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## A Week in POLITICAL heaven

The Republican  
National Convention

By Kyle Whitney  
editor in chief

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

While most NMU students probably spent the first week of September becoming familiar with new classes and adapting to a sleepless schedule, three students spent that time in St. Paul, Minn., rubbing elbows with and taking in speeches from the nation's political elite.

The Republican National Convention (RNC), which was held in the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. from Sept. 1-4, drew a large and varied group of people. There were Republican faithful, interest groups, counter-conventioners and protesters from all corners of the nation. And there was Neil Passinault, Darren Widder and Keith Voorheis, who each went to Minnesota and served as interns at some of the most prestigious news outlets in the country. Passinault worked for NBC, while

Widder interned with Bloomberg News and Voorheis was with TIME and TIME.com.

### Morning Joe

Passinault, a political science/pre-law major, made the 8-hour drive to Minnesota a week before the convention and worked setting up the stages and booths that the network would use the following week.

"I didn't really have any expectations," he said. "I'd never been to a convention before. I've

only seen it on TV, so it was interesting to see what it was like behind the scenes and what goes into the entire process."

Once the on-air talent arrived in St. Paul, Passinault was assigned to work on "Morning Joe," MSNBC's weekday morning talk show hosted by Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski.

"I was lucky to get 'Morning Joe,' because they have three guests on every 10 to 15 minutes, so with a three-hour long show,

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Courtesy of Keith Voorheis and Darren Widder

Keith Voorheis, right, and Darren Widder stand helped out at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

## Minor rise in Northern enrollment provides hope for future

By Kyle Whitney  
editor in chief

Contrary to administrative expectations, the early figures from NMU Institutional Research show a slight increase in Northern's enrollment numbers from just one year ago.

The fall 2008 10th-day numbers, which are based on the enrollment after 10 days of class, were released on Tuesday and put the total university headcount at 9,123. The number is 12 students higher than the 10th-day numbers from fall 2007.

Paul Duby, associate vice president of institutional research, was pleased with the numbers.

"My overall take is the university is in very good position," Duby said. "I am thrilled to be up 12, to be honest. It has taken a lot of hard work on a lot of people's part."

Duby said Northern had planned for a drop in enrollment for a couple of reasons, including the struggling

economy and an imminent decline in U.P. high school graduates.

"The demographics for Northern are really easy," he said. "We still recruit 60 percent of our students from the Upper Peninsula. If you look at the size of the high school graduating classes for the next 20 years, it is a 20 percent slope downward. The number of students that are in the pool from the Upper Peninsula is going down like a rock."

The bulk of NMU's student body has historically come from within the state of Michigan, but that will likely change in the near future, according to Duby.

While prestigious universities, such as the University of Michigan and Michigan State, have their pick of incoming students, the remainder of the Michigan schools must battle for enrollment.

He said that in response to this, NMU has concentrated on keeping tuition as low as possible and on providing helpful academic services to students with spotty educational histories.

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NMU associate VP of institutional research

we essentially will take anyone who meets our minimum requirements, which are not that high," he said. "But if we take you, we're going to provide a lot of help to help you to be successful."

Another way Northern is combating the Midwest demographic picture is by increasing the scope of their recruitment. After conducting market research, the uni-

## Marq-Tran offers free bus rides for NMU students

By Nancy Longtine  
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Students looking for a solution to the gas price crunch need look no farther than their wallets. Northern Michigan University has been contracting with the Marquette Transit Authority (Marq-Tran) to provide students with free transportation on- and off-campus since last fall.

Most students are already familiar with the Wildcat Shuttles; the buses that provide free transportation for students to and from the Jacobetti Center and the Physical Education Instructional Facility (PEIF). In addition to the Wildcat Shuttles, Marq-Tran provides transportation free of charge to NMU students, faculty and staff on all of its fixed routes throughout Marquette County. The buses make daily trips to the Gwinn area, including Sawyer Village and Skandia; to Negaunee and Ishpeming; and to the various shopping centers and malls in Marquette.

The contract this year between NMU and Marq-Tran cost the university \$133,700, said Darwin P. Gager, deputy director of Public Safety and Police Services. The majority of the funding comes from the Parking and Traffic budget with a smaller portion coming from the NMU general fund, according to Michael J. Bath, assistant director of safety and training at Public Safety. Bath said Public

Safety encourages students to utilize this service.

"It provides the NMU community with a means of transportation on and off-campus," said Bath.

The service was suggested to NMU by Brian Lantto, an off-campus representative with the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) who served on the Parking and Traffic Committee in the spring of 2007.

The Parking and Traffic Committee handles all complaints, suggestions and recommendations concerning traffic and parking matters, reviews traffic flow and parking needs and makes recommendations to the President's Council for action. It is made up of Public Safety officials, faculty, staff, community and student representatives.

Lantto said he was inspired partly by the parking conditions on campus and also by a presentation given in one of his Public Administration classes by Robert Niemi, a retired Marq-Tran executive director. Niemi spoke about public transportation and its benefits to the community and the environment. With students complaining about parking conditions, Lantto said he decided the time was right to expand the initial contract that covered the on-campus buses.

"I brought it up at the ASNMU

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versity conducted market research and identified possible recruitment areas throughout the country. The three areas that NMU pursued were in Texas, California and Ohio.

Duby said Texas and California have populations that are quickly outgrowing their educational systems, while Ohio has one school that is at all similar to NMU.

"[Ohio has] great big institutions and lots of little small ones," he said. "But in terms of a Northern-like institution, Cleveland State is the only one in the whole state."

Hoping to capitalize on first-time college students, NMU purchased advertising campaigns in all three areas, buying space in college guides and planning staff visits.

"After a year, we're going to eliminate the weakest of the three areas," he added. "After another year we will decide whether we're going to keep two or go to one area

and put more resources into it."

According to Bill Bernard, NMU's associate provost for student services and enrollment, the hope is that such aggressive marketing techniques will allow NMU to stay in the hunt for ever-more savvy prospective students.

"We're seeing students applying to many more institutions than they used to," he said. "We find students visiting many more institutions and, as recently as this week, we've had a consultant on campus reviewing our campus visitation program just to find ways that we can enhance that program."

Bernard said that the campus visit—especially the academic component of the visit—is one of the most important factors in the entire college selection process.

"This way, when a family does decide to make the trip to Marquette, Michigan to look at Northern, we have given them the most positive, most honest look at what this institution can provide."

## BRIEFS

### NMU to hold greeting card design contest

Entries for the NMU Greeting Card Design Contest are being accepted now through Thursday, Sept. 25, and winners will be announced on Monday, Sept. 29. There will be four secular holiday greeting card designs chosen, the winners will receive a Visa gift card of \$50, a set of cards in their design and recognition in the North Wind and other campus publications. Entries must include the student's first and last names, phone number and e-mail address, and must be saved in high resolution. Cards will be 4 5/8 inches by 5 3/4 inches when folded. Prizes will be awarded by Oct. 6. Greeting cards are great for portfolio projects, said contest organizer Reilly Reese, senior marketing major. "The designs will be seen all over campus and the community," she said. "The Alumni foundations is our biggest sponsor, and the winning cards will be sent to all alumni." To enter a design or ask any questions, e-mail Reese at [rreese@nmu.edu](mailto:rreese@nmu.edu). Multiple submissions are accepted.

—Jaci Bjerne

### Editor of POETRY magazine to speak on campus

The Women's Federated Clubhouse will be featuring established POETRY magazine editor Joseph Parisi who will be giving a lecture followed by a question and answer session. The title of Parisi's lecture is "Making it New: An Intimate View of Modernism in Letters from the Archives of POETRY Magazine." Parisi started working for POETRY as Associate Editor in 1976 and was Editor-in-Chief of the magazine from 1983 to 2003. He has also served as the Executive Director of the Modern Poetry Association. He is the author of several books including a two-volume history of POETRY magazine called, "Dear Editor: A History of POETRY." His most recent book is "100 Essential Modern Poems by Women," an anthology including Emily Dickenson and some of today's most respected women writers. Parisi holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago and frequently lectures around the country and abroad on Modernist literature and American poetry. He has received the Guggenheim Fellowship in 2000 and was also elected a By-Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, in 2002. Parisi is working on his newest book about the past and present of Venice. The reading is sponsored by the NMU English Department and Passages North, NMU's literary magazine. The Women's Federated Clubhouse is located at 104 W. Ridge St. and the event is to take place Monday Sep. 15 at 7:30 p.m. It is free to the public. For more information, contact Rebecca Johns, director of NMU's Visiting Writers' Program, at 227-1795.

—Cassandra Sturos

### Emergency preparedness class to be held

The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning will sponsor "Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness" from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in 414 Cohodas Hall. John Forslin will present the course, which has been designed to help U.S. citizens learn how to protect themselves, their families and property against all types of hazards. The focus is on how to develop, practice and maintain emergency plans that reflect what must be done before, during and after a disaster. Also included is information on how to assemble a disaster supplies kit that contains the food, water and other items in sufficient quantity for individuals and their families to survive. An optional "final exam" may be taken online for formal FEMA certification. The cost is \$4 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. To register by the Sept. 16 deadline, or for more information, contact class liaison Don Balmer at 249-1273.

—NMU news bureau

## Corrections

The headline on pg. 15 of last week's North Wind should have read "Soccer wins two of three."

The article "Experiences from the DNC" should have read that Lauren Mattioli met Norman Pearlstein



Eric Hampton/NW

Lt. Gov. John Cherry (far right) speaks with NMU students after his speech in downtown Marquette last week.

## Lt. Gov. speaks to voters

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

With the date of the presidential election approaching, Democrats and Republicans are beginning to publicly stand behind their candidates.

Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry visited the Democratic Headquarters in downtown Marquette on Friday, Sept. 5 to do just that.

"This is going to be the battleground, right here in this room," Cherry said. "We're going to ensure that when Election Day happens, Michigan is going to be in the Democratic column in the Electoral College, and that's going to be the deciding votes that are going to make Barack Obama the next president of this country. And let me tell you, that will be exciting."

Though Cherry lauded Obama as the better of the two major party candidates, he also spoke extensively on how important the youth vote would be in this year's

election.

"I think it will at least be the one election that has the most impact on this nation's youth," he said. "I think that's why young people are so excited about this year because they intuitively understand that this election will set the tone for their life."

Among the crowd of mostly middle-aged Democrats, a few Northern students also stood in attendance. One of those students, Rob Doepker said Cherry's speech was very motivating.

"This is truly an historic election, one that will affect us for the next 20 years," he added.

Also in attendance were several other Michigan politicians, including State Sen. Mike Prussi and State Rep. Steve Lindburgh, both of whom also attended an education summit held on NMU's campus.

After Cherry gave his speech, he mingled with the crowd, talking about several different issues, one of which was the cost of a col-

lege education in Michigan.

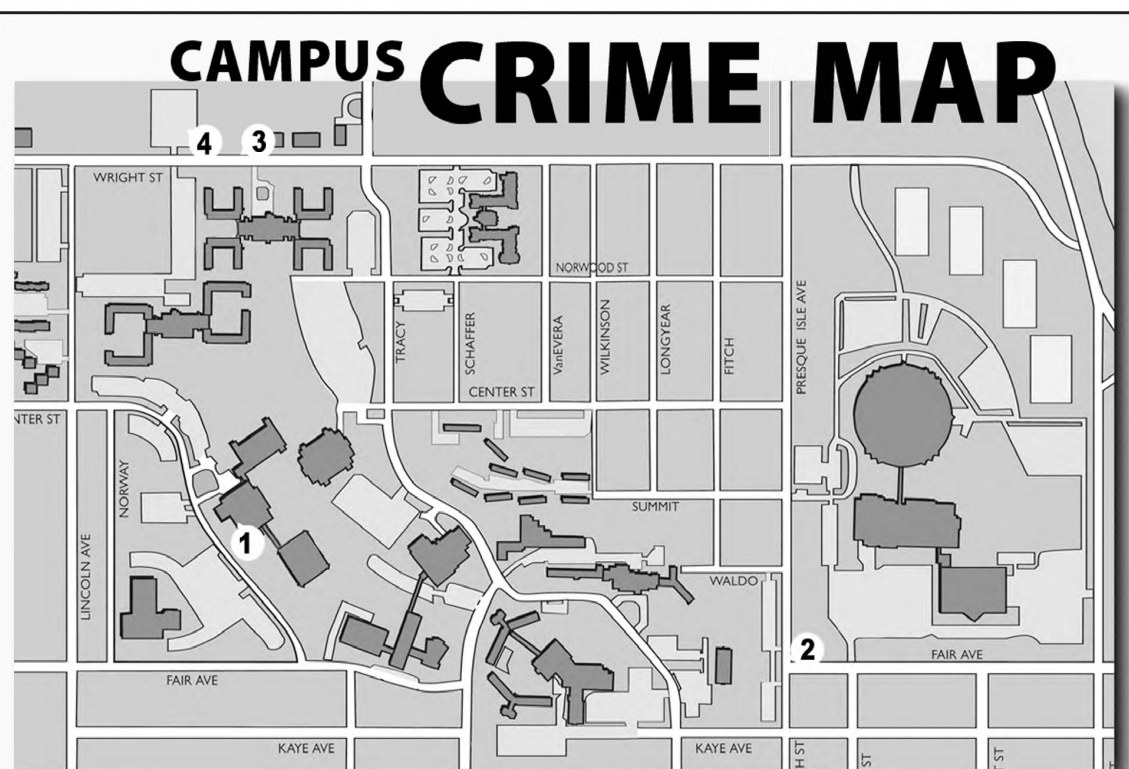
The Michigan Promise, a bill passed in 2006, offers a total of \$4,000 to qualifying Michigan high school graduates who will attend Michigan universities. The law replaces the old MEAP scholarships, which were provided to Michigan high school students based on scores they received on the standardized MEAP test.

"The Michigan Promise is the best way to help with tuition. We can give the universities this money directly, but there's no guarantee they'll be able to use it and not raise their rates," Cherry said. "This way, we give it to the student."

Lindburgh also praised the bill, saying that an education beyond high school is becoming key in this world of global economics.

"You can't walk out of high school anymore and get a family sustaining job," he said.

The 2007 graduates were the first to receive the benefits of the Michigan Promise.



### Map Key:

1. On Sept. 4, an iPod was stolen from West Science. The case is still open.
2. On Sept. 5, a 23-year-old male was arrested at Presque Isle Avenue and Fair Street for a DUI.
3. On Sept. 5, two 18-year-old males were caught drinking on Wright Street near Lot 46. They have been referred to the Dean of Students Office.
4. On Sept. 6, an 18-year-old male was found in possession of marijuana in Lot 46. He has been referred to the Dean of Students Office.

# Speaker talks diversity and motivates NMU students

By **Brittany Menard**  
contributing writer

Nationally acclaimed motivational speaker Steve Birdine spoke to a crowded Payne/Halverson Lobby on the importance of diversity on a college campus.

He said diversity is what makes life so interesting. People have to go out and learn about other cultures, meet different people and just enjoy life.

Birdine, who bills himself as a “motivator, diversity educator and risk taker,” also informed the audience of several important points of college life, talking about how to make the college experience the best it can be.

He said that the most important thing is to study, that people are at college to better themselves, emotionally, mentally, and educationally, so that they have more of a leg-up when they try to find jobs.

“To do the incredible, you have to dream the impossible,” Birdine said.

He said that if students put their mind to it, they can do any-

thing. To get his point across, Birdine used examples from current events such as Michael Phelps, the Olympic swimmer who set history by capturing eight gold medals at this summer’s games in Beijing.

Another one of Birdine’s main points was to “dream big dreams.”

He explained this meant that if there are no dreams, there is no

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— Steve Birdine  
motivational speaker

reason to live anymore.

Birdine gained national recognition from 2002 to 2005 when he was named among Ebony Magazine’s “100 Most Influential Blacks in the United States.” He also wrote the 1994 book, “A Common Sense Approach to Retaining Students of Color.”

This was Birdine’s third year speaking at NMU. He was brought here by the Multicultural

Education and Resource Center (MERC) at NMU and the Peer Advising, Counseling, and Education (PACE).

The head of the PACE program, Michele Junak, said she arranged for Birdine to come and talk with students to promote the program.

“He has always been a great motivational speaker. That’s why we keep having him come back,” Junak said.

MERC is the office in charge of supporting diversity programs on NMU’s campus.

According to the MERC Web site, the goal of the office is “to build a vibrant, stimulating and safe learning community where cultural diversity is highly valued, differences are respected and people from all cultures and backgrounds flourish.”

PACE is a program offered by MERC that according to the programs Web site, is open to freshmen and encourages academic and personal development through the participation in learning communities as a means to academic success.



Jeff Kitson/NW

**VOTER VAN** An NMU student enters the Secretary of State Mobile Voter Registration Van. The van visited campus on Wednesday, Sept. 10. By registering with the secretary of state it allowed first-time voters to vote via absentee ballot. The deadline to register to vote in this November’s presidential election is Oct. 4.

# Walk raises suicide awareness

By **Jaci Bjorne**  
assistant news editor

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Marquette residents participated in the local “Out of the Darkness 5-kilometer Community Walk,” raising money for organizations that help to prevent suicide, which accounts for one-third of college student deaths, according to The Journal of Higher Education.

About 90 people showed up, contributing approximately \$2,000 in donations, according to Joan Miller, a walk organizer.

Half of the funds will be going toward the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the organization that created the Out of the Darkness walks.

The other 50 percent of the proceeds will be put toward the Pathways’ Ray of Sunshine Endowment, a local fund designed to provide help for adults with serious mental illness, according to Ray of Sunshine Fundraising Committee member Dianna Seymour.

According to information provided by Pathways, they have served over 6,000 adults with mental illness in the past five years from the local area.

“I was invited to join this,” Seymour said. “They wanted to have a local agency that would actually participate in seeing some of the benefits from the walk.”

Walkers were given the option to donate to either the AFSP,

Pathways or both, said Alyson Luff, organizer of the community walk.

“We can keep part of the money locally so people don’t get discouraged thinking, ‘Oh, this is a huge organization and the money is going to go to the staff only,’” she said.

According to Luff, the walk is the first of its nature in Marquette, but will likely become an annual event.

“I thought it would be a good idea to start a walk and get people out there and get information about mental illness and how much it affects people, and to bring people out who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide,” she said. “I think it’s good that people are coming to walk for a cause.”

Attending the event was Susan Shaver. Shaver said she has personal experiences with depression and losing family to suicide.

“My father attempted suicide when I was about 26, and then he actually committed suicide when I was in my early thirties,” she said. “After that, we started learning more about mental illness. Other people just didn’t think that mental illness was really real, that maybe people were making it up.”

Shaver said that the community involvement was inspiring to her.

“I was really excited when I came down here today (to see) how many people were wearing



Jeff Kitson/NW

**Volunteers and participants in the “Out of the Darkness” walk prepare to debark from the Marquette Commons along Third Street. The event raised approximately \$2,000 for suicide prevention.**

(community walk) T-shirts,” she continued. “Nobody was walking around like this was a thing that had to be hidden or anything. That shows a lot more acceptance.”

Shaver said she has struggled with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder for years, and that awareness of mental illness is helping people who are going through the same experiences.

“I was actually suicidal in college, and I just thought that was a normal thing that happened to everybody, but, of course, it

isn’t,” she said. “Back then, there wasn’t as much understanding or support.”

“Mental illness is actually an illness that is also a physical illness because it’s our brain, and our brain is part of our bodies. It’s a biochemical brain disorder” Shaver continued. “I think these walks are helping to make people realize that this is an illness like any other illness.”

According to The Nation’s Voice on Mental Illness, an American commits suicide every 18 minutes, and 30,000 a year

succeed in taking their own lives.

Also, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, according to the Journal of Higher Education.

Seymour said the pamphlets available at the community walk will help educate people on suicide and the resources available to those with mental illness.

“I hope that (the walk) will be a healing experience for people who have come out today and have lost loved ones,” she said. “I think it’s a way to empower people and help them heal.”

## RNC

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you end up meeting a lot of people," Passinault said. "I met a lot of senators, governors, congressmen, media personalities and, of course, anchors."

Passinault said that he also saw his fair share of famous faces when he was away from the "Morning Joe" set, when, during a Starbucks run, he met Jon Stewart of Daily Show fame.

The NMU senior said he hopes the contacts he made during his two weeks at the RNC will help him in the future.

"An experience like this is great, just because you get to meet so many people behind the scenes that, typically, you don't get access to," he said. "You get a chance to network and exchange contacts with people that could really help you out down the line somewhere."

And while Passinault enjoyed the media interaction, the most memorable portions of his experience were the nightly speeches, which he was able to watch from floor level.

"My favorite part was probably being on the convention floor and being in the heart of everything and just trying to soak it all in,"

he said. "It's just such a unique experience. Not many people actually get to be on the floor during a convention, especially during (Republican presidential nominee John) McCain's speech on Thursday night."

## Crossing party lines

Widder and Voorheis traveled to St. Paul together and didn't get into town until the Sunday before the event started.

"We're at a crossroads in our country and it was a very historical convention, for both the Democratic and Republican parties. It was just an honor to be there."

Widder, who worked for Bloomberg News during the convention, echoed his travel partner's sentiments.

"I'm glad I was selected and I think they selected a really great group of people to go," he said. "They were just intelligent people that would represent the school well."

Widder added that it was nerve-racking to head into a high-stress, breaking news environment to work alongside a collection of professional media members.

"The closer the convention got, the more intimidated I was," he said. "I was like, 'Wow. I'm

working with these people that have been in this business [for decades]."

Each of the two interns spent a large portion of his time fact-checking and doing research for their respective employer.

Voorheis, who worked on Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's campaign and served as his representative to NMU, was used to operating in a conservative political environment. Widder, on the other hand, describes himself as a moderate Democrat and publicly supports Barack Obama in November's general election.

Such a difference in opinion made for an interesting week.

"It wasn't too bad," Widder said. "People are kind of accepting, but at the same time, when you're talking to someone, they are always knocking the other side. But of course, everyone does that."

Widder has been interested in politics for years and said that even though he didn't fully agree with the popular opinion at the convention, it was an immersive and rewarding experience.

"Even talking to people about McCain, Palin or any of the speakers there, you are talking amongst intelligent people," he added.

Widder said the most memorable moment of the convention was Palin's Wednesday speech.

"The Palin speech really seemed to energize the convention center and Palin as a pick seemed to energize the party," he said.

## Protests

Much of the media attention during the four-day event was focused not on speeches and plans for the nation, but on a series of sometimes-violent protests that made headlines around the nation.

"The police did a very good job of controlling the protesters and keeping them in certain areas," Passinault said. "But if you were in that area at that given time, you knew it. There was tear gas and pepper spray, the riot police had to respond, the National Guard had to respond. There were



Joe Scarborough, left, Neil Passinault, middle, and Mika Brzezinski during the RNC. Passinault worked on NBC's "Morning Joe."

broken windows and slashed car tires. There were gallons of urine that they tried to throw on police. It was just bad."

After spending the first two days of his convention experience fact-checking and doing research, Widder was given a new assignment: protest duty.

"I was out among the crowds, talking to people and doing interviews with protesters and spectators, trying to get some residents to talk about how the convention affected the city," he said.

Widder said that based on his experience, he didn't feel the protests were quite as serious as they were made out to be in the media.

"Even when I'd watch the news there, all I'd see was these people slashing tires and breaking windows and lighting fires," he said. "Those incidents were fairly [isolated]."

"The one kid breaking the glass with his hands — that was repeated and you saw it over and over again, like the riots were this horrible thing that was rampant all over the city. I don't think that was the case."

As one of the few Democrats at the convention, Widder's political beliefs may not have fit in with the core of the Grand Old Party, but the crowds outside weren't always

more welcoming.

"I think I did feel a little more comfortable with the protesters, in some sense. Talking to them, I would go, 'Yeah, I can agree with that, but maybe you're getting a little extreme.'"

## The future

While the 2008 convention experiences may act as a springboard into political futures, the interns aren't as confident.

Passinault hopes to stay in contact with some of the media members he met while in St. Paul.

Widder is currently applying to law schools, but said he doubts the convention will ever play heavily into his choices or opportunities.

The highly political Voorheis, said the convention will help him in multiple ways. Not only was such an internship useful as a résumé builder, but it also served to help him see the variation within the GOP.

"It was interesting to me because you see such a wide range of people," he said. "You see the Texas delegation and they're all dressed in the same shirt, same hat. Then you see the Wisconsin delegation and when they announce their votes for McCain they say, 'We still love Brett Favre.'"



Courtesy of Darren Widder

A police officer in full riot gear stands guard near the Republican National Convention last week, in St. Paul, Minn.

## BUS

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General Assembly, and they were all for it," said Lantto. "Everyone was fed up with the parking situation."

Over 1,700 students took advantage of the off-campus bus routes last fall, according to the Dec. 12, 2007 meeting minutes of the Parking and Traffic Committee. Marq-Tran driver Karyn Johnson, who handed out bus schedules and answered questions at Fall Fest, on Aug. 25, said students seem to be more aware of the free services this year.

"There seems to be more students on the buses this year," said Johnson. "It's a little hard to tell how many students will take advantage of it right now. The weath-

er is still nice. When the weather gets bad, that's when we'll see an increase in students on the buses."

The service this year also includes free bus services for faculty and staff. Johnson said the service will continue to evolve as more students seek alternative means of transportation to cope with rising gas costs.

"We're currently trying to adjust the routes to accommodate students' needs," Johnson said. "If a student gets on at the PEIF and needs to go to Jamrich for a class, that's our priority. We'll adjust the run so that person makes it to class on time and someone who is going to the dorms will be let off after we get students to class."

The earliest buses depart from Gwinn and Ishpeming at 6:20 a.m.

and can get students to campus by 8 a.m. To get to campus from most buses requires at least one transfer, but drivers are helpful and students can always ask for help if they don't understand the

**For students who don't have a vehicle or can't afford the gas (Marq-Tran is) a great way to get around.**

— Karyn Johnson  
Marq-Tran bus driver

schedules, Johnson said.

In fact, she encouraged students to get to know the bus drivers. The drivers are there to help and can even radio ahead to other buses so students don't have to wait in bad

weather, she said.

However there is one drawback to using this service.

"You can't use it for evening classes," Johnson said. "The last buses out of Marquette to Gwinn and Ishpeming leave at 6 p.m. Students have to keep that in mind so they don't get stranded."

Even if you can't take the bus to evening classes, taking the buses is still a great way to save some cash. Students who ride the bus also wind up with at least a half an hour of down time, Johnson said.

They could use that time for studying, finishing homework or just relaxing with their favorite tunes, according to Johnson, who sees students using their laptops and iPods every day on the bus.

# Preacher spurs tolerance rally

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

A controversial preacher in the academic mall caused a group of Northern students to take to the sidewalks rallying for religious tolerance.

The preacher, who refused to give his name or answer a North Wind reporter's questions, has been preaching in the academic mall since Monday.

Wearing his signature purple vest, wide-brimmed hat and carrying a sign proclaiming the destruction of sinners, he has preached on topics such as the need for women to be subservient and males to not have long hair, proclaiming that those who do not follow his views are going to hell unless they repent.

On Wednesday, a group of approximately 25 students gathered to rally for religious unity and to counter the preacher's message, a message they said they consider hateful.

Many of the students had signs with positive messages on them such as "Equality for Women" and "Coexist." Others gathered with signs bearing Bible verses that represent a loving God.

Sophomore sociology major Nathan Frischkorn, one of the students helping to organize the rally, said that he was motivated to do something about the preach-

er by his personal beliefs.

"A bunch of us felt like we were being attacked personally by him. Atheists, agnostics, even other Christians feel that they are being alienated and attacked by his brand of Christianity," Frischkorn said. "We just wanted to have something positive to counter all the hate that he is bringing to campus."

Another student, sophomore electrical engineering major Brooks Harrison, stood next to the preacher with a sign bearing an arrow pointing toward the preacher that read: "I'm with stupid. God's message is love. Je-

sus died for our sins so we may live."

Harrison said that he wanted to prove to other students that the preacher did not represent the majority of Christians.

"I'm out here not to try to extend my beliefs but more to create an atmosphere of debate to counter what he is preaching. Yesterday it was great out here. We had four or five students who knew [the Bible] and could debate with him," he said. "Our goal is to beat this guy at his own game."

Other students who weren't able to stand outside to protest the preacher took to cyberspace to show their displeasure. Sophomore economics major Austin Beattie created the Facebook group "Religious Nutjob 2008!" to express how he felt about the

man's biblical teachings.

"I made the group when he told a friend of mine that her role was to be subservient to men," Beattie said. "I decided that I needed to let people see that this guy was a nutjob."

"I believe that woman was created from man's rib to be equal to men, not from a man's foot to be lower than men," he continued.

According to a Facebook event listing, Greg Rhodea, minister of outreach and involvement at Lake Superior Christian Church, will be preaching in the same place in the same place in the academic mall on Thursday.

According to the Facebook event description he is going to be preaching what he refers to as "a more grace filled version of the Bible."

**Our goal is to beat this guy at his own game.**

— Brooks Harrison  
sophomore, electrical engineering



(Left) A fundamentalist Christian preacher talks with NMU students in the academic mall as a student holds a protest sign behind him. (Right) NMU students and community members (from left to right) Jess Goodhall, Casey Chapman, T.J. Lachpell, Julie Stark and Justin MacAuley hold signs in a rally for religious tolerance across the academic mall from the preacher.



Photos Carson LeMahieu/NW

## Indian Education Conference to be held in late September

The 12th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference, "Engaging American Indian Youth in the Classroom and Beyond," will be held on Monday, Sept. 29, at NMU. It is designed for educators such as principals, counselors, teachers and school system staff who work with American Indian students and families on a regular basis.

There is no charge to attend the conference, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the

NMU University Center. The schedule includes breakout sessions and a lunch with the keynote speaker, D.J. "Eagle Bear" Vanas.

Vanas is an internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller and success coach. He is also the author of the book "The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery and Achievement." Vanas is Odawa and uses traditional warrior concepts and wisdom to inspire others to achieve their best in

life and career. He has delivered programs in 45 states and overseas to audiences including NASA, IBM and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Online registration is available at [www.nmu.edu/cnas](http://www.nmu.edu/cnas). For more information, contact the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397.

—NMU News Bureau

## Student Finance Committee Meeting

Each semester, NMU's Student Finance Committee (SFC) receives over half of the student activity fee, which any Northern student taking more than six credits pays into. The SFC meets on a weekly basis and determines how to distribute this money, based on proposals submitted by student organizations.

This week's meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Michigan Room of the University Center.

The SFC will be considering the following budgets:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Black Student Union	Homecoming party/concert	\$18,316
OUTlook	12th Annual Drag Show	\$8,981
Hearts of Yoga	United Conference	\$50

To contact the SFC, or to submit your organization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to [sfc@nmu.edu](mailto:sfc@nmu.edu).

## Staff Editorial

# Transit underused

Cash-strapped NMU students often spend mornings debating whether to ride their bikes to school or scrape gas money from in between their couch cushions. And with winter fast approaching, the bicycle may no longer be an option.

Those same distressed students might be surprised to find that a free and easy travel alternative exists.

The Marquette Transit Authority (Marq-Tran) bus line, which provides service to Marquette from as far away as Gwinn and Ishpeming, opens its doors for free to anyone who has a valid NMU student ID.

In a time of ever-rising tuition and economic turmoil, college students are constantly trying to find ways to stretch their dollars, and such a service offers a simple substitute to shelling out \$4 per gallon of gasoline just to get to class.

The average car gets 21 miles to the gallon, according to a June 26 USA Today article. Using this figure, along with current gas prices, students making the 14-mile commute from Ishpeming five days a week will spend about \$900 per academic year on gas.

This academic year alone, NMU put more than \$133,000 into a contract to guarantee students, faculty and staff free rides on Marq-Tran buses. The fact that Northern is willing to invest that kind of money into public transportation demonstrates the university's commitment to both environmentally friendly practices and student service.

From an environmental standpoint, public transportation provides a clear edge over driving a personal vehicle. The American Public Transportation Association estimates that public transit can reduce CO2 emissions by 37 million metric tons annually — that's enough CO2 to fill more than 20 Superior Domes. Public transportation can also reduce energy consumption by the equivalent of 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline each year, according to the same report.

And though emissions cut by Marquette area bus customers will be just a drop in the bucket, every little bit helps.

Marq-Tran buses run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and there are plenty of different routes to choose from. The Marquette South line arrives at Econo Foods at 25 minutes after the hour for anyone in need of groceries. The Marquette Shopper line runs all the way from ShopKo to Target and stops at many other places along the way, while the Marquette North line can drop you off outside the University Center.

So go ahead and pull your head out from under your furniture for a change. Check out Marq-Tran's Web site, [www.marq-tran.com](http://www.marq-tran.com).

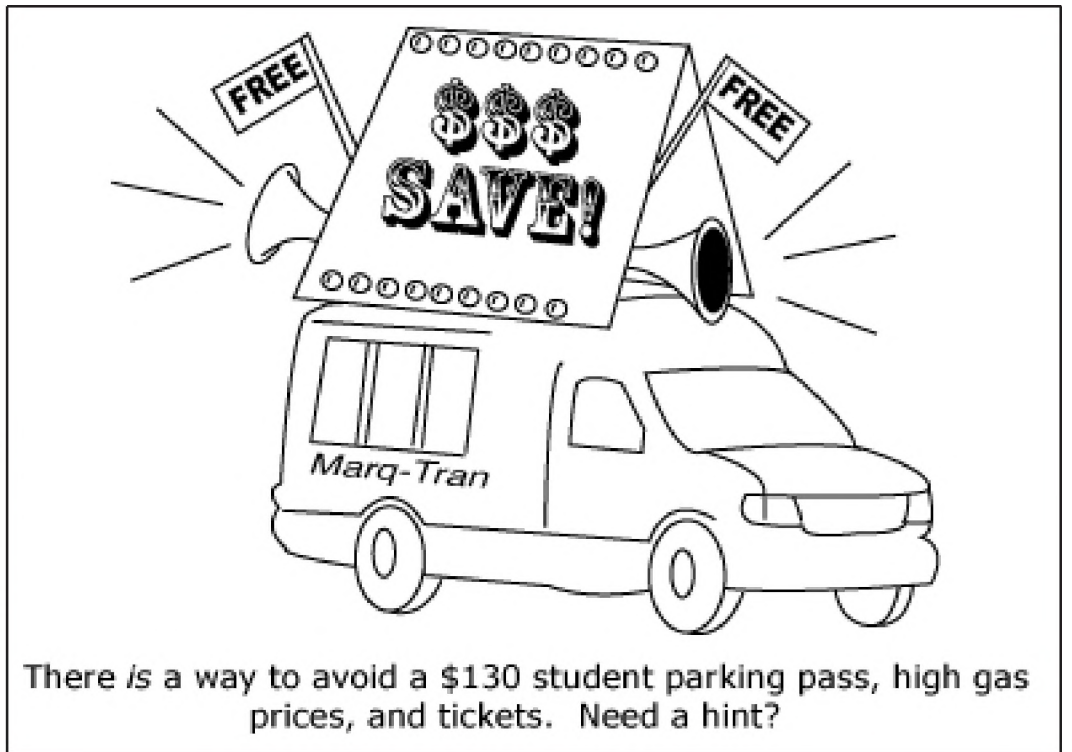
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# Felons deserve voting rights



Guest Column  
Tom Cory

Spending the day in flip flops heckling adolescents to register to vote is not my favorite thing to do, though it is how I spent more than a few hours this summer. Often, I would encounter underage kids smoking cigarettes and painfully waiting for the day when they can legally smoke in public. They were less than thrilled when faced with the prospect of gaining their constitutionally guaranteed suffrage in a few months.

This is why it bothered me when I met a man who had spent the last 30 years wishing he could vote. The man had been convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana possession, and upon leaving the jailhouse on the night of his arrest, he was wrongly told that he had lost his constitutional right to vote.

Michigan law only bars felons in prison at the time of an election from voting, not those who commit misdemeanors, nor does the law permanently bar any felon from voting.

Upon hearing the news, the stranger reacted in the way I'd expect anyone to who had been lied to. This man had served his time, yet had to incur an additional punishment due to the misinformation of another. The idea of criminals permanently losing

their suffrage is a prevalent rumor in many places, though it is a phenomenon with a difficult origin to track.

According to Sentencingproject.org, 5.3 million Americans are prevented from voting due to felon disenfranchisement laws. Prior to my experience with registering people to vote, I had no knowledge of how much misinformation there is out there about voting laws.

The most prevalent misconception is that felon disenfranchisement is a federal law. While the law varies from state to state, the Supreme Court has ruled it will only strike down voting laws if they are found to be discriminatory. What do they think the law is aiming to do?

If we are to take our criminal reform system seriously, we need to look for more effective ways for correcting felons behavior. We need to look for ways that don't involve labeling them as unable to make a decision that will greatly affect their lives. Taking away certain privileges from felons is reasonable, but those privileges ought to match the crime committed.

A long time ago, the punishment for stealing was cutting off your hand, not your ear. Taking away guns from convicted murderers makes sense, but people convicted of theft, or any other charge not directly related to voting should not lose their right to vote. I would only advocate barring a person to vote had they been convicted of voter fraud.

We must expect that no matter how foolish an individual was for committing a crime, that individual is capable of change. Isn't that the whole point of the prison system: Rehabilitation? If democratic channels are made open to past criminals, they'll have the chance to become productive members of society.

By the law's blindness in recognizing variances in criminal acts, felons are thus labeled as simply felons and nothing more. In many states' laws, there can be no successful felon who has paid his debt to society and is then allowed to exercise a right guaranteed by the constitution.

If the Supreme Court were to make a ruling on the laws barring felons from voting, which would be discriminatory, then maybe more people would know the facts. Then they could begin to dismiss the layers of stigma associated with criminals.

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# Kilpatrick deals Detroit another blow



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

I have always followed politics in this state closely, so it came as no surprise to me when last Thursday, Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick finally resigned after months of scandal. Kilpatrick also pled guilty to two felony charges of obstruction of justice, no contest to a third charge of assault and admitted to lying under oath. Along with resigning from office, he will spend four months in jail, pay \$1 million in restitution, have his law license revoked, give up his pension from the state of Michigan and spend five years on probation.

I was ecstatic when he finally stepped down. I've been keeping track of this story since the beginning of the year, and the time has long passed that I had any faith in this politician or the innocence he has so long maintained.

A charismatic leader by most accounts, the hope was that Kilpatrick could have brought about real change in the floundering city. Didn't we all anticipate that

when he was first elected, the city of Detroit might finally be headed for the turnaround it so desperately needed?

However, not long after he had taken office in January of 2002, the rumor mill began turning. Allegations of illicit sexual affairs and improper use of taxpayer funds circled, but despite all of that, voters in Detroit maintained their belief in Kilpatrick and re-elected him in 2005.

But we can't really blame those voters. This is a man who was intelligent, appeared family-oriented and deeply religious (once claiming that he received a sign from God that he was destined to be mayor). But most of all, he was loved by the public.

Everyone wanted to believe that Kilpatrick could really bring prosperity and a good name back to Detroit. To his credit, he made many major changes and improvements to the downtown area. He developed the riverfront area, which now includes the Detroit River Walk. He is also often cited with helping bring the Super Bowl to the city in 2006.

But those improvements were not enough to save him from the chopping block, which, without a doubt, he placed himself on.

However, it's not his personal indiscretions that bother me the most, but rather his blatant abuse of power and position. Under oath, Kilpatrick repeatedly lied about having an affair with his then chief of staff, Christine Beatty. He misled the city council when he asked them to secure \$8.4 million to pay a lawsuit settlement to three police officers who blew the whistle on him and the affair.

When we elect someone to lead and represent us, that person is expected to uphold certain rules and laws and answer for all the things they do. For months, Kilpatrick

denied accusations of his wrongdoing, and blamed everyone but himself. While he has finally admitted his guilt and accepted the blame, it has come much too late for redemption.

The fact of the matter is, Kilpatrick gained the trust of the people of the city of Detroit and just as quickly threw it away. This disgrace has taken control of the city over the last few months. Voters in Detroit placed real faith in their leader, a leader who would eventually betray that same faith.

The city of Detroit has seen plenty of rough times. It survived

the race riots of the 1960s. It has seen through the decline of the local auto industry. There was even a time when it had one of the highest murder rates in the country.

Detroit can outlive this scandal. I hope Kilpatrick's political career does not. Absolute power corrupts absolutely and no one exemplifies that more than him.

In a press conference held last week, he said "I want to tell you, Detroit, that you done set me up for a comeback."

Well, I want to tell you Kwame, you've done enough damage already. Please don't come back.



# Mud-slinging and politics don't mix



## Staff Column

Cassandra Sturos

To say that I am sick of politics would be an understatement. This year's presidential election is important, and that's not lost on me; however, I do think we could do without all the smear tactics.

But the sad truth is that politicians are to smear tactics as celebrities are to eating disorders. Just think of how much lovelier this election be if everyone stopped bashing each other.

I have done my research, and

I am aware that, while smear tactics prove to be effective in bringing your opponent down, it doesn't really change the fact that smearing is tacky and unprofessional.

Let's think of the two words smear and tactic. Smear, in the dictionary, can mean to "sully, vilify, or soil (a reputation, good name, etc.)" Tactic means "a plan, procedure, or expedient for promoting a desired end or result." While these two words aren't exactly obscure, when you really break it down, you can see that what candidates are doing is trying to destroy the good name of their opponent, if at all possible, so that their "team" can win.

That's pretty nasty.

What this behavior reminds me of is high school football, before the big homecoming game, when your team trash-talks the other team and the cheerleaders do cheesy numbers to get fans all riled up. Yeah, it's all well and good in high school because it's just high school football and it's labeled as team spirit. The stakes are not that high because it is just a game.

But well into adulthood, with candidates who are fighting to be come America's next president, and we're still trash-talking the other team. Why? To win? I realize this is the ultimate goal — to win, to get the presidency,

to make the big changes everyone's talking about — but at what cost?

Isn't there any integrity in politics? Was there ever integrity in politics? I'd like to think so, but maybe I'm just an idealist. No one even bats an eye when politicians philander, lie, or even steal. It's what we've come to expect and even condone. Politicians lie; it's time we all get used to it. If a president or even a candidate is unfaithful to his wife — oh well, at least he knows politics. In fact, the competing political parties just hope their opponent will do something awful because then they can get a nice smear campaign going.

I'm fed up. Both parties need to grow up and show me what they are going to do for our country, not see how many funny quips and jabs they can get at the other side to try and get my vote. I am not impressed, and I can see past the childish antics and low blows. I don't care if Sarah Palin's daughter is 17 and pregnant, and I most certainly don't care what kind of music Barack Obama listens to. At this point, I'd be half-inclined to vote for whichever candidate stops mud-slinging for two seconds.

When I see a candidate that is serious about being an adult, that is when I will be able to cast my vote without any reservations.

## Sound Off

How much do you spend on transportation each month?

Compiled by Amanda Rasmussen



**Krissi Wanink**  
freshman, industrial media

"I spend \$0.00 on transportation because I use my two feet. What a bargain."



**Jennifer Stephenson**  
sophomore, forensic biochemistry

"Anywhere from \$200-500."



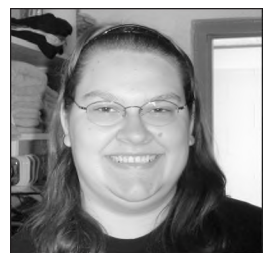
**Emily Neveu**  
sophomore, biology

"About \$300 a month on gas and that's after I try to walk/carpool as much as I can."



**Julia Antonissen**  
sophomore, nursing

"I spend about \$50 a month on transportation going home on certain weekends."



**Kendal Miskinis**  
freshman, photography

"If I get a ride home I spend up to \$100, otherwise none."

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## Comedy troupe brings big laughs

By Josh Snyder & Roy Buck  
contributing writers

You may think your job is anything but typical when you've spent months driving across the country, crammed in a small bus with seven co-workers. But you know your job is anything but typical when you finally arrive at your hotel, only to argue once again over who will get to sleep in the car-shaped bed.

But as a member of the famed comedic group Second City, this is just part of the constant grind that comes with being a comedian on the road.

The sketch comedy troupe, which will arrive in Marquette Sept. 13, consists of six performers and a pianist. The group will perform a two-act theatrical show that draws from the many touchstones in the Second City archives.

Founded in Chicago in 1959, Second City began as a small cabaret theater but has evolved over the years into a comedic institution for the comedy arena's

most talented. Second City has produced some heavy-hitters in the world of comedy such as Chris Farley, Steve Carell and Stephen Colbert.

Josh Miller, company manager of touring and theatricals for Second City, said the group's performance covers a wide array of topics.

"We focus on pretty much everything," Miller said. "From politics, to family life, to office space. Anything that's in culture, we'll cover and have fun with it a little bit."

Northern Arts and Entertainment (NAE) member Breanne Lash said Second City is an NMU staple.

"(NAE) has brought Second City to Marquette every other year for the last 16 to 18 years," Lash said, adding that the comedy troupe has always been very well-received and success-

ful, with their shows selling out or coming close to it.

Lash added that when it comes to the group's performance, you'll never know what to expect.

"The content of the show changes every year, with new members and material, so even if people have seen it in the past, there is always something

**We focus on pretty much everything, from politics, to family life, to office space. Anything that's in culture, we'll cover and have fun with it a little bit.**

— Josh Miller  
Company manager of touring and theatricals, Second City

new and different," Lash said. "Also, with it being an election year, it should be pretty funny."

For a group renowned for its comedic talent, it would seem that Second City members would be aspiring comedians from an early age. But for cast member Shad Kunkle, this wasn't the case.

"I moved to Chicago to get into acting and so forth," Kunkle said. "Ultimately, comedy is where I was most understood."

Although comedy seemed to be a good fit, Kunkle wasn't immediately met with success.

"I auditioned for Second City 10 times," he said, adding that the 10th time was the charm. "I left the producers dying and laughing, so they gave me a shot."

Once a year, Second City holds general auditions, where they hire about three performers from the 500 to 600 that typically audition.

Occasionally, cast members from Second City graduate to Saturday Night Live (SNL). Once a year, the SNL cast will come to Chicago to recruit potential Second City performers.

"Ultimately, there's no rhyme or reason (for them) to pick who they had," Kunkle

said. "But when they do come to town, there is a lot of hype and high expectations."

Kunkle's old acting coach and friend, Jason Sadakis, was one of those chosen for SNL. Agents from L.A. went to the Second City's Las Vegas theater and referred Sadakis to SNL creator Lorne Michaels, who ended up loving Sadakis' performance.

"(Jason Sadakis) is on SNL now ... performing to the rest of the world," Kunkle said.

Other notable venues for Second City alumni are the shows "30 Rock" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." According to Kunkle, many castmembers from "30 Rock" came from Chicago's Second City.

"(They) performed right alongside of me," Kunkle said.

Second City will perform Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Forest Roberts Theater at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for non-students and are available at EZ Ticket outlets. The event is sponsored by NAE.

## Notable Second City Alumni

When Second City claims that they've trained a lot of comedy's greats, they aren't kidding. Below is a list of some of the talent that have gone through Second City's halls.

Dan Aykroyd  
Alan Alda  
Ed Asner  
Jim Belushi  
John Belushi  
John Candy  
Steve Carell  
Stephen Colbert  
Chris Farley

Tina Fey  
Shelley Long  
Bill Murray  
Mike Myers  
Gilda Radnew  
Harold Ramis  
Joan Rivers  
Martin Short  
George Wendt

Photos courtesy of Josh Miller

Top left: From left to right: Tim Sniffen, Shad Kunkle, Tara DeFrancisco, Brian Jack, Katie Rich and Sayjal Joshi

Top right: Back row — Tara DeFrancisco, Tim Sniffen;  
Front row — Katie Rich, Brian Jack

Bottom: Top Row — Shad Kunkle, Tara DeFrancisco, Brian Jack;  
Middle row — Alan Bailey, Katie Rich, Tim Sniffen, Sayjal Joshi;  
Bottom row — Meghan Teal



# Donckers

MARQUETTE

# 100 YEARS LATER, DONCKERS STILL SWEET

Driving down Washington Street, it's hard to miss the great views, beautiful old architecture and unique shops and restaurants. But there's one place that has been a staple to the scenic view since 1896: Donckers.

"Anything sweet in Marquette, you think of Donckers," said chocolatier and soda jerk manager Quentin Stewart. Chocolatiers are people who make sweets from chocolate and soda jerks are people who make phosphates — an old fashioned soda.

What started out as a simple stand selling candies, fruit, tobacco and popcorn, grew into an ice cream and candy shop, luncheonette and soda jerk by 1914. The place remained this way until financial problems forced it to shut down every operation except the fudge and sweets in 1970. That is, until local businessman and developer Tom Viar purchased it last year.

"Tom and his family breathed new life into the old business," Stewart said.

Viar shut Donckers down from January until July of this year in order to bring back the luncheonette, ice cream and soda jerk. Customers can get the soda flavors they're used to, like Coke, root beer, and orange, but for those wanting something different, there's also vanilla, chocolate or the green river, a lime flavored soda.

Other than sodas, Donckers offers a host of specialty sundaes,

like the NMU Wildcat. Every sundae has a choice of regular or premium ice cream. Customers can also combine their drink and dessert with an ice cream soda. The soda jerk can add any phosphates to two scoops of regular or premium ice cream.

The menu has also been changed beyond sodas and sundaes to include typical lunches, such as sandwiches. Although customers can no longer get old favorites like an olive and tongue or pimento and cheese sandwich, they do offer plenty of new ones, like the Reuben and the chicken and prosciutto. Donckers keeps the menu high quality by making homemade bread for the sandwiches and noodles for the chicken noodle soup daily.

But if you do want a taste of the past, Donckers offers liverwurst and tomato, as well as olive and nut sandwiches from the original menu.

"(The olive and nut sandwich is) like an adult peanut butter and jelly sandwich," says Stewart.

Even with all the changes, Donckers has still kept the same atmosphere that customers like senior chemistry major Caity Cienkus liked about the old place.

"The owner was so nice to us," Cienkus says. "He gave us a few samples of things we were interested in and chatted with us the whole time we were there."

Junior nursing major Ally Anderson has been buying her chocolates from Donckers for years. Even when she was attending Michigan State University, she would still bring friends up to Marquette on holidays and they would go to Donckers for chocolate and fudge.

"I love their angel mints," she says. "They're chocolate, they're mint, they're amazing."

And for 112 years, customers like Anderson have been coming to Donckers to get their sweet fix.

By: Sarah Hawkins  
staff writer

# Unique Flavors, the Old Fashioned Way



Brittany McIntire/NW Marquette senior high school student Sydney Johnston serves up a cold phosphate at Donckers original soda fountain.

Probably the most unique items on Donckers' menu are the phosphates. Phosphates are pulled sodas made from scratch by a soda jerk. In today's world of pop machines and soda fountains that mix your drink for you, waiting for someone to make your soda might seem like a hassle.

But there's definitely something different about a freshly made soda. They're creamier and less carbonated than most people would be used to. And Donckers still makes them the old fashioned way.

"The recipes come from early 1900s soda recipes," said chocolatier and soda jerk manager Quentin Stewart.

To start, a soda jerk will put a shot of whatever flavor syrup the customer wants in a glass, then will add carbonated water.

The term soda jerk comes from the way they jerk the lever for the water. They have to wait for the fizz on the top of the glass to go down before jerking the lever again and adding more.

Donckers sodas are \$2 and come in any combination of Coke, root beer, vanilla, chocolate, cherry, orange and green river. The unique thing about drinks from a soda jerk is that the customer can create whatever flavor they want. Chocolate, cherry and Vanilla Coke are all on the menu, but why not try a vanilla orange cherry soda? Mix chocolate and orange and have a chocolate covered orange soda. The drink creations are only limited by the customers' imagination.

# Donckers then and NOW

Donckers has changed a lot more than just their menus. Along with offering customers pulled sodas and unique sundaes, owner Tom Viar has also remodeled the store to look like it's 100-year-old counterpart. The remodeling of Donckers, as shown below, shows just how far back in time customers are going when they stop by for a phosphate.



## MENU: NOW & THEN

It's no secret that prices on goods and services have gone up over the years. In recent years, gas prices have shot up, making the things people need more expensive as a result. But what is interesting to look at is how much the consumers' taste has changed over time. Donckers has been around for over a century and has had to alter their items and prices in response to a changing community and economy.

Here's a list of how the menu today compares with the menu from way back when.

Now		Then	
NMU Wildcat	\$5.50	NMU Wildcat	\$.75
Phosphates	\$2.00	Sodas	\$.40
Curry Chicken salad	\$6.50	Ham salad	\$.50
BLT	\$7.50	Olive and Ham	\$.50
Olive and Nut	\$6.25	Olive and Nut	\$.50
Liverwurst and Tomato	\$6.25	Liverwurst and Tomato	\$.55

For a complete comparison of the old and new menu, which includes Donckers' recently expanded menu, visit our Web site at [www.thenorthwindonline.com](http://www.thenorthwindonline.com).

# Exhibit offers unique viewpoint

By Sidney Arnold  
contributing writer

A new school year has begun, and with it a new presentation at the DeVos Art Museum titled "On the Point of Crystal Time," an exhibit by Cincinnati artists Denise Burge and Lisa Siders.

The exhibition shows a point of view given through mirror imagery and how it is expressed both in man-made and natural settings. Commonly found symbols in the show include crystals, mirrors, animal bones and various discarded objects, such as high heels and empty thread spools. Key points in the exhibit include not only mirror images, but also opposing forces in an image, such as puritan vs. disco, nature vs. civilization and black vs. white.

Interest has been spreading throughout campus since its opening Aug. 22, with recent class tours and word-of-mouth helping to draw viewers. NMU senior Heather Day came after hearing about the show through one of her professors.

"It relates to my social structures class, particularly because we're talking about site-specific art and installation art," Day said.

Specific and installation art are both forms that use the space given as part of the exhibit they create. In site-specific art, the surrounding walls or environmental factors are used to compliment the show, and sometimes the site is picked because it will compliment the exhibit. Installation art is when multiple media types are included to form a different experience after being in the exhibit.

The exhibit uses sound bites, video loops and collages to help the viewer fully experience the show, and it even uses one of the large white walls in DeVos as the site of a primary

**Once you become aware of the themes and all the different elements, they kind of start popping out at you.**

— Melissa Matuscak  
director and curator, DeVos Art  
Museum

ly black linear collage.

One example of the varying media is the animalistic sound bite playing in the background, which is actually a loop from a Donna Summers disco song. The disco ball images prevalent throughout the exhibition

not only show the influence of the time, but also once again displays the mirrors.

Director and Curator Melissa Matuscak helped to reveal one of the more obscure references to disco by pointing out that a sculpture made in a pile of salt could be linked as a reference to cocaine — one way of getting back to the primal feeling that the disco age strived for. The disco imagery is opposed by images of dancing women in puritan clothing. Other more puritan roots include the use of knitted shapes that are used throughout the show.

"[The two artists] both have quilting and textile backgrounds they learned from their parents, and patching a quilt is often a similar result to piecing together a collage but with a very different approach," Matuscak said.

A dark linear collage runs along the white wall of the exhibit decorated with these knitted patterns, and on the floor across the way a white line mimics the collage style on the ground. The black line displays the human world with traces of nature and mirrors, and the white line focuses on nature and has traces of human life in it, such as an

abandoned clutch purse filled with wishbones lying along the same trail as the body of a dead bird.

"Once you become aware of the themes and all the different elements, they kind of start popping out at you," Matuscak said.

In one particular part of the exhibit, an acrylic mirror is covered with words, and the stenciled outline is copied as an imprint on the opposite wall in a rock salt powder. This is repeated again with the circle of words being made of

salt crystals, and then opposed with a wall imprint done in charcoal. The words displayed on the circle, Matuscak explained, are used by the artists as a mantra for this piece, relating to nature and the differing emotions and reactions it can invoke.

When asked what she hopes viewers will come away with after viewing this exhibit, Matuscak said she hopes people will get a different interpretation of nature.

The exhibition is free and runs through Sept. 28.



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Photo collage "Black Line/White Line II," by artists Denise Burge and Lisa Siders, is currently on display at the DeVos Art Museum

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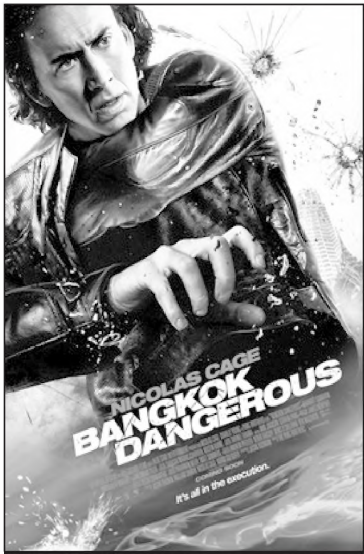


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# 'Dangerous' not safe for viewers



Film: Bangkok Dangerous  
 Directors: Oxide Pang Chun, Danny Pang  
 Producers: Nicolas Cage, Norman Golightly, William Sherak  
 Writer: Jason Richman  
 Starring: Nicolas Cage  
 Runtime: 99 minutes  
 Rating: R



By Scott Viau  
 staff writer

What the hell happened to Nicolas Cage? I remember when he used to make really good movies, like "Leaving Las Vegas," and was actually a talented actor. He took a wrong turn somewhere, and has been coming out with crap consistently for years. "Bangkok Dangerous" turns out to be no different than his most recent work and is more than likely a bleak glimpse of films to come.

Joe (Cage) is a hit man for hire. He is currently on assignment in Bangkok to take out certain people that his employees have a problem with. While

in Bangkok, he hires Kong (Shahkrit Yamnarm), a street-wise man who helps Joe with gathering information he needs to carry out his executions. After receiving an injury during one of his assassinations, Joe goes to the local pharmacy to purchase medication. While there, he meets a young, deaf woman named Fon (Charlie Yeung). For some reason Fon seems to capture Joe's heart, and he decides to court her. This eventually makes Joe discover his scruples, and he begins to wonder whether a life of murder and deception is one he truly wants.

"Bangkok Dangerous" is a remake of Oxide and Danny Pang's original film of the same title. Although I haven't seen

the original, I'm sure it's safe to say that it is more than likely better than its Hollywood counterpart. "The Departed," which was based off the Pang Bros. own "Infernal Affairs," showed that remaking foreign films for a Hollywood audience isn't always a bad thing. The material for a great story needs to be there, though, and this time it wasn't.

Looking like a stand-in for Alan Rickman in the Harry Potter films, Cage is truly phoning in this performance, just like he has with most of his recent films. He speaks in a monotone voice with much seriousness, even though a lot of the dialogue in "Dangerous" is laughable. I truly hope Cage signed on to this film only for the paycheck, and not because he thought the script had any merit to it.

Another humorous aspect is how the film becomes "The Karate Kid" for a brief period when Kong wants Joe to teach him how to defend himself, which comes about when he is attacked by a gang of neighborhood thugs. Despite the fact that he defended himself quite capably, Kong feels he has more to learn from his employer when it comes to the art of murder. Thankfully, these scenes are rather brief and never really come to fruition.

There are only two scenes in

this film that actually grabbed my attention, and that's because there was violence involved. The first was a somewhat entertaining shoot-out down a narrow, merchant-populated river. After wasting many rounds of ammo Joe finally catches up to his target and disarms him by severing his hand. The second notable scene comes toward the end of the film and involves a man being torn in half. I don't even remember how this occurred but I do know that it looked cool.

The romantic relationship seems to be there only to justify the film's ending and to add drama. There is no chemistry between Joe and Fon, who can

hardly communicate. The latter is deaf and the former can't sign, yet somehow love springs eternal, and this romance is enough for Joe to question his immoral ways.

It's safe to say that those going to see "Bangkok Dangerous" can leave their brains at the door. If flat acting, laughable dialogue and a few notable scenes of violence is what you're looking for, then run out to your local theater and see this. But by paying to see this movie, we're only letting the studios think that we approve of this kind of mindless entertainment. So unless you want to see more trash, I would boycott "Bangkok."



Photo courtesy of Yahoo!

Joe (Nicolas Cage) tracks down his targets with new friend Kong (Shahkrit Yamnarm) in the by-the-numbers action flick "Bangkok Dangerous"

# Beck's latest guilty of being a re-hash



By Tom Cory  
 contributing writer

For so many Beck-ophiles, such as myself, a new Beck release is much like studying for a test. I like to start at the top of his catalog and play on through. This prep will come in handy for identifying the stylistic progression and genre mixing he has become so well-known for. Listening to Beck is much like revisiting a beloved series, or a favorite novel that is strongly associated with an earlier time. Needless to say, I was excited to live another summer of my life through Beck's latest release "Modern Guilt."

However, the latest from the 38-year-old alternative rock trailblazer is a bluesy mess, something that in prior reassesses he had used to stunning affect. However, "Modern Guilt" offers little new, and is even a step back for him in some ways.

It's unfair to say that if you're not moving forward you're not accomplishing anything. I would be content with a release of cut tracks from any one of Beck's prior releases — "Midnight Vultures 2" would be have been more effective than his latest.

Beck has given us 1996's "Odeley," where the sampling is similar in style to "Guilt" producer Danger Mouse's famous mashup "The Grey Album." There is more than enough evidence to suggest he was looking to progress, though the project remains stagnant. At times, I felt like he was almost sampling his prior work in a sad attempt at making a mash-up. Also featured on the album is indie femme-fatal Cat Power. If you are fond of Cat Power's angelic voice and down-trodden rifts, then look someplace else. Sadly, Beck apparently had no room

for incorporating her. Is she on bass? Drums? Where is Cat Power on this CD?

In the past, producer Danger Mouse has proven himself apt at delivering smooth beats and innovative samples. There's no doubt in my mind that Danger's production of "Guilt" was meticulous, for better or worse. Bass rifts come and go, jazzy drums are confronted with electronic static, which is all very cool. However, the production is only a veneer for the same material Beck has been building on during his expansive career.

In evaluating this record, ask yourself if you are a Beck fan (it's the first step to recovery). You may find yourself having a brief tryst with "Modern Guilt," simply to pay your respect. For anyone else listening to Beck for the first time or those yet under his spell, I suggest simply putting on all of Beck's albums simultaneously while listening to Cat Power and Danger Mouse. Not only would you get a better feel for the artists, but the experience may prove to be more enjoyable than the 33-minute dud that is "Modern Guilt."



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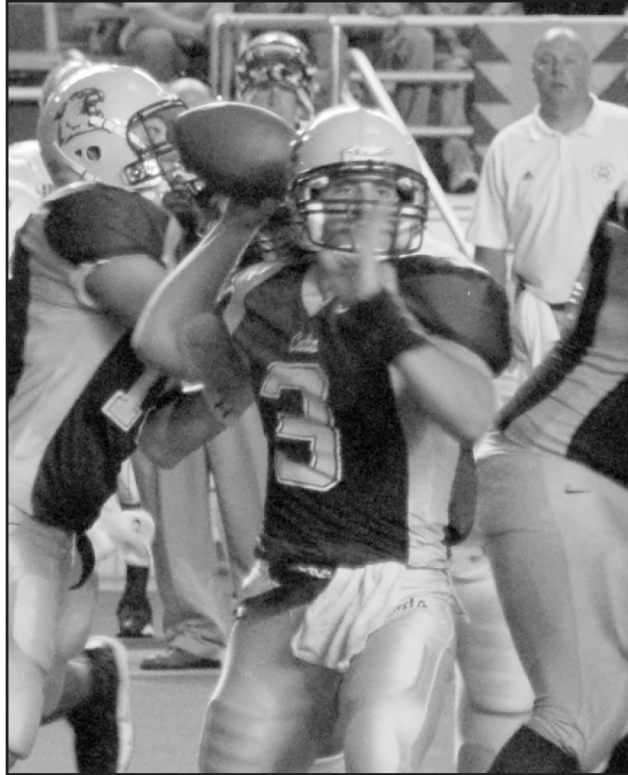
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Mark Bossuah (left), Ben Hempel (center) and Nathan Yelk and Alex Grignon (right) all led the Wildcats in Saturday's first home game against Northwood.

Left and right photos Eric Hampton/NW and center photo Jeff Kitson /NW

# By land, by air, by 'D'

## NMU football defeats heavily favored Northwood team in week one

By **Drew Kochanny**  
staff sports writer

Northern football was looking to make an opening season statement Saturday when the 'Cats defeated Northwood University 30-7.

Early in the game, it was the Wildcat defense that made the statement.

"I think we all stepped up as a whole team; we've been breaking it down, 'GLIAC champs,' all camp long and made statements before the game that this was step one," senior safety Alex Grignon said. "We've got a long season, and each game is going to be one step at a time. We wanted to send a message from everyone from the starters to the bench players."

In Northwood's first possession of the game, NMU sophomore safety Andrew Strobel picked off Northwood quarterback

Spencer Klukowski less than three minutes in. Strobel returned the pick into NMU territory.

"I think that was one of the biggest plays. That just set our defense off," junior linebacker Zach Gauthier said. "It gave our defense all the confidence we could get."

After a one-yard touchdown run by junior running back Mark Bossuah and a 35-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Anthony Leandri, the Wildcats headed into halftime up 10-0.

"To start fast was important, because it's the first game of the year," head coach Bernie Anderson said. "Scoring that first touchdown and that field goal (was big).

"Even bigger than that, though, we played defense early," he added.

Anderson is now 2-1 in opening games

since coming to NMU in 2006.

In the second half, junior quarterback Ben Hempel began to show why he was highly recruited out of high school. After a one-yard touchdown run by Bossuah, Hempel would connect with senior receivers Dan Elmore, on a 37-yard strike, and Fred Wells, on a 46-yard pass. The touchdowns put NMU up 30-0.

"Ben did exactly what we asked him to do," Anderson said. "We asked him to go in there, take command of the huddle and get command of the offense and don't look to make the big play.

"For it being his first start and to execute for four quarters, I think he did a great job," Anderson added.

Hempel finished the game 14-19 passing for 282 yards and two scores. Bossuah led

the attack on the ground, taking the ball 14 times for 132 yards and two touchdowns. Junior wideout Zach Nichols led all receivers with six catches for 75 yards.

Backup freshman running back Maurice Williams carried the ball 17 times for 106 yards.

"I think you have to have two running backs in this league, and I think we have two," Anderson said of Williams' performance.

Northern finished the day with a total of 561 yards of offense, 298 through the air and 263 on the ground.

The Wildcat defense proved strongest, though, holding a powerful Northwood offense to 296 total yards.

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# USOEC wrestler shares Olympic experience

By **Gordon Beedle**  
assistant sports editor

The 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing consisted of thousands of stories, from the eight gold medals of Michael Phelps to the world records broken by Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt. The Olympic memories will last long after the athletes competed in their final event.

Spenser Mango, a 22-year-old United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC) greco-roman wrestler and current NMU student, competed in the games and left with a story of his own.

"It was amazing," Mango, a physical education major, said. "With all the people, all the facilities and all the countries in one place at one time — I could have never really dreamed of what it would be like."

Since Mango's first year at Northern in 2004, he has earned a world university championship and has become the first USOEC greco-roman student athlete to qualify for the Olympics while attending NMU.

But even before the accomplishments, USOEC head coach Ivan Ivanov and assistant coach Jim Gruenwald said they saw Mango's potential.

Mango was recruited in his senior year of high school after placing second at the 2004 junior nationals, finishing behind 2008 freestyle gold medalist Henry Cejudo.

In Mango's second season at the USOEC, he started gaining attention on the national and world greco-roman wrestling scene.

"When he won his bronze medal, and won his world title — I knew Spenser was a great candidate to make an Olympic

Team," Ivanov said. "I knew he was going to do well by the time the (2008) Olympic trials came around — and I wasn't wrong."

In June, Mango beat 24-year-old Sam Hazewinke in two straight periods at the Olympic Trials.

Joining Mango was Ivanov in his first Olympics as an assistant coach.

### Being an Olympian

Following the trials, Mango left Marquette to train with Team USA in Colorado Springs.

After arriving in Beijing on Aug. 2, Mango and a teammate walked the Olympic village in awe.

"We are walking and we're like, 'Wow we're in the Olympic village,'" Mango said. "I realized that it's a once in lifetime oppor-

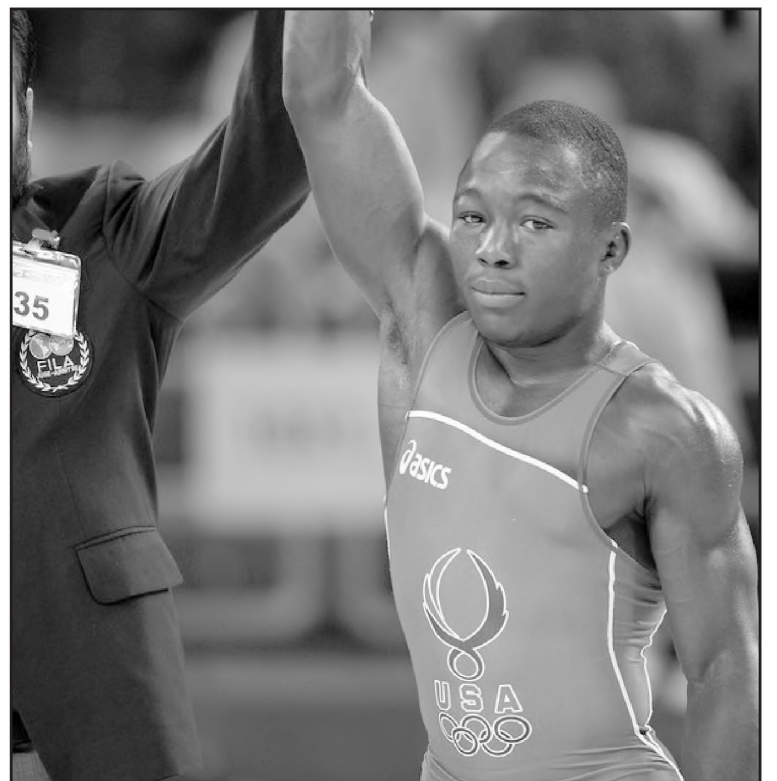


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First year to Olympian

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Spenser Mango, a junior, competed in the smallest weight class, 55kg.

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NMU's defense is led by a trio of upper-classmen in Gauthier, Grignon and junior linebacker Nathan Yelk. On Saturday, a group of youngsters and newcomers contributed as well. According to Gauthier, much of the defensive success can be credited to new defensive coordinator Randy Awrey and the defensive scheme he brought in during the off-season.

"It's just a totally different game with that defense out there," Gauthier said. "Things are a lot easier, everything's coming a lot easier and we're able to have fun and just play football. Last year, we were thinking too hard and we were trying to do assignment football, and it just wasn't working."

The linebackers and defensive line combined for five stops behind the line of scrimmage, to go along with three sacks. Last season, the Wildcats defense recorded a total of 11 sacks, ranking last in the conference.

Accounting for two of the three sacks was junior outside linebacker Scott Avery. Avery moved from defensive lineman to linebacker in the offseason.

"It was pretty easy to transition (to linebacker)," Avery said. "It's not that much different. The only things I really had to learn were pass drops, but it's nice to get freed up on the outside a little bit."

The NMU defensive secondary, with two starting sophomores and a redshirt freshman, picked up two interceptions and gave up merely 81 yards through the air.

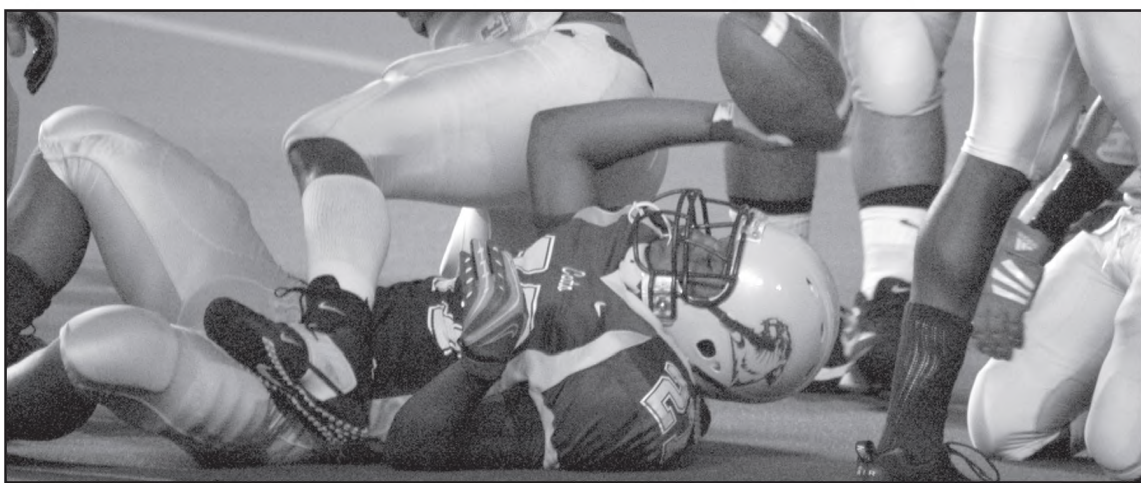
"They played very well. And I

wasn't sure, being they're young and it was their first game," Yelk said of the secondary.

Strobel came away with the first interception and the second pick came in the third, courtesy of Grignon. One player who didn't come away with a pick but made an impact was redshirt freshman Marcus Tribble, who in his first collegiate start, made six tackles, broke up one pass and recovered a fumble.

"Coach Awrey put us in the right position to make some plays, and that's what we did," Tribble said. "I just went out there and had fun."

The Wildcat team will now need to prove they can win consistently. The first chance the 'Cats get is when they travel to Tiffin University (0-2, 0-1) this weekend for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff on Saturday.



Jeff Kitson/NW

Mark Bossuah, a junior running back, received the ball 14 times for 132 yards in Saturday's game.

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tunity.

"I'm glad I sat down and looked at it and got to enjoy it," he added.

But not every day in Beijing was enjoyable. When he arrived, Mango said he was still 13 pounds over the weight limit. He said he almost missed the opening ceremony because he was focused on the weigh in.

"If you saw me there (during the opening ceremony) I probably looked pretty grumpy. But I'm real glad I went," Mango said.

Mango shook hands and took photos with a variety of people including Team USA soccer, Venus and Serena Williams and George W. Bush.

But Mango said all the bright lights didn't affect his focus.

On Aug. 12, Mango donned in Olympic red, white and blue, stepped on the mat for the first time, ready to compete. He said this was his greatest memory.

In his first match he defeated Virgil Munteanu of Romania in two straight periods. Then, in the second match, Mango fell in two periods to Park Eun-Chul of South Korea.

With Olympic wrestling, competitors have the opportunity to reenter the medal round if the person whom they lost to enters the finals.

In Mango's case, Eun-Chul was upset by Nazyr Mankiev from Russia and Mango was

eliminated.

"It sucked to be honest," Mango said. "I was out of the Olympics and I was crushed."

## Coming home an Olympian

Mango left the stadium proud he'd competed but disappointed that it was only for two matches. His coaches and teammates encouraged him, saying he was young and that he'll be back.

"If Spenser were to win that match—he was going for a medal," Ivanov said. "But it was a success for him just to be at this level."

Mango's Olympic teammate T.C. Dantzer, a 37 year-old from Colorado, said he saw the greatness in Mango and thinks he will return.

"I've been in wrestling for a long time and I haven't seen many guys, especially on a US Team, that mature so fast," Dantzer said. "I remember watching him three years ago and I saw him mature into the patient hunter he is—where he'll wait and pick his move and do the technique he'll want to do. For the type of wrestler he is, you might only see that once or twice in lifetime."

Looking back on his experience, Mango said he was on the same level as the best in the world.

"When I came off the mat, I was like, 'I am right there with these guys. They're not that tough,'" Mango said. "They're not just going to go out and crush me. If I would've done a couple things different I would've won, [against

Eun-chul]."

Ivanov said the mistakes Mango made were only close calls, which could have gone either way.

"The way he wrestled, and the way he handled it—psychologically and mentally—was right. I watched him, and he was so calm and was with confidence," Ivanov said. "He had everything, but in this particular match with Korea, he had one or two small mistakes."

With his rearing days, Mango cheered on his fellow USA wrestlers. He saw Cejudo capture the freestyle gold medal and former Northern USOEC athletes Randi Miller and Adam Wheeler bring home greco-roman bronze medals.

"You train so hard and you want it so bad, but to see your teammates win it, it's great," Mango said.

Mango also witnessed history as he saw Yelena Isinbayeva from Russia break a world record in pole vaulting and later, when he walked the Great Wall.

"Not many people can say they actually did that or got to see those things," he said. "So I was just trying to enjoy being there."

Mango returned home from the Olympics with memories to share and a desire to make his own Olympic history.

"It was an honor to be able to represent the United States in the Olympic Games," Mango said. "I'm going to try and make another team in 2012 and hopefully I can bring home some medals."

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Defender Emily Lockery dribbles the ball forward in Sunday's match

## Soccer splits over the weekend

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team saw the scoreboard herald its success last Friday, when the Wildcats won 3-0 against Concordia-St. Paul, but also witnessed it display the heartbreak of a tough overtime loss to Winona State on Sunday 2-1.

NMU dominated the Golden Bears on Friday, outshooting Concordia 19-0 in the first half alone. The visitors were able to put three shots on goal in the second half, but all were blocked by the junior goalie tandem of Dana Bush (2 saves) and starter Kara Music (1).

Northern took Friday's lead quickly with an unassisted goal from sophomore Kari Buckel, just 1:23 into the game.

"I was just feeling it. I haven't scored yet this season, so it was building up inside," Buckel said.

Buckel also scored in the second half, when a scramble for the ball left her in a fortunate position.

"The ball was blocked out from the goal and I just kicked it in," Buckel said. "The goalie was on the ground and I was there. Most of it was luck."

Senior Casey Wilcox grabbed the third goal, of the game, scoring in the 16th minute. The goal was unassisted.

The goals are a welcomed proof of growth for Northern, as the Wildcats focused on scoring in practice this past week, said head coach Matt Granstrand.

"A lot of it is just recognizing the opportunity, what's presented and how to attack it," Granstrand said. "It's a hard thing for a team to do early in the season."

Granstrand also commended the Wildcats on good ball movement and said the team is still trying to progress.

Unfortunately for NMU, the No. 12 Winona State Warriors (3-1) defeated the 'Cats on Sunday in overtime. For Winona State this season, three of its four games have gone into overtime, with 1-1 scores, with WSU winning all of them. Winona State senior forward Gina Florian scored the overtime goal to seal the win.

NMU senior captain Brittany Buchanan scored the lone goal for the 'Cats halfway through the second half, on an assist from fellow captain Meghan Sarna. Keeper Kara Music played the full game and recorded six saves.

The Wildcats improve to 3-2 overall, with all games being outside of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). NMU will have another Friday and Sunday set of games at the practice fields east of the dome. Friday's opponent will be University of Minnesota-Duluth before the Wildcats play their first GLIAC game of the year against Ashland University on Sunday.

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# NMU Outdoor Rec. Center still growing

By Sarah O'Neil  
contributing writer

On a fall day in Marquette, a walk through the colorful leaves is something a student often does to relax after a hard day of studying. This semester the Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) is hoping to make that option a little easier with their new Saturday Morning Hiking Series.

The hikes will take place two Saturdays a month starting on Sept. 20 and going through the first Saturday in November. During each session, employees will guide students on hikes to some of the area's more scenic sites such as Little Presque Isle and Carp River Falls.

Ben Maher, a senior management major, serves as the ORC rental and trips manager, and it was Maher's idea to start the series. He said it is based on last semester's Saturday Morning Snowshoeing.

"I figured it would be a good thing to do to introduce people to great hiking spots," Maher said.

The hikes are available to all students but mainly geared toward those who are unfamiliar with the area and would like to see more, Maher said. Minimum skill level is required for the hikes.

When proposing new types of events, the ORC focuses mainly on what the students want, said Associate Director of Programming at the PEIF, Brian Gaudreau. Surveys are done to see what type of events students would like to participate in. He said the success of the new hiking series will depend on a number of different things.

"The Snowshoe Series did well which is what this (the hiking series) is based on," Gaudreau said. "But a lot of it will depend on the weather and things you can't control, as well as getting the word out."

In fact, the series is only one of the steps the ORC is taking to increase involvement.

Amanda Boshell is a senior physical geography major and ORC student climbing wall manager. She said the group's past problems with lack of participation had to do with difficulties getting the word out.

"A lot of what the group struggles with is being such a small office in the Rec. Sports Department," Boshell said.

"We haven't been very active with publicity, but we're trying to change that," she added.

Although it's hit or miss with the number of participants, the ORC has grown throughout the two years she has been employed there, Boshell said.

"We've grown a lot with or-

ganization around the office, and getting a lot of different programs offered," Boshell said.

In addition to the climbing wall which has generated 140 participants this semester, the programs offered by the ORC have expanded to include other activities such as the upcoming REEL Rock Film Tour and the snowshoe and hiking series.

According to Boshell, the ORC also holds climbing and bouldering competitions which receive sponsorship from local businesses such as Down Wind Sports, and major outdoor manufacturers like Mountain Hardwear.

Gaudreau said he agrees that the growth of the ORC in both overall participation and number of events has been inconsistent, but he feels students have a lot to benefit from becoming involved.

"Students get the opportunity to try something they've never tried before. And if you sign up and become part of a group you don't know, I guarantee you will know people by the end. A lot of it is the social aspect," Gaudreau said.

Besides being social, the program promotes self confidence, discipline and a work ethic that will help students with any career they choose in the future.

"There's a lot of attention to detail, a lot of gear that has to be put on correctly," Boshell said. "If I were a boss in the real world, I would hire these people (who participate in ORC activities)."

The surroundings of Marquette are much of the reason the ORC is able to offer students such opportunities, Maher said.

For students contemplating what college to go to, the environment at NMU is often a deciding factor when students make their decision.

Drew Brodhead, founder of the Climbing Club at NMU, said much of the reason he chose NMU was due to the environment and outdoor recreation. Originally from Harbor Springs, he spent his freshman year at Grand Valley State before deciding to come to Northern.

"Being in the big city was OK," Brodhead said, "But it took away a lot of what I grew up with."

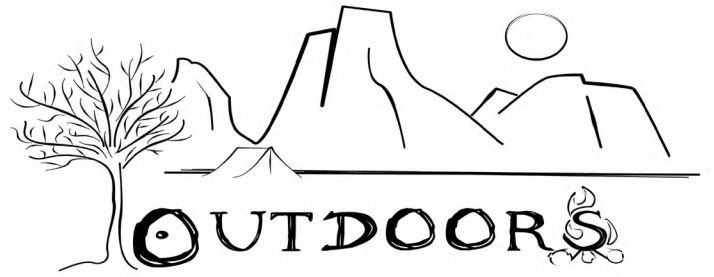
Sierra Dux, a junior at NMU and a Marquette native, said one of the things that keeps her here is the great opportunity for outdoor recreation. After spending three years in Truckee, Calif., the U.P. scenery is what brought her back.

"The variety of activities that I get to do now is great: mountain biking, rock climbing and of course Lake Superior," Dux said. "There's a lot of opportunity that the ORC provides to do these things."



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Biology grad student Jenny Anderson (above) climbs the Outdoor Recreation Center's rock wall at the PEIF building on campus.



Callie Youngman is an NMU junior who describes herself as an optimist. Though some might describe her childhood as grubby, she feels her time spent outdoors has helped her.

"Being outside makes this world a little less confusing," she

said.

Youngman said, during difficult times, she looked to famous anarchist Emma Goldman, who says "If I can't dance, I don't want your revolution."

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## The Outdoors (thə out'dôrz) n.



### Staff Column

Callie Youngman

Let's get a definition going here: What is "The Outdoors?" In its most literal translation (outdoors.), this suggests that it is any place not within a building — a pretty all-encompassing idea. It allows for discourse on a broad range of topics: wildlife, plant life, human impact, the environment, land use, agriculture, etc.

With such plasticity and freedom, why then do so many "outdoor writers" limit themselves to the subject of recreation? The outdoors and outdoor living is not simply taking something away — an experience, a photograph, a "turty-point" buck. It is not simply using the land for our own purposes and goals. It is not simple. It is a lifestyle that relies on balance, cooperation and humility. And it is a lifestyle that is ever transforming.

With this said, I do my fair share of recreating. I enjoy backpacking, canoeing, snowboarding, fishing, biking, hiking, camping and talking about camping gear. I love experiencing the great outdoors. I chose Northern, Marquette and the U.P. in part because of this passion.

Throughout the year, my writings will include more day hikes, paddles and rides, overnight backpacking and car camping ideas than you will have time for. There will be places you have heard of and places you have not. There will be how-to's and what-not-to-do's. I will encourage you to get outside and provide you with simple ways to enjoy yourself. I will be the best cheerleader "the outdoors" has ever seen.

I will also bring to you the greater issues that will ultimately determine if I will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoors in my lifetime and provide the same experiences for future generations. With the theme of sustainability, I will discuss different ways of cultivating the land, the role of local agriculture, food and energy consumption/production, and land use/abuse. I will try to debunk the complex policies and regulations that govern this land,

and hopefully provide you ways of connecting with and engaging directly in issues that will shape and affect your future.

Our university's tagline is "Northern. Naturally." And although some of the practices that happen on this campus contradict this au naturel image, there are many cool ways of being involved with outdoor-related groups and events. I will bring you information on these student-led organizations, clubs, and functions — some I have been a part of and some I will be exploring and learning about along with you.

There are a myriad of possibilities outside of NMU that I will share with you as well. Different organizations and employers across the country and around the world specializing in "The Outdoors" want to involve and employ college students. Jobs, internships, education and volunteer opportunities are available to people with all levels of experience.

Today's world demands a greater comprehension with globally-focused goggles. People are recognizing the importance of international cooperation in dealing with such pertinent issues concerning "The Outdoors." According to a New York Times article, when discussing the most pressing current issues at the "Global Town Hall" on the opening day of the World's Economic Forum's 2005 Annual Meeting, approximately 700 leaders named "climate change" as a top-three concern. They recognized its "global scope and impact" and potentially irreversible nature. But they also noted that the opportunity for reversing this trend was hopeful and was seen as "an achievable change."

It is often difficult to make a connection with such enormous problems that seem to be taking place a half a world away. But what is happening locally and domestically are simply microcosms of these globally pertinent issues. I want to provide NMU students with a dialogue that encompasses — in every sense, not just recreation — "the Outdoors" and all the joys and frustrations of those who love it. I am not going to limit myself in outdoor writing because I do not believe that "the outdoors" is a limited subject.

**Today, Sept. 11**

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

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-10:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Student Finance Committee will meet from 7-10 p.m. in the Michigan Room of the University Center.

**Event:** International Student Volunteers information meeting at the Superior Room of the University Center, every hour on the hour 9am-5pm.

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

**Fri., Sept. 12**

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

**Event:** Sanctioned Friday night Magic tournament will be at 6 p.m. at the Ultimate Game Zone. The cost is \$15 and includes 3 boosters packs plus prizes.

**Event:** Hypnotist Dale K. will be in JXJ 102 at 8 p.m.

**Sat., Sept. 13**

**Event:** NMU Fencing will meet from 1-3 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** The Step Up for Diabetes Walk will be at Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m.

**Event:** Sanctioned games begin at 1 p.m. The Cost is \$5, use your own deck.

**Event:** The Second City, co-medic troupe, will be at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the Forest Roberts Theatre. The cost will be \$2 for NMU students and \$5 for non-students.

**Film:** "You Don't Mess with the Zohan" (PG-13) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Sun., Sept. 14**

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

**Event:** Golden Z Club will meet from 5-6 p.m. in the Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Special Events Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU Paranormal Research Team will meet from 5-7

p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

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

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

**Film:** "You Don't Mess with the Zohan" (PG-13) will show at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Mon., Sept. 15**

**Event:** NMU International Dancers will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** WUPX will meet from 8:30-10 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

**Skill Builder:** Attitude, Motivation, and Time Management will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Tues., Sept. 16**

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 9-10:30 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

**Wed., Sept. 17**

**Event:** Public Relations Student Society of America will meet from 8-9 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Pagan Moon will meet from 9-11 p.m. in the Pioneer A Room of the university Center.

**Event:** WELS Campus Ministry will meet from 9-10 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Superior Edge Orientation will meet from 4-5 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

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If you are involved in an issue on campus and would be interested in writing a guest column about it for *The North Wind*, please contact us at 227-2545 or [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org)

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**Shout Outs**

**Karin** — Look, I made this shout out just for you! I'll see you Monday. — **Claire**

**Stark** — I hope you feel better because I can't take your threats seriously when you're dripping snot. Thanks. — **Claire**

**Rob** — I am grateful for your input...this time. — **Your Daughter**

**Abent** — I'd hate this job a lot more without your mockery. — **Snot face**

**Roommate** — I kind of miss you. We need some chocolate time. — **Other Roommate**

**Mom and Dad** — I'm expecting a cabana boy. And a grass skirt. I'm sure one will be easier than the other. — **On the mainland**

**Face** — Seriously, that's enough. If I sneeze one more time, I think my heart may just stop. — **You know**

**Alyssa** — Don't go all Bell Jar on me. — **Your Loving Roommate**

**Daano** — I hope you enjoy getting your self esteem back. I'll be in Duluth soon enough to bring you back down. — **Alex (just kidding, it's Curt)**

**Steve** — You complete me. — **Curt**

**John from Minnesota and Rick** — I don't want to get into it, but you both know you did me wrong. I'll never - I repeat, never - ever forgive either of you. And I think I speak for the group. — **Curt**

**Shane** — Forgive the overflow in the living room. Cleaning will commence this weekend. I'm staying in state, so that should help. — **Your Loving Roommate**

**Chad** — You got real protective about that Wikipedia entry. You need to cool your jets, man. — **Tom Cory's new best friend**

**Lundin** — Apparently you'll never leave us. Which is cool.

But we're going to have to work on our castle crashing. — **2214 Fitch guys**

**Philip the Cat!** — I got worried, and then bam, you're at the window purring again. Good to see you're back. — **Your upstairs neighbor, Curt**

**Pizza** — We just can't quit you. — **Papa and Mama Bear**

**Spiroffi** — You simply can't handle getting epic pwn'ed — **Darko 'Level 83' Milifitch**

**Tom Cory** — Your gaming vernacular impresses me. — **Chad's brother**

**NW staff** — When I'm laid back and almost done, you all freaking out doesn't help anything. — **Sports Desk**

**Shane** — Why don't you and Vinny Church just get married? — **Editor who printed silly things**

**Food** — You so tasty. I wants you now. — **Mama Bear**

**Baby Bear** — We'll try to keep you closer from now on. Board games this sunday? — **Papa and Mama Bear**

**Chris Wellens** — I'm really sorry. I was distracted. I'm sorry. — **Shane**

**Dan Olson** — What happened to us? Was it me? — **Candy**

**Monica Jowel** — You're gone. I'm sad. Enjoy delicious micro-brewed beer. — **Chad Mike**

**Dave** — Season finale of Weeds, Monday, it's on. — **Casper**

**Chad Kemp** — I bet your days are full of skipping and prancing about. — **Jealous older brother**

**Tom Cory** — Tell Chad his name's in the paper. I'm entrusting you with this task. — **It's pretty obvious who this is**

**Josh Snyder** — We get along lots better when I finish up early. — **Curt Kemp**

**Newton** — Holla. — **A true shoutout innovator**

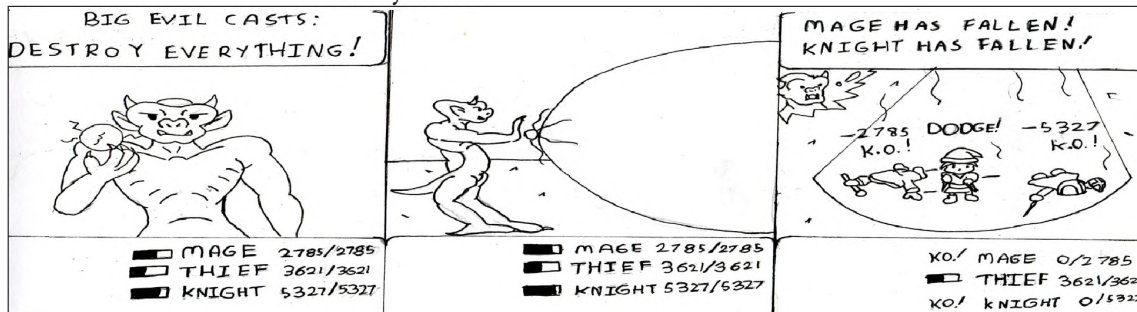
**Burn After Reading** — Our whole apartment is excited for your arrival. — **2214**

**Stealth bike** — I've ignored you. I apologize. — **Wrists Malone**

**Hobbes** — Thanks for stopping by the office. I hope you stop sounding like you have Shane's allergies very soon. It depresses me. — **You had me at Hello**

**Stevie** — See, I didn't just give you shout outs 'cause you were pregnant. — **Obviously**

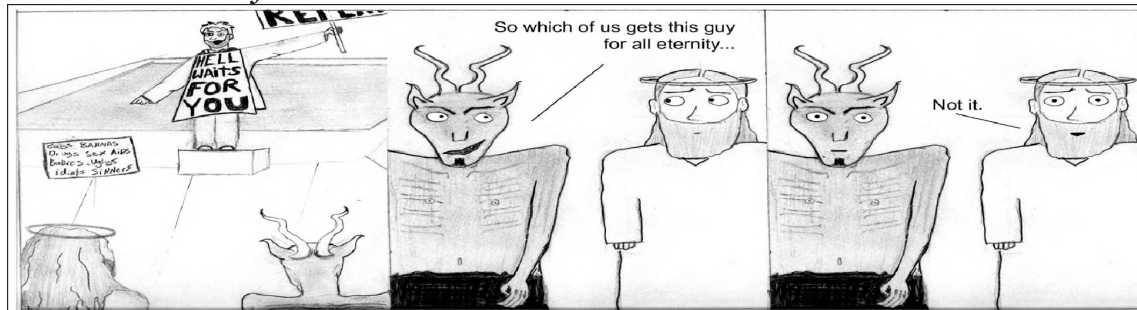
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**MOTHBALLS** — Jeff Kitson



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**AUSTRALIAN MUDWIZARD** — Sean Baptist



**DEMOCRACY** — Tom Cory



**Lions** — Is this REALLY what you're going to do all year? My gawd. — **Two decades of misery**

**Liam** — When you learn to read, take a look at this: You're one of my top 5 favorite humans. — **Obviously, again**

**Lundin** — If you stay with us for longer, you can keep breaking in the apartment every weekend. Forget your future. — **Papa and Mama Fitch**

**John from Minnesota and Rick** — Whatever you did, I'm glad you did it. In fact, why don't you just do it again. — **Shane from Michigan**

**LRK** — Weekly shout-out #3! Donckers for sure this weekend, for sure. — **JDS**

**Cassandra** — Thanks for buying all of us dinner. — **The Staff**

**China** — I want to use chopsticks some more. — **Here**

**Inspirations**  
Curt's Math Skills  
Too soon!?!  
Allergies  
Kittens  
Piece of something  
Olympic Speedwalking  
New coffee pot  
2000 and fun  
Free food  
Last week's spacing  
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Dollars, dollars, dollars  
Finally getting rice paddy  
Almost sneezing

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