses her research on learning in the

undergraduate curriculum and serving as an extremely proactive academic adviser for students majoring in Computer Information Systems," Koch said.

It is great news not only for Poindexter, but for the college of business and NMU as well, said Rajib Sanyal, the Dean of the Sisler College of Business.



Poindexter

"We are all delighted; this is a high honor for professor Poindexter, to recognize her contributions. It's good news for the college of business that we have such a distinguished faculty member," he said. "It's also good news for NMU where we embody high quality teaching, so we are simply thrilled and delighted."

This shows other schools what a great business department NMU has and will attract potential business students, Sanyal said.

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Jeff Kitson/NW

**RAISING THE ROOF** Construction workers operate a crane as it erects the new roof of Hunt Hall. Workers are toiling around the clock to finish the renovation in time for the start of the school year. Hunt Hall is the final Quad II dorm to be renovated.

## Northern sports marketing team garners acclaim

By Cassandra Sturos  
associate news editor

NMU's marketing and promotion's manager has been selected as a top three finalist for the 2007-08 NACMA Best of Award.

Jess Jones was both surprised and excited at being chosen as a finalist for the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA) Best of Award.

"It's a tremendous honor to be a finalist" she said. "And we're incredibly happy to be receiving the honor as a department."

The department is also receiving an NCAA Division II Community Engagement award at the convention, Jones said.

"We are so excited as a department to receive these awards and it's really great for the businesses who were involved."

Jones became a finalist for her work on the promotion of "Diamond Date Night" and the "Mascot Duel."

To come up with the idea for the "Mascot Duel," Jones spoke with people at Big Boy

who had recently purchased their own Big Boy costume.

"We wanted to make sure [the event] was enjoyable for all the families and students," she said.

Due to the recent popularity of dancing shows on television, Jones thought it might be a good idea to do a dance off between Wildcat Willy and the Big Boy mascot, Jones said.

"Good publicity was the goal of the event, but we knew it was going to be very unique and very hilarious," she said.

The idea for "Diamond Date Night," was formulated with Wattsson and Wattsson in order for them to promote their business and reach more people.

"We came up with that idea because we wanted to do something unheard of," Jones said.

Wattsson and Wattsson gave students a chance to win valuable diamond jewelry.

"We felt like it was something we hadn't seen before and it'd be a really fun event for all the Wildcat fans and we tied it in with Valentines Day," she added.

## BRIEFS

### Wong receives pay raise

Northern Michigan University's Board of Trustees approved a new compensation package for NMU President Les Wong on Friday, May 2. The new package, which will go into effect July 1, the day his current contract is set to expire, allows for a five percent increase to his base salary, raising it to \$194,225. The board also voted to add \$5,000 to his deferred compensation for each year he continues to serve as NMU's president. "In recognition of President Wong's outstanding performance at Northern and his less-than-competitive base salary when compared with peer institutions, the committee is recommending the five percent increase," said Sam Bendeict, chair of the board's executive committee. "Deferred compensation is a way to encourage Dr. Wong to stay at Northern while also protecting the university's investment. We want him to implement the impressive initiatives he recently laid out in his strategic 'Road Map [to 2015 and Beyond].'"

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### SLFP names 2008 graduates

Forty NMU students graduated from the nationally recognized Student Leader Fellowship Program spring semester. Each graduate has completed a two year program which focuses on leadership skill development and a strong commitment to community service. The program consists of a two-credit leadership theory and practice course, a year-long mentoring relationship with a local community leader, an annual overnight retreat, a minimum of 15 "Skill Builder" workshops and a year-long community service internship. The students graduating from the program are: Kerensa Bauman, Kerry Black, Ashley Bollwahn, Brennan Busse, Christopher Chase, Amber Chiapuzio, Yuriy Drubinskiy, Emily Engelhardt, Nathan Gazza, Kara Granroth, Brooke Gregersen, David Hedberg, Elizabeth Jeplawy, Christine Johnroe, Barbara Kerkove, Abby Kiley, Sarah Kilker, Krista Leidi, Mallory Mahoney, Holly Majszac, Alexandra Marshall, Keonshay Moore, Angela Neumann, Betsy Ott, Mary Jeanne Rajala, Klamesha Richards, Julie Rueden, Laura Rueden, Jeron Schmidt, Anne Marie Swanson, Dana Toenjes, Katie Trevor, Kevin Wieser, Karen Zaehler

- Carson LeMahieu

### Prize winners announced

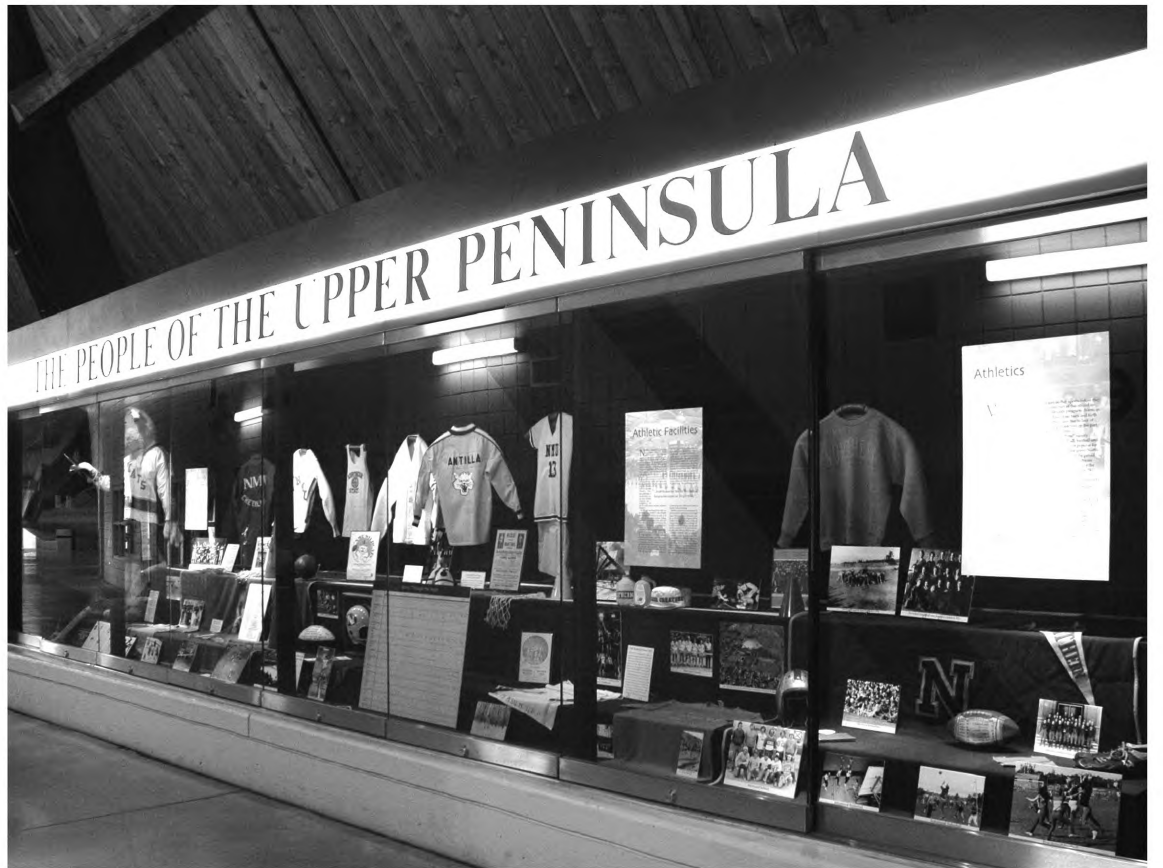
The winners of Northern Michigan University's VandeZande Fiction Prize and the Legler Memorial Poetry Prize were announced at a recent ceremony. The winner of the VandeZande Fiction Prize was Jaime VanEnkevort, a junior English major from Bark River. Her essay was titled "How to Find a Three-Legged Dog." Other finalists in the contest – all from Marquette – were Michala Hansen with "Pancakes," Alaina Vandermissen with "Cartoon-Worthy" and Stefan Mittlebrunn with "Birth Control." Hansen, a senior English major, won the Legler Memorial Poetry Prize. Her poem was titled "For Little Jude." The two finalists in the contest were Cameron Witbeck from Vestaburg with the poem "Abracadabra" and Thomas Rich from Dexter, for his piece titled "City." The VandeZande Fiction Prize was established this year to honor former NMU professor John VandeZande, who died in 2006. The Legler Memorial Poetry Prize is awarded annually and was created in 1993 to honor former professor Phil Legler, who died in 1992.

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### "Big Green Idea" winner selected

A proposed shift to compostable, biodegradable trash bags was the winning "Big Green Idea" in an NMU contest seeking input on creating a more sustainable campus. Andrea Dupras, a junior mechanical engineering technology major, received an iPod Touch for her suggestion. "This seemed like the most feasible idea and the easiest to implement. I work in an office on campus and I see the custodians changing out plastic bags," she said. "With all the bags used on campus each day, it just seemed that there might be options that are better for the environment." Dupras said she found different brands online that are plant-based and do not use polyethylene in the production process. The contest was sponsored by a committee charged with analyzing sustainability efforts at NMU and recommending additional steps toward that purpose. According to committee chair Michael Broadway, the Big Green Idea submissions were judged on their "impact, feasibility and originality."

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Amanda Shellnut / NW

"The People of the Upper Peninsula," an exhibit in the Superior Dome, features memorabilia from Northern's athletic past. Included is a vintage Willy the Wildcat uniform from the late 1980s.

## Display opens in the Dome

By Jackie Stark

interim editor in chief

Located inside the Superior Dome, a historic building in itself, are several small pieces of Northern's history on display.

The displays run along the outer wall of the Dome and feature a variety of NMU's history, from athletics to notable people throughout Marquette County.

The Dome's newest display, "The People of the Upper Peninsula" curated by Beaumier Museum Director Daniel Truckey, offers the public a unique view of NMU athletics, dating back to 1947, with the establishment of Northern's first cheerleading squad.

"There's also a Wild-

cat Willy suit on loan to us in the display," Truckey said.

The suit was provided by Jay McQuillian, who served as Wildcat Willy from 1984-1989 before moving on to become a professional mascot for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The display also features information on NMU's alpine ski team, men and women's basketball, women's field hockey, football and gymnastics.

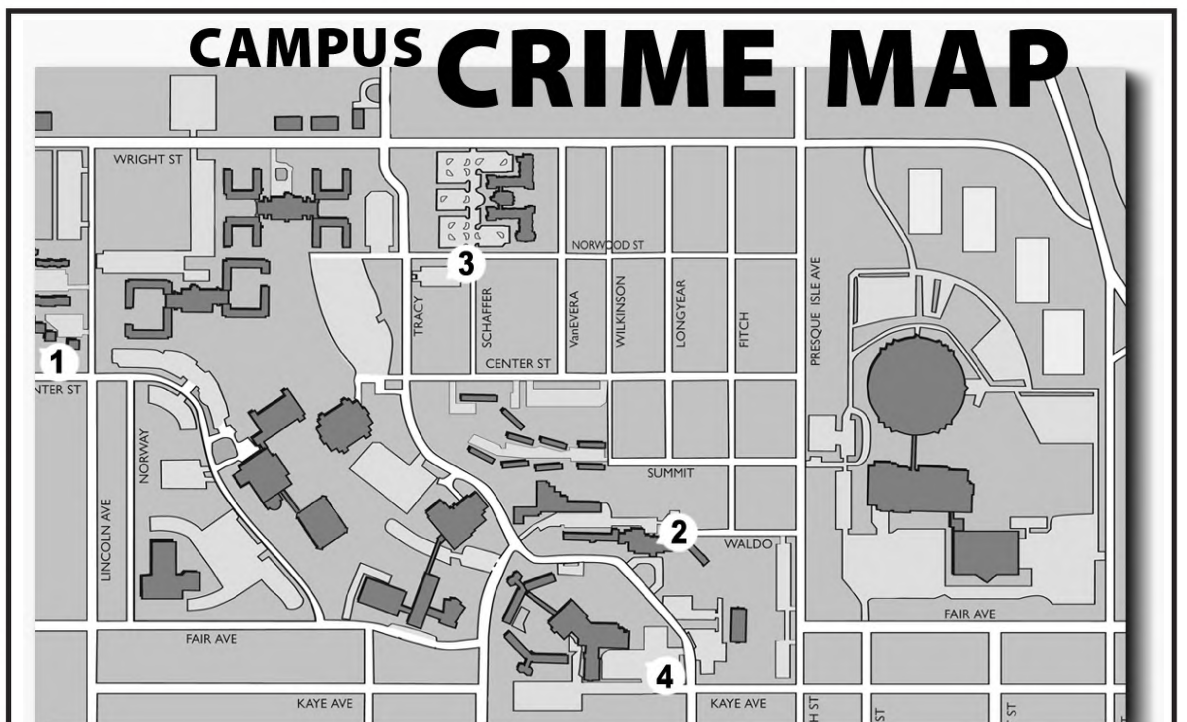
While the "Upper Peninsula" display only features NMU athletics, the other displays in the Dome offer a broader view of the Marquette area.

"Legends of the Upper Peninsula" exhibits several dif-

ferent prominent figures from the Upper Peninsula.

Included in this display is Glen T. Seaborg, an Ishpeming native who won the Nobel prize for Chemistry. Also featured is John Voelker, author of the famous novel, "Anatomy of a Murder," which was made into a feature film and Dominic Jacobetti, a Negaunee native. He spent 40 years serving the state of Michigan in the House of Representatives, the longest tenure of any Michigan representative.

The Dome is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.. It's closed Saturday and Sunday. "The People of the Upper Peninsula" will be on display through December.



1. On May 14, a rear window of a car was broken. The case is still open.
2. On May 15, Lee Hall was broken into, causing minimal damage. The case is still open with no suspects.
3. On May 20, a bike was stolen from Lot 37. The case is still open.
4. On May 24, a 26 year old male was arrested for drunk driving near Lot 8.

## AWARD

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"It validates the high quality of teaching that takes place in the college of business," he said. "I hope [high school students] will notice this and can be assured when they come to Northern for a business degree, that they can get high quality instruction from very dedicated and innovative faculty members such as professor Poindexter."

One of Poindexter's prominent teaching techniques is her involvement with students, advocating hands-on experience, Sanyal said.

"This is very distinctive; we all know that when you actually do something you actually remember it, versus reading a book or listening to a lecture," he said. "In some ways she has been a leader in experiential learning, which is a very effective way of teaching."

Koch agrees that Poindexter's receiving this award will encourage people to see what an incredible teaching staff Northern has.

"This award gives further evidence to the fact that NMU has always placed great teaching at the center of what we do. And I think sandy represents that," Koch said.

Poindexter works hard to provide the best quality education she can to her students, Koch added.

"Professor Poindexter has been repeatedly recognized for her outstanding commitment to students and for her remarkable contributions to undergraduate education, besides receiving the NMU Distinguished Faculty Award," Koch said.

Poindexter winning the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award was well-deserved, she added.

"I was very pleased for her and the university, because it's a major honor for the university," Koch said.

Poindexter is a great professor to have on staff, Sanyal said, and he said he is very proud that she won this award.

"She is certainly an asset to the college and the university," he said.

## ASNMU

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own constituency. The experience of a technology major who spends all day in the Jacobetti Building will be much different than that of an art student."

Despite the currently open positions, Webster remains optimistic that ASNMU will open the school year with a full board.

"We have a very good opportunity to go into the year with a full board," Webster said. "Certainly within the first few weeks of the school year we will have all 29 spots filled. I can not recall ASNMU ever having a fully functional government for any sustainable period."

# New ASNMU Web site to offer useful services

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

One of the central issues of this spring's ASNMU election was the potential use of the ASNMU Web site as a tool for Northern students.

If all goes as planned the new redesigned site will be available to students before the start of the 2008-2009 school year begins.

ASNMU Director of Information and Technology Jeff Thomas said that the new site will make valuable information readily available to students.

"When you went on the old site you really had to dig to get information about which aspect of ASNMU dealt with which duties. For example if you clicked on the

'assembly' link, it would take you to a page, but there wasn't much content," Thomas said. "Students basically had to read the constitution and bylaws to find information."

"No student should ever have to do that," he added.

The new Web site will put this once hidden information to a more accessible location.

"We've always thought that the Web site could be the best tool we have to inform the student body," ASNMU president Hobie Webster said. "Hopefully the new site will

accomplish this goal."

The site will include links to the online syllabi, Wildcat Wallet, dozing discounts and other ASNMU programs.

**This is not going to be a static project. We aren't ever going to sit back and say 'It's done.'**

—Jeff Thomas  
ASNMU Information and Technology Director

In addition the Web site will include expanded information on environmentally friendly lifestyles and opportunities for students to get involved

in Northern's going green initiatives.

"We're going to have sections on the Web site touting our vision of a paperless campus, as well as sections telling students what

products to buy to live a more environmentally sustainable lifestyle, and highlighting some of the things that NMU is doing to help the environment," Webster said.

One of the aspects of ASNMU's plan to become a paperless campus involves including minutes, agendas and ASNMU applications available to students online on the Web site.

Another idea for the Web site which Thomas said has been discussed is the possibility of adding a forum or discussion board where students could directly give feedback to their ASNMU representatives.

"This is not going to be a static project," Thomas said. "We aren't ever going to sit back and say 'It's done.'"

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A developmental screen shot of the new ASNMU Web site (above) shows some of the tools that it will offer to NMU students. ASNMU's information and technology director Jeff Thomas said that if all goes as planned the site should be functional before the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.



# Study: Complications may scare off repeat blood donors

By Jill Kimball  
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When nervous teens donate blood for the first time in high school, they may experience minor complications that will make them fearful to give blood again.

That might be why only about 100 University of Oregon students a month give blood, a number the Lane Memorial Blood Bank would like to see increase.

The total number of student donors the blood bank sees each year is "not as many as you would think when you look at the enormous number of your student population," said Chris Stockdale, the organization's manager of community affairs.

The low numbers may be attributed to negative experiences students might have had giving blood when they were 16 and 17. A new study released last month found that teenagers, especially of high school age, were at higher risk for experiencing complications, like minor injuries or lightheadedness, after donating a pint.

According to the study, 10.7 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds and 8.3 percent of 18- and

19-year-olds experienced complications, compared with the much lower 2.8 percent of adults 20 and older.

The reasons behind the higher percentage of complications among teens can be attributed to a number of factors, including "differences in the body" between teenagers and older adults,

Volunteers with the Lane Memorial Blood Bank tell blood donors to eat a balanced meal with plenty of protein and iron before giving blood. Drinking plenty of fluid is also important.

"It's good to drink it several hours before you donate so that your tank is full," said University Health Center Director Ben Douglas.

Some of the lightheadedness and occasional fainting might just be the result of frayed nerves.

**"If someone has an experience that isn't really good their first time, they're about half as likely to come back"**

—Chris Stockdale  
Manager of Community Affairs  
Lane Memorial Blood Bank

said Mary Jo Drew at American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services.

"A lot of teens are just smaller than their older counterparts," Drew said.

Another reason may be poor diet among teenagers. Since some are giving blood for the first time, they may not know the proper foods to eat and liquids to drink before they donate blood.

"They don't understand that what we mean by a good meal with protein is not a doughnut," Stockdale said.

Older, seasoned blood donors already know the drill and have no cause for worry, but for a lot of teens, "it's their first time and they're kind of nervous," Stockdale said.

High school teens and younger college students might also have a harder time compartmentalizing, which makes for lower blood pressure and a higher risk for lightheadedness later.

"When you're younger, you're more prone to the effects of stress or anxiety," Douglas said.

Regardless of the effects of individual cases, those who work at blood banks cross their fingers that younger donors who have negative experiences their first time giving blood don't alienate themselves from blood banks thereafter.

"We want to stress that most of these reactions are minor," Stockdale said. "We don't want people to be scared away."

Still, the returning donors blood banks see are those who have never had a negative reaction. If an increasing number of teens, who now make up about 15 percent of the donation pool, are put off by their first experiences and decide not to return, some hospital patients who need blood might not get it.

"If someone has an experience that isn't really good their first time, they're about half as likely to come back," said Drew. "That's why the Red Cross is looking at more of the parameters of the younger donors."

The Red Cross is currently updating its nurse training and making it more extensive with respect to blood donation, Drew said, so that nurses will have a better chance of "preventing bad experiences from happening in the first place."

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## Staff Editorial

### NMU ready for change

As orientation begins and new students start trickling in to the Marquette community, The North Wind would like to take the time to welcome all the incoming students to Northern Michigan University.

You may not know it yet, but you're beginning your NMU career at an exciting time in Northern's history.

Plans for the future of the university's grounds are being set in place, and as new buildings are erected and old buildings renovated all around you, it's your responsibility to continue to renovate and change the ideals of this formerly apathetic university.

Last semester, after political pundit Ann Coulter was scheduled to speak at a campus event, current and former NMU students began laying the groundwork for a motivated student body. From soft whispers to a roar, the voices of students talked of world issues, politics and peace.

Free speech became more than an abstract concept or a phrase in a textbook, more than the foundation with which Hustler and Playboy have grown their empires.

With the impending arrival of the polarizing Coulter, NMU saw free speech in action.

The week of her arrival, the NMU campus armed itself with speeches and demonstrations, and the celebration of NMU's first, and hopefully not last, 'Tolerance Week' began.

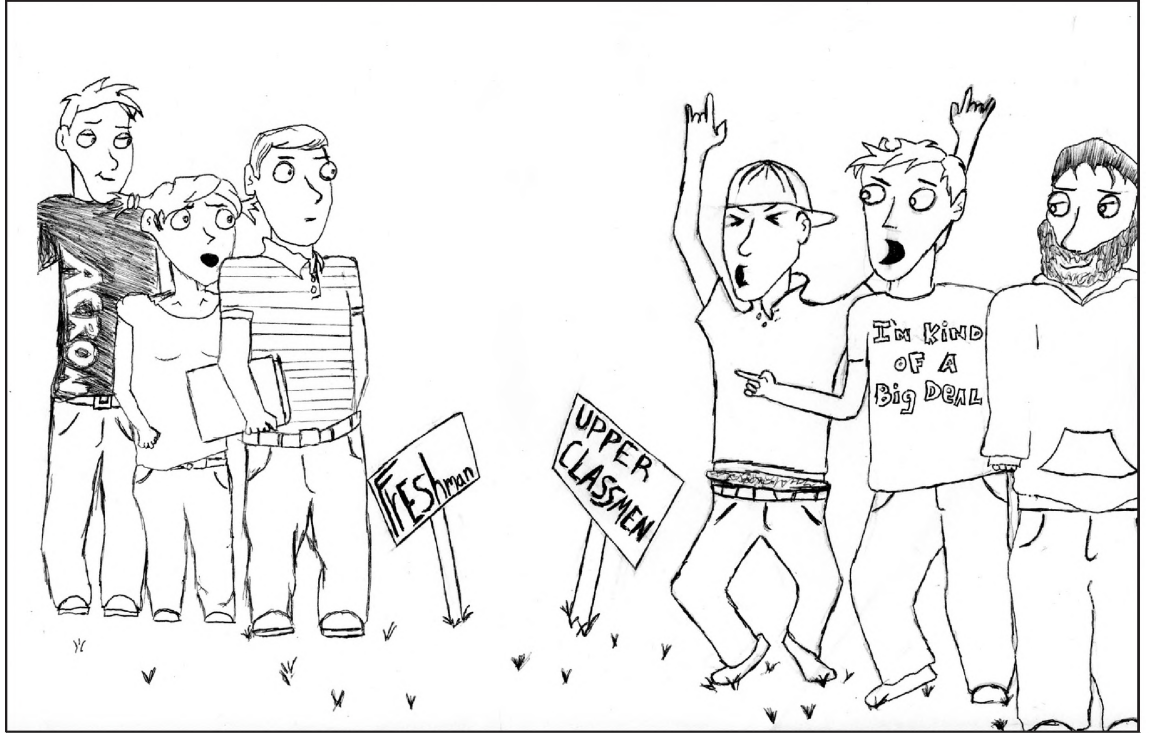
It's the responsibility, and the right, of every student coming to this campus to exercise their own individual free speech, be it in favor of the views of Coulter or against.

The election of our student government representatives became a talking point last semester, as well, when Hobie Webster, a candidate running on a platform for change, was elected as the new ASNMU president. His enthusiasm for the office is a welcome change from the unimpressive ASNMU presidents of years past.

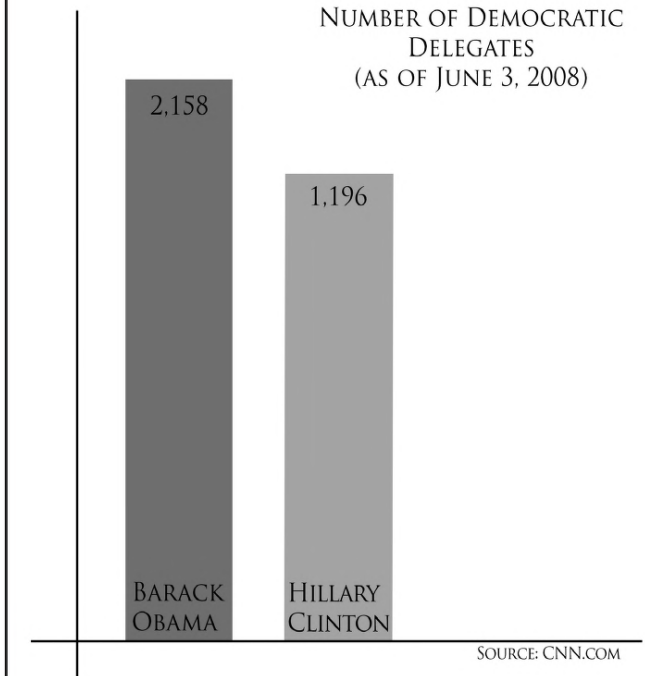
The NMU Progressive Roundtable, a group of students working towards campus awareness, made its debut in the fall, and three NMU students acted as delegates during primary elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The university administration has also made significant efforts to make the campus more environmentally sustainable. The "Big Green Idea" was a well received environmental initiative that challenged students to devise more environmentally friendly solutions. As you walk around campus, you should be able to find recycling bins almost anywhere.

Northern's student body began to wake up last semester, and if students need a big cup of coffee to stay up, then consider this it: get



### Obama wins Democratic nomination



On June 3, Barack Obama won enough delegates to clinch the Democratic Presidential Candidate Nomination.

However, Hillary Clinton, as of June 4, has yet to concede the race to her opponent.

She is expected to come out in support of Obama this weekend.

Clinton seems to be waiting for the already pledged delegates to change their minds, casting their votes for her instead of Obama.

Although Obama should be able to bask in the glow of his nomination, Clinton will continue to take away from his win as long as she refuses to concede the race.

In a speech she gave on June 3, she said she wasn't "going to make any decisions" as far as dropping out of the

## Letters to the Editor

### Coulter event not disappointing

In response to guest columnist Kyle Bonini's April 24, 2008 statements:

As a student, a voter, and a citizen in, I'm disappointed in your complaints against the students and faculty at NMU over the Ann Coulter event. I can tell you why there was such fervent protest: The American people in general are fed up with the current administration, and there are those of us who

are just fed up with the need for Republican voices to continue the do-no-wrong mentality. You are a Republican, which means that you probably voted for Bush, which in turn means that you have supported an administration that started an illegal war, justifies torture and the violation of civil rights, and would attempt to turn our environmental assets into cash commodities in a heartbeat.

Tell me again, why are you so surprised, and "disappointed"? Your organization invited a voice that speaks in favor of

this ridiculous scenario, this quagmire, that our country is in. I need only say the word "economy" to get my point across. But, I'll add two more: gas prices. Ann Coulter, Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, FOX New, these are not the voices of the majority any longer, and, quite frankly, we're sick of what they have to say.

If an aggressively outspoken liberal were speaking, there would be an attempt by the College Republicans to send them a message. From your column, I gather that is what

those citizens meant to do as well. No laws broken, but amendments were enforced.

I chose not to go. I consider that foolish. And, while I appreciate your enthusiastic message towards other student organizations, you spent a lavish amount of student monies to host an event only a minority went to.

And that is the true disappointment.

**Luke Marsy**  
graduate student, English

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# Public transportation a resource



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

Gas prices were ridiculous long before I went to Europe to study abroad for two weeks. But when I returned, they had climbed to over four dollars a gallon. I was completely shocked.

During those two weeks, I spent nine days in Paris riding the Metro and not worrying about how I would afford to fill up my gas tank. I couldn't help but marvel at the ease of using public transportation. During peak hours, the trains would come every two minutes and all I had to do was step on and then step off. There was no worrying about red lights, road construction or the inattentiveness of other drivers. I didn't even have to be alert or pay attention to the road.

By the second day, I had figured out how to navigate the system and was feeling like a pro. While riding, I calculated the costs of driving my car. There was the actual price of buying

the car, gas, car insurance, oil changes, maintenance and my commuter parking pass, not to mention the transmission that had to be replaced last winter. All those things combined are costing my parents and I a pretty penny. The cost of riding the Metro, even if I were to buy a year-long pass, would not come anywhere close to the amount being spent just so I could drive a car.

I also began to consider the environmental impact of driving my car, or any car for that matter. The whole thing became very depressing to me.

As I was pondering, I would look around me at all the Parisians riding the train. There were all types and classes of people. Everyone was utilizing public transportation there, regardless of social standing. Everyone, from a shoeless bum to a man in a three-piece plaid business suit to kids no older than eight on their way to school, were riding the train. It seems that in the United States, there is a stigma associated with using public transportation. We live in a culture that stresses the importance and necessity

of owning your own car. I felt that even the Parisian upper crust would ride the subway, the same kind of people in America wouldn't be caught dead using public transit.

But of course, riding the Metro wasn't perfect all the time. I saw a homeless man push a woman out of her seat. Sometimes the train cars were so packed that breathing was almost impossible and you had to shove your way out of the door at your stop. My toes were run over by mothers with strollers and beggars often

approached me in the station. But I felt like all of those things were very small sacrifices in comparison to the amount of money I was sacrificing in order to drive my car.

Obviously, the UP isn't anything like Paris, but public transit does exist. The Wildcat Shuttle, which is free, runs on campus during fall and winter semesters and will get

you between the main campus areas, the Superior Dome and the Jacobetti Center. Marq-Tran, run by Marquette County, which also offers free rides to students, has various fixed routes and also offers door-to-door service. The Marq-Tran service area also includes Ishpeming, Gwinn and Negaunee.

I can honestly say that I have never used either of these services. Nor have I actually ever considered it. I've always relied on my car, or someone else's car to get me where I needed to go. For a long time, the high cost

of gas was just a necessary evil, something I had to deal with. But from the moment I stepped on the Paris Metro, I realized that maybe gas prices were something I didn't have to deal with and that public transit just plain makes sense.

I'm not planning to go so far as to sell my car and give up driving all together. But in a city Marquette's size, I'm beginning to think that there could be a better solution for my transportation woes. So that being said, I think I'm in the market for a bike.



# Perceptions gained through travel



## Staff Column

Cassandra Sturos

While traversing through the Emerald Isle on a recent vacation, I learned a few things, not only about myself, but some things about being an American as well.

For starters, while I was absolutely blown away by the beauty that Ireland held, the reported friendliness of the Irish people, which indeed was true, and the pure adventure of being in a foreign country — I couldn't help but feel a certain affinity towards my American heritage.

One thing that didn't exactly bring joy to my heart overseas was the Irish's complete mis-

understanding of the term free refills. Meaning, they don't do it. Have I been spoiled over here in America with the enormous portions (including free refills), eagle-like attention of wait-staff in restaurants and cold beverages? The answer is yes, I have most definitely been spoiled.

While the no free refills thing was severely disappointing, the fact that an Irish bartender knew more about the current election than I did made me less than proud. It did open my eyes however, and make me a tad more grateful. Grateful that our country really means business with refrigeration of beverages for starters. What can I say? I hate warm pop. On a more serious note, I started to understand the different dynamics of our two countries.

Rumor has it that Americans are sort of frowned upon by Europeans, but I didn't get that sense. I did get a sense that a lot of the Irish were simply interested in America. I can't tell you how many people brought up American politics to me, which blew me away. Several people knew not only our current president and vice president, but our nominees for the current election. I couldn't tell you anyone currently in power in Ireland, or anyone who ever was in power.

When I asked why they cared so much about our government, one person told me it was because America is the most powerful country in the world and it's in their best interest to know. I was impressed.

Another large difference be-

tween Americans and Europeans is Americans are in a perpetual rush; Europeans are not. They don't mind taking a stop to smell the daisies or digest their food properly.

After a hasty meal inhaled by my friend and I, we sat and stared blatantly at passing waitresses wondering when we could leave. My friend said to me, "What is this? I'm an American. I don't want to sit here enjoying myself, I want the check." I couldn't help but laugh and agree. Once I was done with my dinner, I really didn't want to just relax either. There were people to see and things to do.

Being in a rush all the time isn't exactly a good thing, but it did work well during our time abroad. Our dedication to seeing

as much of Ireland as we could cram into one week allowed us to embrace the true Irish experience: pints of Guinness, rolling green hills with cliffs jutting into the ocean and vivacious street music. Without our American need to be impatient and want more, we may not have gotten it all in.

Some things I did take home with me from the Emerald Isle, besides a Claddagh ring and a knock off Dior scarf, were these: Maybe brushing up on current politics isn't the worst thing, (if the rest of the world can do it, so can I). Having three glasses of pop with dinner isn't the best for my health anyway and sometimes you just need to enjoy life and not rush it, like I did when I finally got to kiss something Irish. And no it was not the Blarney Stone.

## Sound Off

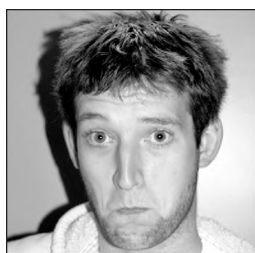
What is your favorite ice cream dessert?

Compiled by Jeff Kitson



Ria Reeder

sophomore, zoology  
"Butter pecan, sometimes with caramel."



Adam Boggs

senior, media production  
"Birthday cake remix. Coldstone baby!"



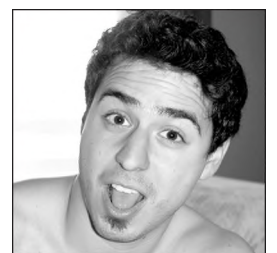
Ashley Stecker

freshman, graphic communication  
"Turtle sundaes. With French fries."



Patrick Higgins

senior, entertainment sports promotion  
"Baked Alaska. It reminds me of my fun times at summer camp."



Jessie Cobian

senior, accounting/Spanish  
"Strawberry shortcake but I'm freaking lactose intolerant. So I can't eat it."

# MAKE A DEAL AT THE PEIF

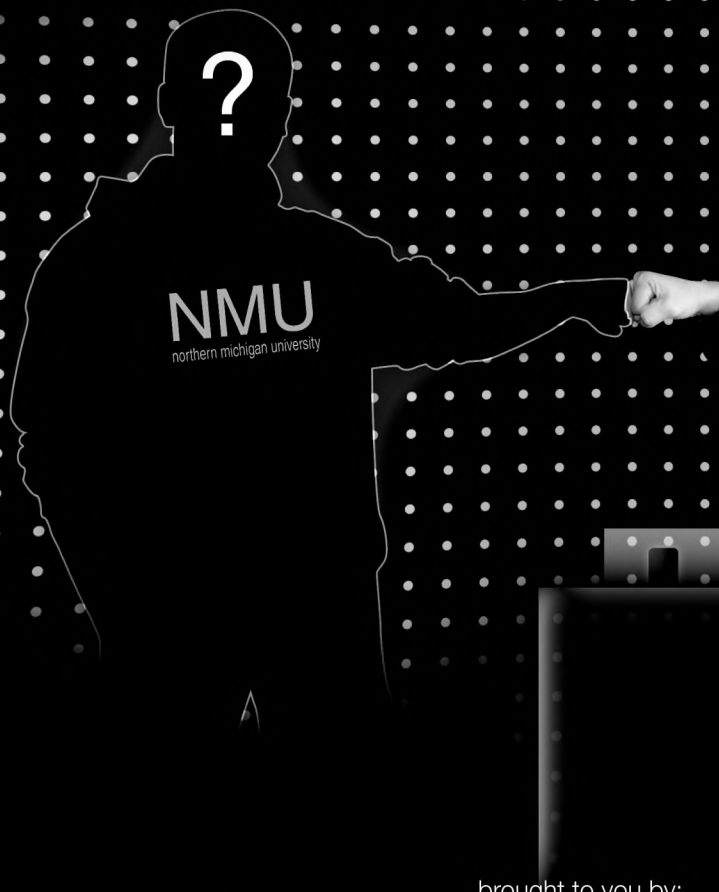
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## N45 NORTH OF THE 45TH PARALLEL

Juried by John Corbett  
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*Art exhibit showcases  
talent north of the 45th*



By **Cassandra Sturos**  
staff writer

Have you ever wondered what Galileo's dreams are made of, or what birds see when they fly? At "North of the 45th," the latest exhibit in the DeVos Art Museum, you can see for yourself what some artists living north of the 45th parallel have envisioned. The exhibit features 26 different artists from Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Yvonne LeMire, a local artist from Marquette crafted a sculpture depicting what Galileo might dream of, titled "The Space Between Galileo's Dreams."

One of her favorite things about her sculpture, besides photographing it, is that that every angle shows something different, she said.

"What I really like about the piece is you can stand and look at it facing the front and it looks completely different as you walk around it," she said.

LeMire said she was very excited that she was chosen for the show and that the idea to include more artists than just those in the Upper Peninsula was a great idea.

"It's a broader area; I was glad to see names of people I went to school with," she said. "They expanded the geographical cutoff line and took [the exhibit] outside of just the U.P."

Melissa Matuscak, the DeVos

Art Museum Director and Curator said the show is very diverse and offers a number of different exhibits, including a video installation which an artist constructed, documenting a performance, paintings, sculptures, print-making and photography.

"I think viewers will see that you can live in a really geographically remote area and still make just as good of art as someone who lives in a major city," Matuscak said.

Matuscak added that after this

**Because the show drew from a wide range... I felt very honored to be a part of it."**

—Linda King Ferguson  
Artist

show, the exhibit will become a yearly production, followed up by a solo or small group show focusing strictly on artists whose influences are living in the Upper Peninsula.

Linda King Ferguson, an artist from Munising, submitted a drawing entitled "What Birds Fly Through." She got the idea for her piece from living in the woods, and used the landscape outside of her windows to create the piece.

"I'm really focused on the graphic qualities of the linear lines of the tree trunks and the spaces between them and so consequently the title expresses that," she said.

"It's about the atmospheric quality and structure of the woods."

In Ferguson's drawing's, she first draws the woods very realistically, then erases parts and then adds more detail, repeating this process until her drawing resembles what looks like a scene from the woods as a bird would see it whipping through the trees.

"The [drawings] become very expressive, and focus on the structure and the pattern of the trees and space between them, that's the way I create them," Ferguson said.

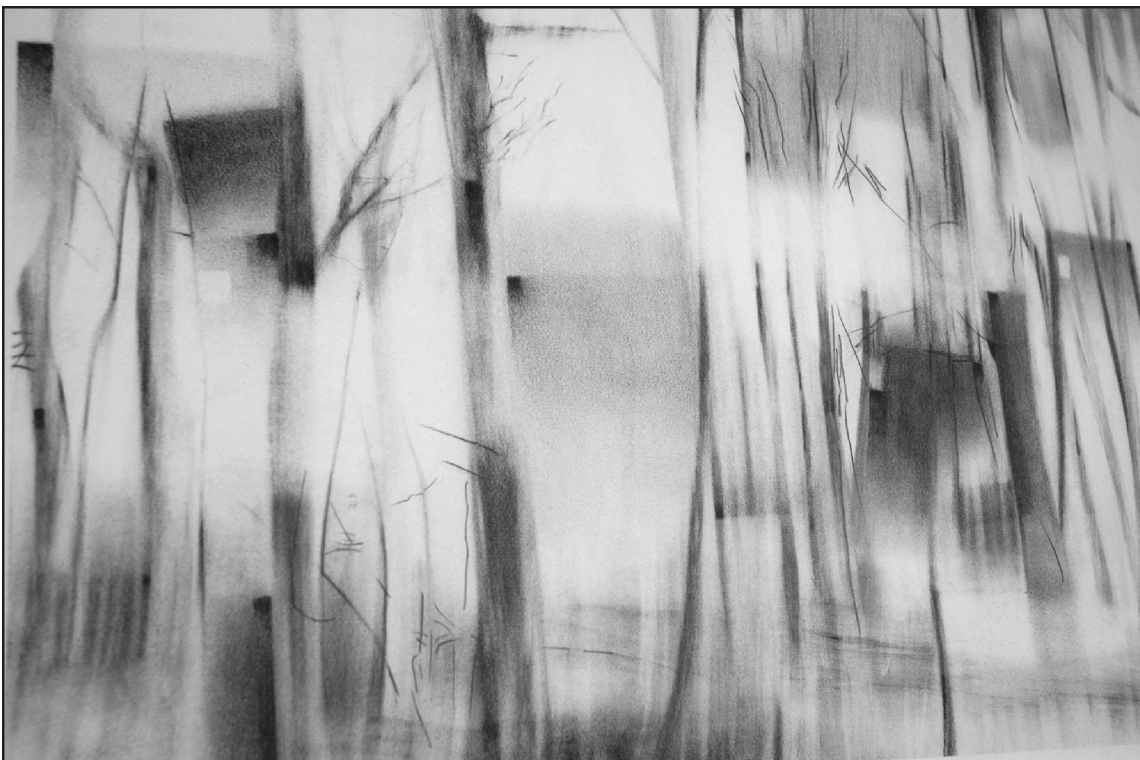
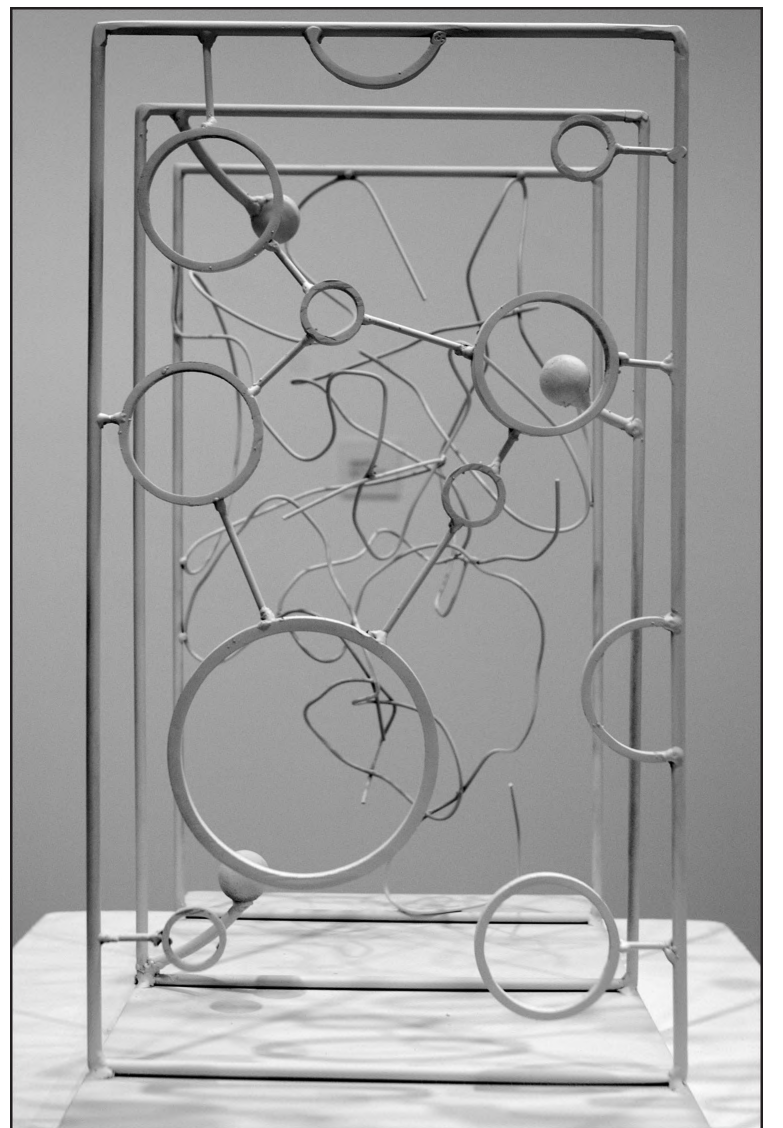
There is a variety of people in the exhibit, ranging from Minneapolis to Republic, so Ferguson said she was excited to be recognized in the show.

"Because the show drew from a wide range, which included a number of urban areas with a lot of artists, I felt very honored to be a part of it," she said.

The pieces selected in the show were sent to a juror in Chicago who viewed all the submissions and selected them anonymously, Matuscak said.

"I wanted to open it up a little more and make it more regional, just to see what's going on North of the 45th and see if there are any links between artists living in this really gorgeous environment that's still a really diverse area."

The show runs from June 2 through July 5. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Photos by Amanda Shellnut/NW

Left: "What Birds Fly Through 2.4.08" by Linda King Ferguson from Munising. Top right: "The Space Between Galileo's Dreams" by Yvonne LeMire from Marquette. Above: "Naked Woman" by Martin Rowe from Rhinelander, Wis.

# WELCOME TO BIG BAY

By Josh Snyder  
features editor

For most U.P. residents, county road 550 goes as far as Sugarloaf Mountain, a short hike which offers a great view of Marquette. But other than a quick stop at Phil's 550 Store for a souvenir, most never get to experience one of the true travel destinations of the UP – a small town 25 miles north of Marquette named Big Bay. Despite its small size, there's plenty to see and do in Big Bay, so much that it can be a bit overwhelming for those who've never been to the area. The following is a short list of just some of the activities you can enjoy in one of the hidden gems of the U.P.



Squaw Beach

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Big Bay Outfitters

Perkins Park

Lake Independence

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Dump Rd

Big Bay Rd



## Big Bay Point Lighthouse

Lighthouse Rd

### Local History

To really get the true Big Bay experience, it helps to check out some of the area's historical attractions, such as the Big Bay Point Lighthouse. Perched above steep cliffs which overlook Lake Superior, the lighthouse offers visitors a unique look at the history of Big Bay in the form of a lighthouse tour.

Linda Gamble, owner of the lighthouse, says the tour, which lasts approximately 45 minutes, does more than simply show off the lighthouse.

"You get a whole history of the light house," Gamble said, adding that the grounds, covering 30 acres, are just as much a part of its history as the lighthouse is.

Tours are available every Wednesday and Sunday beginning June 1st through October 1st and cost \$3 per person. The lighthouse grounds are free to tour and are open from 10 am to 4 pm.

Cr-Kb

### Hiking, Biking, and Kayaking

Big Bay is home to some of the most picturesque country in Michigan, but many of the area's hiking trails and waterfalls are off the beaten path. That's where local business Big Bay Outfitters comes into the picture. Co-owned by former NMU graduate Bill Kinjorski, Big Bay Outfitters offers everything from camping gear to rentals and even tours of the local wilderness, allowing visitors to truly explore the great outdoors.

"Once you're here, there's a little bit of everything to do," Kinjorski said.

One of their most popular attractions is the Waterfall Mountaintop Tour. The tour, which goes from 1 p.m. to roughly 5 p.m., takes visitors to a series of hard to reach waterfalls, such as Pinnacle Falls and Big Pup Falls. Along with providing a guide, the tour also provides transportation and food and costs \$40 per person.

If you'd rather go and explore yourself, they also offer rentals on things such as mountain bikes, canoes and kayaks. Bikes cost \$30 per day, kayaks cost \$25 for four hours and canoes are \$30 for four hours. They even offer a pontoon boat, which is always kept on nearby Lake Independence.

### Camping

With so much to do, it might be easier to take it all in by making Big Bay an overnight trip. Perkins Park, located right on the shores of Lake Independence, offers plenty of campsites and is conveniently located right in the middle of town.

Park manager Kim Bourgeois says that, because of their location, Perkins Park attracts plenty of fishers and boaters.

"Fishing and boating are a big thing," Bourgeois said, adding that the campground is often host to many fishing events throughout the summer.

Even if fishing isn't your thing, Perkins Park is still a great place to kick back, relax and go swimming. They have all types of campsites, ranging from basic sites with no utilities, which cost \$13 per night, to sites with just power at \$18 a night. And if you happen to own your own camper, sites with all utilities cost \$23 per night.

But even though they have plenty of sites, Perkins Park is a busy place, and Bourgeois recommends calling ahead of time to make sure there are spots open.

"If they're coming anywhere near a holiday, they need to call and make reservations," she said.

Big Bay offers so much that it'll take you more than just one trip to see it all. And every time you make the venture up north, you are sure to discover something new.

# Indy's latest crusade falls short



Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull  
 Director: Steven Spielberg  
 Producer: Frank Marshall  
 Writer: David Koepp and George Lucas  
 Starring: Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf  
 Runtime: 124 minutes  
 Rating: PG-13



By Josh Snyder  
 features editor

It wasn't long ago when George Lucas finished his controversial "Star Wars" prequels. And once those were complete, the unimaginative billionaire decided that, instead of working on something new, he would resurrect his only other franchise to milk it for more money. After nearly a decade of convincing, Lucas was able to get both director Steven Spielberg and star Harrison Ford to come back and make "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." But for those who were fans of this beloved franchise, "Crystal Skull" is not the same old Indy

you once knew.

After a run-in with some communists and a mummified corpse in a U.S. Government warehouse, an old Indiana Jones (Ford) has decided that it's time to retire the whip and get back to teaching, but his life doesn't stay long for normal. Mutt (Shia LaBeouf), a kid with a short fuse, tracks him down and gives him a letter from a fellow professor and old friend, Oxley (John Hurt). Oxley claims to have found a legendary crystal skull which, when returned to the fabled city Akator, will grant its full power to whomever has returned it. Mutt says the people who sent him this letter are holding Oxley and his mom prisoner, and they demanded Jones translate the letter so they can find the crystal skull. Jones and Mutt embark

on a journey to South America in hopes of rescuing their friends and finding the crystal skull.

There's not much that's good about "Skull," but those few elements which stand out are fantastic. The action is some of the best you'll ever see in any summer blockbuster. Yes it's over the top, but it's great. There's no doubt Spielberg is a genius when he's behind the camera filming insane car chases through the jungle.

Despite its two hour runtime, "Skull" is paced rather well. The second act does drag a little, but never enough to make you question why the film is two hours long.

It's the story where things take a turn for the worse. It saddens me that Lucas can spit out crap like this and make millions from it. In terms of action-adventure films, this is by far the weakest story I've ever seen, "The Scorpion King" included. It's not that the story wasn't believable, which it isn't. Or that it's boring, cliché and contrived, which it is. Rather, the story seems like something that was whipped up the day prior to shooting and was used merely as a transition from one action scene to the next. There are many action films that suffer from this, but this isn't just an action film, it's an action-adventure film, and adventure implies that Indy is going on some grand journey, which implies at least a competent story.

And a competent story is the last thing you'll find here.

If the mind-boggling story wasn't enough to ruin the film, the dumb-downed characters do more than enough to tarnish "Skull." The problem with many franchises is that, since there are previous films, character development decreases with each new film, even if new characters are introduced in later installments. Unfortunately, "Skull" falls into the same trap. Sure, Jones is still the same no-nonsense hero he always was, but the cast around him completely lacks depth. It was more than just Jones which drove the previous Indy films, but sadly Lucas and Spielberg have seemed to forget this, giving us a bland villain like Irina Spalko (Cate

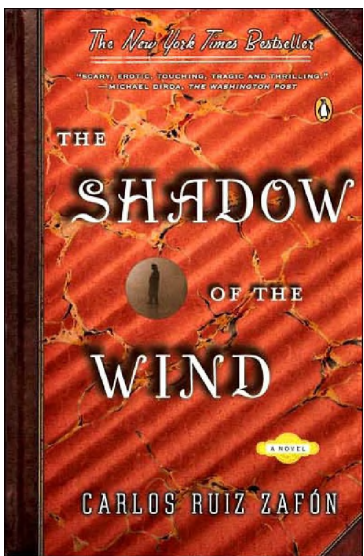
Blanchett) and a lame sidekick like Mutt, who is just one step above Jar-Jar Binks. What makes this worse is the fact that Spalko and Mutt were created by the same people who gave us some of the most memorable characters ever, further proving that they've lost their touch.

There are few things as sad in the film world as seeing the downtrodden looks on people's faces as they leave the theater, depressed after seeing a beloved piece of their childhood brought back to life, only to arrive a mangled, unrecognizable mess. Those looks of sadness spoke volumes about the sheer stupidity of "Skull." If you really need to see good action-adventure films, just watch the original trilogy on DVD.



Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) knocks out a communist as he races to find the city of Akator in the nonsensical "Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." Photo from Yahoo! Movies

# Spanish gothic thriller surprisingly enjoyable



By Susan Page  
 staff writer

The yearly "One Book, One Community" program was created as a way to facilitate discussion between NMU and Marquette county readers.

This year's selection, and first translated novel, "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafón, is sure to invite a vast array of discussion.

Zafón, who is a bestseller in his

native Spain, has spun a tale that spans decades and mixes many genres together to form a story that intrigues those who might not normally favor a mystery. At its heart "Shadow" is a gothic thriller with the spirit of the genre's 19th century roots and the appeal of contemporary fiction.

Normally, I'd shy away from a translated novel—afraid I wouldn't be able to understand some concepts because I was not a native reader. "Shadow" still has the flavor of Spain, but foreign readers can relate and characters aren't lost in translation.

Taking place in 1950's Barcelona, "Shadow" is told through the viewpoint of Daniel Sempere, a widowed bookstore owner's son. At age 10 he finds a mysterious novel and soon becomes obsessed with the book's author Julián Carax. He begins to search for the author's other works and learns that someone calling himself Lain Coubert—named after a character in Carax's last novel—is searching for every copy of Carax's works and burning them. As the years pass, Daniel begins to investigate Carax's past which leads him into direct conflict with Coubert and a deranged police inspector.

The book starts slow, almost at a trickling pace, covering the history of Daniel and his father as well as offering readers a chance to become accustomed to the setting.

One could argue that "Shadow" doesn't even begin until the appearance of Coubert. The story builds momentum via several plot twists and the last 100 pages make slogging through the slower passages worth it.

It's interesting to point out that Zafón mirrors the lives of Daniel and Carax. It's this duality that causes the greatest amount of conflict and sustains the reader through numerous sluggish parts. In learning of Carax's life, Daniel is able to analyze his own choices and their potential outcomes.

What really adds to the overall brilliance is the cast of unique secondary characters. Normally, so many conflicting personalities can bog down the story, but Zafón balances them in a way that denotes his skill as a storyteller.

At a whopping 486 pages, "The Shadow of the Wind" is well worth the time and the \$15 needed to tackle it. The book is available at most bookstores in the Marquette area.



Radio X's top weekly album plays:

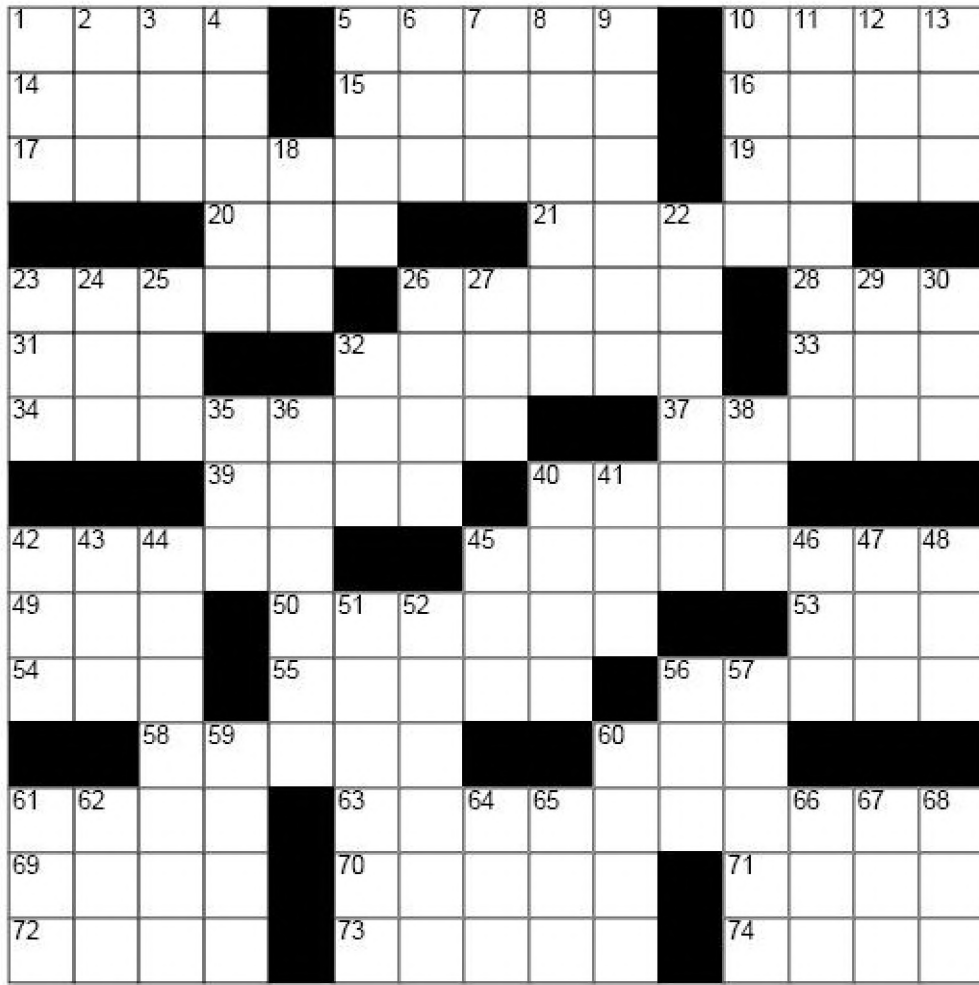
- 1. RUSTIC OVERTONES "Light At The End"
- 2. JOAN OF ARC "Boo Human"
- 3. EXPLORER'S CLUB "Freedom Wind"
- 4. ED HARCOURT "The Beautiful Lie"
- 5. H2O "Nothing To Prove"
- 6. WOLFTRON "Flesh And Fears"
- 7. CENTRO-MATIC/SOUTH SAN GABRIEL "Dual Hawks"
- 8. STYROFOAM "A Thousand Words"
- 9. MASON JENNINGS "In The Ever"
- 10. NATALIE PORTMAN'S SHAVED HEAD "Glistening Pleasure"



Week's top box office films:

- 1. Sex and the City \$56.8M
- 2. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull \$44.8M
- 3. The Strangers \$21.0M
- 4. Iron Man \$13.5M
- 5. Prince Caspian \$12.7M

Source: imdb.com



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Technology Student Conference  
Supporting students with outstanding academic and career advising

The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan presented the award to Dr. Poindexter for "Her sustained commitment to creating and infusing innovative teaching strategies and experiential learning opportunities into the classroom.

"She is one of only three professors in Michigan to receive this honor.

Dr. Poindexter has also been given the NMU Distinguished Faculty Award and Michigan Campus Compact Community Service-Learning Award.

Please join Northern Michigan University in offering Dr. Poindexter your congratulations for this well-earned distinction.

Sandra Poindexter, professor of computer information systems at Northern Michigan University and Dean Rajib Sanyal at the May 18, 2008 awards ceremony.



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Photo: Sandra and Raj

# USOEC wrestlers head to Trials

By Gordon Beedle  
 assistant sports editor

For more than a dozen United State Olympic Education Center (USOEC) wrestlers, the quest for Summer Olympics gold continues.

Over the course of this year, the USOEC greco-roman wrestling team has qualified 16 athletes for the Olympic Trials competition held June 13-15 in Las Vegas.

At each Olympic Trial, the winners of each weight class go on to wrestle for Team USA at the Olympic Games held in Beijing.

Spenser Mango, an NMU junior who competes as 55 kg, said the inclusion of so many USOEC athletes is representative of a changing of the guard in the USA wrestling ranks.

"I think it's great for the program," Mango said. "All of us young guys are starting to take over at the senior level—kind of pushing the older guys out."

The greco-roman program at NMU started as a training facility for athletes who qualified to train with the national team in Colo-

rado Springs. Now, the program is winning world medals and placing athletes at the top of national rankings.

Assistant coach Jim Greunwald, who would be wrestling at the trials if not due to a broken arm in earlier competition, said this is a big step for the USOEC athletes and the program.



Greunwald

"They have taken what we've taught them to heart. They believe in the coaching staff and they believe in the program. They do what we tell them to do and results have

shown that what we're doing up here is right," Greunwald said.

Head coach Ivan Ivanov and Greunwald are the two founding coaches of the greco-roman program, and both coaches are



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Harry Lester (right) practices in the second level of the Superior Dome, to prep for an upcoming competition.

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# Luehmann competes at NCAAs



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Leslie Luehmann, a junior, made it all the way to the national competition in the heptathlon. Luehmann placed 11th overall, after winning the conference meet two weeks earlier.

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After a record-breaking first place finish in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC) outdoor heptathlon, NMU junior Leslie Luehmann qualified for the Division II Nationals meet on May 22-24.

At Nationals, Luehmann finished 11th overall.

The NCAA heptathlon is a seven-part event, consisting of the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter run, long jump, javelin throw and 800-meter run. The winner is determined by a point system.

After the first day of competition, Luehmann was in 7th place. She earned that position with the second-longest jump of the day (5.44 meters) and her second personal fastest hurdle time (15.61 seconds). Her 200-meter time (26.09) was the third fastest at the meet.

NMU head track coach Tom Barnes said the heptathlon is an event about consistency, and at the end of the day, the top finishers are the ones who can be the most consistent for the two-day event.

"She is a really good competitor and she competed just as well as anyone there," Barnes said about Luehmann.

Barnes added that Luehmann had difficulty with her javelin throws, and that she would have finished higher if not for that event. After three throws, just one was allowed at 22.14 meters, due to two foul attempts. Luehmann's only recorded

throw was the shortest distance of all competitors.

Her javelin throws were unfortunate, but Barnes said Luehmann showed perseverance and never gave in to the pressure of the national spotlight.

"You have to be confident – and you have to be aggressive too – when you're doing some of these events that you're not so used to," Barnes said, "and she was able to do that."

Luehmann is a native to nearby Ishpeming and was the first Wildcat to compete at the NCAA nationals in two years. Barnes said Luehmann's athleticism is a great example of the progress that NMU's track program is currently achieving.

"It helps our team being known in the area. When you get somebody that's a local athlete that is able to do something like that, it really gets people's attention," he said.

"I know some of her younger teammates, they kind of opened their eyes up and they see that they can do the same thing."

Barnes said he hoped Luehmann's efforts at nationals would not only bring her personal success for next year, but also inspire more NMU athletes to compete at Nationals in the future, as well.

"She did her personal best in a lot of events, but I think she still can get better in every event," Barnes said. "We did have a few other people who were close to making it to Nationals, but she should go next year. And we will have a couple more next year - we hope."

# NMU football adds experienced high school coach to 2008 staff

Northern Michigan University head football coach Bernie Anderson announced on May 22 that former Negaunee High School head football coach Dick Koski had joined the Wildcat coaching staff as a part-time assistant.

Koski is set to coach the defensive line for the upcoming 2008 season and during the following spring season.

"We are trying to do everything it takes to win at NMU. We needed a defensive line coach and Dick Koski was available," Anderson said. "He's a perfect fit for our needs with the team. His record speaks for itself and his philosophy matches mine. Koski will bring veteran coaching experience in football, but more importantly, the people skills. We're excited to add some of his quality to our program."

Koski coached the Negaunee Miners

for 32 seasons from 1968-99 where he accumulated a 207-96-1 record. Koski led Negaunee to four U.P. titles and a runner-up finish in the Class CC state playoffs in 1991, when the Miners lost to Battle Creek Pennfield 14-8. Koski coached eight teams to playoff appearances and had three undefeated teams during his former tenure. After his retirement from coaching in 1999, he spent two years (1999-01) as Negaunee's athletic director.

His overall high school coaching record is 211-113-1 in 35 seasons.

In addition to his time at Negaunee, Koski was also head coach at Ontonagon High School for three seasons (1964-66) before becoming an assistant coach at Escanaba High School for one academic year (1967-68). He also coached track for 20 years and garnered a U.P. title in 1985.

Koski was an assistant coach with the Negaunee football team that won the Division 6 state title in 2002 with a 28-20 overtime victory over Hopkins.

"I am excited about this coaching opportunity. Bernie Anderson is an outstanding coach and has assembled a quality coaching staff," said Koski. "It is an outstanding group to work with. I am looking forward to the new challenge."

During Koski's playing career, he earned 12 letters at Wakefield High School where he was all-state in football and basketball. Koski moved on to NMU where he lettered



Koski

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— Dick Koski

NMU defensive line coach

four times in football (1959-62). He was a captain of the 1962 NMU football team. Koski has two degrees from NMU — a bachelor's in education (1964) and a master's in physical education (1975). He also participated in track for the 'Cats and set the long and high jump records.

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# USOEC athletes pick up awards for the winter 2008 semester

The United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC) has named its athletes of the semester for winter 2008.

U.S. Speedskating chose Northern Michigan University sophomore Kyle Carr (Atlanta, Ga.). Carr finished third overall at the North American Championships, and picked up a first-place finish in the 1,500 meter race. He also skated to a second place overall finish in the American Cup series, earning bronze at American Cup IV and fifth at American Cup III. Carr is the team captain and is beginning his fifth year at the USOEC.

Weightlifter Collin Ito (Vista, Calif.) was named USA Weightlifting's athlete of the semester

for the second time in his three years at the USOEC. The NMU sophomore set two personal records this semester at the National Collegiate Championships. He finished in third place overall at the competition. Ito also lifted his way to a fifth-place finish at the U.S. Senior National Championships. Rounding out the season, Ito competed at his second Olympic Trials.

USA Wrestling chose Spenser Mango (St. Louis, Mo.) as its Greco-Roman athlete and Schuyler Brown (Montpelier, Va.) as its women's freestyle wrestling athlete of the semester. Mango, an NMU junior, was a champion at the Senior Nationals, where he was named the tournament's



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Pictured from left to right are the USOEC athletes for the winter 2008 semester. Brown, Carr, Ito, Mango

outstanding wrestler. He also won his first University Nationals Championship this semester. Mango has qualified to compete at the 2008 Olympic Trials as the top-ranked seed at 55 kilograms.

Brown, a Marquette Senior High School senior, took gold at the Nordhagen Junior Classic in Canada, the U.S. Girls Wrestling Association National Championships, and the FILA Junior Na-

tional Championships. She also qualified to compete at the Junior World Championships this summer in Turkey. This is Brown's first year at the USOEC.

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themselves former Olympians. Many of the current USOEC wrestlers believe one of the top reasons for the success of the program is the experience of the two founding coaches.

"I think we have the best coaching staff in the country right now," Mango said.

With less than two weeks before the Trials competition, the coaches are starting to fine-tune their athletes, while still being careful to not over train them and keep them at their correct weight.

"Right now if our guys are going to do something stupid, it would be to over train. And we're not going to do that as a coaching staff," Gruenwald said. "We're going to pull back the reins. We're going to let the horses run free when we get to the trials, but right now we're pulling back."

Three of the 16 athletes are ranked nationally in the top 5 in their weight class going into the trials (Mango, Joe Betterman 60 kg and Harry Lester at 66 kg). Gruenwald is confident those three will be wrestling for the Olympic Team in August.

Mango won two world medals including a gold and a bronze. He is the only American wrestler to ever win a gold medal in the University Championship games.

Betterman was second in U.S. team trials and took 5th at the Pan American Championships. He came to the program as a facility user.

Lester is a two-time world bronze medalist and hasn't lost to a single American opponent in four years.

"I am going to go out and try and put on a good show," Lester said. "What I do is, I go out there and I wrestle, and try and make it exciting."

For the other 14 athletes competing, Gruenwald said it wouldn't be a surprise if some make the team.

"If they bring their A-game and wrestle as well as they can, I don't know if I'd necessarily call it an upset," he said. "It's just them climbing the ladder. Other people might see it as an upset. Ivan and I see it as the natural course—with the young replacing the old."

If any wrestler qualifies for the Olympic team, they will be the first ever to come from NMU's program.

Lester said such an achievement may provide inspiration for younger athletes and keep a bright future for the USOEC program at NMU.

"I'm hoping that they are seeing that if you listen to the coaches they are going to get you to where you need to be," Lester said. "I think that is the most important

## Wrestlers who qualified for Olympic Trials:

55 kg: Spenser Mango & Nate Engle

60 kg: Joe Betterman

66 kg: Harry Lester, Jacob Curby, Bo Beckman

74 kg: Jake Fisher, Cheney Haight, Kevin Lazano, Talon Knox, Andy Bisek

84 kg: Charles Betts, Jake Plamann, Zac Nielsen

96 kg: Panayotis Gounaridis, Mike Rossetti

120 kg: Peter Kowalczyk



# NMU Hockey '08-'09 schedule

The NMU hockey team announced its 2008-09 hockey schedule May 23. The Wildcats will have 19 home games in the upcoming season.

NMU will open the season by playing its first four games at the Berry Events Center against Michigan Tech and UM-Duluth as part of the Superior Cup on the weekend of Oct. 10-11.

The following weekend (Oct. 17-18) the 'Cats host the Michigan Wolverines and the next home stint is Notre Dame, that lost in the national championship last season to Boston College.

UM took both the CCHA regular season and playoff titles last year while the Fighting Irish defeated U of M in the Frozen Four semifinals.

"I am really excited about the schedule," head hockey coach Walt Kyle said. "From strength of schedule standpoint it is great for the fans to see some great teams in the building."

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) has clustered NMU with Bowling Green, Lake Superior and Notre Dame for the 2008-09 season.

NMU will face the Falcons in Bowling Green on Nov. 14-15

then the stage will shift to Northern Feb. 6-7. LSSU will host the 'Cats the weekend of Dec. 5-6 and pay a visit to the Berry Events Center the final weekend of the regular season, Feb. 27-28.

The Fighting Irish stop at the Berry Events Center for a two-game set the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 1 as the 'Cats will make the return trip to Notre Dame on Feb. 13-14.

The 'Cats Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) rival, Michigan Tech, will also play at the Berry Events Center (Saturday, Dec. 20). NMU and MTU will face-off in Houghton the night before: Dec. 19.

NMU plays the University of Wisconsin in Madison the weekend of Jan. 2-3. The 'Cats will play two exhibition games against the University of Toronto Sunday, Oct. 5 and the United States National Team Development Program on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Also making stops at the Berry Events Center will be Alaska, Ferris State and Ohio State.

"We're anxious for the season. I like our hockey team and the schedule which we have," Kyle said.

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## 2008-09 NMU Hockey Schedule



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|---|--|
| Oct. 5 – Toronto (2 p.m.)                         | Jan. 3 – at Wisconsin (8:07 p.m.)          |
| Oct. 10 – Michigan Tech, Superior Cup (7:35 p.m.) | Jan. 9 – at Nebraska-Omaha (8:05 p.m.)     |
| Oct. 11 – UM-Duluth, Superior Cup (7:35 p.m.)     | Jan. 10 – at Nebraska-Omaha (8:05 p.m.)    |
| Oct. 17 – Michigan (7:35 p.m.)                    | Jan. 23 – Alaska (7:35 p.m.)               |
| Oct. 18 – Michigan (7:35 p.m.)                    | Jan. 24 – Alaska (7:35 p.m.)               |
| Oct. 24 – at Michigan State (7:05 p.m.)           | Jan. 30 – at Western Michigan (7:35 p.m.)  |
| Oct. 25 – at Michigan State (7:05 p.m.)           | Jan. 31 – at Western Michigan (7:35 p.m.)  |
| Oct. 31 – Notre Dame (7:35 p.m.)                  | Feb. 6 – Bowling Green (7:35 p.m.)         |
| Nov. 1 – Notre Dame (7:35 p.m.)                   | Feb. 7 – Bowling Green (7:35 p.m.)         |
| Nov. 14 – at Bowling Green (7:05 p.m.)            | Feb. 13 – at Notre Dame (7:35 p.m.)        |
| Nov. 15 – at Bowling Green (7:05 p.m.)            | Feb. 14 – at Notre Dame (7:05 p.m.)        |
| Nov. 21 – Ohio State (7:35 p.m.)                  | Feb. 20 – at Miami (7:35 p.m.)             |
| Nov. 22 – Ohio State (7:35 p.m.)                  | Feb. 21 – at Miami (5:05 p.m.)             |
| Nov. 28 – Ferris State (7:35 p.m.)                | Feb. 27 – Lake Superior (7:35 p.m.)        |
| Nov. 29 – Ferris State (7:35 p.m.)                | Feb. 28 – Lake Superior (7:35 p.m.)        |
| Dec. 5 – at Lake Superior (7:05 p.m.)             | March 6-8 – CCHA Playoffs (first round)    |
| Dec. 6 – at Lake Superior (7:05 p.m.)             | March 13-15 – CCHA Playoffs (second round) |
| Dec. 13 – USNTDP (7:35 p.m.)                      | March 20-21 – CCHA Championship            |
| Dec. 19 – at Michigan Tech (7:07 p.m.)            | (All times are Eastern)                    |
| Dec. 20 – Michigan Tech (7:35 p.m.)               |  |
| Jan. 2 – at Wisconsin (8:07 p.m.)                 |  |

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# Northern Women's basketball schedule for 2008-09 season



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| Nov. 15 – at UM-Duluth, 2 p.m.     | Jan. 17 – at Hillsdale, 1 p.m.            |
| Nov. 22 – Marygrove, 11 a.m.       | Jan. 22 – Lake Superior State, 5:30 p.m.  |
| Nov. 24 – Finlandia, 5:30 p.m.     | Jan. 24 – Saginaw Valley State, 11 a.m.   |
| Dec. 1 – St. Norbert, 5:30 p.m.    | Jan. 29 – Ferris State, 5:30 p.m.         |
| Dec. 4 – at Northwood, 6 p.m.      | Jan. 31 – Grand Valley State, 1 p.m.      |
| Dec. 6 – at Wayne State, 1 p.m.    | Feb. 5 – at Ashland, 6 p.m.               |
| Dec. 13 – at Michigan Tech, 1 p.m. | Feb. 7 – at Tiffin, 1 p.m.                |
| Dec. 18 – Wayne State, 5:30 p.m.   | Feb. 12 – at Grand Valley State, 6 p.m.   |
| Dec. 20 – Northwood, 11 a.m.       | Feb. 14 – at Ferris State, 1 p.m.         |
| Dec. 30 – UM-Duluth, 5:30 p.m.     | Feb. 19 – Hillsdale, 5:30 p.m.            |
| Jan. 3 – Michigan Tech, 1 p.m.     | Feb. 21 – Findlay, 1 p.m.                 |
| Jan. 8 – Tiffin, 5:30 p.m.         | Feb. 26 – at Saginaw Valley State, 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 – Ashland, 1 p.m.          | Feb. 28 – at Lake Superior State, 1 p.m.  |
| Jan. 15 – at Findlay, 5:30 p.m.    |   |

## 2008-09 NMU Women's Basketball Schedule

**June**

**Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**  
 Sunday, June 8 From 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.  
 At the Lakeview Arena  
 For more information contact Mike Morgan at 458-3528

**Information and Employment Fair**  
 Location: Marketplace in Quad 1

June 10, 17, 24th 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Held in conjunction with the summer orientation program for incoming, first-year students, this session provides on-campus departments and local organizations the opportunity to share possible part-time jobs with interested students. Those departments/organizations without job openings are also invited to attend to simply share information regarding their services.

June 19th  
**Wildcat Golf Outing- Community** (Marquette Golf

Course) at 12:30 p.m.  
 18-hole golf event to benefit NMU student-athletes.

Session held at MooseWood Nature Center at 2:30 p.m. Students will become detectives and find out how hard our water really is. Students will test water from a variety of sources including the municipal system, Lake Superior, purification systems and rainfall.

**Superior Bike Fest**  
 Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22

**Scandinavian Fest**  
 Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 At Presque Isle Park  
 For more information contact Edith Prosen @ 226-6834

June 26th  
 Session held at MooseWood Nature Center at 2:30 p.m. We will look at the consequences of and reasons behind air pollution. Participants will also explore climate change and its ef-

fects on our environment and economy. To discover the power of wind, participants will make and fly their own kites.

**July**

July 8th  
**Information and Employment Fair** 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Location: Marketplace in Quad 1

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**30th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival**  
 Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, 2008  
 At Tourist Park, Marquette, Michigan

For more information go to [www.hiawathamusic.org](http://www.hiawathamusic.org)

**50th Annual Art on the Rocks**  
 July 26, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

July 27, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Located in a beautiful wooded area on the shore of Lake Superior in north Marquette. Enjoy the 50th annual Art On The Rocks at Presque Isle Park.

**August**

**Ore to Shore**  
 Friday, August 8 & Saturday, August 9, 2008

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**Marquette Rotary West Seafood Fest**

Thursday, August 21st through Saturday, August 23rd

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**Kennel Club Dog Show**  
 Friday, August 29, through Sunday, August 31, 2008

At Lakeview Arena  
 For more information go to <http://marquettekennelclub.tripod.com/>

**Blues Fest**  
 Saturday, August 30 through Sunday, August 31, 2008

At Mattson Park  
 For more information go to <http://www.marquetteareabluesociety.com>

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**Stark** — You rock. Good job tonight. — **Abent**

**Rob and Sue** — Thanks for replacing the transmission and all those other things you do for me. — **Your Daughter**

**Abent** — Get your stuff together for next time. You held some stuff up. — **Curt**

**Shane** — I missed you tonight. But, in a totally weird sort of way. — **Curt**

**Gordon** — You really don't know what you're doing sometimes. But you work so darn hard. — **Curt**

**Carson** — Now that you're a news editor, it's weird. I like talking about baseball and the Brewers. — **Curt**

**CCI** — I'll be tired tomorrow, but I swear, I'll drink tons of coffee before I get there. — **not Curt**

**Kareem** — The N.Y. Deli is delicious. — **Sammich Enthusiast**

**NW** — Although you've been hating on them in the office, I think the Political Review is a good publication. Keep in mind they've only been around a year, and most things get better with experience. — **Patience**

**Casper** — You are the shizzle. Holler. — **Myself**

**Chad Mike** — I disagree. — **You Already Know**

**Work** — Really? I'm tired of the Southern Chicken sandwich. There is nothing Southern about it. It's just gross. — **Employee**

**Abent** — Thanks for the shout out. I'm too tired to think of anything witty. I'm sure you understand. — **Stark**

**Roommate** — I know you can't see this, but it would be weird to write you a shout out. — **Other Roommate**

**Curt** — I appreciate your help. But I think you could afford to check the attitude at the door. — **Abent**

**Casperilius** — Perhaps the coolest name for a Web site. And if someone takes that from you, give me a holla. I'm more than willing to lay some smack down. — **Curt**

**Stark** — You looked stressed, like usual. You know what always cheers me up? Baking a cake, cleaning the kitchen, or having children. — **No one would put their name here**

**Ian** — Now that you're a roommate of NWers, you'll see your name here once in a while. Get used to it. — **Curt**

**Daano** — This is the last time you'll be mentioned in the North Wind. I hope you cry...if you ever see this...and I hope you cry hard. — **Curt**

**Snail** — Get out of my life. You're boring, and if someone didn't draw you many moons ago, I'd kill you myself. — **Curt**

**Chad** — Holla. — **Curt**

**Obama** — One on one. I challenge you. I saw Reel Sports. I can take you. Up to seven, win by two. Loser buys lunch...And I'm starvin. — **Curt**

**Gordon** — You really should have written a shout out. — **Opinions**

**Curt** — I baked some cookies a couple of days ago ok. That really helped. — **Stark**

**Curt** — I was also barefoot. — **Stark**

**EIC** — I doubt I would ever do this again. — **Summer EIC**

**Staff** — Thanks for all the help, sorry I'm such a n00b — **Snyder**

**Stark** — Calm down, you're going to give me a heart attack — **Snyder**

**Videogames** — No more work means more time with you — **JDS**

**LRK** — Date this weekend? Dinner and a movie? Speed Racer? — **JDS**

**Philly** — I'm proud of you. It takes a lot of courage to go back to school. Good luck! — **Love**

**Parentals** — I'm going to be tired and crabby tomorrow. Watch out. — **Daughter**

**NMU** — I'm outta here! YEA! — **Done after 5 years**

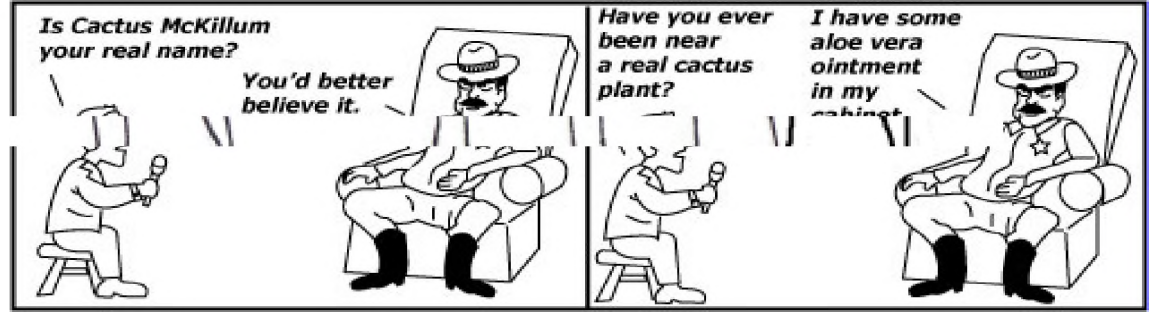
**Guitar Hero** — Too bad we never got KFC. Maybe I'll catch ya in our next life. — **Retired Photo Ed.**

**New Photo Ed.** — Great work. I know you'll do wonderful things. Just remember to be patient, it'll pay of in the end. OH and don't take no crap from nobody! — **Retired Photo Ed.**

**SNOWDAYS** — Susan Page



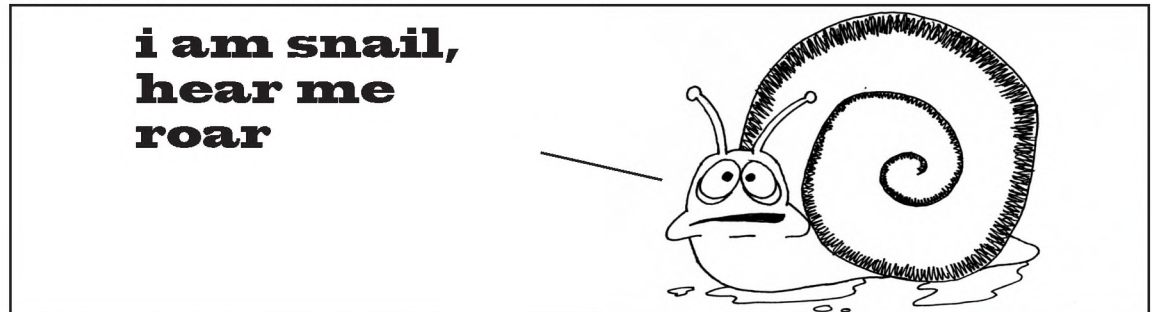
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**STICK PEOPLE** — Sean Chevrier



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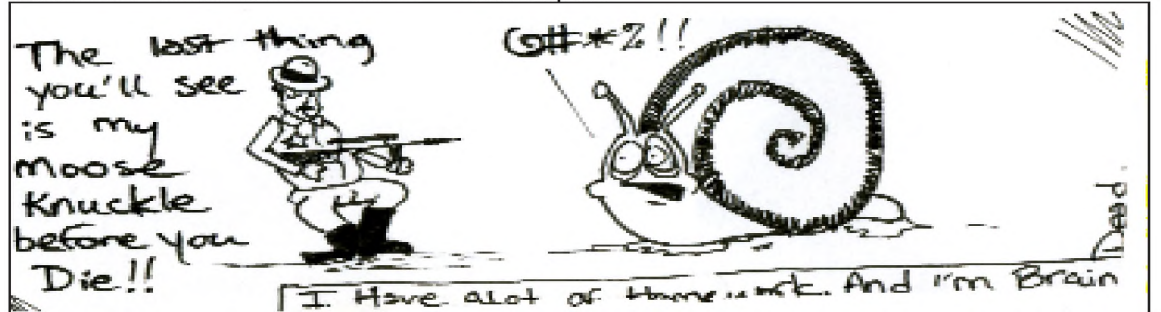
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**Gordo** — You're smart. I'm not really mean. Smile, tomorrow the sun will shine again. — **Retired Photo Ed.**

**Katelin** — Make sure you have fun in Germany. Bring me back some absinth — **Carson**

**InDesign** — I'm not sure that everyone likes you right now. — **NW**

**Snyder** — Thanks for the couch. I still want you dead. Just kidding. — **Stark**

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