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By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

*Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series chronicling the experiences of NMU students attending the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. Next week's paper will feature the second part of the series.*

Jason Morgan never dreamed he would attend the Democratic National Convention, much less stand next to Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm as a roll call vote was conducted for an historic presidential nomination.

The sophomore political science major attended the DNC as an alternate delegate for Hillary Clinton; he was one of the youngest delegates at the entire convention.

In addition to Morgan, four other students attended the convention — three of them as media interns.

Anke Hildebrandt, Lauren Mattioli and Katie Cox served as media interns at the DNC with NBC News, Bloomberg News and TIME Magazine, respectively. This week Neil Passinault, Keith Voorheis, and Darren Widder will serve as interns with NBC News, TIME Magazine and Bloomberg News for the Republican Convention. In addition to the media interns, senior political science major Danielle Stein also went to the convention.

## JASON MORGAN

Morgan said he considers himself lucky to have ever been selected to represent Michigan and Hillary Clinton as a delegate.

"Usually, the people who are selected to be delegates are long-time party members who have been involved their whole lives," he said. "When I was at the meeting to be selected as a delegate, I looked around and realized I was the youngest one in the room."

Morgan's young age is not the only thing that sets him apart from his fellow delegates. Unlike many of the other delegates who have been involved in politics



Photo courtesy of Jason Morgan

An ecstatic Jason Morgan attends Hillary Clinton's speech on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Pepsi Center in Denver. Morgan went to the convention as an alternate delegate supporting Clinton.

for decades, Morgan said he only became involved in politics, outside of debating with high school teachers, in the last two years.

"Last year, when I was a freshman, was the first time I really got involved. I didn't even know I wanted to go into politics before last year."

As a delegate, and former intern for Clinton, it only seems natural that the two most exciting moments of the convention for Morgan were Clinton's speech and the roll call vote for delegates.

"It was unbelievable," he said of Clinton's Tuesday night convention speech. "You don't know what to expect from those speeches. Hers was so great because it was very persuasive in getting her supporters to support

Barack Obama. At least I felt persuaded afterwards."

Another highlight for Morgan was getting his picture on the front page of the Detroit Free Press. Morgan said he knew the Free Press was writing a story about him going to the convention but wasn't told how prominent the story was going to be.

"It was a surprise to me," he said. I thought they were just going to have a little blurb. I was at the airport (going to Denver), and I got a call from my grandma asking me if I had seen the paper. I asked her if they had a picture of me, and she said, 'A picture of you? They have a whole front page of you.'"

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## ASNMU moves ahead with 11-Point Plan

By Jaci Bjorne  
assistant news editor

Since the election in April, ASNMU has begun to move forward with the Eleven Point Pledge that President Hobie Webster, Vice President Jaclyn Calamaro and several representatives introduced during their campaign.

ASNMU is the democratically elected student government at Northern and is designed to help students with every aspect of their academic lives. ASNMU has representatives for students' majors, minors, living situations and more.

"Basically, what we do is we represent issues that the students care about. It could be small things like making sure there is adequate recycling on campus," Webster said. "Or big things like... the engineering department on campus drawing up floor plans for a student union."

He said they also work with the Student Finance Committee, which is a part of ASNMU, to allocate funds for student events and activities.

"It is a set of, essentially, promises that myself as president, Jack as V.P. and several representatives got together and created. We said, 'These are the things that we want to see happening in student government. These are ways to make it more effective, to make it do its job,'" Webster said.

Some aspects of the Eleven Point Pledge are in the process of being instated, but it will take

some time to see their results, he said. For instance, making Martin Luther King Day a campus-wide holiday, clarifying the ASNMU election bylaws and constitution and increasing professionalism in the office, are all things that will not be finished immediately.

One step of the pledge was to set up a text book list to be made available to students on the ASNMU Web site one month before classes start.

This is something that they have been working on over the summer and should be up with the launch of the new Web site, he said.

He added that ASNMU was able to partner up with the bookstore and the finance division of Northern to create a pilot program that allows students to put their books on their student accounts, which will be instituted before next semester.

"It is interest free. You don't have to use a credit card for it. It just goes straight to your account the same way your PEIF pass or parking permit would," Webster said. "You have to have this paid off by a certain point in the semester, looks like it's going to be about the eighth week, or they will drop you from your classes."

Another part of the pledge they have made progress on is becoming a paperless campus, he said.

"Once our new Web site launches, ASNMU will no longer depend on handing out minutes and agendas.

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## Secretary of State to bring registration van

By Cassandra Sturos  
associate news editor

With the Secretary of State voter registration van coming to NMU next week, students will have the opportunity to register to vote without ever leaving campus.

Due to the election year, voter turnout is expected to be high, Dave Dodds, manager of the voter registration van, said.

"Voter turnout fluctuates each year from 100-400 people per visit," Dodds said. "On voter registration, we do notice a substantial increase in a national election."

The presidential election is looming nearer and nearer, so it is more important than ever for

students to vote and have their voice heard, ASNMU President Hobie Webster said.

"Students have a lot at risk: Health care costs are exploding, there are two wars going on, the economy's in shambles, education costs are exploding, we're graduating with enormous debt and the housing market is crumbling," Webster said. "I'm not going to try to push one way or the other, but those are the issues that at most in four years students are going to have to start dealing with."

Webster also noted the importance of students doing their research and knowing what a candidate stands for before voting.

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## BRIEFS

## Lieutenant governor to visit Marquette

Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry will be speaking in Marquette on Friday, Sept. 5. Cherry, who serves as Gov. Granholm's appointee to the Michigan Higher Education Compact and chaired the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, is expected to speak about higher education to the Marquette audience. Suzanne Bowers, office manager of the Marquette County Democratic Party, confirmed that Cherry will be hosting a summit for education. "We're very excited whenever John Cherry comes up," Bowers said. "He has been a state leader in education, identifying ways to meet future demands." Bowers also encouraged students to come to the summit to hear what Cherry has to say about education and the future. She described Cherry as a powerful speaker who is very educated. "Anyone who hasn't listened to him before should come and take advantage of this since he's taking the time to be up here," she said. Cherry will be speaking at the Marquette County Democratic Party headquarters, located at 121 W. Washington St. in Marquette. According to Bowers, Cherry will be in Marquette from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and he will probably start speaking at around 7 p.m. For more information, please call the Marquette County Democratic Party at 226-3366.

— Nancy Longtine

## MIP citations up for start of 2008-2009 school year

After a lull on the crime front during the summer months, the start of the fall 2008 semester brought about several minor in possession of alcohol (MIP) busts. This is largely due to the fact that students get back to school and want to party, Sgt. Ken Love of Public Safety said. "Because of the first few weeks of school, historically alcohol consumption is up, we're not cracking down more than usual. There's definitely more partying and alcohol offenses," Love said. "Kids are getting used to their new surroundings, their freedom, and they have money." Public Safety hasn't increased enforcement yet because it hasn't been necessary but if the partying and alcohol abuse continues at this rate they would, Love said. "We're not doing anything different than any other time of the year, there's just more out there to get," Love said. Even if Public Safety isn't cracking down yet, the law is. First time MIP offenders have to pay fines in excess of \$200, take substance abuse classes, possibly participate in community service and meet with the Dean of Students. Second time MIP offenders can serve up to 30 days in jail, according to Michigan.gov.

— Cassandra Sturos

## Walk to raise awareness of suicide

A local non-competitive 5K walk will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. to benefit local and national efforts for suicide prevention and awareness. The registration will take place at the Town Commons beginning at 10 a.m. The registration fee for non-students is \$15. The fee for NMU students can be waived through sponsorship from NMU's Counseling and Consultation Services. The walk will begin at The Commons at 11 a.m. and proceed along the bike path to Picnic Rocks and return to The Commons. Fifty percent of proceeds from the event will support Pathways' Ray of Sunshine Endowment to provide services for people with a serious mental illness. The other fifty percent will support suicide prevention efforts through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In addition to supporting a worthy cause, walkers will enjoy fresh air, have access to resource information and will become eligible for door prizes.

— Cassandra Sturos

## Faculty music recital to be held Friday

The Artist Faculty Chamber Music Recital will be occurring on Friday, Sept. 5 in the Reynolds Recital Hall. Music selections by Richard Faith will be performed by the Music Department faculty featuring Mark Flaherty on trumpet, Nancy Redfern on piano, Barbara Rhyneer on violin, James Strain on percussion and Elda Tate on flute. Guest artist Laura Robinson will also be performing on the French horn. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free.

— Carson LeMahieu

## NMU Public Safety keeps themselves busy over summer

By Cassandra Sturos  
associate news editor

While the summer months prove to be less crime-filled, with a drastic drop in the student population, Public Safety spends time focusing on the Police Academy and catching up.

Officers keep busy with a schedule involving police academy training, assisting the city police and doing building checks, Assistant Director of Police Services, Jeff Mincheff said.

"We do a lot of training with officers; we're heavily involved in the police academy during the summer," Mincheff said. "None of our responsibilities change."

The Police Academy is 15 weeks long, and the officers instruct on their off-time, Sergeant Ken Love said.

The academy requires a lot out of recruits and involves intense training, Nicholas S. Diedrich, a graduate of the Police Academy, said.

Mornings would start with a run at 5 a.m. followed by inspections and class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on some days until 9 p.m., Diedrich said.

The classes involved heavy

training, including learning to use firearms, CPR training, defensive tactics, learning to drive at high speeds, and volunteering as security at local events, he added.

"The training was pretty intensive, and I enjoyed it a lot," Diedrich said, "It was good training and a good academy."

Fifteen people graduated from the Police Academy this summer and are now capable of being certified to become police

"We do lots of building inspections, grants, and training; public safety is more than just the police department," Mincheff said.

During the school year there are 7,000-9,000 students with over 3,000 people residing on campus, Mincheff said.

"Summer is a good time to train because we are a little bit slower," Mincheff added.

"All of the apartments are full," Mincheff said, "There are still people on campus all the time, faculty and staff, in essence we still have a community to worry about during the summer."

Public Safety also assists the city police when events are going on in the city and other officers are on vacations.

They participate as city backups, Mincheff said.

"It's business as usual. We are still involved in complaints, still make arrests and [summer] gives us a chance to catch up on some investigations as well," Mincheff said.

"It is expected because our population goes up 75 percent, the increase calls for services, with the increase of people," Love said. "Obviously summer is time to re-group and re-train; you'll see the city increase in their crime blotter as well. The whole town gets busier."



MINCHEFF

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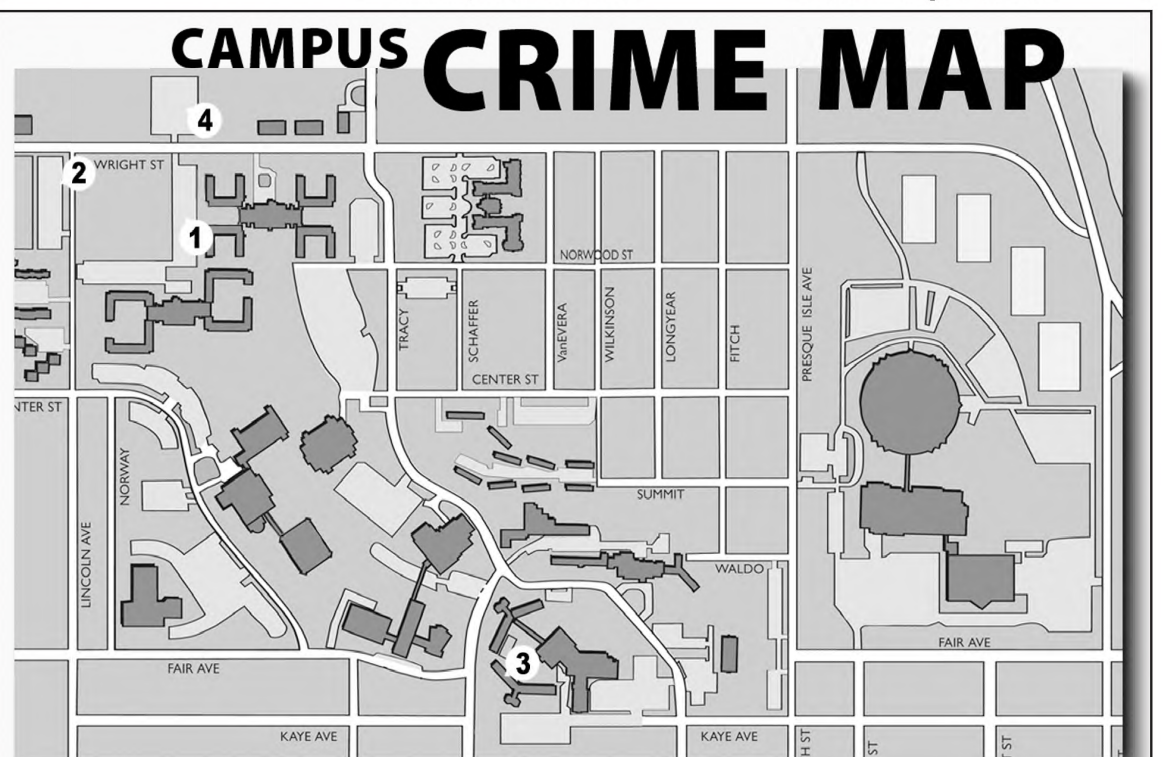
Assistant Director of Police Services

officers, Love said.

The summer months allow for more time to train and prepare for the upcoming year, Love said.

The officers also take part in various training activities involving mercury, asbestos, medical CPR training, firearms and hazardous material, he added.

Numerous events and people still residing in town require Public Safety's assistance during the summer months, with basketball camps, summer camps, and permanent residents, including those in the on-campus apartments, Mincheff said.



## Map Key:

1. On Aug. 31, a 19-year-old male was found in possession of alcohol in Lot 16. The case was closed by arrest.
2. On Aug. 31, a license plate was stolen off of a vehicle in Lot 20. The case is still open.
3. On Sept. 1, a domestic assault occurred in West Hall between a 21-year-old male and a 20-year-old female and 23-year-old male. There were no serious injuries. Charges are pending.
4. On Sept. 1, two 18-year-old males and one 19-year-old male were found in possession of marijuana in Lot 46. They have been referred to the Dean of Students Office.

## DNC

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## ANKE HILDEBRANDT

Hildebrandt went to the convention as an intern for NBC News. Unlike the other interns who went to Denver, she had to be at the convention a week before it started. She said when she got to Denver she learned she would be working as an aide for the live broadcast of Meet the Press on Sunday, Aug. 24.

She was assigned the duty of assisting Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi in getting ready for her interview on Meet the Press.

Hildebrandt had nothing but positive things to say about Pelosi.

"She's so busy. That woman is amazing for the amount of things she can handle at one time," Hildebrandt said. "She came in on a conference call and was rushing around, yet she was still ready to go right on time for Meet the Press."

Hildebrandt said the most rewarding part of her internship was meeting the NBC staff and getting to see first-hand the work that goes into a broadcast.

"I met a lot of people with NBC," she said. "Getting that little bit of an inside to see how all these shows are run, and the intense amount of work that goes into getting a live broadcast like that out to the world was the biggest highlight."

One thing Hildebrandt said surprised her was the number of media people involved with coverage of an event like the Democratic Convention.

"The amount of media that was at the convention was mind boggling. We were told that 50,000 people came into Denver for the event and 15,000 of them were media," she said. "I walked out of the Pepsi Center the first day,

and there were no parking lots left because they were all covered in huge media tents."

## DANIELLE STEIN

Stein was originally scheduled to work on the floor with the Democratic National Committee. When her internship with the committee fell through, she said political science professor David Haynes told her she should still go on the trip to experience the convention.

Stein said one of the first things she noticed in Denver was the amount of security forces that were used to keep order during the event.

"The one big thing we all talked about was how much police protection there was for everything," she said. "You would walk down the street, and there would be vans with police standing on the outside of them with shields and riot gear on."

Even though Stein didn't have an internship at the convention, she still got to participate in many of the events, including the Michigan Delegates' Breakfasts and Obama's speech at Invesco Field.

At the breakfasts Stein said she got to meet many influential politicians including Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Michigan Sen. Carl Levin and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

"Schweitzer came into the Michigan Delegates Breakfast one day and gave a speech about the exploration of the West and how no one ever did anything while sitting on their ass," Stein said. "That night we saw him giving a speech at the Pepsi Center, and everyone began talking about how he might be an up-and-comer in the (Democratic) Party."

## LAUREN MATTIOLI

Mattioli spent her time at the



Photo courtesy of Anke Hildebrandt

Anke Hildebrandt stands in Invesco Field prior to Barack Obama's acceptance speech during last week's Democratic National Convention. More than 70,000 people attended the event.

convention as an intern with the Washington D.C. outlet of Bloomberg News. She said her internship was an intense experience for her.

"It was baptism by fire, instant immersion in everything Bloomberg," she said about her tasks.

Mattioli's duties included covering a rally of Hillary Brothers, tracking blogs, getting supplies and attending meetings. One of

her more interesting stories involved transporting long-time TIME magazine editor Norman Pearlman to the convention.

"As we were coming back from the hotel, all the transportation is cut off six blocks from the convention center, and you have to walk. He was like, 'That is quite a walk.' And he hadn't had anything to eat, so we went and got a buffalo burger to eat," she said. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

She also said she had the privilege of running into many politicians, and even a celebrity.

Among them were Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Massachusetts Sen. Barney Frank and actress Ashley Judd.

"I saw Ashley Judd buying mini-donuts so that justified all my junk food purchases, because if Ashley Judd can buy mini-donuts then I can get some junk food too."

Mattioli also said that the experience made her realize what life after graduation will be like for students preparing to go into the media field.

"I think a lot of the people who went are kind of hot-shots at Northern, but when you go out into the corporate media world we were nobodies. No one knows who you are or what you've done," Mattioli said. "It was a good preview for what life will be like after graduation."

## KATIE COX

The final NMU student to at-

tend the convention was senior media production and new technologies and speech communication double-major Katie Cox.

She was one of three interns working with TIME magazine during the convention.

She said that most of her duties involved running errands and gathering materials for TIME as well as also organizing office materials.

"Wednesday night, TIME Magazine prepares their final issue so I printed out all the pages and hung them on a board so that (TIME political editor) Michael Duffy could go over and switch the pages around and reorder things."

The thing that stood out most to her was the level of energy among all the participants in the convention.

"The whole crowd, whether you were at the Pepsi Center or at Invesco Field on Thursday, were so fired up," Cox said. "I lost my voice for two days after we were at Obama's speech on Thursday."

Even the long lines at security checks didn't dampen the crowd's enthusiasm, she said.

"Everybody seemed really excited to be there," Cox said. "We stood in line for 45 minutes, and even then no one was complaining or whining."

"The most rewarding thing was being there to watch Obama's speech. It is something that will stay with me forever; something I will be able to tell my kids about."



Photo courtesy of Danielle Stein

A group of NMU students and a former student attend the Michigan Delegates Breakfast. Pictured (counterclockwise from top right) are NMU political science professor Steve Nelson, Jason Morgan, Danielle Stein, Miles Baker, Katie Cox and Lauren Mattioli.

**VOTE**

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"[You] need to get involved," Webster said. "You never know what can happen in this world... It's not enough to sit and wear a T-shirt or put a bumper sticker on your laptop."

Just supporting a candidate and wishing and hoping they will win doesn't make them win, Webster said.

"If you don't actually show up to the poll, you're not doing anything about it. That's something students need to remember," Webster added.

The voter registration van will be on campus next Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the LRC.

This is the third time the voter registration van has come to Northern. The first trip here was in 2004, Dodds said.

"Every other year we do our university voter registration tour; this was started six years ago," Dodds said. "This is the first year we will visit every university in Michigan."

The Secretary of State Voter Registration Van does more than just allow students to vote; it serves as a full secretary of state office, Dodds said.

At the voter registration van, students hoping to register to vote will need to bring with them a Michigan drivers license or government ID card. They will be asked to fill out a one-page form to complete the registration.



Jeff Kitson/NW

**KOWABUNGA!** NMU students enjoy taking the plunge into Lake Superior's cold water as they get a break from Tuesday's record breaking temperatures. Temperatures soared into the low 90s in some parts of the Upper Peninsula before they cooled down on Wednesday.

**Voter Registration Tips for Students**

+ A person may register to vote using any address he/she considers to be his/her residence. A college or dorm address may be used if the applicant lives at that address.

+ A person's voting address is determined based on their residence. A residence is any place where a person habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects and has a regular place of lodging.

+ There are currently no identification requirements to register to vote, unless the voter is voting in Michigan for the first time, in which case federal requirements apply and first time voters must submit a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement, or government document which lists your name and address.

— Compiled from The National Campaign for Fair Elections

**ASNMU**

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"Everything will be done electronically," he said. "So we're encouraging the university to move to a paperless system. We're going to try to lead the way as best as we can as an organization. It saves money, it saves time, it's good for the environment."

Jeff Thomas, a senior majoring in an individually created program, said he has been doing some work on the Web site over the summer.

As for the official launch of the new site, he said because they did a lot of ground work on the site over the summer, it should be up

before the end of the month.

"We haven't put a specific date on it yet. I would say that I would be very disappointed if it were not out by Oct. 1," Thomas said. "I'd say we have it about 80 to 90 percent complete."

According to Calamaro, teamwork is the secret behind the accomplishments the organization has achieved over the summer.

"We work together to accomplish the goals," she said. "That's how we've been able to be successful so far, I feel."

As vice president, Calamaro said she has been working to fill any open job positions at ASNMU, so that every aspect of student life

will have a representative.

"This semester we have to fill other positions," she said. "I'd like to fill these positions as soon as possible because it's a new year, and there shouldn't be a time when there is an opening."

She added that students are the center of ASNMU, and should be involved with the organization.

"I just really encourage students—if they're interested in a position—to apply on the Web site, to come to the meetings, to see what's going on with their student government, and if they have any questions or concerns to stop by. Our doors are always open for students," she said.

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# Van registers youth

College-aged voters are often identified by the media as a force that can swing presidential elections, but the historical reality is disappointing: We often don't show up when it counts.

According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, just 36.1 percent of 18- to 24-year olds voted in the 2000 presidential election, while 62.9 percent of those aged 25 and over went to the polls. Four years later, the numbers for the younger demographic jumped to 46.7 percent, but still trailed the rest of the population by nearly 20 percentage points.

In exactly two months, the American people will be faced with a crucial choice. They will decide whether Barack Obama or John McCain will be the next person charged with reviving the economy, deflating the national debt, addressing the health care crisis and removing American troops from Iraq in a manner everyone can live with.

And once again, young voters have another chance to make a difference: This time, let's make sure we don't waste that crucial opportunity.

The first step, of course, is to properly register to vote. While this task is typically completed at a local Secretary of State office, the process will be made even simpler for students next week when the mobile Secretary of State van arrives on NMU's campus.

The Michigan Secretary of State Web site states that "a person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates." For students that don't live near NMU, the van may provide the only opportunity to be able to file an absentee ballot. For students that do live in closer proximity to campus, the van will provide registration in a convenient location.

The next logical step is to actually get out and vote on Nov. 4, 2008. At a time when the youth vote is being heavily sought by both parties, the question seems to be whether the young people who have been receiving so much media attention will actually turn up to cast their votes.

So take some time now and learn a bit about current events—before it is too late. And when the time comes to voice your opinion about the future of our country, take a few minutes out of your day and head to the polls, or fill out an absentee ballot.

It's time for us to be heard.

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**Alright, I'm 18! I can get tattoos on my own and buy cigarettes!**

**Aren't you forgetting something, dude?**



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# Hypermiling useful tactic to cut gas costs

By Cathy Wilson  
UWIRE

As someone who has driven with people who slam on the brakes at the last minute or step on the gas as if they're in a drag race, it's very evident that people often use those two pedals without realizing how much gas it wastes in the process.

With a gallon of gasoline costing \$4 and wallets being gouged at gas stations, some have taken to hypermiling to get better mileage.

Hypermiling is the act of changing your driving style in order to achieve the maximum fuel economy possible for your car. Eliminating excessive braking and accelerating, coasting down hills, keeping a speed around 55 or 60 miles per hour in the freeway -- these can be harmless ways to save money at the pump.

By braking and accelerating slowly and only when necessary, cars can get up to 35 percent better gas mileage, according to CNN. Say your car's tank holds 14 gallons of gas, and it gets 20 miles per gallon. With gas at \$4 per gallon, it costs about \$56 to travel 280 miles. If you gas mileage was about 30 percent better, you'd get 27 miles per gallon instead -- that's \$19.60 saved by hypermiling.

That's assuming you're a vigorous hypermiler -- saving even half that would be a nice chunk

of change. You can find out your car's gas tank size and estimated mileage at [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

But like any new fad, moderation is the key. Think of fad diets, which always take some section of the food pyramid out of your eating regimen. No meat, no carbs, no fruits -- these are the suggestions, but in reality, you just need to moderate the unhealthy eating habits. Removing braking or accelerating from your driving diet altogether is a recipe for danger.

Following too close to cars because you don't want to brake, coasting down hills at dangerous speeds simply to gain momentum and driving slowly in areas where other cars will be expecting you to go faster (up a hill, for instance), are just some of the dangerous hypermiling driving methods that ABC News outlines.

You can't drive with the assumption that everyone understands the technique. Most people on the road haven't embraced the art of taming their lead feet, so if you are following closely behind someone because you don't want to hit the brakes, there is nothing stopping the person in front of you from slamming on theirs. Aggressive driving is dangerous, but the opposite can be as well -- sensible driving is the happy medium between the two.

For a college student, for instance, hypermiling can be great for the long hours spent on the

road between home and school. Watch out once you arrive in your college town, however, because if it's anything like mine, pedestrians rule the streets. Coasting around town or the highway is great when done safely, but the lives of fellow drivers and pedestrians aren't worth a few extra miles.

Perhaps hypermilers wouldn't be so intent on milking miles if the federal fuel standards were higher. In 25 years, the average miles per gallon on a car have increased 1.6 miles, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It's not that we don't have the technology, it's that for the last 25 years we've had no reason to change it. Gas prices were cheap, people were open to spending lots at the pump, so why cut profits by making something more efficient to the consumer?

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# Feminism goes beyond bra burning



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

I have never really considered myself to be a feminist.

For a very long time, I wasn't even sure what being a feminist entailed. For the most part, I had always assumed that the benchmarks of a tried and true feminist were total independence, a successful career, a comfortable income and a desire to improve conditions for all women. I never bought much into the ideas that feminism meant hating men or burning bras.

But the other day, I saw a bumper sticker that read, "Feminism is the radical notion that women are people." I was completely floored. Although a blissfully simple and sarcastic statement, it made me realize that some people don't see women as people at all.

Upon that realization, I began to wonder whether or not I could actually call myself a feminist.

Growing up, my older brother

and I were given the same opportunities, regardless of the fact that we were different sexes; we both played every sport imaginable, we both took music lessons. My parents made sure that I knew how to both bake cookies and fix things around the house. They also made sure I always knew that I could do whatever I wanted when I grew up. All my female family members were (and still are) strong women and positive role models.

So, was I raised to be a feminist just because I believed that I could be independent and self-sufficient? I'm sure if you asked my parents, they probably wouldn't say so.

I'm comfortable with the idea of not being completely independent for the rest of my life. I'm not opposed to being married. My ideas of success are not just career and money-related. Does this mean that I can't be a feminist?

Could it be that I am a feminist just because I believe that men and women should be equal? Is it also enough for me to recognize that women as a group have come very far in this country, although

not yet far enough?

In order for a woman to be completely liberated from a world of men, does she have to be entirely independent and self-sufficient? My answer is no.

This year Hillary Clinton was a major player in the presidential race. If she had received the Democratic Party nomination instead of Barack Obama, would it have been as historic? I think so. It has to mean something that a woman running for president of the United States could go so far in her campaign.

Not to mention that Clinton is both a wife and mother, along with being a woman with a successful career in politics. By doing this, Clinton has fulfilled both traditional and non-traditional roles for women.

Let me say that I was never a supporter of Clinton. I was more interested in the idea that this presidential election actually felt more fair and more Democratic to me, because, at least earlier in the race, a woman was a strong contender.

The fact is, I am now at ease with calling myself a feminist, by

my standards, at least. I support the rights of all women, and I support us being equal to men.

Granted, I don't usually go around spouting what little I know and understand about feminist ideals. You will find no feminist

bumper stickers on my car or buttons on my backpack. And I am not going out burning my bras. But, I know that if I ever have a daughter, she will grow up just as I did, believing in herself and her right to equality.

## Watch Out Willy!



Andrew McCanna/NW

# Political experience isn't everything



## Staff Column

Josh Snyder

On Thursday, Aug. 28, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, in one fell swoop, outlined his agenda, hit back at typical Republican smear tactics and unified the Democratic Party for the first time since the Clinton era. His acceptance speech was what many are calling one of the greatest political speeches of our time. Of course, Republicans were ready to fire back with their "inexperience" argument. Obama isn't ready to lead. Obama doesn't know how Washington works. Obama just doesn't get it.

And then, not even 24 hours later, Republican nominee John McCain picked Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Anyone who's been following the election can see this is a big contradiction. McCain's argument has been to point out Obama's inexperience as a hindrance, yet Palin has only been governor two months longer than Obama has been running for president. However, this argument, as the Republicans are now finding out, is severely flawed.

To better understand, we need to go back to March 18, 2003. The United States, along with a small group of other countries, has begun its invasion of Iraq with the now infamous "shock and awe" military strike. Since then the war has been a disaster resulting in an

approval rating so low that even the ideologically-driven Bush must be ashamed. But at the time of the invasion, Bush had not one, but two of the most experienced politicians in the world standing by his side, guiding him through a time of war: Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld.

And what became of two of our most experienced politicians? One was forced to resign for doing his job so poorly, while the other accidentally shot his friend in the face.

I bring this up because this illustrates the flaw in McCain's thinking. Experience doesn't count for everything. Is it important? Yes. It's nice for nominees to have dealt with more than local government, or a few oil companies they unsuccessfully ran. Is it

everything? Certainly not.

What we should be looking for in our candidates is not how long they've sat behind a desk but how clear and responsible their judgments were while sitting behind that desk. Obama has shown he's capable of making reasoned, thought-out decisions. One look at his Web site, which clearly outlines his stances on all of this election's issues, supports this. So, the question is: how sensible is it to not vote for a candidate with a proven track record of sound judgments because he hasn't been a part of the game for a few decades?

But if this argument can be applied to Obama, surely it can be applied to Palin, right? The unfortunate truth is that Palin's stance on many issues shows

she lacks Obama's insight and clarity. You don't have to look further than the recent controversy surrounding her daughter's pregnancy. Palin has asked everyone to stay out of her family's personal business, yet she wants to get into everyone's personal business by making abortion illegal. While I completely agree that the media shouldn't drag her daughter into this, the fact is that her actions clearly contradict her policies. That's hypocrisy at its finest.

This November, when you head to the polls to cast your vote, please remember that experience doesn't count for everything. Please remember that clear judgment on issues such as education, the economy and foreign policy count for something too.

## Sound Off

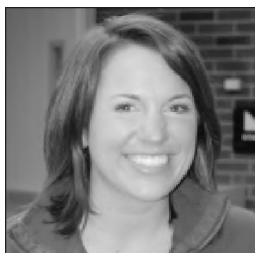
What do you think of Sarah Palin?

Compiled by Britney McIntire



**Bob O'Hagan**  
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"Her true colors will come out depending on how she stands up to the media."



**Lindsey Scherman**  
junior, psychology

"I think it is great to see a woman running for a vice president."



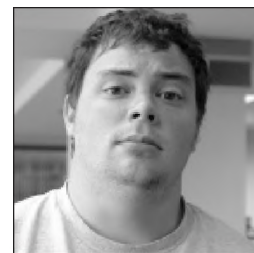
**Jessica Baroni**  
senior, athletic training

"I think she is an amazing woman to stand up for such a strong position."



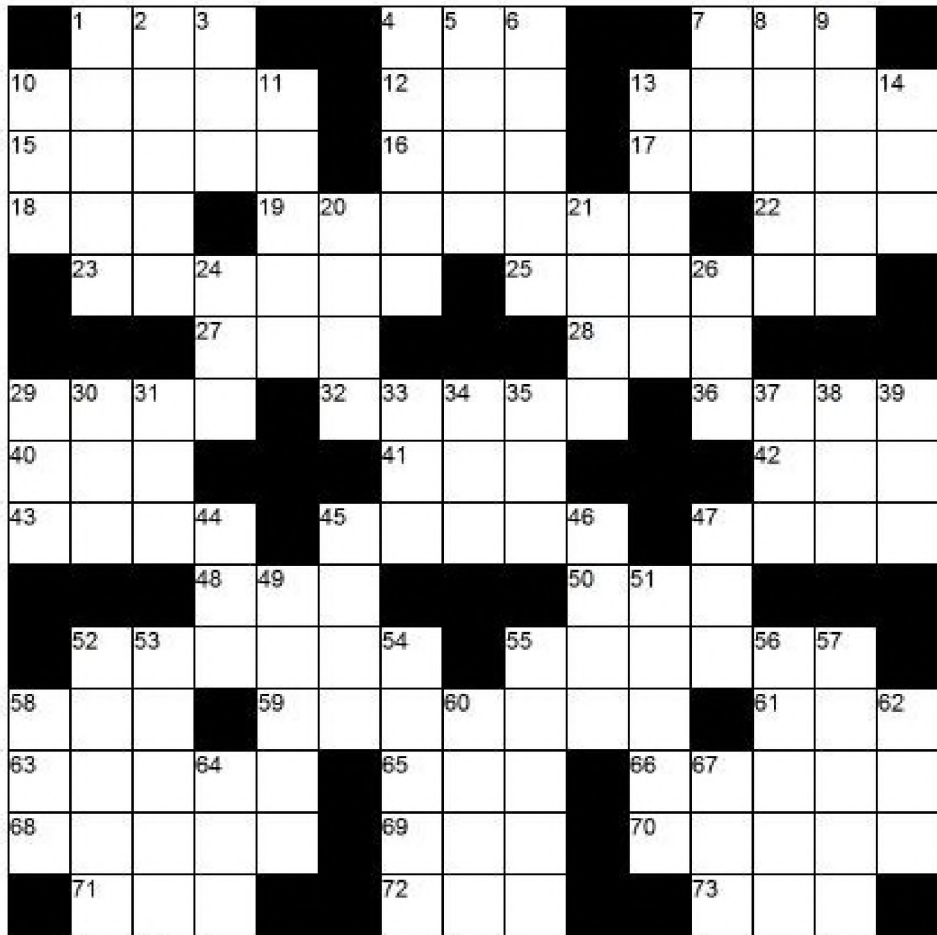
**Paul Green**  
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"Her executive experience may not help her as much as she is expecting."



**Kevin Karagozian**  
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"She was hot in her day."



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## Made in Michigan

### Locally produced food and artwork helps strengthen Marquette community

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

Every Saturday morning, the Marquette Commons, usually home to only a few empty picnic tables, comes alive with the Downtown Marquette Farmers' and Artisans' Market.

Since its move from Citgo's parking lot, the market, which is back for its second year, has grown considerably, said Market Manager Anna Patrick.

Spread out over 20 tables, you can find local produce, handmade jewelry, soaps and candles, organic breads and several different types of original artwork, including paintings and sculptures, Patrick said.

Patrick has been managing the farmers' market for the past two years, and said she enjoys the atmosphere.

"You'd be surprised at how much better it is to buy here than from a grocery store. From here, your money stays in the community and you're not paying to have your food shipped from California," she said.

Erica Lensink, NMU student and former president of Sustainable Agriculture, said she shops at the farmers' market for that same reason.

"[Shopping at the market] is better for the environment because the food isn't coming from thousands or hundreds of miles away. It uses a lot less gas," Lensink said. "And the food is fresher. It's usually picked within 24 hours."

Peter Claybaker, a weekly

vendor at this year's market, has been selling his organic artisan bread at the farmers' market for the past two years.

He's been baking bread for his business, Marquette Baking Company, since June of last year. Claybaker started out renting Jean Kaye's Pasties at night to bake his bread.

"I wanted to try it out first, since there are a lot of bakeries around here. I wanted to see how much interest there would be in my bread without investing in a bakery. And things have been going really great," he said.

The interest seemed to be high, as Claybaker's stand, which was home to breads such as three-seed sourdough, walnut raisin and ciabatta, was one of the more popular at the market. As people, many of whom were on a first-name basis

who said she enjoyed visiting the market with her friends.

"We like to make it a social thing. We go to the market together, maybe get some coffee. It's a lot more fun than a grocery store aisle," she said.

Hilija Spiessl of Spiessl Produce said her family's business has been selling at the market for the past five years. Most of the produce sold in her stand comes from downstate farms, she said.

"We were here back when this was in [Citgo's parking lot]," she added.

The community feel at the market was one of Spiessl's favorite things about having a stand there.

"We get a lot of repeat traffic here, but sometimes we get someone who comes by for the first time. That's always fun," she said.

While other vendors came back for another year at the downtown market, Linda Hirvonen was a newcomer. This was her first year selling her homemade jewelry.

"I love [the farmers' market]. It's wonderful. I've only missed one week since I started coming ... The energy here is wonderful," she said.

Hirvonen said she'd been collecting stones for some time.

"I cannot come back from the beach without some stones in my pockets," she said. "I retired last year, and so I decided to do something with my stones."

All the stones used in Hirvonen's jewelry come from in and around the Marquette area. After polishing them up, she uses

with Claybaker, lined up to buy bread, they chatted about new bread recipes or their family updates since the week before.

Although he'll soon have a store open by the Children's Museum, Claybaker said he's going to continue to sell at the farmers' market.

"I love selling at the market. It's my favorite day of the week. It's just a nice, community gathering place ... It's very alive," he said.

The atmosphere at the market was another appeal for Lensink,

**I think it's important for students to make a connection with who's growing their food.**

— Erica Lensink

Former president of Sustainable Agriculture

Top photo courtesy of Anna Patrick. Bottom photo by Jeff Kitson/NW  
Top: Shoppers gather at the 2007 farmer's market to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as artwork from local artists. The market runs from June until Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Bottom: Peter Claybaker bakes loaves of bread from his business, the Marquette Baking Company, for the Marquette Food Co-Op on Tuesday. Claybaker also sells his bread at the Farmers' Market.



the stones to make, among other things, necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

Though many major chains, like Econo Foods and Wal-Mart, are beginning to sell organic products, Lensink still urged NMU students to do their shopping at the farmers' market.

Lensink said she used to work for Dancing Crane Farms, and has had experience both selling at a farmers' market and buying from one.

"I think it's important for stu-

dents to make a connection with who's growing their food," she said. "And they don't just sell produce [at the market]. You can get children's toys, breads, art, a lot of stuff."

The market, which began in June, will run through Dec. 20. It takes place every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Marquette Commons. Credit, debit and bridge cards are all accepted.

If you're looking to become a vendor, a booth costs \$50 for the season.

# Getting in Shape:

## Living a Healthier and Happier Life

By Josh Snyder  
features editor

*When I visited my doctor last November for my yearly checkup, he informed me that, at the young age of 22, I was beginning to develop cirrhosis of the liver. Cirrhosis is a disease typically found in alcoholics, where scarring of the liver occurs.*

*This all came as a surprise to me since I have never been much of a drinker. What was more worrisome was that this was caused by copious amounts of Dr. Pepper, hot dogs and Chinese buffets.*

*My doctor told me if I didn't do something*

*about my worsening health, I could face some serious consequences as a result. And so I decided to do what millions of Americans try to do every year: Lead a healthier lifestyle.*

*Over the course of the last few months, I've incorporated many positive changes into my life. And not only have I put my body on a healthier path, but I've managed to lose 50 pounds in the process.*

*But in a society obsessed with the latest health and fitness trends, real, beneficial information can easily get lost.*

## Learning to Eat Healthier

According to registered dietitian Sherri Rule, what we eat now can affect us in both the short-term and the long-term.

"If someone is eating a lot of sweets, you're not feeding your body the right way," Rule said.

With diets that tend to be loaded with pizza and beer, Rule says students have to worry about more than just the dreaded "freshman fifteen."

"(Weight gain) can be a set up for diabetes," she said, adding that the potential health risks only get worse. "I don't know if you're ever too young to have heart disease."

Rule strongly suggests that those who live an unhealthy lifestyle can begin living a healthier one by eating in moderation. The more you moderate the unhealthy aspects of your diet, such as soda (both regular and diet), bad carbohydrates and sweets, the more of a positive impact it will have on your health.

When seemingly every product on store shelves is loaded with all sorts of unnatural chemicals and preservatives, those striving for good health need to be aware of two potentially hazardous ingredients that find their way into just about everything, from red apples to wheat bread: Pesticides and high fructose corn syrup.

Rule says the best way to avoid pesticides is to buy your fruits and vegetables fresh from the organic section of the grocery store or from a farmers' market. She added that food treated with pesticides could have long-term consequences on the body.

But due to its buzzword status, organic food can be expensive. If you're on a limited budget, Rule recommends this money saving tip – only buy organic fruits and vegetables with a thin skin, such as tomatoes or apples, because the pesticides will penetrate the skin and actually become absorbed into the fruit. Fruits such as bananas and watermelon are safe to buy from larger retail chains because the pesticide cannot penetrate the thicker skin.

But pesticides are no longer a mindful shopper's only concern. According to Health, Physical Education and Recreation Professor Mohey Mowafy, high fructose corn syrup is another danger of which students need to be weary.

"It's another freak of nature," Mowafy said, adding that high levels of high fructose corn syrup have been linked to a disease called insulin resistance. Insulin resistance, a disease in which normal amounts of insulin are inadequate to produce a typical insulin response, is a known factor of obesity, diabetes and inflammation of blood vessels, which can cause many more serious problems later in life.

Some simple ways, Mowafy explains, to get around both pesticides and high fructose corn syrup is to eat food that's as natural as possible.

"Both bread and Twinkies are made of flour," Mowafy said, "but one is real food. Try as much as possible to consume food as close to its natural state."

But as important as healthy eating is, a well balanced diet is only half the battle. Exercising is just as important as the meal you have for dinner.

## Good Carbs vs. Bad Carbs

Ever since the Atkins diet, many have begun reducing their intake of carbohydrates, some going as far as to completely cut them out of the picture. But Rule says this is not a healthy practice.

"Carbohydrates are a preferred energy source of the brain," Rule said.

However, Rule recommends that people know the difference between good carbs and bad carbs. Below are some examples of good sources of carbs, as well as some bad sources.

**Good Carbs:** Whole grains, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables

**Bad Carbs:** Sugars, high fructose corn syrup, cake, cookies, candy bars

## Recommended Books & Films

For those interested in learning more about living a healthy lifestyle, or to learn exactly where your food comes from, the following is a brief, but informative, list of reading and viewing materials that will help expand your knowledge on the issues.

### Literature

"The Omnivore's Dilemma," by Mike Pollan, is a look into the world of food which defines once and for all what counts as healthy food and what doesn't.

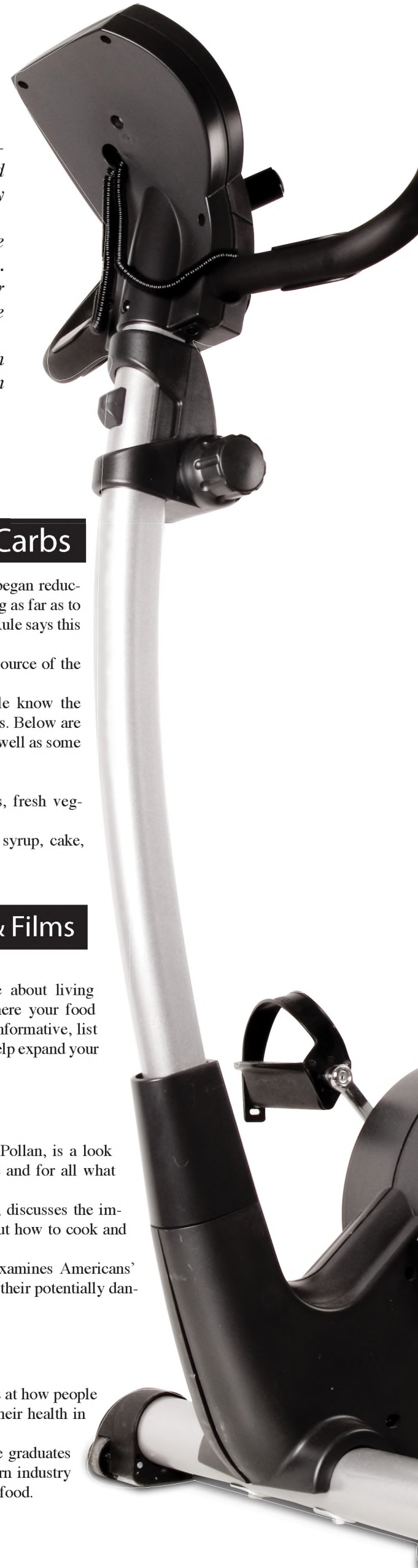
"In Defense of Food," by Mike Pollan, discusses the importance of not only eating healthy food but how to cook and prepare healthy it.

"Rethinking Thin," by Gina Kolata, examines Americans' unhealthy obsession with looking thin, and their potentially dangerous habit of ignoring their health.

### Film

"Eating," a film by Henry Jaglom, looks at how people focus more on how they look and ignore their health in the process.

"King Corn," a documentary by college graduates Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, is about the corn industry and how corn is heavily integrated into our food.



## The Benefits of Exercise

For many, the thought of exercise conjures up images of a sore back and strained muscles. But exercise doesn't need to be painful, and considering how important it is to maintain a healthy lifestyle, knowing how to do it without injuring yourself is very important.

According to Professor Mohey Mowafy, exercising is about more than just working up a sweat: It's necessary for the body.

"We are designed to be on the move," Mowafy said. "If our muscles don't move a lot, our metabolism is out of whack."

If you don't already work out, Mowafy stresses speaking with your doctor since there may be unknown health problems that could cause some serious trouble if you put too much strain on the body.

If you've already talked to your doctor and received the go-ahead, you can start working out. But as anyone who's ever walked into a gym can attest to, it can be very daunting. Also, if you don't know how all the equipment works, you could injure yourself.

Junior Brigitte Brown, who is studying dietetics, says the best way to ease yourself into a workout routine is to do what you already know and love.

"Do something that you enjoy," Brown said. "If it's something that you like, you're more apt to stay with it."

Brown recommends stretching and warming up before working out, and a great way to do that is through yoga.

"It's low impact and you can do it anywhere," she said. "I do it either before or after a run."

For people who are looking for a more intense workout, most gyms offer group exercises. Brown said many people use group exercises to help motivate themselves.

"You'll push yourself more if people are around," she said.

However, it's important to not over exert yourself.

"Push yourself, but listen to your body," Brown said.

If you're not yet ready to run on the treadmill, there is another exercise that Brown says people need to do more often – walking.

"I would advocate walking over running," she said. "Before there was any transportation, we walked. It's what we were built to do."

Lastly, many people go to gyms for strength training. When it comes to weight lifting, Brown recommends taking it easy.

"Low weight, lots of reps," she said, adding that there is no added health benefit to having bulkier muscles than there is to having leaner muscles.

Good health is the key to living a good life. But at the end of the day, the goal is not to look like some of Hollywood's brightest stars, as Mowafy said, but to live happier and longer lives.

"The idea is not to be perfect," he said, "but to be healthier."

## Working Out in Marquette

There are a variety of different gyms and health clubs in Marquette, many of them offering NMU students a discounted rate, as well as group exercises and a wealth of aerobic activities. Below is a list of gyms, all within walking distance of campus.

### Joe's Gym

150 W Spring St.  
228-5661

Rates vary by month. One month is \$33, two is \$60, three is \$80, four is \$95, six is \$145, 12 is \$230.

### MKPT

910 Wright St.  
228-2233

\$29.99 per month for students and includes group exercise programs such as step class, spinning class (indoor biking, similar to Tour de France in uphill/racing) and weight lifting class.

### Physical Education And Instructional Facility (PEIF)

NMU Campus  
227-2519

Rates vary depending on student's number of credits. For students with six or more credits a membership is \$65 per semester or \$120 for the Fall and Winter semesters. For a student with three to five credits its \$85 per semester and students with one to two credits it's the cost of the resident's fee.

### Tourville North Health Club

910 Lincoln Ave.  
228-9284

Rates are \$25 per month. The facility includes an indoor pool with water aerobics classes. Students can stop by the main office and get a free day pass to check out the gym.

### Tourville West Health Club

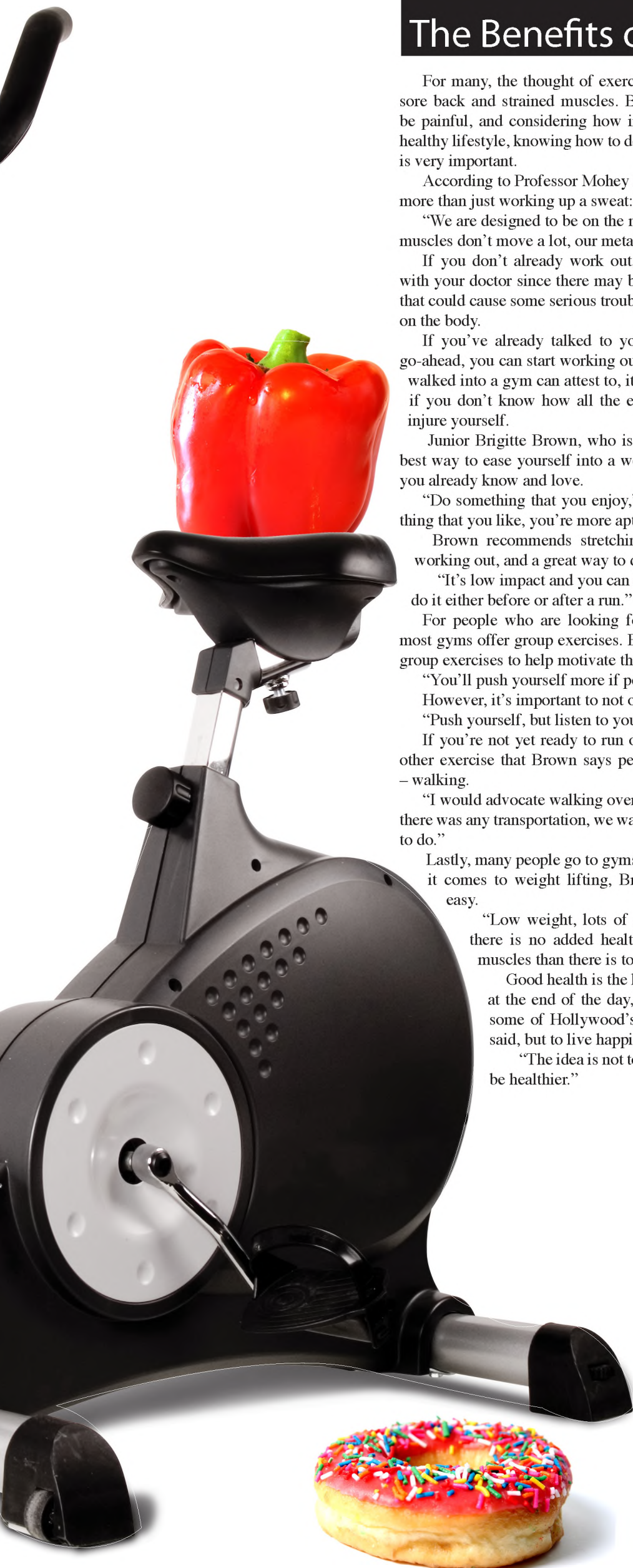
1538 W Ridge St.  
228-7700

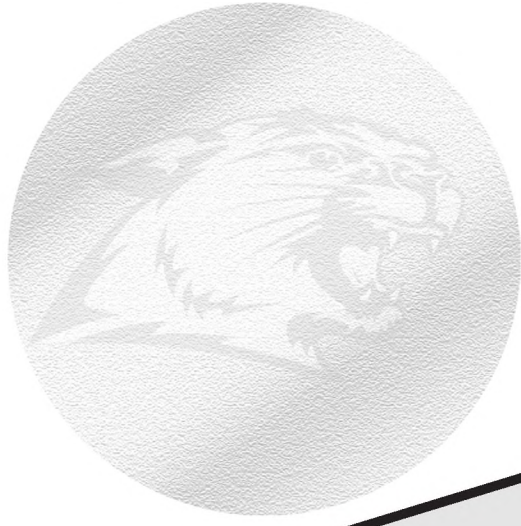
Rates are \$25 per month or \$5 for a day pass. Aerobic classes are offered, as well as other programs. For more information on either Tourville North or West, visit [tourvilles.com](http://tourvilles.com).

### YMCA

1420 Pine St.  
227-9622

There is a \$45 joining fee for new members. The NMU student discount is \$23 per month for full time students. This includes free group exercises. The YMCA does offer other paid programs. Those who are interested can visit [ymcamqt.org](http://ymcamqt.org) to learn more.





# NMU FOOTBALL

# 2008





After going 5-5 last season, the Northern Michigan University Wildcats return this season without their signal caller from the last few years, in former quarterback Buddy Rivera, who graduated last year and is now playing Arena League (af2) football for the Iowa Barnstormers. For the 2008 season, last year's MVP and leading rusher Mark Bossuah will return for his junior year, while the quarterback duties will be assigned to junior Ben Hempel. Hempel will have his options on offense, with a talented wide receiver corps and an all-conference backfield. The 'Cats will see an even bigger change on the defensive side of the ball, with the addition of defensive coordinator and former Saginaw Valley State head coach Randy Awrey, who brings with him an entirely new defensive scheme.



**HEAD COACH**  
Anderson, a '78 NMU graduate, is in his third season leading the Wildcats. His record at NMU is 8-12 and his overall collegiate record is 101-108.

**BERNIE ANDERSON**  
ISHPEMING, MICH.



**JUNIOR**  
5-11, 180 LBS  
**QUARTERBACK**  
Last season, Hempel saw action in two games. He went 6-14 for 96 yards and threw a TD pass at Ferris

**BEN HEMPEL**  
FRANKLIN, WIS.

**3**



**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN**  
6-3, 195 LBS  
**QUARTERBACK**  
Last season, Blanchard red-shirted and was named the NMU most outstanding scout player for the offense.

**MATT BLANCHARD**  
LAKE ZURICH, ILL.

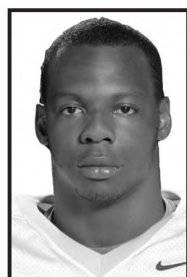
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**REDSHIRT FRESHMAN**  
6-0, 195 LBS  
**QUARTERBACK**  
Last season, Kopach redshirted. He lettered three times in his high school career, and was two-time all state.

**CARTER KOPACH**  
BOLINGBROOK, ILL.

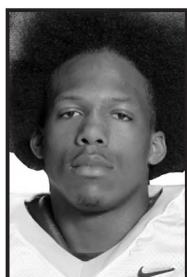
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**JUNIOR**  
5-11, 190 LBS  
**RUNNING BACK**  
Last season, Bossuah ran for 1,285 yards, hit paydirt 12 times and was ranked second in the GLIAC in rushing.

**MARK BOSSUAH**  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

**21**



**FRESHMAN**  
6-0, 190 LBS  
**RUNNING BACK**  
Williams, a freshman, was a standout high school safety and was ranked nationally by ESPN.

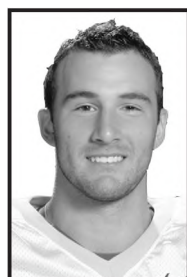
**MAURICE WILLIAMS**  
IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.



**SENIOR**  
6-1, 178 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Wells led the Wildcats in receiving with 42 grabs for 724 yards and seven touchdowns.

**FRED WELLS**  
FLINT, MICH.

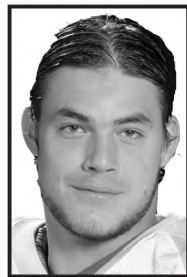
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**SENIOR**  
6-1, 205 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Elmore was second on the team with 38 receptions, 510 yards and three touchdowns.

**DANIEL ELMORE**  
TRENTON, MICH.

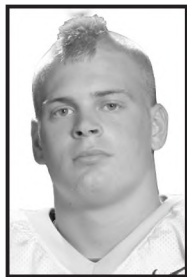
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**JUNIOR**  
6-3, 200 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Nichols had 35 receptions and led the team with eight touchdowns.

**ZACH NICHOLS**  
BRIGHTON, MICH.

**2**



**SOPHOMORE**  
5-11, 165 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Brancheau lettered for the first time. He had seven receptions for 89 yards and a score.

**DUSTIN BRANCHEAU**  
ISHPEMING, MICH.

**87**



**JUNIOR**  
6-0, 190 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
In 2006, Schrauben lettered for the first time and also snagged 15 passes for 158 yards.

**TYLER SCHRAUBEN**  
HOLT, MICH.

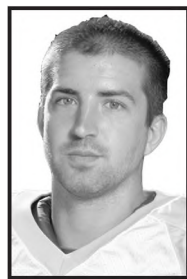
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**JUNIOR**  
6-1, 196 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Merckx lettered for the second time.

**JUSTIN MERCKX**  
APPLETON, WIS.

**12**



**JUNIOR**  
6-2, 195 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
While playing junior college ball in 2007 at Cary-Grove/Harpe, Mitz was eighth in the nation in receptions.

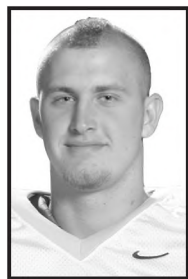
**BRIAN MITZ**  
FOX RIVER GROVE, ILL.



**JUNIOR**  
6-5, 250 LBS  
**TIGHT END**  
Last season, Carlson lettered for the first time. He hauled in 13 passes for 200 yards and a touchdown.

**LUKE CARLSON**  
ISHPEMING, MICH.

**81**



**SOPHOMORE**  
6-5, 230 LBS  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
Last season, Crider lettered for the first time.

**BLAKE CRIDER**  
FENTON, MICH.

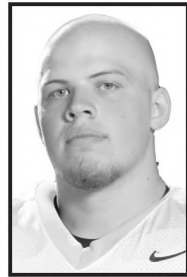
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**JUNIOR**  
6-3, 300 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Rustman, a physical education major, was redshirted last season.

**JACK RUSTMAN**  
JOHNSBURG, ILL.

**70**



**SENIOR**  
6-6, 295 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Last season, Krempien lettered for the third time. He was also a second team all-GLIAC selection.

**KRISTOFER KREMPIEN**  
MUKWONAGO, WIS.

**65**



**JUNIOR**  
6-1, 290 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Owens, a product of Milford High School, earned his first letter last season.

**NICHOLAS OWENS**  
HIGHLAND, MICH.

**61**



**SENIOR**  
6-3, 295 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Hanson, a former Westwood Patriot, has lettered twice as a Wildcat.

**CODY HANSON**  
MICHIGAMME, MICH.

**67**



**SENIOR**  
6-2, 280 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Last season, Larsen was named to the GLIAC all-academic team.

**TIM LARSEN**  
ESCANABA, MICH.

**66**



**SENIOR**  
6-1, 170 LBS  
**QUARTERBACK**  
Church has played four years at quarterback for the Wildcats and does an amazing impression of President Bush.

**VINCENT CHURCH**  
GRAND JUNCTION, MICH.

**18**



**JUNIOR**  
6-2, 280 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Hanschmann, a social studies and secondary education major, has been with the 'Cats since 2006.

**MICHAEL HANSCHMANN**  
DAVISON, MICH.

**77**



**JUNIOR**  
6-3, 295 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Last season, Otto was a member of the GLIAC all-academic team and lettered for the first time.

**JONATHON OTTO**  
RACINE, WIS.

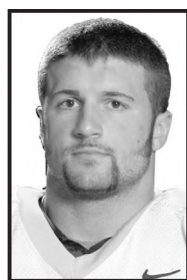
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**SOPHOMORE**  
6-2, 260 LBS  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
Barr, who was red-shirted in 2006, is now in his second season as a Wildcat.

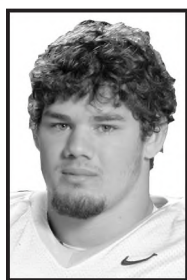
**ZACH BARR**  
NEENAH, WIS.

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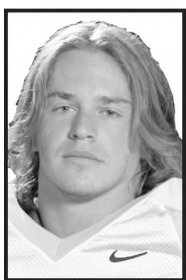
JUNIOR  
5-10, 225 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Yelk was redshirted after an injury in the second game. Still, he managed 15 tackles and two interceptions.

**NATHAN YELK**  
ARLINGTON, WIS. **47**



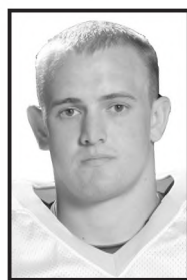
JUNIOR  
5-11, 200 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last season, Gauthier lettered for the second time and totaled 55 tackles, two tackles-for-loss and a sack.

**ZACH GAUTHIER**  
ISHPEMING, MICH. **13**



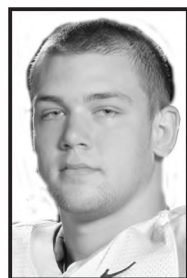
SOPHOMORE  
6-0, 200 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Neaves will don the NMU green and gold this season for the first time.

**RICHARD NEAVES**  
COOPER CITY, FLA. **6**



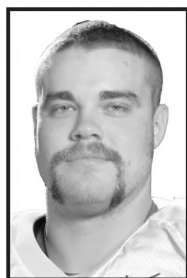
JUNIOR  
Boren, a product of Clovis, Calif., will look to punish opponents inside the Superior Dome this season.

**MICHAEL BOREN**  
CLOVIS, CALIF.



JUNIOR  
6-3, 225 LBS  
DEFENSIVE END  
Last season, Avery lettered for the second time. He tallied 22 total tackles, 10 solo and 12 assisted.

**SCOTT AVERY**  
LAKE ORION, MICH. **49**



JUNIOR  
6-5, 230 LBS  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
Last year, Reimer lettered for the third time and recorded 19 total tackles.

**JACOB REIMER**  
LITTLE SUAMICO, WIS. **98**



SOPHOMORE  
6-2, 260 LBS  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
Last season, Catalano lettered for the first time. He recorded 17 tackles and a tackle-for-loss.

**DANIEL CATALANO**  
BELLE MEAD, NJ **94**



REDSHIRT FRESHMAN  
6-2, 260 LBS  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
A redshirt last year, Reese lettered four years at Brighton High School.

**DAVID REESE**  
BRIGHTON, MICH. **97**



SOPHOMORE  
5-9, 180 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Oke is in his second year with the 'Cats. He tallied 37 tackles last season.

**DJ OKE**  
OAK PARK, MICH. **31**



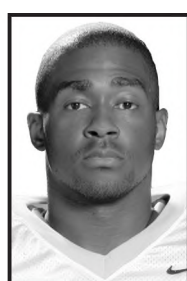
REDSHIRT FRESHMAN  
6-1, 170 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
This year, Tribble will take the field for the first time as a Wildcat after being redshirted in '07.

**MARCUS TRIBBLE**  
CORAL SPRINGS, FLA. **16**



SENIOR  
6-0, 195 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Last season, Grignon had 44 total tackles, one-and-a-half tackles-for-loss and recovered two fumbles.

**ALEX GRIGNON**  
DEARBORN, MICH. **25**



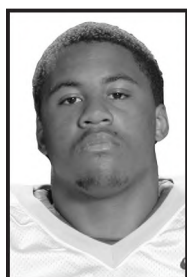
SENIOR  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Tillman, making his return to the Wildcats, recorded 45 tackles and an interception in 2005.

**AARON TILLMAN**  
SOUTHFIELD, MICH.



SENIOR  
5-10, 175 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Last year, Wheeler was tied for the team lead with two interceptions. He also tallied 28 tackles.

**CODY WHEELER**  
MARION, MICH. **39**



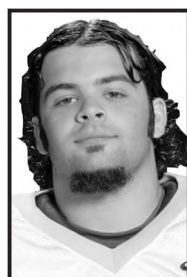
SOPHOMORE  
5-9, 185 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Last year, Sweeney recorded 26 tackles total and returned an interception 55 yards against Michigan Tech.

**COURTNEY SWEENEY**  
DETROIT, MICH. **20**



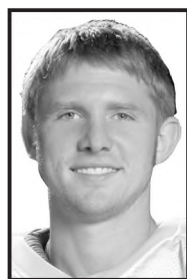
SOPHOMORE  
5-10, 165 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Strobel was a two-time all-stater in high school and redshirted in 2006.

**ANDY STROBEL**  
PETOSKEY, MICH. **43**



SOPHOMORE  
5-7, 180 LBS  
KICKER  
Last season, Leandri lettered for the first time and connected on 8-16 field goals, the longest from 49 yards.

**ANTHONY LEANDRI**  
CLEARWATER, FLA. **34**



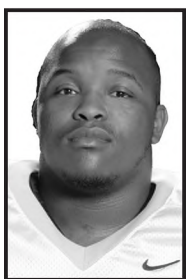
JUNIOR  
5-10, 175 LBS  
KICKER/PUNTER  
Last year, Laue lettered for the second time. He also was 1-2 in field goals and 2-3 in extra points.

**JONATHAN LAUE**  
FENTON, MICH. **15**



SENIOR  
6-3, 225 LBS  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
Last season, Behling lettered for the first time. He had seven total tackles, three solo and four assisted.

**NICHOLAS BEHLING**  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. **93**



SENIOR  
5-10, 216 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last season, Harris lettered for the second time. He had a solo and an assisted tackle.

**ANTIONE HARRIS**  
BATTLE CREEK, MICH. **29**



SENIOR  
5-11, 230 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last season, Moutrie lettered for the third time, recorded a solo tackle and also split time as a fullback.

**TIM MOUTRIE**  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MICH. **24**



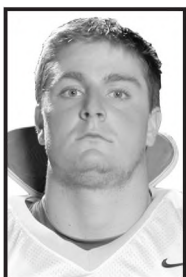
FRESHMAN  
5-10, 165  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Lehmann redshirted last season, after earning an All-U.P. nod as a defensive back his senior year at Ishpeming.

**JACOB LEHMANN**  
ISHPEMING, MICH. **48**



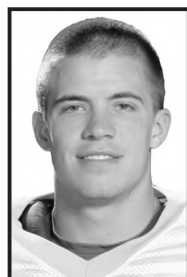
JUNIOR  
California's Joshua Casey will sport the Wildcat colors this season for the first time.

**JOSHUA CASEY**  
GLEN DORA, CALIF.



JUNIOR  
5-11, 220 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last season, Klein lettered for the first time and was named to the GLIAC all-academic team.

**ALEX KLEIN**  
APPLETON, WIS. **57**



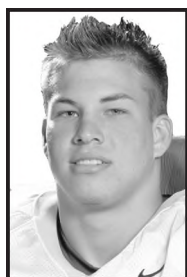
REDSHIRT FRESHMAN  
5-11, 165 LBS  
DEFENSIVE BACK  
Sullivan, who redshirted last season, was an all-conference receiver and defensive back as a high school senior.

**JOBY SULLIVAN**  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH. **85**



SOPHOMORE  
6-1, 225 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last season, Blessing was named defensive outstanding scout team player.

**JOHN BLESSING**  
BIRCH RUN, MICH. **56**



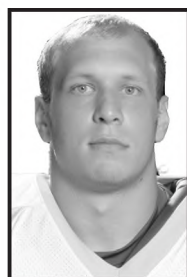
SOPHOMORE  
6-2, 220 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Buss, who redshirted last season, lettered twice at Cedarburg High School and had 84 tackles as a senior.

**JARED BUSS**  
CEDARBURG, WIS. **51**



REDSHIRT FRESHMAN  
6-7, 395 LBS  
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
Pepper lettered three times at Grand Rapids Union High School and redshirted in 2007.

**CHAD PEPPER**  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. **73**



SOPHOMORE  
6-0, 210 LBS  
LINEBACKER  
Last year, Cooling lettered for the first time and had 13 total tackles.

**NATHAN COOLING**  
ROCKFORD, ILL. **22**



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Awrey



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Bruce



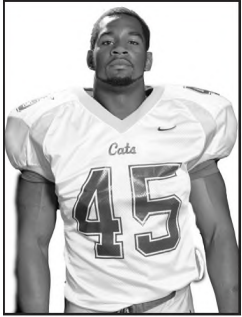
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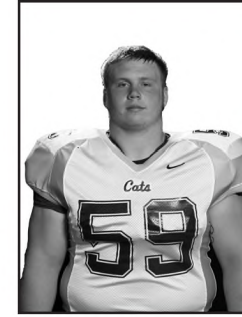
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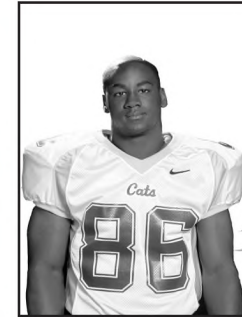
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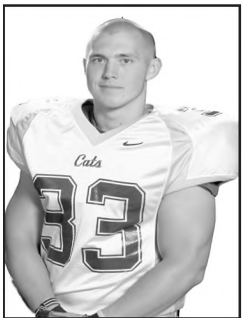
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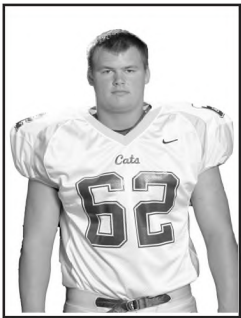
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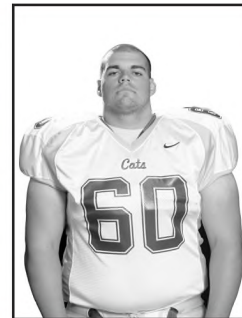
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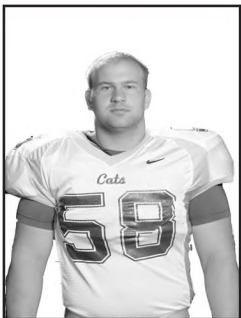
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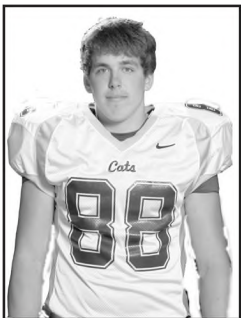
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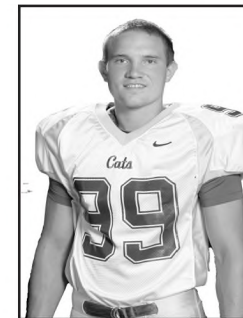
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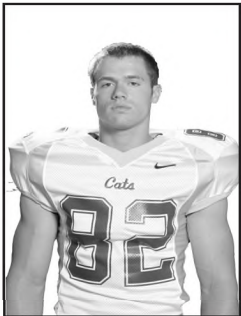
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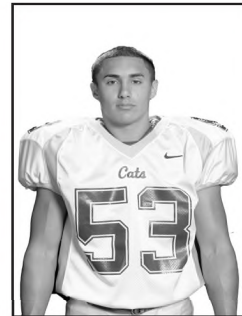
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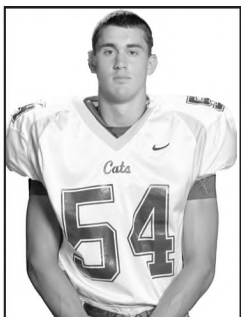
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# Growing up is hard

## NMU senior safety welcomes new challenges

By Drew Kochanny  
staff sports writer

The softer side of Alex Grignon isn't something NMU football's hard-nosed safety had ever really shown, that is, until Quincy came into his life.

Grignon, a four-year starter for the Wildcats, and girlfriend Vanessa Anderson welcomed baby Quincy on June 19, giving them someone new to love and one more task to tackle.

"I have a family now, and every decision I make is going to affect my family," Grignon said. "I have to put family first, and it's easy to put family first because I love them so much."

The change wasn't something that affected only the lives of Vanessa and Grignon but Wildcat football head coach Bernie Anderson as well.

Vanessa, is Anderson's daughter, and gave the football coach a grandson.

"Whether you're 15 years old or 50, when God gives you a little one, it's a gift. And that's exactly how we look at it," Anderson said. "It's a great gift from God, and it couldn't be any better."

But it's no easy job to perform. Taking on the new task of being a father, while also a college athlete and full time student, is a taxing duty.

"Every move he makes is setting an example because he is a role model now, even though Quincy is only two months old," Vanessa said. "He knows that he is a father figure."

"He has balanced his time with family, school and football to the point that he optimizes his time with each well," she added.

Vanessa was forced to make sacrifices as well as she was a member of the NMU track team where she ran sprints and participated in pole vault. Vanessa still loves to run and stays close

with team members, but feels her priorities have shifted.

"I would love to pick it up again, with faith that I could get my strength and speed back," Vanessa said, "but my priorities have shifted to something I love more and track has become more of a hobby for me running is an activity I enjoy to do as more of a hobby and not so much as competition."

In addition to Grignon guiding his son, stepping up to be a leader of a young Wildcat defense is something that he has taken upon himself. The defense returns only five starters from last season's group and five of the players expected to start will be sophomores or red-shirt freshman; all who will be looking to the experienced players, such as Grignon, for guidance.

"After both of us found out that we were going to be parents, we both grew up real fast and matured," Grignon said. "As a senior now, in my last season of football, I'm stepping up and becoming a leader."

Grignon, who recorded 44 tackles last season, along with two fumble recoveries, will be looking to improve on last season's individual performance and the overall team record of 5-5.

"I think he has a very good understanding of where his priorities are – where he puts his effort, his attitude toward all of them; he's enjoying life, and I think he's enjoying his role," Anderson said. "He's carried a very positive attitude, and his performances have increased and gotten better."

"I think he has a super attitude right now and is playing the best he has in four years," he added.

Junior linebacker and team captain Nathan Yelk came to NMU in the same recruiting class as Grignon. The two players have played together for three years, including last season's final

game against defending national champion Grand Valley State, where each player started on defense.

Yelk admitted he has noticed the maturity level of Grignon increase over the years, especially recently.

"He has matured a lot as a player and obviously as a person now, being a father," Yelk said, "You can tell by the way he carries himself."

Having the support and aid of family and friends is something both Vanessa and Grignon have had throughout the entire process and something that has been important to both.

"Our families have both been there from the start," Vanessa said. "Realizing that we are young and that we are going to need their support – they have been our backbone since we were kids and want to make sure we raise our children to be the best they can be."

At 7:03 a.m. the morning Quincy was born, Grignon had been at the hospital with Vanessa for six hours. He said he felt it hard to put into words, just how he felt the first time he saw his baby boy.

"It was nerve racking waiting," Grignon said. "And it was a hard feeling to explain the first time I saw him, just how much you instantly love him."

Spending time with Quincy is the biggest joy Grignon said he has, and he is looking forward to the future with his son, from playing video games with him to teaching him the game of football.

"Being a dad puts life in perspective for you. In the past, on the field I've kind of felt like losses or mistakes were the end of the world, but now, win, lose or draw, when I come home Quincy isn't going to care how his dad did," Grignon said. "He is just going to care that his dad is home and it's time to play."



Photo courtesy of Vanessa Anderson

Grignon the family man is a stark difference from his persona on the field as a hard-hitting safety.

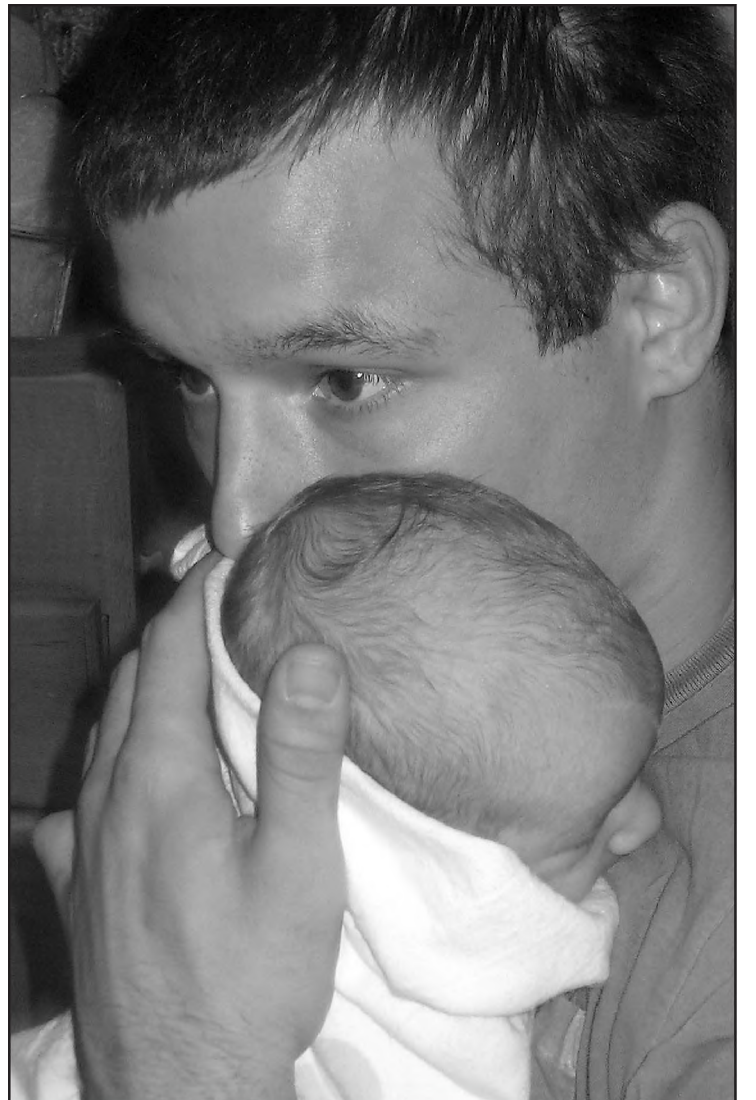


Photo courtesy of Vanessa Anderson

Grignon said that becoming a father changed his life, and that his happiest moments are with his son. From his friends to his coaches, everyone can see the difference.



Eric Hampton/NW

Grignon (above No. 25) runs through drills during Wednesday's practice. Grignon is known as a hard hitter.





# NMU football kicks off the 2008 season

Eric Hampton/NW

Jonathan Laue kicks across the field to a fellow teammate during practice in the Dome on Wednesday. Laue will be taking care of the punting duties for the Wildcats in 2008.

## 'Cats Football 2008: A preview

*Will a new defense and new quarterback result in success?*

By Drew Kochanny

staff sports writer

Respect is something the NMU football team has been trying to achieve since before head coach Bernie Anderson arrived on campus, and with the 2008 season fast approaching, respect is something the team plans to earn.

"We need to flat out win. That's our goal, to win," Anderson said. "We have an expectation that we're good enough – and capable enough – going into every football game, that we're capable of winning."

The season begins for the 'Cats on Saturday Sept. 6 when conference foe Northwood University travels to the Superior Dome to meet an eager group of Wildcats.

In 2008, the Northern football team will go through a series of changes from a 2007 team that finished 5-5 overall.

One area of change will be newly-named starting quarterback Ben Hempel, a junior. With the departure of senior Buddy Rivera from last year's team, Hempel will step in as the team's signal-caller. Hempel said he believes the team has many goals to live up to, but, playing in one of the toughest conferences in Division II, the team will need to take things slow.

"Our first goal is always to win," Hempel said. "We need to take it one week at a time and obviously any team's goal is to be conference champions. For now, we are just focusing on Northwood."

Hempel won the starting job this offseason in a tight three-way battle with red-shirt freshmen Matt Blanchard and Carter Kopach. In the two games last season that

Hempel saw action, he threw for 96 yards on 6-14 passing and one touchdown, while also rushing for 30 yards and another score on the ground.

"He will be our starting quarterback; he's a junior and has the most experience," Anderson said of Hempel. "He manages the team well. We're not going to ask him to make big plays, he just needs to manage the ball and control it."

Someone the offense will look to for big plays will be junior running back Mark Bossuah. Last year's team MVP is coming off of one of the best seasons ever for a Wildcat running back. In 2007, Bossuah rushed for 1,285 yards and 12 scores, ranking him second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC). True freshman Maurice Williams adds solid depth to a backfield that should put up big numbers in 2008.

"We are a run oriented team and we like to set up the pass with the run, so a good running game is something that we really do stress," Bossuah said.

Paving the way for Bossuah and the rest of the of the backfield will be a solid group of linemen led by a pair of team captains, in junior center Jack Rustman and senior tackle Kris Krempien. Junior's Nick Owens and Jon Otto, along with senior Cody Hanson, are all experienced starters helping the cause.

The deepest group though remains NMU's stellar assembly of receivers. Seniors Fred Wells and Dan Elmore, along with junior Zach Nichols lead the way for this group of wideouts. Contributing receivers include sophomore Dustin Brancheau, and juniors

Tyler Schrauben, Justin Merchx and Brian Mitz. The core also returns a solid tandem of tight ends in junior Luke Carlson and sophomore Blake Crider.

Overall, the team will be looking to improve on an offense that ranked 7th in the GLIAC in 2007.

"We do have a lot of goals for ourselves because we do have 10 out of 11 starters returning," Bossuah said of the offense. "We expect to score a good amount of points and want to make it so we have a chance to win every game."

Defensively, the Wildcats continue with the model of change, as the team will be showing a new look defense after the off-season acquisition of defensive coordinator Randy Awrey. Awrey comes to NMU from Saginaw Valley State, where he held the position of the Cardinal's head coach. The team has had a modest amount of time to prepare the new defensive scheme, but Northern's head coach predicts a positive outcome.

"We just haven't had a lot of time with this defense – to put in all the little things that you put in – so you put in a base that they can handle," Anderson said. "We have a good part of the package in that we feel they can handle, and not confuse them – allowing them to play with a minimum number of mental errors."

A strong point of the 2008 defense is the play of its linebackers, led by juniors Nathan Yelk and Zach Gauthier, who both bring experience and leadership to the table. Others who are looking to make a name for themselves include sophomore Ricky Neaves, junior Scott Avery and junior

transfer Michael Boren.

The change to a new defense is something Yelk said he feels has gone well.

"I think it has been smooth for the most part. The spring helped a lot," Yelk said. "Coach Awrey has made it pretty easy understanding it, and he's brought the fun aspect into playing football once again."

The defensive line returns starters (years?) Jacob Reimer and Daniel Catalano and welcome (year?) Dave Reese into the rotation. Last year's D-line ranked last in the conference in sacks, and this group will be counted upon to place more pressure on the quarterback in 2008.

A young set of defensive backs fill the secondary in cornerbacks (year?) Deji Oke and Marcus Tribble. Senior safeties Alex Grignon and Aaron Tillman add leadership and knowledge to the group. Depth is added by senior Cody Wheeler, and sophomores Courtney Sweeney and Andrew Strobel.

One thing that coach's are stressing for the young defense is staying positive and playing consistent football.

"Sometimes with being young, a team will score or have a long drive, and there's a little let down," Yelk said. "We need to keep hyped up and know every time we're out there that we have the capabilities of stopping them and not just being a back peddle."

Northern's special teams remain fairly similar to last seasons

with sophomore kicker Anthony Leandri handling the kicking duties, while Jon Laue should fill into the punting duties. Receivers Wells and Elmore should see the bulk of touches in the return game.

The 2008 schedule experiences a shake up from last year's including the addition of Tiffin University to the conference.

"Tiffin is going to be very



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**"We need to flat out win. That's our goal, to win."**

—Bernie Anderson  
head football coach

competitive, Anderson said. "It was a good move for the conference and they'll represent the conference just fine."

Games to take notice of will be this opening weekend game against Northwood Saturday Sept. 6, Michigan Tech September 18, a nationally televised game, Saginaw Valley State October 4, homecoming game, and Grand Valley State November 1, senior day. All games are at home for the wildcats, giving the 'Cats the edge of home field advantage.

The team's complete attention will be on Northwood for now though as the 2008 Wildcats continue on the path of building respect one game at a time.

"Northwood will come out fired up, and not come out flat," Hempel said, "we won against them last year so they will be hungry which means we need to come out ready to play for four quarters."



# 2008 NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



<b>SEPT. 6</b>	<b>NORTHWOOD - FALL SPORTS KICKOFF 4P.M.</b>
SEPT. 13	TIFFIN 1:30 P.M.
<b>SEPT. 18</b>	<b>MICHIGAN TECH 8P.M.</b>
SEPT. 27	FERRIS STATE 2 P.M.
<b>OCT. 4</b>	<b>SAGINAW VALLEY STATE - HOMECOMING 4P.M.</b>
OCT. 11	WAYNE STATE 12 P.M.
OCT. 18	HILLSDALE COLLEGE 2:30 P.M.
<b>OCT. 25</b>	<b>FINDLAY - FAMILY WEEKEND 1P.M.</b>
<b>NOV. 1</b>	<b>GRAND VALLEY STATE - SENIOR DAY 1 P.M.</b>
NOV. 8	INDIANAPOLIS 2:30 P.M.

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# Political drama offers mixed bag



Film: Traitor

Director: Jeffery Nachmanoff

Producers: Don Cheadle, David Hoberman, Kay Liberman

Writers: Jeffery Nachmanoff, Steve Martin

Starring: Don Cheadle, Guy Pierce

Runtime: 114 minutes

Rating: PG-13

an unfortunate consequence of the concise story, it also means that director Jeffrey Nachmanoff didn't force any unnecessary, contrived plot twists into the film, which is a very good thing. It's a catch-22, but one I feel worked in his favor.

"Traitor's" story also has one other interesting aspect — its look into the power of religion. A common theme is the Muslim faith and how it affects people differently. There are numerous conversations that depict the various interpretations of the Koran, adding a level of intellectualism that few films this year have offered. Also, it's nice to see a film that deals with Middle Eastern politics taking advantage of its setting, unlike the slew of terrorism films last fall.

Much of "Traitor's" story wouldn't have worked if it weren't for the amazing acting abilities of Don Cheadle. The fact that he's not a leading actor is a mistake and one that I hope gets corrected soon. His portrayal of Horn is fascinating — he's a complex character and Cheadle is able to expertly balance all of Horn's issues with style. What helps is Cheadle's ability to pack so much emotion into one simple facial expression. The audience doesn't need to listen to Horn's words to understand what his character is feeling — it can be seen in Cheadle's eyes. Guy Pierce, who plays opposite of Cheadle, plays the same character he did

in 1997's "L.A. Confidential" but with a southern accent. This is by no means a bad thing, but Pierce has a much broader range, and I wish he'd break out of the by-the-books good cop role.

But a strong script and solid performances can't save "Traitor" from being muddled up in what might be some of the worst production I've seen this year. The first offender is the cinematography. Nachmanoff made a stylistic choice to use a shaky camera, hoping to simulate the action being filmed by a handheld camera. The idea is that it makes for a more immersive experience, something along the lines of this year's "Cloverfield," but it actually just gives you a headache. It's not even tolerable during action scenes, let alone the slow mov-

ing scenes that look like the camera was taped to a horse galloping around the set. Speaking of sets, you will see too many to count. In a matter of minutes you're taken from Sudan to Yemen to Washington D.C. to Madrid back to Yemen and finally to Chicago, and that's all in the first act. The editing is sloppy and gives absolutely no sense of transition, breaking that sense of immersion and taking you out of the moment.

After the rush of political-themed films last year, a break was definitely needed. However, "Traitor" is just a mediocre return to a genre that rarely sees any films rise above being just average. And like all of those films before it, don't rush out to see it in theaters — wait to rent it on DVD.



By Josh Snyder

features editor

One of the many box-office bombs of the summer was the "X-Files" sequel, a film that I, unfortunately, paid money to see. What made this film so bad was its boring and uninspired story, despite the fact it had strong production values. At the opposite end of the spectrum, we have "Traitor," the latest film to tackle terrorism in the Middle East. The story is engaging, but the production values are well below average.

After serving the United States as an explosives expert in Afghanistan, former Special Operations

Officer Samir Horn (Don Cheadle) has gone off the grid. Choosing to stay behind, he begins making shady deals with known terrorists. He catches the attention of FBI agent Roy Clayton (Guy Pierce), who begins tracking Horn down across the world. But as Clayton delves deeper into Horn's life, he learns of a man whose allegiances aren't as clear as they seem.

In terms of story, "Traitor" shares many characteristics with 2006's "The Departed." The cat and mouse chase between Horn and Clayton is entertaining and will leave you wondering whose side people are really on.

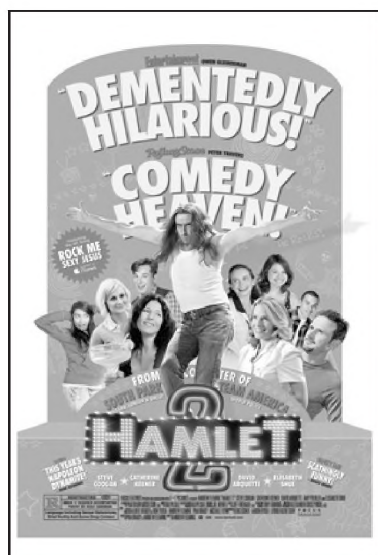
However, unlike "The Departed," the few plot twists are easy to see coming. While this seems like



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Samir Horn (Don Cheadle) meets with FBI agent Roy Clayton (Guy Pierce) in director Jeffrey Nachmanoff's underwhelming "Traitor."

# 'Hamlet 2' loaded with laughs



Film: Hamlet 2

Director: Andrew Flemming

Producers: Eric Eisner, Leonid Rozhetskii, Aaron Ryder

Writers: Pam Brady, Andrew Flemming

Starring: Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener

Runtime: 92 minutes

Rating: R

Marschz (Catherine Keener) who is woefully underused. Showing a great sense of self-deprecating humor is Elisabeth Shue playing herself. Shue has given up her days of acting and is now working as a nurse in a sperm bank. Poehler does a fine job, but I feel she was not given enough screen time to really let her comedic talents shine. Most of the performances in this film are worthy of a certain amount of praise, with the exception of Gary (David Arquette), who truly adds nothing.

The musical numbers in the film are few, but they are a highpoint. The real fun starts when Marschz and his students perform the highlight musical number of the play, "Rock Me Sexy Jesus." This musical number is bound to offend those who are sensitive to religious satire. Marschz also decides it would be beneficial to include a song entitled "Raped in the Face," which is a reference to how Marschz feels when he finds out the drama department is closing. The mere fact that Marschz thinks he can get away with subject matter of this nature in a high school proves his incompetence.

While "Hamlet 2" is indeed satirical, it is not scathingly so. Marschz seems to embody the lack of originality that is found in Hollywood today. Instead of creating something original, he feels

that simply recreating something is the path to success. Marschz would undoubtedly call "Hamlet 2" his masterpiece, yet he doesn't seem to realize that it's a travesty of the source material. Inspirational teacher films such as "Dangerous Minds," which Marschz thinks of as great, are also lampooned. This doesn't work as well as the Hollywood angle since it seems to become what it's making fun of in the first place.

Beneath the film's silly surface is a tale with heart. Marschz is so desperate to create something that's good — he's just blind as to how talentless he is. The level of desperation that Coogan's charac-

ter exhibits is in the same ballpark as Johnny Depp's portrayal of Ed Wood, though Coogan is much more ridiculous.

"Hamlet 2" is not perfect though. As humorous as it is there are more than a few scenes where the jokes fall flat. This usually involves taking the easy way out and making a sexual reference, which isn't entirely bad, just not always necessary. Ultimately this film is about not giving up on yourself and having the strength to continue with your dreams, even when no one else thinks you can do it. The themes are trite, sure, but they are ones everyone can relate to.



By Scott Viau

contributing writer

As ridiculous as a sequel to "Hamlet" sounds, in today's age of never ending remakes and sequels, it's a concept that may be taken seriously. Until then, we've been given a film that's as close as we're going to get, and quite funny at that.

In "Hamlet 2," high school theater teacher Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan) struggles to keep the drama department alive. His last effort, bringing "Erin Brockovich" to the stage, was a flop. When budget cutbacks threaten to close the department forever, he realizes the

only way to keep theatre alive is to produce the greatest play he's ever written. What he comes up with is a sequel to "Hamlet." But since everyone died at the end of "Hamlet," he decides to introduce a time machine into the story, allowing deceased characters to play in his sequel. When faculty members hear of the controversial nature of his play, they shut it down, forcing Marschz to find another venue. ACLU Lawyer Cricket Feldstein (Amy Poehler) soon appears to ensure there's not a violation of free speech.

The acting is strong by most of the performers. Coogan exhibits great energy as determined, yet clueless Marschz. Helping him along the way is his wife, Brie



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Oblivious theater teacher Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan) leads his cast in a controversial song in the hilarious sequel "Hamlet 2."

# 'Intimacy' offers pleasant surprise



By Shane Nyman  
staff writer

The release of Bloc Party's third album "Intimacy" was sudden and welcomed. Available digitally on Aug. 21 through the band's Web site, the 10-track album was announced just three days prior to its release. It was then available to the masses only as a \$10 download, a modern tactic being dubbed "pulling a Radiohead." "Intimacy," which will see a physical release in October, was released online to avoid the leakage that occurred a year and a half ago when "A Weekend in the City" was widely available online months before its release.

When an album drops out of

seemingly nowhere, it's sometimes frightening because it could be a sign that the artist rushed the writing and recording process. However, Bloc Party deserves credit. Not only did they keep "Intimacy" a secret from the world, but their secret was a wonderful rock record — one that's worth a longer wait than three days.

The British electro-rockers have again embraced the faster, danceable indie-rock sound that gave "Silent Alarm" its high points and eventual mainstream success. This is a step away from the more melodic, lyrically-driven and melody-lacking tracks that dominated "Weekend."

Highlights of the new work include the speedy "Halo," where drummer Matt Tong shines. It's vintage Bloc Party — and by vintage, I mean circa 2005 — with drumming so tight it borders on mechanical, and a rip-roaring riff in the chorus. "Trojan Horse" and "One Month Off" are more stand-out, fast-paced hard hitters. "One Month Off" may be the album's catchiest track, with frontman Kele Okereke wailing over spiraling electro noise and a guitar riff that should be a new favorite for fans. "Signs," the best of the slower ballads on the record, is

memorable for its subtle beauty and uniqueness — it's soft, orchestral sound is different than anything Bloc Party has done in the past.

"Mercury," the album's first single, was released in July through the band's Web site. The track, which ended up on several setlists for the band's summer shows, is fun and catchy at first, but its repetitiveness (The line "My mercury's in retrograde" is looped, scratched and mixed repeatedly) may prove annoying over time.

If the album has a visible flaw, it may be the electronic experimentation has been overdone. Bloc Party really seems to have pulled every Pro Tools trick imaginable, and "Mercury" could be an unfortunate casualty. Still, the evolution of the sound is sometimes refreshing, and the album's opener "Ares" is a fine example.

Lined up with their first two albums, "Intimacy" falls somewhere short of "Silent Alarm" but ahead of "Weekend." The let-down of "Weekend" is in the past, as "Intimacy" offers many more melodies that can be latched on to — and a lot more maddening beats and riffing guitars, which is what Bloc Party does best.



## Radio X's top weekly album plays:

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| 1. <b>WEEZER</b><br>"Red Album"             | 6. <b>KATY PERRY</b><br>"One Of the Boys"                      |
| 2. <b>COLDPLAY</b><br>"Viva La Vida"        | 7. <b>THE FAINT</b><br>"Fascinatiion"                          |
| 3. <b>BECK</b><br>"Modern Guilt"            | 8. <b>AIRBORNE TOXIC EVENT</b><br>"The Airborne Toxic Event"   |
| 4. <b>SOUNDTRACK</b><br>"American Teen"     | 9. <b>HOLD STEADY</b><br>"Stay Positive"                       |
| 5. <b>MY MORNING JACKET</b><br>"Evil Urges" | 10. <b>SIGUR RÓS</b><br>"Med Sud I Eyrum Vid Spilum Endalaust" |



## Week's top box office films:

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| 1. <b>Tropic Thunder</b>  | \$14.6M |
| 2. <b>Babylon A.D.</b>    | \$11.5M |
| 3. <b>The Dark Knight</b> | \$11.1M |
| 4. <b>The House Bunny</b> | \$10.2M |
| 5. <b>Traitor</b>         | \$10M   |

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Senior Breanne Zaremba will be one of only two seniors in 2008.

## Volleyball splits 2-2

By Gordon Beedle  
assistant sports editor

The NMU volleyball team started its 2008 campaign with two wins and two losses at the Nebraska Omaha Invite this past weekend.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said there was quality competition at the meet, and that the team's record was a positive way to start the season.

"I think we could have been a little bit more successful than what we were, but for the most part, our team was very successful," Yoder said.

For the first matches of competition, the 'Cats lost to MSU-Moorhead (Minnesota State-Moorhead) 2-3 and defeated the host school University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) 3-2.

In day two action, the Wildcats battled the hornets of Emporia State in a four set loss. NMU would rebound with a three-set win over Minnesota-Crookston.

Despite the spilt record, NMU left with some statistical numbers that will lead them into the season, Yoder said. In both losses the 'Cats out-killed their opponents by at least 10.

Yoder added a reason for these victories is in part due to the young players working hard and proving themselves early as student athletes.

"We're starting two freshmen and it's been a little bit of a struggle, to try and get them up and going. But beside that, I think the older players are just more accustomed to the system, and I think our success rate has gone up for our first weekend," he said.

The two starting freshman last weekend were middle hitter Emma Wolfe and setter Madeline Ogden. Yoder said the reason for playing them was injury and ineligibility reasons.

The skill and youth not only showed on the court but also in the scorebooks, as Ogden averaged close to 11 sets per game and the top setter in the nation is at about 12.5 per game, Yoder said.

The 'Cats have five new incoming freshman who are looking to make their mark in the green and gold, but the freshmen are

still adjusting to collegiate play.

"It's definitely faster pace than high school was, and you get dropped into stuff right away," Wolfe said.

The team is primarily made of sophomores and juniors with just two seniors to help lead this season.

"There is a big transition between college and high school but a few girls have just been really good at making it," said senior middle hitter Caryn VanBeckum. "We have some new girls and we're really not treating them like freshman because it doesn't really matter what class you are."

The two seniors are right/outside hitter Breanne Zaremba who was ranked second in team's defensive players according to GLIAC.org and VanBeckum.

VanBeckum was the team leader in kills and eighth in the GLIAC with an average of 3.49 a game, which helped land her a spot on the all conference team. She said she is looking to improve on many other categories as she enters her final year.

"I expect the best this year, being my last. And all my years have been looking up to this and waiting for it," she said.

Not returning to the 'Cats is Brittany McGowan, a former American Volleyball Coaches Association team member and 1st team all GLIAC along with Megan Elliott.

"Last year we did pretty well. But this year there is a core group of people, and some newer players, and we're in the position we would like to be," VanBeckum said.

Yoder said the main reason for the rusty start last season was due to the players adjusting to his coaching ideals.

"I don't think we're necessarily trying to do anything different, I just think, with this being my second year here, the players are more accustomed to my system," he said.

This coming weekend, the 'Cats hit the road and travel to the Flyer Festival hosted by Lewis University. At this invite NMU will clash with five teams, four of which are regional foes.



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Senior Brittney Buchanan, from Lloydminster, Alberta will be looked at to be a leader this season.

# Soccer wins two of three at the Dome

By Brice Burge  
contributing writer

The NMU soccer team won two of three games in a four day stretch, with victories at home against St. Cloud State 2-1 on Sunday and Lewis University 1-0 on Tuesday.

The one Wildcat loss to Bemidji State however was controversial. Bemidji scored the only goal of the contest with 1:23 left in the game on what could have been an offside.

"For me to look back and see a girl five feet in front of me -- there's something wrong," said Meghan Sarna senior defense. "There was no call and it was unfortunate."

Head Coach Matt Granstrand defended his captain's stance, but added that you still have to score to win.

"[Soccer] is like hockey in this sense, you can dominate the game and not get the goals," Granstrand said. "We played well and it's unfortunate, but we can't dwell on that goal."

The Wildcats dominated this game stats wise, out shooting their opponent 15-8. Bemidji had no shots on goal until 9:30 left in the first half. Kara Music, the NMU goalkeeper, got credit for 5 saves.

Northern did earn redemption with an overtime victory against

St. Cloud on Sunday. The Wildcats got on the scoreboard when Ashley DeKeyser found the back of the net for an unassisted goal at the end of the 61 minute. The Huskies responded less than four minutes later, as Sophomore Lindsey Sather grabbed her first goal of the season.



GRANSTRAND

The game stayed tied 1-1 until senior midfielder Ellen Frondorf scored 2:58 into overtime, assisted by Sarna.

The Wildcats once again lead in shots taken and shots on goal 10-8 and 7-4 respectively.

The game was a defensive stand off for the full 90 minutes, with only two shots on goal in the entire contest. Both shots on goal came from the Wildcats.

The one goal came from a free kick by Sarna at 75:57. The goal was unassisted and this was the senior's first college goal.

"I got goose bumps," Sarna said. "We went over certain plays for direct free kicks and they had a wall of players to protect the goal because it was a direct. So I aimed at the heads of the people in

the wall and one of the defenders moved and it went in the top left corner."

In the tournament the games are all played against non-conference opponents, but regional teams.

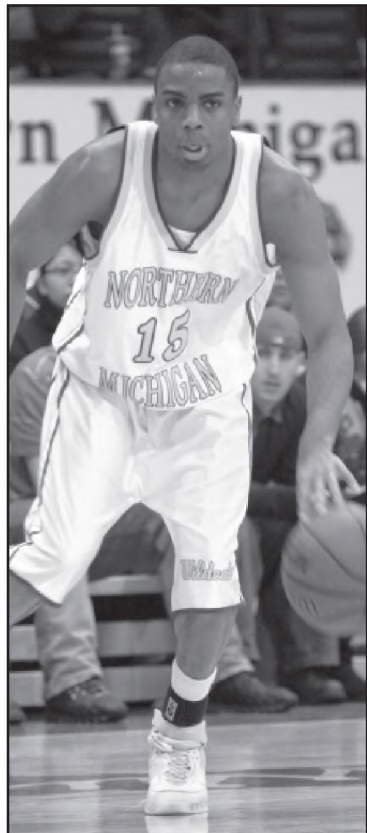
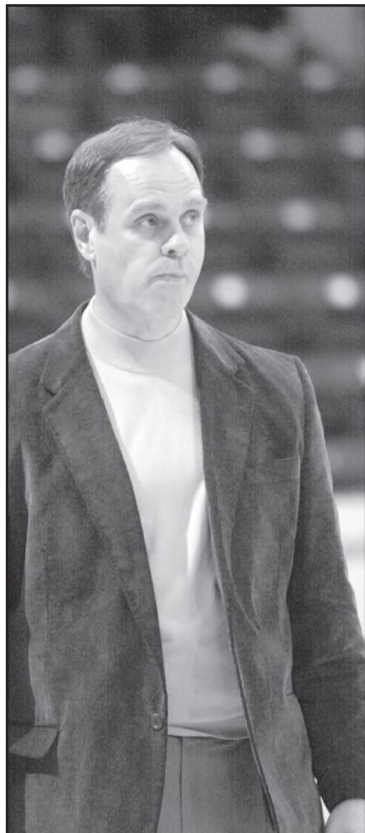
**It's like hockey in this sense, you can dominate the game and not get the goals.**

—Matt Granstrand  
head soccer coach

This games help increasing Ratings Percentage Index, which is a figure used later to help determine who gets selected to the NCAA

"[The invite] is good," Jim Stone, head coach of Bemidji State, said. "We get to play two solid games against quality teams and it helps us with our conference play. Plus it's a great time to come to Northern Michigan."

The Wildcats are now 2-1 overall as they prepare for a six game home stand going from this Friday to September 21. The first three games will be played against non conference opponents, but the last three will be conference games, including the Sept. 19 game against Grand Valley, ranked number one in the preseason Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference polls.



file photos/NW

Assistant coach Dan Waterman (left), head coach Dean Ellis (center) and junior Chris Warner (right) can take credit for the NMU basketball team's ongoing relationship with Canadian-born players.

# 'O, Canada'

## Northern basketball plucks players again from the land of the maple leaf

By Curt T Kemp  
sports editor

When it comes to recruiting, college basketball coaches have a variety of information on any individual prospect, be it video highlights, stat sheets, academic transcripts or any combination of materials.

NMU head men's coach Dean Ellis has all that recruiting info, but he also has a slightly unique item that has proved its worth to the Wildcat program – a 2003 CEGEP basketball media guide.

CEGEP is a French acronym for Quebec's pre-university schooling, which according to the CEGEP Web site is translated to English as "College of General and Vocational Education."

And again this year, the CEGEP basketball league has been tapped by the Wildcats. All told, NMU will have rostered 10 players from the league since 2001, including the most recent additions of two Division I-transfers, in junior forward Mark D'Agostino (Delaware State) and junior guard Marc Renelique (Chicago State), as well as freshman guard Alex Sabino-Ifill.

"I think we've recruited, in many ways, as well as we ever have for this season," Ellis said about the incoming players. "We've covered every position – from point guard to center."

According to Ellis, the incoming players – which numbers six in total, including freshman center Mark Olejniczak from Green Bay, Wisc., junior guard Austin Rowe from Linden, Mich., and Jordan Mitchell from Marquette –

address the team's main concerns after finishing 7-20 last season.

"We recruited size, shooters, point guards, speed – and depth more than anything," Ellis said. "It looks great on paper – and that's just talking about the six new guys we brought in."

Throw in the four redshirt freshmen who practiced with the team for a full year last season, and that's a total of 10 new players.

Ellis said this year's team will be deceptively seasoned with the redshirts and the Canadian players who competed for years in CEGEP.

"We've got – in a lot of ways – a new team with a lot of experience," he said.

### Why Canada?

All three incoming Canadian players are over the age of 20 (Sabino-Ifill comes to NMU as a 22-year-old freshman), and all played post-high school in the CEGEP league. Ellis said Northern has recruited heavily from the league because incoming freshman are more-seasoned players, having played against Division I caliber athletes for years before attending an American college.

"The reason why we recruit Montreal is because the kids that play CEGEP play in Montreal for as much as three years after high school, and then they come to the United States as freshman. So it's a win-win situation for them," he said. "And not only that, they transfer in college credits from CEGEP, so they start their college career with from 20 to 40 credits depending on which (credits)

transfer over."

Assistant coach Dan Waterman added that the Montreal players come to NMU with more life experience as well, and that translates to the basketball court.

"I know from personal experience that I was a heck of a lot more mature in my early 20s than I was as an 18-year-old college freshman – you've just seen more in life," he said. "I think that helps them."

For some of the Montreal players, coming to Northern isn't just a change in country, it's also a change in language from French to English, and Waterman said, by being a more mature individual at that point in life, the change becomes a bit easier.

"That's a pretty significant change they're going through – they're in a different country, away from home, and some of them are going through school using their second language," he said. "I just think that life experience helps to ease the transition. It'd be a lot to ask of an 18-year-old freshman."

"That translates over to basketball too," Waterman added. "They don't get rattled as easily, because they've been around and they've seen more things. So, I just think that there's an edge in physical, mental, (and) emotional maturity."

### The New Three

The three incoming Canadian players – D'Agostino, Renelique and Sabino-Ifill – all come to NMU with high praise from the Wildcat coaching staff.

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Sept. 5-7	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<b>Northwood</b> 4 p.m. <b>Superior Dome</b>	
	<b>Concordia</b> <b>St. Paul</b> 4p.m. <b>Outdoor</b> <b>Fields</b>		<b>Winona</b> <b>State</b> 12 p.m. <b>Outdoor</b> <b>Fields</b>
	Flyer Festival tournament		
	<b>Lake State</b> Invite TBA		

## Cross country tops U.P. meet

At the Michigan Tech's U.P. Collegiate Open last Friday, NMU's cross country team bolted its way to an opening day victory.

NMU earned 39 points to top the leaderboards, defeating MTU, Wayne State, Lake State and Finlandia.

The first Wildcat to cross the finish line was running in her first collegiate race; freshman Rebecca Holmquist, at 0:20:15 finished third overall.

"It was a small race, so I liked it, and I really wasn't that nervous," Holmquist said. "I thought I did very well actually, and I was surprised."

The freshmen played a major role in this weekend's victory, meriting two more top-ten finish with Erin McCulloch eighth, and Nora Kiilunen 10th.

"I think it was a good start to the season. For one, it was a tough course and it was the freshmen's first college race, and they did very well," head coach Jenny Ryan said. "That will be a stepping stone for us."

More than likely, there will be numerous stepping stones across the path of this season as Jenny Wiedmeyer and Bibiane Mahy, the 'Cats two top runners from last season, decided to redshirt.

Wiedmyer placed 31st at Regionals, leading the team, and Mahy finished 36th.

The two runners have one year of academics remaining and felt they could benefit from training, but not competing, this season, Ryan said.

"This year's team might be a little slower, but we've had a few freshmen who stepped up—right at the top actually, and took over some spots," Ryan said. "So I'd say this year we're going to be as strong as last year. It will just be different, because we'll have some new faces in there."

Ryan added she would like to improve on their uphill speed this season and just grow as a team and work to better on individual results every week.

"Hopefully, throughout the races, we will have gained some experience," Ryan said. "And the nice thing is that we do have the upperclassmen, and even the two that are redshirted are training with us."

Sophomore Kristen Schulz said the reason last year's team was competitive was the leadership of the upperclassmen and how they molded together at the end of the season.

"The best thing we had going last year was that we worked as a team, and I definitely think we have that going this year," Schulz said. "But with the new runners we have here, hopefully we can go farther."

In 2007, the 'Cats took fifth at both the GLIAC championships and Regionals, but Ryan and her squad would like to see improvements in these bigger races for the benefit of the program.

"I think the last couple of years here we've gained more of a team atmosphere," Ryan said. "They really want to improve, and they want to put in the work. And this is definitely a positive team that can be strong."

On Friday NMU travels to Lake State. The competition will host the same teams as the past week with the addition of Ferris State.

- Gordon Beedle



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D'Agostino, listed at 6'7" and 215 pounds, will play forward for the Wildcats this season, but both Waterman and Ellis agree he can do more than the average basketball forward. Ellis said D'Agostino was listed as one of the top players in the CEGEP league when he signed to play for Delaware State, and the basketball program is happy to have him at NMU.

"He's very strong. He can score in the post, he's very good from the three-point line," Ellis said. "He's an intense player who can rebound it, and he's got a huge upside for us because he can score from anywhere on the court."

D'Agostino's choice to leave Delaware State came when the basketball team there went through a coaching change, according to Ellis.

"He was looking to transfer and he obviously knew that we had some (Canadian) players here, so the initial contact about Mark came from him to us," Ellis said.

Waterman said he felt D'Agostino would be able to handle the physical nature of GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) defenders.

"He's going to need to be strong, because it's pretty physical in our league inside," Waterman said. "I think he's well-equipped to handle the rigors of interior play in the GLIAC."

According to his head coach, Renelique (6'2" and 198 pounds), who had been recruited by Northern two years ago, is expected to be one of the best shooters in the team's history.

"He can shoot from anywhere," Ellis said. "He can score off the dribble, he has deep three-point range – really understands the game of basketball. He'll defend hard and play hard. He's got a chance to have a great two years

here."

Ellis added that, like D'Agostino, Renelique left his former college after there was a coaching change.

The youngest of the three Canadians, Sabino-Ifill (6'5" and 190 pounds), brings superior athleticism and experience to the NMU basketball team, Ellis said.

"He runs the floor extremely well, and he's got deep three-point range also," Ellis said. "And he's a very mature freshman."

Waterman added that Sabino-Ifill, is a long-armed defender.

"His athleticism – it just jumps out at you," he said. "This kid's long, he can get up and down the floor, he shoots the ball well. He's pretty versatile, and there's lots of things he can do on the floor."

Coach Waterman said he was impressed with the three the minute they came to campus, when he watched them play a pickup game

during their official visit.

"It was competitive and they went at each other and I can remember –

(2007-2008 starting point guard) Jake Suardini came in and played with those guys, too – and (Suardini) came off the court and goes, 'This is the way it's supposed to be.'"

Waterman added that it's not going to be as simple as throwing the new players on the Berry Events Center hardwood and expecting success.

"It's going to be a feeling out process on their part – they're going to learn a new system," he said. "And on our part, we're going to see how all the pieces fit together."

## The New Recruiter

Aside from the CEGEP connection, all three incoming Canadian players have another common thread – a friendship with NMU junior guard Chris Warner. And whether it's D'Agostino, Sabino-Ifill or Renelique, all will tell you that it was Warner who recruited them to NMU – even Northern's head coach agrees.

"Mark (D'Agostino) and Marc (Renelique), they knew Chris was here – and everyone loves Chris, whether it be Montreal or Marquette, Michigan," Ellis said. "Chris is about as mature and stable an individual as you can ask to have in your program. Everyone trusts him and he's very genuine."

"He's told these guys, I'm sure, that it's a great situation here," Ellis added.

Warner said NMU has a solid reputation in CEGEP, and he didn't

have to do much along the lines of convincing to get the incoming players to campus. In fact, he didn't even have to call them, they

called him instead.

"For those guys to contact me to come here, I think that speaks volumes for what coach is trying to do here at Northern," Warner said. "I don't think you'll ever see that at any other school – not just Canadians at one school, but Canadians from one city."

When Warner was looking at schools to go to, he talked to then NMU forward Ricky Volcy. Warner said that Volcy did the recruiting in his case.

"He gave it to me straight," Warner said. "He said, 'I know how people do recruiting. I'm go-

ing to tell you what we do here,' basically, and just laid it out flat. 'If you want to come, come,' he said. 'It's a good situation. I think you'd fit in. Come visit and see it. If you decide to come, or if you decide to go elsewhere, you know you have my blessings.'"

Warner now recruits players in much the same way as Volcy recruited him.

"I just answered their questions as much as possible," Warner said about talking with the incoming Canadians. "They knew I was going to give them a straight answer. I wasn't going to B.S. them."

"At the same time that I want them here, I want them to flourish," he added.

NMU's head coach said Volcy, wherever he is, still helps to bring awareness about the Wildcat program.

"If you talk to Ricky Volcy now, he literally says, 'I'm telling everybody to go to Northern, coach,'" Ellis said. "And there's a lot of people (who've played basketball at Northern) like that."

And now it's Warner who's taken the role of on-campus recruiter, Northern's head coach said.

"He's a big part of our recruiting process here. And it'll continue," Ellis said. "We're obviously doing some more recruiting already for next season."

With two incoming Division I transfers, it seems that Warner's recruiting is effective. Take D'Agostino, for example. Warner and D'Agostino talked one night and D'Agostino told Warner of his situation. The next day, the wheels were already in motion.

"That morning after I spoke to Chris, Coach Ellis called me," D'Agostino said. "He said, 'We'd really be interested in you scheduling a visit.'"

"Chris Warner recruited me," D'Agostino added. "Coach Ellis, he didn't even know at the time that I was transferring."

**For those guys to contact me to come here, I think that speaks volumes for what coach is trying to do here at Northern.**

— Chris Warner  
Junior guard, NMU basketball

# Olver selected in NHL Entry Draft

## Colorado Avalanche pick up Olver in fifth

By Curt T Kemp  
sports editor

NMU Sophomore forward Mark Olver has taken the first step toward a professional hockey career.

Olver, who earned CCHA All-Rookie Team accolades during the 2007-2008 season, was selected in the fifth round, 140th overall, to the Colorado Avalanche in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft on June 23.

For Olver, being drafted by the Avalanche was a childhood dream come true.

"They've definitely been one of my favorite teams growing up, so I couldn't be happier to go there," he said.

NMU head hockey coach Walt Kyle said he wasn't surprised when Olver, who led the 'Cats in goals (21) and points (38), was selected



OLVER

but had hoped for more Northern hockey players to have their names announced.

"We knew as the year progressed that he was going to get drafted," Kyle said. "We actually thought that we were going to have a couple other guys get drafted."

Olver had hoped for more Wildcats to join him in the Entry Draft as well, specifically fellow CCHA All-Rookie Team selection, Erik Gustafsson.

"It was a privilege to be drafted, and fortunately I got it," Olver said. "I feel a little bad that (Gustafsson) didn't get drafted, because he had a great freshman season."

Now for Olver, this is the beginning of the journey, and there is a long road ahead.

"I always tell guys that, to be in the draft is a little bit overrated," Kyle said. "I think that the truth is that it's not about getting drafted, it's about being good enough to play."

And Olver knows he has a ways to go in order to be able to play in the NHL.

"It just gives me another goal, I guess," Olver said. "I'd like to see where I could go in hockey some day, and maybe something good will happen in the future."



Brittney McIntire/NW

The NMU men's rugby team played a match last weekend at the pitch on the corner of Lincoln and Wright streets near campus. The rugby team was started in 1979. This season, on every other weekend, the rugby team has a home game.

**Today, Sept. 4**

**Event:** Intersarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 6-10 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-10:30 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:** First Thursday Concert Series will host The Truckey Boys at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Peter White Public Library.

**Event:** EarthKeeper's will meet at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church.

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

**Fri., Sept. 5**

**Event:** Artist Faculty Chamber Music will host a concert at

7:30 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall. Admission is free to NMU students and the public.

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

**Sat., Sept. 6**

**Event:** The Marquette County Humane Society will host the Strut Your Mutt Walk-a-Thon at Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

**Event:** The Out of the Darkness Community Walk will begin at 11 a.m. at the Marquette Commons. Registration will begin at 10 a.m..

**Film:** "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (PG-13) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Film:** "E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial" will show at 11:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Sun., Sept. 7**

**Film:** "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (PG-13) will show at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

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

**Event:** Hearts of Yoga will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** NCLL Fall Kickoff Ice Cream Social is happening at 1:30 p.m. in the Third Street Commons

**Mon., Sept. 8**

**Event:** Steppin' Out Dance Club will meet from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Tues., Sept. 9**

**Event:** The Center for Native American studies will host an open house from 4-6 p.m. in 112 Whitman Hall.

**Event:** Campus Free Thought Alliance will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

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**Roomie** — I think there might need to be an intervention soon. And I left the aloe on the table. — **Other Roommate**

**Hobbes** — You are really cute, but already kind of a pain. — **New Parents**

**Stark** — Stop judging me whilst I type things. And lose the attitude. — **Abent**

**Lish** — Sorry about your eye. But I'm sure the patch will look good on you. — **Claire**

**Roommate** — Really. That aloe is saving my life. As far as the intervention, we need one for your border-line narcolepsy. — **Other Roommate**

**Muffin Tops** — I don't know what that means, but it's funny. — **A little grossed out**

**Superfan** — This shout out has nothing to do with your personal life. — **Drunk on Tuesday**

**Ma & Pa** — Have fun in Hawaii. I heard that someone got tackled on the beach recently. Watch out for the crazies. — **Daughter**

**France** — I can't think of anything funny. I only have so much to offer.. — **Roommate**

**Mom** — I hope you had a good first week at work. I miss you and I can't until you visit. — **Claire**

**Rob** — It's ok, the new cat isn't mine. — **Your Daughter**

**Jon** — I doubt you'll see this, but your email about Palin made my day. Thanks for going to law school so you can get me off scot free in case I get in trouble. — **Claire**

**Internet** — Stop wasting my time. — **This is becoming a problem**

**Philip the Cat** — I didn't see you all weekend. I'm not sure if it's something I did, or whatever. But, I'm sorry. Just come to the window from here on out. I miss you. — **Curt**

**Richie** — Good seeing you man. The cookies were much appreciated. Your humor was completely loved. — **Other Roommate**

**Daano** — Don't be an idiot this weekend. You know you're a Tigers fan at heart. — **Old Roommate**

**Lundin** — The dream's over. Enjoy Chicago. — **Kemp**

**Tom Cory** — Woah. It's like you moved from one Kemp brother to the other. Just remember, Chad parties harder, but if you want to work for the paper, then you'll see me way more. — **Curt Kemp**

**Claire Abent** — Thanks for letting the sports staff steal your computer. It was purdy, and it was reliable. Shane tried to steal it, but I stopped him. — **Curt Kemp**

**Gordon** — You did a heck of a job this week. Get some sleep, and then we'll start this again. — **Curt**

**Kenex attendant** — We totally weren't crazy people Tuesday night. We had to get something to stay awake, though. Two words: Football Insert. — **Gordon and Çurt**

**Jackie** — I appreciated your sports knowledge tonight. — **Curt**

**Shane** — Look at you. You're such a whiz with a laptop and In-Design. You really shouldn't let that slip away. — **Your sloppy roommate**

**Shane** — And I promise I'll clean when I get a free moment. Expect my room to be clean by November. — **Curt**

**Red Knight** — Look. Quit being a punk. I need you, and I need you right now. Get on my team or get out of my life. — **Castle Crashers fiend**

**Blue Knight** — You can be on my team, too. But only if you're nice. — **Still Crashin Castles**

**Twins** — You'll probably win this weekend, but I'll be there, cheering for the Tigs. I do secretly have a Twins fitted cap at home, though. Just don't tell anybody. — **Tigers fan**

**Tom Cory** — I just looked at your comic. Man, I like it. If I found out you stole that from somewhere else, consider our newfound friendship destroyed.

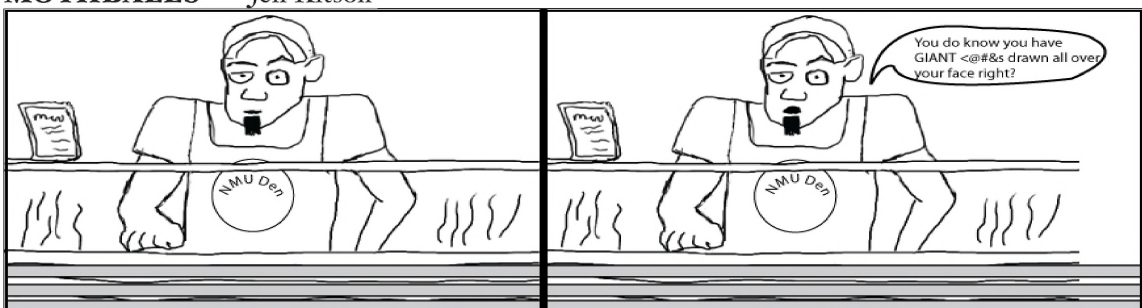
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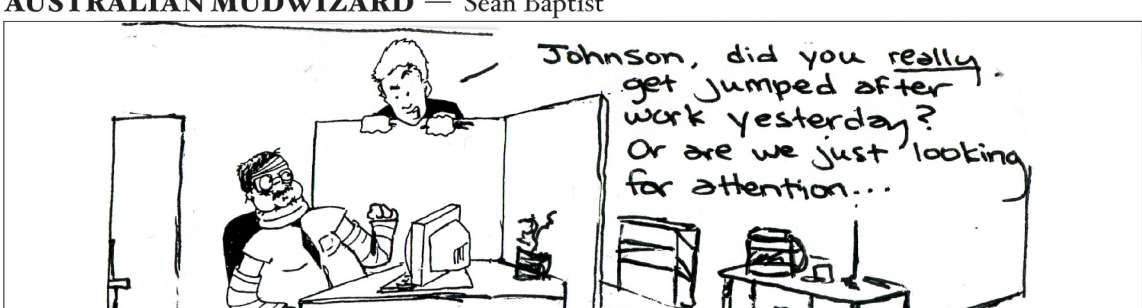
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**DEMOCRACY** — Tom Cory



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- Whitney Morgan** — That sushi was good or at least, most of it was. — **Ex-Roomie.**
- Abent** — Dollar, dollar, dollar and &^%\$ — **Stark**
- Abent's computer** — Nice music choices.. — **Stark**
- Izzy** — That new guy makes you seem so calm and lovely. We should hang out sometime. — **Your adoptive mother**
- LRK** — Here's your weekly shoutout. See you Thursday night. — **JDS**
- Lucy** — Welcome to the staff. It's going to be a trip. — **The North Wind**
- Shane** — Welcome back to the staff. And the masthead. — **Probably the rest of the staff**
- Inspirations**  
 Curt's Dedication  
 Level 87  
 Orange Knight  
 The white computers  
 Diet Mountain Dew  
 The voice of reason  
 1/8th of an inch  
 REALLY?!?  
 Cakes being baked  
 Optional Edits  
 Vice President of Making Me a Sandwich  
 Every word that comes out of Curt Kemp's Mouth

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