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File photo/NW

An NMU player put a hard hit on the Michigan Tech ball carrier in last year's game. This year's battle for the Miner's Cup takes center stage as the game is being broadcast nationally to over 30 million households.

University prepares for national coverage

By Curt T Kemp
sports editor

Leading up to a college football game with a local rival, there's intense preparation: specific plays are put in by the coaching staff to take advantage of the opponent's weaknesses, hours are spent in film rooms analyzing the opponent's plays and coaches plan for every possible game situation.

For the Sept. 18 nationally-televised game against Michigan Tech, NMU — not just the football team, but the university — is preparing just as meticulously.

Involving everyone on campus, from the athletic department to the faculty, to alumni, residence hall staff and students, NMU plans to showcase itself for the television audience.

More than 20 million homes nationwide will be able to view the game on CBS College Sports Network. The game will also be simulcast on Fox Sports Network (FSN) De-

troit, which is available to 3.2 million households in Michigan, Northwest Ohio and Northwest Indiana.

NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey said the televised game provides a chance to show NMU, as well as Michigan Tech, to the rest of the country.

"There's going to be people who tune in — and I hate to say it, but there are people out there who've never heard of Northern Michigan University. And this gives us an excellent opportunity to expose those people to Northern," Godfrey said. "And, it's not just us benefiting, it's benefiting Michigan Tech, too."

According to Godfrey, NMU was contacted in the first weeks of June by Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Commissioner Tom Brown about hosting a televised game. Two weeks

later, plans had changed, and the NCAA was considering televising the Indianapolis-Hillsdale game on CBS College Sports Network.

Godfrey said he then e-mailed all parties involved with the scheduling of the games.

"The e-mail basically said, 'I think they're missing the boat. We've got a great rivalry here. Last year was one of the best games; it went down to the final play of the game on the one yard line,'" he said. "I said, 'We have a very unique venue (in the Superior Dome) — as far as Division II college sports, we couldn't have a better venue.'"

Godfrey said a few weeks later he heard back from the GLIAC that NMU had been awarded the game.

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"The decision and the schedule decisions overall are made cooperatively between the NCAA and CBS College Sports Network," said Tim Perneti, executive vice president of content for CBS College Sports Network. "This partnership was hatched to grow D-II exposure together and in the process, showcase the top programs, matchups and rivalries in D-II sports."

—Ken Godfrey
NMU athletic director

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Conference offers lessons on diversity

By Cassandra Sturos
associate news editor

The 2008 UNITED Conference is set to take place next week, educating and informing students and staff alike on diversity.

The UNITED Conference starts on Sunday, Sept. 21 bringing NMU students together through five different segments: diversity, film, dance, art and research. This is an opportunity for students to learn about different cultures and diversity through many different outlets, said Ruth Watry, an associate professor of political science who is speaking at the conference. Watry will be doing a presentation entitled, "Diversity, Affirmative Action, and African-Americans" on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms.

"Our students get a much more realistic view in this setting. We're not doing it to sell advertising space, we're doing it for the cultural benefit," Watry said. "It ties into our university's goals, in terms of internationalization, the intellectual experience with the students, and it's fun with the films and the dances."

Watry will be discussing the issue of race and diversity, focusing mainly on African Americans.

"I did a study, and whites who had a felony history were more likely to get a (job) interview than blacks," Watry said.

Watry first studied the topic of affirmative action and African-Americans for a psychology colloquium she presented four years ago, but before that she said she hadn't given the subject much thought. Since then, she has submitted her name for presentations and speeches on this topic.

"Part of the underlying message is that as good as things are we still have a lot of racism," she said. "Affirmative action is a good way to create a level playing field especially when people have pre-existing ideas about a group."

A presentation also involving ethnicity, but narrowing the focus to culture in the Upper Peninsula, will be given by Dan Truckey, Curator of the Beaumier Heritage Center whose presentation entitled, "History and Cultures of the Upper Peninsula," is on Monday, Sept. 22, in the Great Lakes

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Student requires heart transplant

By Sarah O'Neill
contributing writer

At 19, a heart attack is one of the furthest things from a person's mind. For Ryan Sule, a 23-year-old NMU student who is currently awaiting a heart transplant, it was the age when the concern became very real.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, contributions will be collected at the NMU v. MTU football game to help Sule's family with uninsured expenses related to his heart transplant.

The need for the transplant dates back to August 2001, when, during his first day on campus, Sule suffered a serious heart attack.

According to his mother, Karan Hendricks, Sule's parents were helping him move in to his dorm room when he collapsed.

"I knew what it was right away," Hendricks said. "I had been trying to get doctors to test him."

She knew Sule was at risk

for cardiomyopathy, because the same condition caused his biological mother's death when he was young, Hendricks said. Cardiomyopathy is a disease that causes the heart muscle to inflame, often resulting in failure.

Because of Sule's age, however, doctors at Marquette General Hospital didn't immediately suspect it was a heart attack, Hendricks said. After searching for other explanations, an electrocardiogram confirmed what it was, and he was transferred to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. for further treatment.

When they arrived at Mayo, Sule's cardiologist asked Hendricks what it was he needed to do to make Sule feel most comfortable.

"I told him that Ryan needs to know he's going to live, and he needs to know he's going to go back to school," she said. "He wanted to live in the dorms, he

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BRIEFS

Homecoming activities to begin

NMU's 2008 homecoming celebration is scheduled for Sept. 27 through Oct. 4. It will revolve around the theme, "Oh Snap, the '90s are Back," in honor of new freshmen who were born predominantly in that decade. The annual homecoming parade on Third Street will be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Also, the NMU Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms. Advance tickets are required and may be purchased at all EZ Ticket outlets. A historical walking tour of campus, presented by NMU historian Russ Magnaghi, will kick off Saturday's festivities. The tour runs from 8:30-10 a.m., beginning in the Peter White Lounge of the University Center. It will be followed by the Alumni Association Awards and Foundation Scholarship Brunch at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Lakes Room (advance registration required). The Alumni Association/Wildcat Club Tailgate Party will be held at 2 p.m. outside the Superior Dome in advance of the NMU-Saginaw Valley State University football game at 4 p.m. A fifth-quarter reception will be held after the game at the Holiday Inn. For detailed schedules of NMU Homecoming activities, visit www.nmu.edu/homecoming or www.nmu.edu/alumni/homecoming.

—NMU news bureau

Visiting author to lead nature hike

Wilderness enthusiast and Internet author Tom Foye will lead a hike through a portion of the McCormick Tract Wilderness from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, weather permitting. If rain causes rescheduling, the event will occur on Saturday, Oct. 11. Participants will meet in the east parking lot of the Berry Events Center and drive 1.5 hours to the trailhead. The hike is expected to take four to five hours. It will follow the north trail to the falls on the west branch of the Yellow Dog River, continue to the east branch of the Yellow Dog to view the largest trees in Marquette County, travel upstream along the east branch and pass about 10 waterfalls and proceed to the top of the trail for a grand view of a double-waterfalls' scene. The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning is sponsoring the program. The cost is \$4 for NCLL members and \$7 for non-members. To register by the Sept. 25 deadline, or for more information, contact class liaison Paula McCormick at 228-5489. For more information on the McCormick Tract, visit the Web site at www.mccormicktract.com.

—NMU news bureau

NMU receives analyzer donation

Northern Michigan University's clinical laboratory sciences department has received an automated immunoassay analyzer valued at \$127,000 through a donation from Abbott's "Labs are Vital" program. This large instrument will provide research opportunities for NMU faculty and allow students to be trained on the same equipment they will find in most hospital laboratories. "These analyzers are workhorses for hospital chemistry labs," said Kevin Foley, the new head of clinical laboratory sciences. "They are used to measure analytes in blood and serum; analytes such as cholesterol, hormones, metabolic products, vitamins—anything we can target with antibodies." NMU is one of only four colleges to have analyzers because of the cost of the machines. "We had to apply for it and show that we have a quality, accredited program that would integrate the analyzer into its curriculum." Foley said the instrument should be set up and operational sometime this semester. NMU also receives the reagents – chemicals – used with the analyzer and technical support from Abbott.

—NMU news bureau

Corrections

On page 17 of last week's North Wind, the article titled "NMU Outdoor Rec. Center still growing" should have been credited to contributing writer Sarah O'Neill.

The cutline on the front page should have read: "Keith Voorheis, left, and Darren Widder helped out at the Republican National Convention, in St. Paul, Minn."



Photo courtesy of Lambda Chi Alpha

Participants in last year's Watermelon Bust gather around a pool filled with the rinds leftover from the festivities. According to Lambda Chi president Jesse Cobian the event has happened annually for more than five years.

Melon Bust to fight hunger

By Carson LeMahieu
news editor

This weekend, hundreds of watermelons will be eaten, rolled and raced — all in the name of fighting hunger.

The annual celebration known as the "Lambda Chi Alpha Watermelon Bust," will occur on Saturday, Sept. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Lambda Chi Alpha House located at 619 Fourth St. The event is open to all NMU students and the general public.

According to fraternity vice-president Josh Tryan, the event

will feature watermelon related contests such as a watermelon eating contest, a watermelon head roll, and a watermelon based triathlon. It will also feature live entertainment by local musicians.

"You get soaked and have a lot of fun," Tryan said. "It's a really great time and it all goes to a good cause."

The event is free, but a donation of a canned food item is required for admission. The food collected is then donated to the local Salvation Army food pantry.

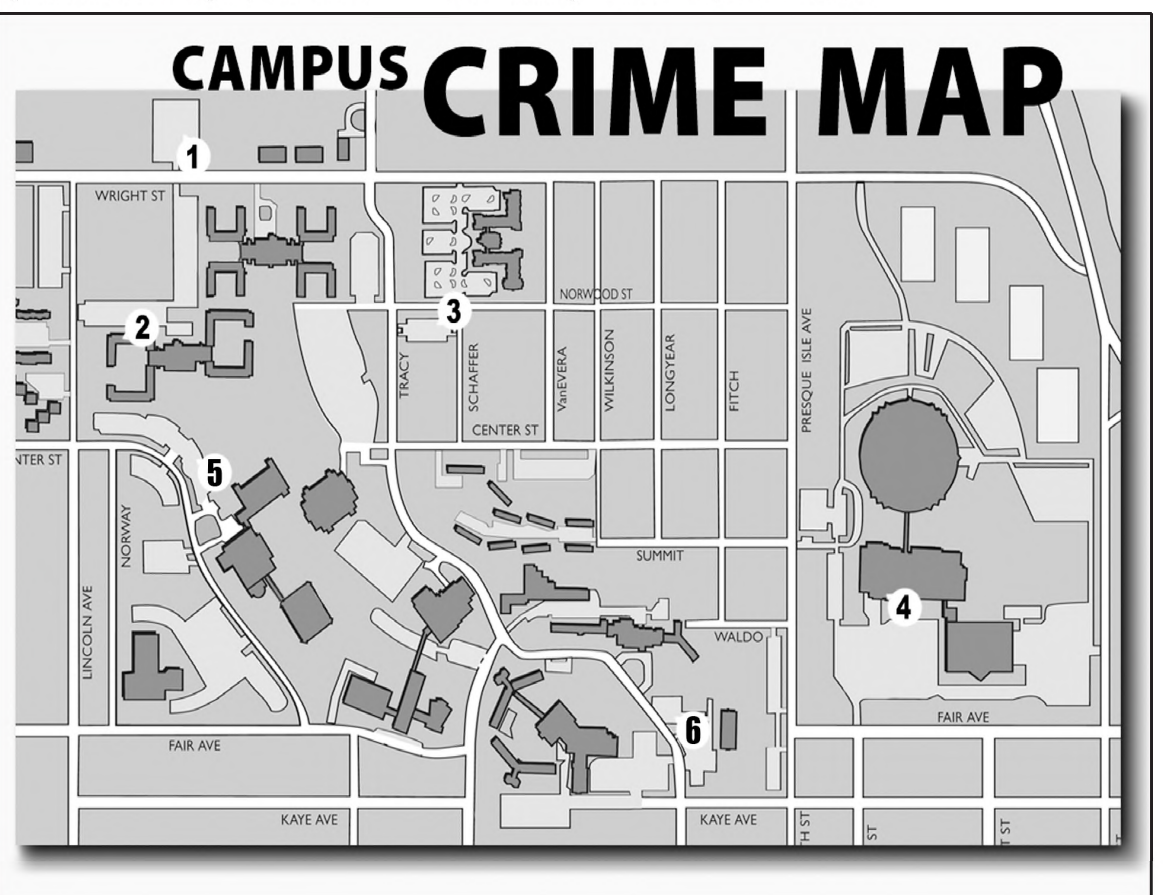
"We usually raise 10,000

pounds of food for the Salvation Army each year," Tryan said. "I know they count on getting that food in before the holiday season."

In addition to the Watermelon Bust, the fraternity also gathers food at an annual pig roast, a door-to-door food drive and collections at local grocery stores.

Lambda Chi President Jesse Cobian said that students should come out to the event.

"It's a good way to meet people and get involved in the community and be a part of something," he said.



Map Key:

1. On Sept. 6, two male students were caught smoking marijuana in Lot 46. The case has been turned over to the Dean of Students Office.
2. On Sept. 6, two 19-year-old male students were caught on the roof of Gant Hall. The case has been turned over to the Dean of Students Office.
3. On Sept. 12, a side mirror was knocked off a vehicle in Lot 14. There are currently no suspects.
4. On Sept. 12, a wallet was stolen from the PEIF. The case is still open.
5. On Sept. 12, a backpack with a laptop and textbooks was stolen from in Lot 36. The case is still open.
6. On Sept. 15, a parking permit was stolen from Lot 13. The case is still open.

GAME

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Godfrey noted that NMU doesn't make any money from the contract with the NCAA, but a national television audience could provide more to the university.

"We don't make any money off the game, or anything like that, but the exposure we get is tremendous," he said. "It's not just the athletic department, it's Northern Michigan University — and it's the whole U.P."

Among the groups involved in the event are the Alumni Association, student groups and the NMU residence halls.

The NMU Alumni Association has teamed up with MTU alumni to hold joint watch parties for the football game in areas around the country. Areas with joint parties are Detroit, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Green Bay and Janesville, Wis. There will also be NMU alumni parties in seven other locations around the U.S.

Deanna Hemmila, NMU's director of alumni operations, said that while NMU has held around 25 watch parties for hockey games, this is the first football watch party, and that the help of MTU alumni has been welcomed in the preparation for the events across the nation.

"I think what's really unique for us with Tech is that probably, at some point in an alum's time on campus, they probably made a trip to Tech, or Tech alums came down to Marquette for something," Hemmila said. "So there's that U.P. bond. Even though we're different schools, they had the same kind of U.P. experience when they were on a campus."

"Yeah, we're rivals, but you can sit down at a table with Tech fans and talk about very similar things," she added.

Hemmila said the cost of these events was minimal, due to much of the contact information being spread via the internet, and "cost effective" considering the amount of people slated to attend. She said alumni were excited to see the football team play on national television and estimated 50 NMU alumni and friends would attend each of the 12 events.

"Bernie's just been here a cou-

ple years now, so a lot of people haven't seen his teams play," Hemmila said. "Randy Awrey's back, who's an alum, and people are very excited about that, and (NMU hall of famer) Dick Koski's coaching now."

Brent Burns, MTU's associate director of alumni relations, echoed Hemmila's comment on U.P. pride.

"Wherever you are across the country, these two groups are both Yoopers," Burns said.

Burns said around 500 people RSVPed for the Michigan Tech events around the country, which include other watch parties as far away as Denver and Reno, Nev.

Prior to the game, Michigan Tech will host a tailgate party at Marquette's Tourist Park and will feature 110 members of the MTU pep band.

In addition to organizing the alumni, Godfrey said getting the campus ready for the game has included getting in contact with a variety of alumni for the broadcast, as well as the typical football things. Fans watching on television are scheduled to listen in on a conversation with former Lions head coach and NMU alum Steve Mariucci, as well as NMU

alum and former University of Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr. Michigan State basketball head coach and NMU alum Tom Izzo is slated to appear at the game, but Godfrey noted how busy Izzo's schedule is.

"Until he walks in the door, I never know about Tommy," Godfrey said. "He's promised me he'll be there, though."

Amidst the demands, Godfrey has been aided by NMU Sports

the year.

"When you have a television game like this for a national level, the demands are just so much greater," he said.

In preparing for the game, Godfrey said the main costs are due to marketing. Though he said it wasn't possible to give a definite figure on how much would be spent before the game, he estimated costs at around \$2,500.

"We're trying to use every approach we can," he said, in regards to marketing the game. "There's a lot of people involved with this, and we've tried to pull together a lot of campus groups."

Dave Bonsall, NMU's Director of Student Enrichment, is an NMU alumnus as well. Bonsall said that

while he was at NMU there were games of this magnitude, including a home game against Central Michigan University with 18,000 fans. Aside from NMU's 1975 national championship game, though, none were ever on television.

"It's one of those neat opportunities to be a part of," Bonsall said. "I think a lot of students look back on things like this, and say, 'That was one of the neat things I did when I was in college.'"

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NMU sports information director

Information Director Dave Faiella, who has been providing information to the CBS crew since NMU learned it would be hosting the game.

"His life has changed drastically," Godfrey said about Faiella's efforts. "Along with taking care of everything else, he's working with the CBS people, as well."

Faiella said he's had to provide more information for this week than any other week during



Jeff Kitson/NW

NMU sophomores, (left to right) Rachel Bierenga, Lisa Kania and Meg Ellis fill "spirit shakers" with corn in the Gant/Spalding lobby on Wednesday evening. The shakers will be handed out to students at tonight's game.

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Rooms at 2 p.m.

"I'm going to be talking about ethnicity in the Upper Peninsula and also about the Heritage Center and what are our goals and activities are," Truckey said. "Our mission at the center is to celebrate the culture and ethnicity in the area, including the Native American culture."

Truckey noted the value of having a conference that helps students learn about and embrace diversity.

"It's important to see different points of views and see the commonalities between all different cultures," Truckey said. "Peo-

ple can find some common ground which may assist them a little bit differently in life."

It is Truckey's first year speaking at the conference, but he is very excited to be a part of it, he said. In speaking, he hopes to bring forth the Beaumier Center's mission of discussing the different people in the Upper Peninsula and what they've contributed to the culture. He also hopes students will take new perspectives about culture and diversity.

"[The conference] will help them make better judgments about how a society should be run," Truckey said. "That's part of being in a university, getting a more universal perspective of society."

The conference is also focused on get-

ting students to acquire new perspectives through their learning. Jill Protzel, a high school teacher from Chicago who is now a graduate assistant attending NMU to attain her masters in special education, is doing a presentation titled, "The Impact of Travel on Student Learning." It will take place Monday Sept. 22, at 5 p.m. in The Great Lakes Rooms.

"I'm going to be talking about the aspects of learning that are hit upon when traveling," she said. "[Learning] is so amplified when students are on a traveling experience, be it a trip to the zoo, or in my case, trips to France."

For four of the six years that Protzel taught in Chicago, she took her students to France. She will be discussing those ex-

periences and how it affected her students' learning, especially when she took students to the beaches of Normandy to learn about World War II.

"I'm going to share my experiences with that, and hopefully convince more people to take the chance [to travel], because the rewards are seemingly never-ending, not just to the students," she said.

The idea for the UNITED Conference is amazing for students to learn about other people and cultures, she said.

"It's just such a great idea being in the U.P.," Protzel said. "There's the strong chance of there not being a lot of diversity, culturally being as secluded as we are up here, so everybody gets the chance to learn something new."

In preparation for the game, the main role of the Center for Student Enrichment has been to encourage students to attend, Bonsall said.

"We sent a note out to student groups and we just told them what a great opportunity this was for them, as an organization, with the chance to be visible," he said.

The residence hall staff has been working on preparations for the game since NMU heard about the athletic department getting the go ahead in July.

Halverson Hall resident director Lindsey Sparks said that with the Marketplace being closed from 2 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., students will head down to the Dome to eat at the tailgate barbecue. She hoped they'd stay for the game.

"It sounds like everybody's going to go from who we're hearing from," Sparks said. "Obviously football is one of those sports where either you like it or you don't like it. We're also trying to sell it as not just football, but going there and hanging out."

Gant Hall Resident Director Dylan Shiver said he is hoping for students to attend the activities the university has organized for the game.

"Our main goal is that we just want to get students in the door and get them to go down to the game," he said.

Shiver said Gant Hall residents seem excited about the upcoming game, as a whole.

"Overall, Gant Hall is way pumped up about it," Shiver said. "They're really excited because it's a Thursday night game and it's on television, and that never happens."

Both Shiver and Sparks held hall get-togethers Wednesday night to make banners and signs and to get ready for Thursday's game.

Once the final horn blows on the game, it'll mark months of work coming to an end. And, if you ask NMU's sports information director, it'll be welcomed relief.

"I'll be very happy when this is over," Faiella said.

"But on the other hand, I think it's a great opportunity for Northern Michigan University, for Marquette and for Michigan Tech to have a game on a national platform," he added.

HEART

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wanted to eat dorm food, and he wanted to experience all college had to offer.”

Despite knowing the problems he faced, Sule returned to campus within a week. Although his wish for the college experience was fulfilled over the next four years, his heart gradually worsened.

He is currently receiving treatment at the Mayo Clinic and is on an IV pack, which will help strengthen him for a heart transplant, Hendricks said. He has been on the waiting list for a heart since last September and recently has moved to 1B on the list, a priority category for patients who are critical, she added.

Because Sule was hospitalized at press time, he could not be reached for comment.

“We are hoping soon we’ll get a heart,” Hendricks said. “It’s hard, because you need a heart and you want a heart, but in the same breath you know someone else is losing their life for your son to live. That’s a hard place to be.”

Hendricks said they are hoping for a heart within the next few weeks, but the doctors make no guarantees. They have chosen to keep Sule at Mayo because if a heart becomes available, it is only viable for six hours, she added.

Despite being at Mayo, Sule continues to take online classes and by next semester will only need one credit in order to graduate, Hendricks said. He hopes to

graduate in May with a degree in Geography.

Because his biological parents are deceased, Sule had received survivor benefits from the state of Illinois up until six months ago, Hendricks said. He is currently covered by Cobra Continuation Coverage, which according to cobra-health-insurance.com only lasts 18 to 36 months, depending on state wide requirements.

After he is uninsurable, Sule will only be covered by Medicare, Hendricks said.

Hendricks estimates her son’s uninsured expenses to date have been about \$50,000. Sule is currently on \$300,000 worth of medication and will have to pay between \$20,000 and \$40,000 a year toward the medication for the rest of his life, she said.

The fundraiser is being put on by the NMU Volunteer Center and Students for Organ Donation. All contributions made will go directly to the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF), the organization Sule’s family is fundraising through, and placed in to a fundraising campaign specifically for Sule.

Judy MacGregor, a patient service worker at NTAF, said going through the school is one of the best ways to fundraise.

“Where you want to raise money is where someone knows the patient,” MacGregor said. “When someone is a student, (like Sule) the school is a fabulous place to fundraise because everyone wants to help.”

Sule’s family came in contact with NTAF through the social

worker on their case, MacGregor said. When a patient is brought to the transplant center, the family meets with a social worker, as well as a financial advisor.

“There are so many hidden costs in transplants,” MacGregor said. “Most people have to fundraise even if they have insurance.”

Kristi Leidi, an event coordinator for the volunteer center, said a family member contacted Northern after NTAF suggested getting the school involved.

Booths will be set up at both main entrances in the Dome. More information about Sule will be available, as well as a place to contribute.

Students and community members can give contributions while buying tickets, concession items or just passing by.

“Basically, if people are entering the Dome, they will see us,” Leidi said.

Danielle Foulks, president of Students for Organ Donation, said the volunteer center contacted them to help.

“We work a lot with the volunteer center, and we also do the Gift of Life Challenge, where we try to register as many donors as possible,” she added.

In addition to taking donations for Sule, people will also be able to register as an organ donor at the football game, Foulks said. All that is needed is a driver’s license from any state, since the registry is national.

The volunteer center and Students for Organ Donation are also combining to create a benefit spa-



Photo courtesy of Karan Hendricks

NMU senior Ryan Sule, seen above, was diagnosed with congenital heart disease his first day on NMU’s campus. Sule’s family is fundraising at the NMU vs. MTU football game to help offset the cost of his medical care.

ghetti dinner for Sule within the next month or two, Foulks said.

For more information about contributing to Ryan Sule, con-

tact National Transplant Assistance Fund at 800-642-8399 or visit the NTAF Web site at <http://transplantfund.org>

NMU signs new study abroad agreement

NMU will increase its presence in Latin America through recently signed cooperative agreements with Universidad del Salvador in Argentina and Centro Tinku, an organization that facilitates study-abroad programs in Peru.

“With global engagement being a key theme and a major commitment in NMU’s ‘Road Map to 2015,’ these partnerships are especially valuable,” said Susan Koch, NMU provost and vice president for academic affairs. “They will provide faculty and students with remarkable opportunities for study and research in culturally rich and economically strategic regions of the world. The experiences will help prepare students to be more competitive in a global job market that demands intercultural skills.”

A group of NMU students will spend two semesters in Latin America: one in Argentina studying Spanish; and one in Peru taking native culture and history courses. Another group of advanced Spanish students will

spend a month in Argentina. They will study the language in a totally immersive Spanish-speaking environment, participate in cultural events and visit archeological and industrial sites of interest.

Koch said Universidad del Salvador’s Buenos Aires location will allow students to experience the Argentine culture in a vibrant urban center that is relatively safe and aesthetically pleasing.

The Northern delegation will also make site visits to various businesses and cultural institutions, and tour the city’s dynamic art scene. A four-day trip to Salta and Tucumán in northwest Argentina, an indigenous region with farms and archeological sites, will effectively complement the metropolitan experience.

In Peru, students will be based in the southeastern city of Cusco, near the Andes mountain range and the pre-Columbian Inca site, Machu Picchu. Koch said students will reap a triple educational benefit from this single location. They will learn about Cusco’s origins as the historic capital of the Inca

Empire, its transition to a major cultural center in the wake of the Spanish conquest and its contemporary issues such as poverty and emerging economies. The Centro Tinku organization will handle all of the logistics for language and cultural study in Peru — from classrooms and housing to tours.

The opportunities in Argentina and Peru build on connections already established by Marcelo Siles, director of international programs, in his previous position at Michigan State University.

“Our goals for future growth in Latin America include faculty/student exchanges and research collaborations,” Siles said. “We are trying to develop a strong presence in Latin America for several reasons. Latinos represent the fastest-growing ethnic group in this country, so there is added motivation to study their language and culture. Also, Latin America offers diverse international experiences close to home and it is relatively affordable.”

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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.

Last week, the following budgets were approved:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
OUTlook	12th Annual Drag Show	\$8,981
Hearts of Yoga	United Conference	\$50

There are no budgets to consider this week and the SFC will not convene.

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$70,463.34**

To contact the Student Finance Committee, or to submit your organization’s budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to sfc@nmu.edu.



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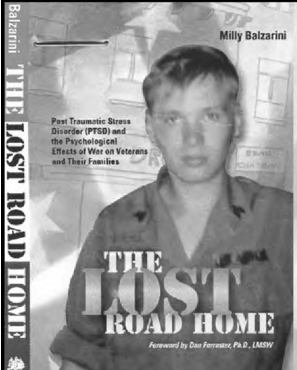
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Staff Editorial

Thursday night lights

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the NMU football Wildcats will appear on the national television stage for the first time in more than three decades when they face the Michigan Tech Huskies in the Superior Dome.

For Northern, the game, which will be broadcast on CBS College Sports Network, Fox Sports Network Detroit and SportsSouth, is a major stepping-stone into the national spotlight.

According to the NMU Web site, the game will be available to approximately 20 million people just via CBS College Sports Network. When they tune in to the game, many of those 20 million potential viewers will be hearing of Northern Michigan University for the first time ever. The images that they see on Thursday night's live broadcast will be the first — and possibly only — impression that the university gets to make.

This national exposure could act as a magnet for potential students from out-of-market areas. This fits with NMU's recently announced plans to begin recruiting in California, Texas, and Ohio. High school students flipping through the channels and seeing the world's largest wooden dome packed with roaring fans might give a second look to a school they hadn't heard of just days before.

The university has also created a pair of new promotional television ads that should air during the game. Not only will a vast audience hear the Northern name one extra time, but they will also see the opportunities available to students at Northern.

On top of this, the NMU and MTU Alumni Associations are getting together to host game-watching parties across the country. Alumni from the last four decades will be gathering in Detroit, Chicago, Green Bay and Washington, D.C. to watch the contest. These gatherings are certain to also spread the word about a small campus in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

When it comes to football, NMU will admittedly never be comparable to the larger, Division I schools in the state, but this is an opportunity for the school to show that we have something to offer, as well.

The average attendance for home football games last year was just under 4,000 people. The Superior Dome, however, is capable of seating more than 8,000 people, with standing room for several thousand more.

Students have two options. We can sit home and spend another night drinking and playing video games, or we can show up at the Dome, scream our lungs out and wave our oversized foam hands — and show the rest of the nation a little bit about NMU.

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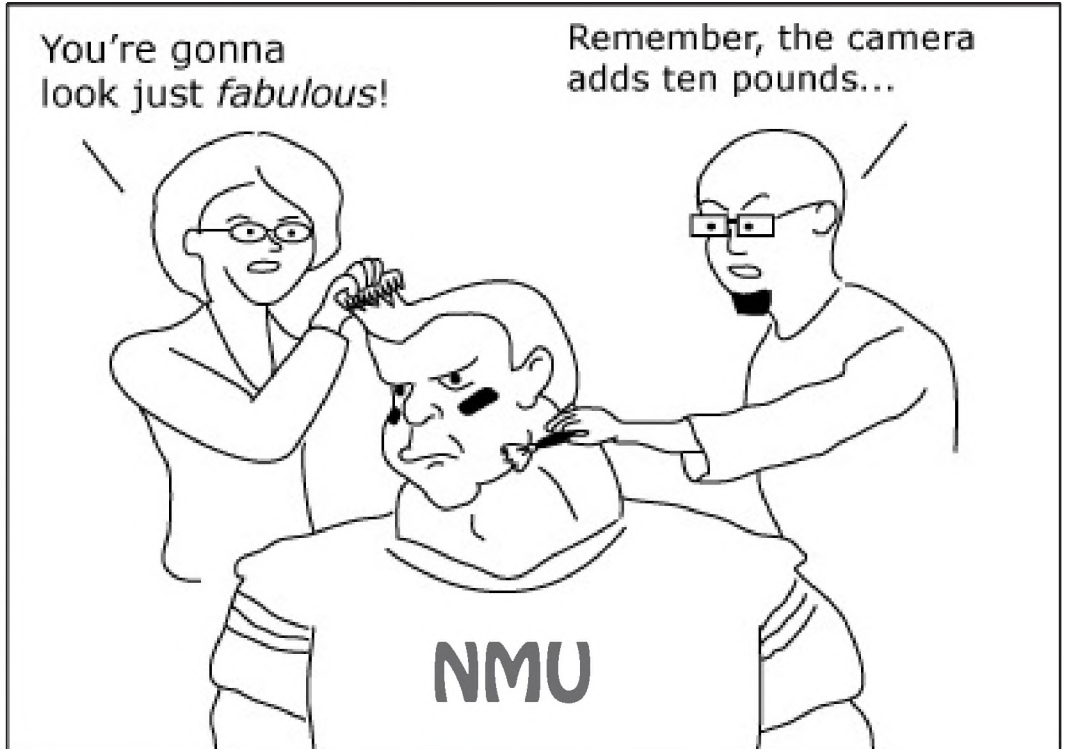
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Letters to the Editor

Cartoon perpetuates negative stereotypes

I am writing to express disappointment with the cartoon drawn by Sean Baptist and published in the 9/11/08 edition of The North Wind.

While I applaud student creativity and the artistic freedom that student organizations promote, it is unfortunate to see that Baptist prefers to use his talent to further perpetuate stereotypes of native peoples and that the student newspaper would accept this drawing as "entertainment" for its readers.

This particular cartoon not only puts Indian people in the past (a frequent and unfortunate habit by cartoonists) but also depicts native characters burning a person at a stake.

Distorted images from native culture have been found in every possible medium: textbooks, movies, literature, television, cartoons, commercials, paintings, insignia, and imagery of all sorts. As a result, society has openly accepted these images in their various forms.

In 2000, the national Native paper "Indian Country Today" surveyed 450 Native leaders and asked "What do you believe is the primary cause of anti-Indian sentiment?" The number one answer, at 45 percent of those polled, was media stereotypes.

For an opinion poll, this is a high percentage response, but on the other hand the media is a powerful influence in all of our lives. How can tribal citizens and tribal governments be taken seriously when such stereotypes are prevalent throughout the media and popular culture?

Since I have been at NMU, native students have been the largest ethnic minority group on the NMU campus. The Native American Student Association (open to all) is an award-winning group that hosts several events throughout

the year including speakers, film presentations, a native performers fest, the First Nations Food Taster and the annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional pow wow.

I invite Sean Baptist and interested NMU students to attend these events to learn more about these programs and the students who put these programs on. These students could be in your class or even your suite mates or roommates.

The North Wind staff is also invited to attend sessions at the upcoming UNITED Conference taking place Sept. 21-23 throughout campus. Also upcoming is the Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference all day on Monday, Sept. 29 in the Great Lakes Rooms. Motivational speaker DJ Vanas will be speaking as part of Skillbuilder Series hosted by the Student Leader Fellowship Program at 4 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Whitman Hall Commons.

As a Haudenosaunee woman, I hope that one day we will move beyond such stereotypical imagery. Ultimately, it is going to take education. Isn't that why we are here at Northern Michigan University: To learn more about those around us and even a little bit more about ourselves?

Nia:wen (thank you).

April Lindala
director of the center for
Native American Studies

Outdoors column a welcome addition

I would like to convey my enthusiasm for The North Wind's new outdoors column.

After enjoying a glorious U.P. summer, I am finding myself spending more time than I would like inside. It will be nice to have a reminder of all the opportunities to enjoy nature afforded by the university's special location.

While this is rarely lost on those with majors in outdoor rec and environmental science, for others it can be easy to overlook the natural wealth of the region.

I look forward to reading about Callie's trips and hope to learn some tips and places to visit. I'm also pleased to see that she will be addressing the environmental issues that affect us all whether or not we enjoy the outdoors. I strongly hope she will feature Lake Superior in some of her columns.

With the stark warnings about water scarcity from the United Nation's World Water Assessment Programme, it is not difficult to see how critical water resources are becoming. Many view the Great Lakes with more appreciation and concern than ever before.

While we are moving towards increased lake protection (e.g., adoption of the Great Lakes Compact), it is still crucial for us to remain vigilant and to oppose water diversion and pollution.

I commend The North Wind on its new column and hope that it will inspire dialogue and greater appreciation for outdoor recreation and the land.

Kyle Bladow
graduate student, English

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Palin as VP a frightening prospect



For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

I'll be honest; Sarah Palin scares me.

I am petrified that she and her antiquated beliefs might actually enter the White House one day, and I know that day will put an abrupt end to progress in this nation. What scares me most is that, with her as vice president, we as a nation would regress away from anything resembling forward thinking.

Two weeks ago, this column was about the strength of women and my belief in them. I applauded the ability of women to have both a career and a family. So if Palin fulfills both of those requirements, I should be all for her, right? Wrong.

I'm terrified of her stance on abortion and what it means for women in this country. Palin may be a woman, but she is, without a doubt, against women.

She opposes abortion, even in cases of rape and incest, and approves overturning Roe v. Wade. She also opposes stem cell re-

search. Palin claims to want to go to Washington to serve the American people, but how many people would she really be serving with beliefs and ideals like these?

I'm afraid of the way that she flaunts her family to the world at times when it's only beneficial to her.

Palin exploits the fact that she didn't have an abortion after she found out her baby has Down syndrome, but wants the media to shy away from the fact that her 17-year-old unmarried daughter is pregnant, even though the latter is especially relevant considering Palin's stance on abstinence-only sex education.

I'm concerned that choosing Palin as a running mate is only a clever political ploy on the part of McCain. Such a staunch conservative viewpoint will no doubt appeal to the critics who accuse McCain of not being far enough to the right.

McCain is also seeking the support of those female voters who had previously backed Sen. Hillary Clinton in her quest for the White House. But the fact of the matter is, Palin could drive away those same women McCain is trying to reel in.

Simply adding a woman to

your ticket doesn't mean that you'll gain female voters. I'm offended that McCain would think women would vote for him and his running mate based solely on her sex.

Palin's resume simply cannot live up to that of Clinton's, who was (and still is), a true crusader for women. Furthermore, Palin stands completely on the opposite side of Clinton on most big-ticket issues, including health care and education.

I'm frightened by the fact that Palin is tied to various ethical violations and abuses of power and is

currently under investigation for her involvement in political scandal while governor of Alaska.

In a scandal now referred to as "Troopergate," Palin dismissed public safety commissioner Walt Monegan for refusing to fire her ex-brother-in-law, a state trooper, without grounds. At the time, her ex-brother-in-law was in a custody battle with her sister.

She is also tied to accepting campaign contributions of at least \$4,500 in a scheme that resulted in a public scandal, which led to the indictment of Alaskan Sen. Ted Stevens by a federal grand jury.

I'm worried that if Palin excels at anything, it's distracting the attention of the media and the public from the fact that she and McCain are still running on the Republican Party ticket. Everyone is forgetting that this same party has produced the less than stellar Bush administration, which McCain largely supported.

It's far too soon to tell whether Palin's celebrity will translate into any staying power, and whether that staying power translate into a place in the White House? I don't know. I'm just scared that it will and hoping that it doesn't.



Andrew McCanna/NW

Apocalypse predictions unfounded



Staff Column

Alli Fox

Gas prices are rising, the war in Iraq is still raging, and economy is crashing, yet the world is not coming to an end. So, why is it that many people think we're living in the "end of times"?

Lately, much of it has to do with the Mayan calendar. Dec. 21, 2012 is the end of the Maya Long Count. The Long Count is a system of counting days created thousands of years ago by a now extinct people. According

to Mayan belief, we are living in the fourth world. The gods had destroyed the previous three due to the failure of the worlds to sustain life. These worlds ended on the 13th cycle of the Long Count, a calendar lasting 5,126 years, as opposed to the shorter calendars they used based on spiritual cycles. The Mayan prophecy is wholly based on the assumption that something bad is going to happen when the Mayan Long Count calendar runs out.

The predicted outcome highly depends on who interprets the calendar and how the Mayan writings are deciphered. It's not like the Mayans wrote somewhere, "On this date the earth will blow up." In fact, it isn't stated any-

where that the Mayans thought the world would be coming to an end in 2012. The calendar simply comes to a deliberate end — the Mayans never left a reason why. So? Maybe they ran out of events to plan. Or maybe they ran out of tablets.

In essence, all the prophecy really says is that the world is going to change. That's inevitable, isn't it? The world changes every day. There is no actual scientific theory or evidence that anything unusual is going to happen in 2012. The idea of the end of the world is a collection of myths and disproved theories being spewed by doomsday predictors, who expect the horribly fiery demise of the earth every few years.

And if it isn't the Mayans' calendar that successfully predicts the apocalypse, then people will find another calendar to predict the end of the world. When that passes and the world hasn't ended, another one will pop up.

Think back to Dec. 30, 1999 and the Y2K scare. Thousands of people all across the world were in mass panic because they believed the world, as we knew it, was going to end. People stockpiled food and water and, in more extreme cases, built shelters. And what happened? The same thing that happens with all the other asinine theories — nothing. Eight years later, we're still here.

The end of the Mayan Long Count is just going to be an-

other Y2K. Just Googling the year "2012" generates thousands upon thousands of results which range from obsessive and cult-like to panic and hysteria. People are already stockpiling food and supplies for a date four years in the future. And it's all for nothing. Dec. 21, 2012 is going to roll around and we're still going to be here.

The world isn't going to end just because an ancient civilization vaguely inferred it would. The Mayan doomsday prophecy is just the rollover of a different type of calendar — another new year. If the world were really going to end every time a calendar stopped, humanity would have been wiped out long ago.

Sound Off

What do you think is a good homecoming slogan?

Compiled by Eric Hampton



Jess Zerbel
senior, photography
*"These are the days/
Those were the days."*



Brandi Carroll
junior, photography/
graphic communication
*"Oh hot damn...this is
my jam."*



Ben LaForce
freshman, biology
*"The Chumbawumba
song, 'I get knocked
down, but I get up
again.'"*



Anne Scott
sophomore, zoology
"Hippie Fest 2008."




Cory Peronto
grad. student, biology
"A night in Paris."

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A 'model' student

Northern student heads to Port Huron for the Miss Michigan 2008 pageant

By Nancy Longtine
contributing writer

While many students will be heading to the Superior Dome this Thursday to watch the 'Cats take on Michigan Tech, one student will be on stage in stiletto heels rehearsing the opening number for the Miss Michigan USA pageant.

Sophomore media productions major Jennifer Skogman is the reigning Miss Marquette USA. She will be competing Thursday in the Miss Michigan USA pageant in Port Huron. She has been competing in beauty pageants since 2003, when she was a freshman in high school. Skogman got involved in pageantry after a friend of hers, who had competed in a preliminary to Miss Teen Michigan, encouraged her to join because she thought it was fun. The next year, Skogman competed in Miss U.P. Teen USA. Although she didn't win, Skogman was part of a 6-way tie that got into the top 10. As a result, she was able to compete in the state final.

"I had a great time, and I've been doing it ever since," Skogman said. "It's fun to get all glitzed and glammed up once in a while."

Skogman said several Miss USA competitors have gone on to have careers in modeling, acting and as news anchors, which is what she hopes to achieve. Skogman's father, Scott Skogman, said he thinks the pageants are helping his daughter prepare for her future.

"I think it's a real good thing for her to get out and into the public eye," Scott said. "It helps develop her confidence and just gets her accustomed to being viewed by the public."

Skogman's father said he doesn't object to his daughter's participation in pageants, not even the swimsuit competition

"We all get judged, she's just doing it more publicly," said Scott. "The fact that she understands that she's allowing herself to be vulnerable like that shows her confidence."

"A lot of people look at that, and they just see it as just a judgment. They don't see the grueling hours of training and the hard work it takes to get to a competition like that," he said.

The merits of beauty pageants have been debated for years. Some see them as positive experiences, but others see them as lewd and objectifying. Skogman said she has encountered some negative reactions to her involvement in pageants.

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— Jennifer Skogman
Miss Marquette 2008

say it's degrading and ask why I do it," Skogman said. "I try to explain to them that it builds self-esteem and confidence."

Skogman said there's a history of eating disorders in her family, and as a child she had a lot of problems with her image and self-esteem. Competing in pageants has helped boost her confidence, and she has become comfortable putting herself on stage to be judged.

When Skogman decided to start competing in beauty pageants, she said she had a hard time gaining her father's approval.

"When I first told my dad ... he was not supportive at all," she said. "Both of my aunts on his side of the family had eating disorders, and he was terrified I would go down that route."

Scott said he did worry about his daughter's diet. He was afraid she would develop anorexia or an altered body image, so he spent

time helping her learn about proper nutrition and making sure she ate a balanced diet.

"She came home once and said she could only eat tuna fish for the next 12 days," Scott said. "That's not a balanced diet, and at her age, she could've really gotten into trouble eating like that."

Skogman said she carefully monitors the food she eats. She starts dieting for competitions months in advance, as early as December for her upcoming pageant. Skogman said she wanted to stay away from crash diets, so she decided to diet for this pageant in phases. She began by adding more fruits and vegetables and limiting her portions. At the start of summer, she cut out simple carbohydrates. And for the last month, she has been careful to eat healthy, low-fat meals with a lot of vegetables and complex carbohydrates.

"There's a level where I know I'm in shape, but I know what my competition is going to look like," Skogman said. "I just want to get that extra edge."

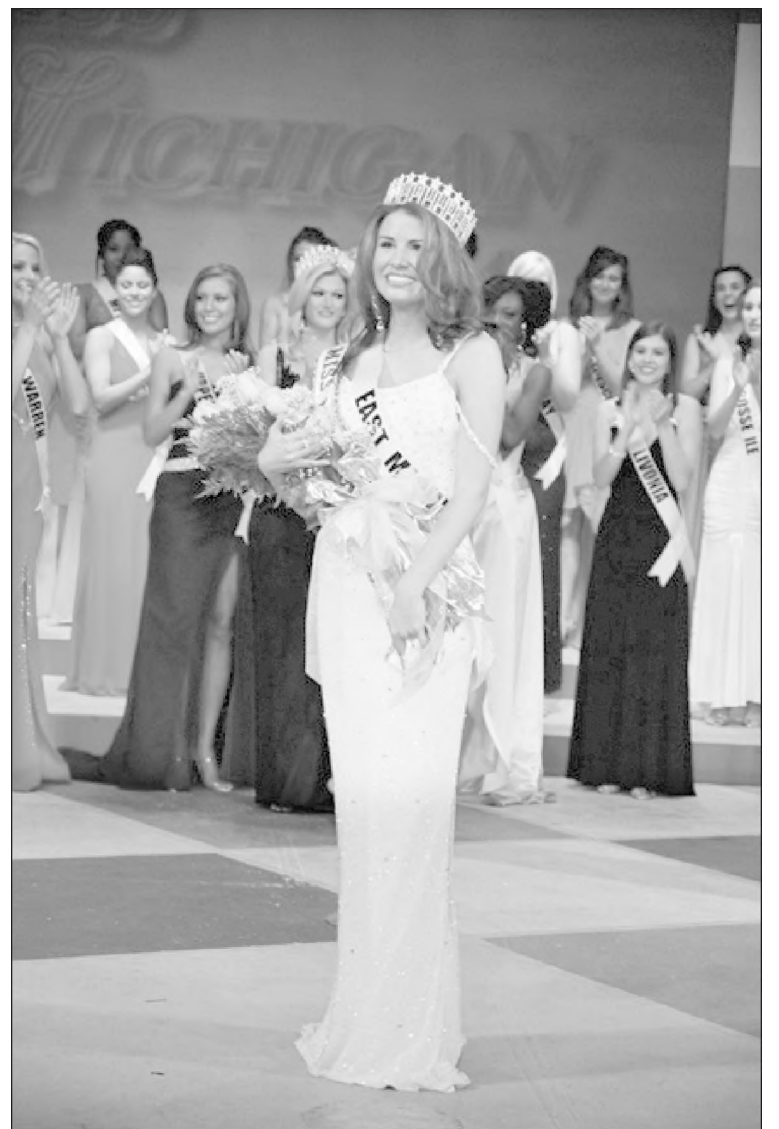
"I have to run six miles a day just to stay in shape," she said. "I can't just eat whatever I want and not exercise and stay fit."

Sarah Frame, one of Skogman's past roommates, said although Skogman's diet may seem extreme, she thinks Skogman would know if she took dieting too far.

"I know that when she's not dieting for a pageant, she eats just like anyone else," said Frame. "Especially when it comes to Pop-Tarts."

Skogman said the best thing about pageants is, of course, winning, but also said she has made a lot of friends over the years, and she hopes the entire experience will help prepare her for a career in front of cameras. Obviously, not winning is the hardest thing about competing in pageants.

"It is heartbreaking to go to the



Top left: Contestants from last year's Miss Michigan pageant gather around winner Elisabeth Crawford (photo courtesy of Cheryl Ballinger).

Top right: Jennifer Skogman, the current Miss Marquette 2008, will be competing in the upcoming Miss Michigan competition (photo courtesy of Jennifer Skogman).

Above: Elisabeth Crawford poses soon after being crowned at the Miss Michigan 2008 competition (photo courtesy of Cheryl Ballinger).

final rounds of competition and come home a runner-up," she said. "A lot of girls just get tired of not winning and they give up."

Skogman doesn't plan to give up though. For her, pageants are definitely more than just a crown and a title. Miss Michigan USA 2009 will win a \$34,000 scholarship to Baker College, among other cash prizes and gifts. Baker College bills itself as the largest independent college in Michigan with nine campuses across Lower Michigan.

"I grew up in a low income family, and I'm paying for college on my own," Skogman said. "It would be nice to get that scholar-

ship, but even if I don't win, I'll feel like I've accomplished something."

Because of the rising costs of travel, Scott will be unable to attend the Miss Michigan pageant. Nevertheless, he says that he supports his daughter 100 percent.

"I got to really hand it to her, she went from a middle child with no real ambition or anything, to being a very confident, very level-headed, mature young lady," he said. "I wish her to 'break a leg' and bring home that crown, if not this year, then next year."

To find out how Skogman places in the competition this week, visit www.missmichiganusa.com.

A vote for change: The 2008 presidential election on campus

By: Jackie Stark
Managing Editor

The 2008 presidential race is proving to be historic for many reasons: It's the first presidential race since 1928 to see neither an incumbent president nor vice president running for office, the first to see a black man become a presidential nominee for a major party and only the second to see a woman become a vice-presidential nominee. It's the first election in 19 years that has not seen a Bush or a Clinton win a presidential nomination bid and the first year in which members of Generation Y will be able to cast their votes for president of the United States.

The buzz word of both major campaigns in this race for the White House has been "change." And the people both candidates hope to woo with that word are the youth of America. News media from Fox News to CNN have been lauding the youth vote as having the possibility to majorly impact the outcome of the election.

Cameron Fure, president of the NMU College Democrats, also believes the youth vote has the potential to greatly impact who the next U.S. president will be.

"If we all got together as a group, young people, and voted, the government would be drastically different than it is now," he said.

The College Democrats have been operating under this ideal since the beginning of the semester and have been trying to register as many Northern students to vote as possible before the Oct. 6 voter registration deadline.

With tables set up outside of Starbucks in the LRC every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., the group hopes to register every Northern student who hasn't already done so. At press, the group has registered 507 people.

Starting this week, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) will also sponsor a registration table set up outside of the Wildcat Den every Monday from 4-7 p.m. Stephen Baumer, a junior biochemistry major and member of the College Democrats, worked the table on its first day of operation, Sept. 15.

"The college population could have a large swing vote in the election. We want to get young people involved in the political process," he said. "It's exciting from both sides' view. This election will mean a lot. I don't care whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, this election

will have an impact on our future."

Jordan Schwarz, president of the College Republicans, also stressed how important Michigan would be in deciding the next president.

"In Michigan, those votes are going to count ... It's a big swing state in this election, so actually, every vote does count," he said. "This election, it's going to be pretty close, and I think that that's showing in the polls."

NMU's College Democrats will also play host to the Michigan Federation of College Democrats on Oct. 1, where they will hold one last-ditch registration drive outside of Jamrich Hall. Two local bands, Boogie Tank and Grass Monkey, have been booked along with Michigan Rep. Bart Stupak, who is scheduled to speak.

"It's a chance for students to directly engage with local politicians," Fure said.

While the goal right now is to get as many students registered as possible, ASNMU president Hobie Webster said the next step is getting people to the polls in November.

"The point is getting people to vote. We want to get young people voting in higher numbers. Because then maybe, just maybe, we can get the politicians to listen to us," he said.

The College Democrats are currently planning on hosting several debate-watching parties throughout the month of October, where students can get together to watch the presidential candidates and the vice-presidential candidates discuss the major issues in this year's election.

Other student political organizations are also beginning to organize events based around the upcoming election.

The Political Review is hosting its second debate between the College

Democrats and the College Republicans on Oct. 15. The group put on the same event last year, and Fure said he hoped that with the 2008 election looming, attendance for this year's debate will be higher.

While the youth vote may or may not have a significant impact on who will be sitting in the Oval Office on Jan. 20, no one can deny that the coming year will bring with it major changes in the federal government.

"Young people have to realize that the next president is going to set the tone for the rest of the world, not just here in America, but what happens in the next 10 to 20 years," Fure said. "From selecting Supreme Court justices who can potentially have an effect on *Roe v. Wade* ... [to setting] the federal revenue sharing for college tuition, Pell grants, things like that affect students directly, [or] in a couple of years when students get out there in the real world and have to buy a house ... and get a loan or a mortgage, all of those interest rates are affected by the federal government."

While many students will have these things in mind as they decide who will earn their votes for president, the hope right now is that those students will actually show up on Nov. 4.

"You can register," Baumer said, "But if you don't vote it won't do any good."



2008 Voters' Guide

Registering to vote is often considered a daunting task, when in reality, it can be a pretty simple endeavor. Here are a few pointers on registering to vote and obtaining an absentee ballot.



Getting an Absentee Ballot

Many Northern students come to Marquette from other cities and states. In the case of these students, an absentee ballot may be the best way to go for anyone wishing to vote in the presidential election.

There are several ways to obtain an absentee ballot.

First of all, you must be a registered voter to even request an absentee ballot. If you've already registered, you can go to your local city clerk's office and pick up an application for an absentee ballot, or you can visit <http://www.michigan.gov/sos> and download a request form from the Michigan Secretary of State Web site.

You must fill out the request form and send it back to the clerk's office no later than 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election you wish to vote in is held. In the case of the presidential election, all request forms for absentee ballots must be in their respective clerk's offices by 2 p.m. on Nov. 1.

However, you may also request an emergency absentee ballot if something unforeseen, such as a family death or an unexpected illness, prevents you from reaching your polling place on Election Day. Requests for these ballots should be submitted after the deadline for requests for regular absentee ballots passes. Your local clerk will have more information about emergency absentee ballots, should you need one.

Once your request for an absentee ballot is processed, a ballot will be sent to you through the mail.

You will then have until 8 p.m. to cast your vote and have your ballot back to the clerk's office. When you mail the ballot back to your clerk's office, you must sign the return envelope as well, or your vote will not be counted.

WRITE-IN

Registering to Vote

According to the Secretary of State Web site, in Michigan, citizens can register to vote for federal, state and local elections by visiting any Secretary of State branch office, visiting your county or city clerk office, or through the mail.

Anyone wishing to vote must register at least 30 days prior to the election. The voter registration deadline for the 2008 presidential election is Oct. 6.

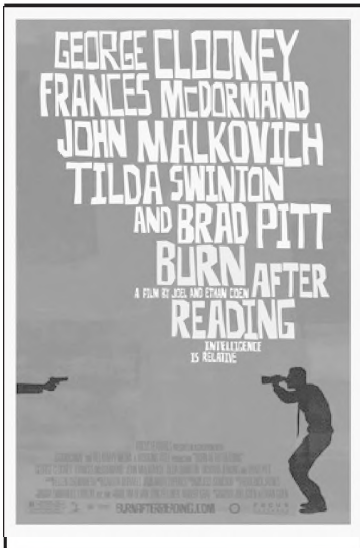
Michigan law requires four basic things of anyone wishing to register to vote: You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, a Michigan resident and a resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

Also, any first-time voter must vote in

person in their designated polling place. So, first-time voters cannot vote absentee unless they registered in person. This means any students who sent a mail-in registration form and are voting for the first time must return to their hometowns to cast their votes on Nov. 4.

If you can't make it over to the Secretary of State office to register, don't worry; several registration tables will be set up on campus until the Oct. 6 deadline. The Associated Students of NMU sponsors a registration table outside of the Wildcat Den on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. and the College Democrats sponsor tables every Tuesday and Thursday outside of Starbucks from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Coens' 'Burn' offers dark humor



Film: Burn After Reading
 Directors: Joel Coen, Ethan Coen
 Producers: Joel Coen, Ethan Coen, Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner
 Writers: Joel Coen, Ethan Coen
 Starring: George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, John Malkovich, Tilda Swinton
 Runtime: 96 minutes
 Rating: R



By Josh Snyder
 features editor

In terms of wide releases, 2008 has been one of the worst years in recent memory. Nearly every film not named "Wall-E" or "The Dark Knight" has been a major disappointment, and seeing a film in theaters has turned into a dreadful experience. But with the Coen brothers' latest, "Burn After Reading," we're now one movie closer to actually having a respectable year.

After CIA Agent Osborne Cox (Malkovich) is forced to resign, he decides to spend his retirement writing a memoir, which angers his wife, Katie Cox (Swinton).

She decides to divorce him and continue her affair with treasury agent Harry Pfarrer (Clooney). Needing Osborne's financial information, she copies everything from his PC, memoirs included, onto a disc for her lawyer. But along the way, the CD gets lost at Hardbodies, a gym where employees Linda Litzke (McDormand) and Chad Feldheimer (Pitt) work. Finding the CD, they mistake it for high-level government intelligence and attempt to blackmail Osborne for the disc. This starts a domino effect of mishaps and stupidity that draws in not only the CIA, but the Russians as well.

"Burn" is a black comedy, a criminally underrated subgenre that offers intelligent jokes with serious undertones as opposed

to simple, visual gags. Because of this, the film is not the laugh-filled romp it was marketed to be. There are still plenty of jokes, but in typical Coen fashion, they require a bit of thought. This is by no means a bad thing — other films, most notably 2006's "The Fountain," have had misleading marketing campaigns, only to offer a fantastic film regardless. Even though "Burn" may not have nearly as many jokes as the Coens' masterpiece, "The Big Lebowski," it's still a great comedy that'll keep a smile on your face more often than not.

In place of those jokes are the layers upon layers of themes and morals. Much like "Lebowski," the jokes and characters have many different levels to them, exposing the Coens' social commentary they expertly craft into their films. The world in "Burn" is one where people have lost their sense of communication, where people rely heavily on technology to connect to others as opposed to going out and actually meeting them. The result is people like the self-conscious and lonely Litzke, who desperately wants plastic surgery so she can look better in her pictures on the dating website that she uses to meet potential lovers. And then there's the paranoid, sex-crazed Pfarrer, who's always looking over his back, hoping his wife doesn't catch him with the

many women he hooks up with who he too finds through a dating service. If these characters just stopped and looked at what they were doing, they would see the ridiculousness of their actions, a lesson that many people could learn.

Of course, this reliance on technology has made everyone tremendously stupid, a trait that provides many of the film's laughs. And even with such talent behind the camera, relying on a cast of bone-headed characters can be a dangerous gamble — don't take it far enough and it won't have any impact, take it too far and it will cheapen the whole experience. Fortunately, it's the talent in front of the camera that

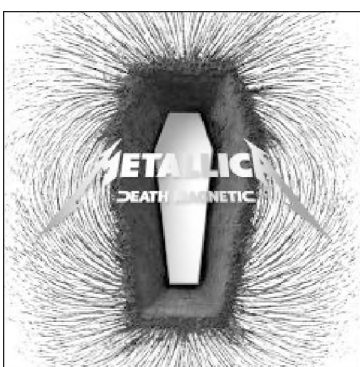
makes "Burn" a truly great film. Clooney and Pitt are fantastic as always, and McDormand reminds us that she's probably the best actress in Hollywood today. But it's Malkovich that steals the show, delivering a performance that will have you laughing long after you've left the theater. The ensemble cast in "Burn" is, hands down, the best this year.

After the amazing, yet taxing "No Country for Old Men," the Coens follow their award-winner with another fantastic film. Though it may not reach the heights set by their last picture, "Burn After Reading" is still a deep, intelligent and hilarious comedy. Go see this one in theaters, and then see it again.



Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) leads a star-studded cast in the Coen brothers' latest black comedy, "Burn After Reading." Photo courtesy of Yahoo!

'Magnetic' a return to classic Metallica



By Shane Nyman
 staff writer

No, "Death Magnetic" doesn't sound anything like "St. Anger." Automatically, it's an upgrade from that 2003 catastrophic disappointment. But not only have the grizzled, graying legends of metal exceeded expectations in what could have been their final bid to stay relevant, they've reassured the world: Metallica still rocks.

In some aspects, James Hetfield and company have embraced what made them Metallica in the first place. The raw and unrefined sound from "St. Anger" is long gone. Drummer Lars Ulrich has

ditched the garbage can lids, resulting in a refreshing sound that's powerful and polished, probably thanks to the switch to producer Rick Rubin.

A majority of the 10 tracks on "Death Magnetic" run over seven minutes, with long stretches of classic Kirk Hammett solos, rapid-fire drums and dueling guitar jams from Hammett and Hetfield. It's an energized new sound, an evolved meshing of the Black Album and everything that came before.

"All Nightmare Long," an 8-minute epic, is the album's centerpiece, the quintessential new-age Metallica track. Perhaps inspired by the U.S. military using their music to torture prisoners, Hetfield calls out over a shock-and-awe assault of drums and guitars, "We'll hunt you down with no mercy/hunt you down all nightmare long." The chorus is punctuated as only Hetfield can, "You crawl back in/ but you're luck runs out."

As for bassist Robert Trujillo, who makes his first studio appearance with the band, he's mostly a ghost. It's not until the album's next-to-last track, "Suicide & Re-

demption," that he really gets to shine. It's on this 10-minute instrumental masterpiece where the whole group finds their groove. It's Metallica's first time skipping vocals since "...And Justice For All," and with constantly evolving rip-roaring riffs, alternating speeds and depths, it's a must-hear, and hell, worth the 20-year wait.

"The Day That Never Comes," the single that's tearing up the active rock charts, might mislead listeners. With a slower intro and opening verse, it's possible to think Metallica has recorded another "Load." But the track winds up being one of the album's most unique. The song's progression is a ticking bomb, slowly building until it erupts just before the 5-minute mark.

Metallica fans are hard to please. They will always expect another mind-blowing thrasher like "Master of Puppets" or an album as successful and transcendent as the Black Album, but it's just not feasible. When handling "Death Magnetic," realistic expectations are required. It should be appreciated, for it's the late-career peak for Metallica.



Radio X's top weekly album plays:

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| 1. WEEZER
"The Red Album" | 6. TRICKY
"Knowle West Boy" |
| 2. COLDPLAY
"Viva La Vida" | 7. KATY PERRY
"One of the Boys" |
| 3. VARIOUS ARTISTS
"Life Beyond Mars: Bowie Covered" | 8. OFFSPRING
"Rise and Fall, Rage and Grace" |
| 4. PAPER ROUTE
"Are We All Forgotten" | 9. VARIOUS ARTISTS
"Dig Music vol. 1" |
| 5. AMANDA PALMER
"Who Killed Amanda Palmer" | 10. REHAB
"Graffiti the World" |



Week's top box office films:

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| 1. Burn After Reading | \$19.4M |
| 2. The Family That Preys | \$18.0M |
| 3. Righteous Kill | \$16.5M |
| 4. The Women | \$10.1M |
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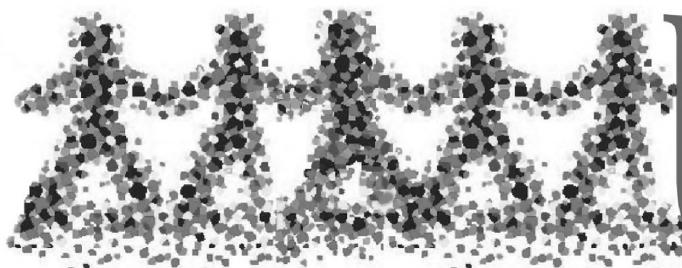
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Football ready for its close-up

By Drew Kochanny
staff sports writer

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the heated rivalry between the Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech football teams will become a little more intense and a bit more noticeable.

As if the rivalry between the schools couldn't be fueled by something more, the annual battle for the Miner's Cup will be showcased to millions, with the game featured regionally on Fox Sports Detroit (FSN), and CBS College Sports Network nationwide. The added exposure will only make sure that this game, much like ones of the past, will be one to remember.

"This is college football, we're in the limelight and college football doesn't get any more fun and doesn't get any better than this," Northern Michigan head coach Bernie Anderson said. "We need to enjoy the challenge. We need to be challenged and show the courage and be our best."

Anderson knows the rivalry first hand, from both teams' perspectives, after coaching for the Huskies for 19 years before coming to Northern in 2006.

"When I was there or being here, it's the only real rivalry to my knowledge," Anderson said. "It has always been a rivalry, it has a history, and people talk about it that played 20 years ago. I remember one of the first times I coached against (NMU) 25 years ago, it's the single only big rivalry that we have."

Many of the players are also considering the game the biggest and most important game they have ever been a part of.

"It's pretty intense and its one of the biggest rivalries I've ever been a part of," junior offensive lineman and team captain Jack Rustman said. "It means a lot and

[Thursday's game will be] the biggest game I've ever played in."

Last year's game was won by the Wildcats 34-27 on a goal line stand in the final seconds of play, building upon their lead in the series with an overall record of 40-36-3. In the last 10 meetings though, the teams have split 5-5.

This season, NMU brings in a 1-1 record overall and in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), while Tech heads into the game with a 2-1 record, 1-1 in the conference.

NMU comes off a four overtimes contest versus newly acquired GLIAC opponent Tiffin, only to come away with a 28-34 loss. With a short week to prepare, playing in four overtimes can take a toll on players' bodies, but players and coaches alike feel those won't be factors come game time.

"We did have to run a whole lot of reps, we ran 105 reps on defense," Anderson said. "But four days is enough recovery time as long as we don't overspend them in practice (this week) and we won't, we'll make sure of that, so it should be a nonfactor."

Junior quarterback Ben Hempel agreed with his coach.

"I don't think it should have an effect, with it being Tech and all, guys find ways to recover faster," he said.

Northern's offense, led by Hempel, heads into the game with the conference's best offense averaging 481.5 yards a game, with Tech slotted at fifth (415.7 yards a game). The Wildcats top rusher, junior running back Mark Bossuah, leads the GLIAC in yards per game, averaging 132 a contest. After rushing for just 72 yards in last year's game, running the ball is something Rustman and the offensive line feel they need to do to walk away victorious.

"I think it's really on the offen-



NW file photo

The Wildcat football team will square off against arch rival Michigan Tech Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.

sive line to finish," Rustman said. "We've had a lot of drives that have been held back by penalties or we just haven't finished or let our running backs and quarterbacks score, so it's a lot on us."

One thing the 'Cats have working in their favor is the fact that they are playing in their home stadium. NMU features a 26-11-3 record in the Tech series at home.

"Winning at home is something that we're trying to focus on," senior receiver Fred Wells said. "That's our main focus — that we always win at home, no matter who comes in, so that's our biggest thing right now."

Although the game is on a national stage, the players said they wouldn't lose their focus.

An estimated 3.2 million viewers in the state of Michigan will receive the game via FSN Detroit, along with hundreds of thousands more nationwide via CBS College Sports Network.

"It can (be a problem) if it gets to people's heads," Rustman said. "But I think everybody is calm and not really thinking about the media that much right now."

Key returning players on both sides include Hempel, who will be starting his first game against Tech, Bossuah, and Wells, who after two games has hauled in nine passes for 202 yards and two scores. Defensively, linebacker Nathan Yelk will be looking to make an impact after sitting out last week with a groin injury.

The Huskies return junior quarterback Steve Short, sophomore running back Phil Milbrath, who has rushed for eight touchdowns through three games — a league best. Michigan Tech's senior receiver Keith White and junior safety Robert Carmody look to make an impact as well.

What is the importance of the game to upper classmen?

"Beating Tech is definitely, since I've been here, been a real big thing," Wells said. "We need to just carry on the tradition of winning and beating them. It will give us our confidence back and let people know in the GLIAC that we're for real."

The game kicks off at 8 p.m. in the Superior Dome.

Northern soccer finishes non-GLIAC schedule

By Brice Burge
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University women's soccer team split another series over the weekend with a 1-0 victory over non-conference rival University of Minnesota-Duluth on Friday and a 0-1 loss to Ashland University Sunday.

Every weekend thus far, the Wildcats (4-3, 0-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) have split games. With no non-conference games remaining for NMU, the trend could prove problematic for GLIAC play.

"We run a tough non-confer-

ence schedule to get ready for conference play," head coach Matt Granstrand said. "The teams [in the conference] are pretty evenly matched, and competitiveness is high."

On Sunday, the 'Cats hosted their first GLIAC game of the year, which was the Ashland University Eagles. The game was scoreless throughout the first half, though NMU showed off one of its strengths by outshooting their opponent — a feat they have accomplished in every game this season.

After high winds and a slick field kept the game uneventful for much of the contest, the game

picked up intensity with about 11 minutes to go. With NMU unable to score, Ashland Midfielder/forward Casey Snyder scored the game's only goal with 5:38 left on the clock. Snyder was assisted by forward Kelly Usher.

"We're not going to make excuses for the loss today," Granstrand said. "We've beaten Ashland once out of 15 games so far. They are a tough team and we need to continue pushing forward."

Friday's game against the UMD Bulldogs was the exact opposite of the Ashland game in every way. Warm weather conditions and an intense rivalry pro-

vided a higher intensity on the part of both teams.

"It was a typical Minnesota-Duluth/Northern Michigan soccer game. We're rivals," said Granstrand.

The 'Cats came out fast and hard with forward Dana Stephens scoring her first goal of the year off a Meghan Sarna corner kick just 3:36 into the game.

"The ball was up in the air, and I just went for it," Stephens said. "I just shot and scored."

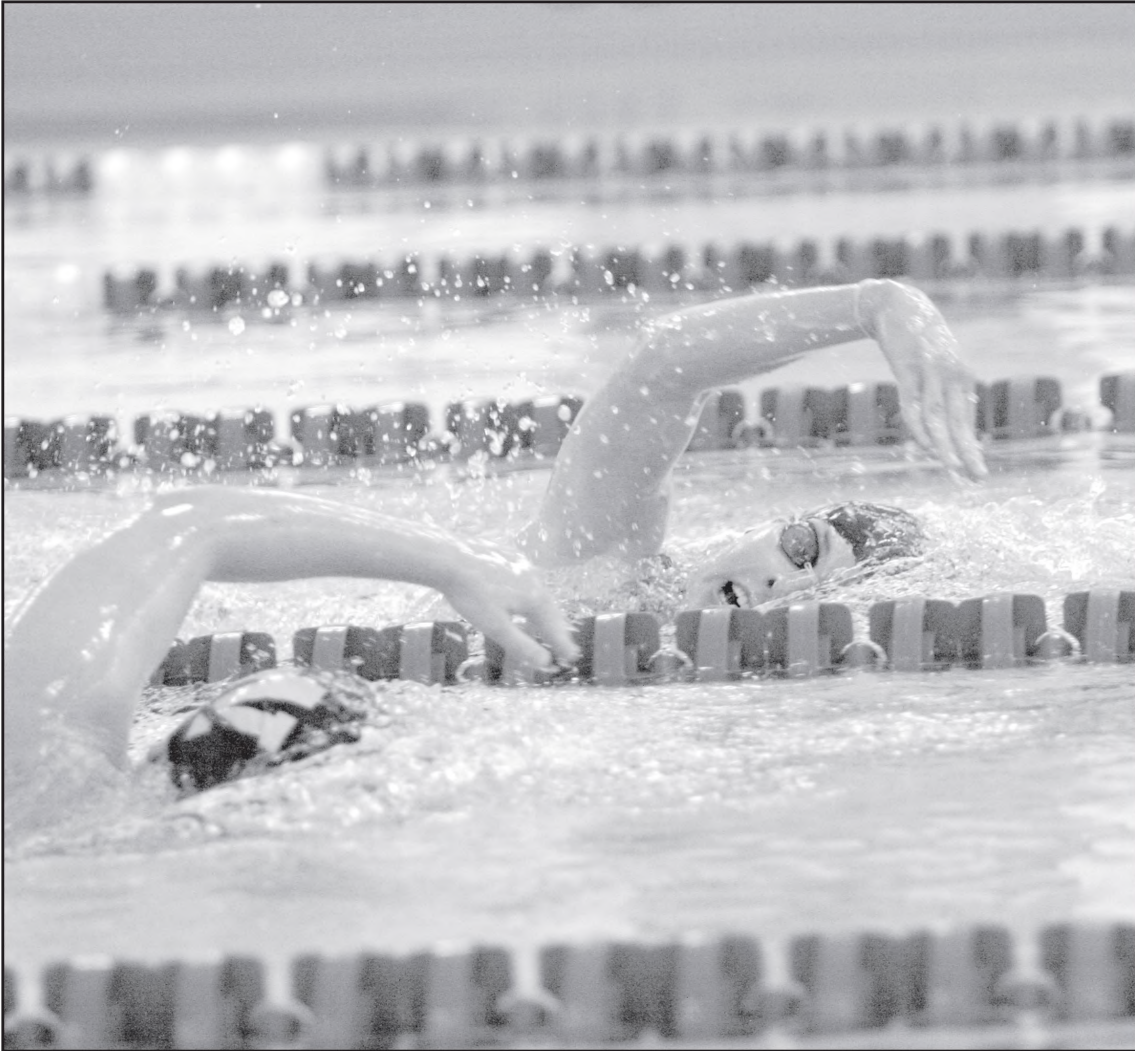
After the goal, an 86 minute game of keep away was in store for Northern. Backed by the 'Cats defense, NMU goalkeeper Kara Music recorded seven saves for

the shutout.

The Bulldogs made a late push at the end of both halves, pulling their goalie and twice substituting four players but Music and the NMU defense held strong.

"[Minnesota-Duluth] was just trying to win," Granstrand said. "They've been having some bad luck, so they're trying to find what works, but we defended well, and they didn't have many opportunities."

NMU will wrap up their six-game home stand this weekend against No. 1 Grand Valley State University on Friday and GLIAC foe Ferris State on Sunday at the Outdoor Fields.



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NMU's swim team will hit the water for the first time this season Saturday, Oct. 4 in the Green and Gold

NMU dives into season

By Trevor Pellerite
contributing writer

With the new academic school year comes a new season for the NMU Swimming and Diving squad, and before the athletes had much time to acclimate to school, they found themselves preparing for impending competitions. Since Aug. 26, head coach Bob Laughna has had the swimmers running, performing dry land exercises and swimming to get ready for the season.

Swimmers

Coming off a disappointing seventh place finish out of eight teams at last year's Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) swimming and diving meet, the team now knows what it will take to succeed against perennial conference powerhouses like Grand Valley State and Wayne State University.

"I think we were just shocked at the competition," said newly appointed team captain Emily Olson. "But this year we more know what to expect."

Coach Laughna said he believed this year's squad has what it will take to compete successfully, but added that the road to success will not be an easy one to travel as the team lost many top performers.

So many producers left, in fact, that Laughna said he considered the team to be "back to square one." The squad was left with no returning captains after seniors Sarah Dobratz and Mimi Marschall graduated. Emily Olson and Lindsey Kuehn will replace them. Also gone from last year's

team are Sarah van Oss, Kate Willems, and Meghan Merkey. Merkey graduated and was unable to compete for much of last year due to injury; Willems transferred and van Oss left the team. All told, Dobratz, Marschall and van Oss had a hand in 135 points out of the teams final 179 at the conference meet and occupied 12 of the 16 relay positions.

With the losses, coach Laughna is looking to his veteran swimmers as well as five new athletes to step up this year. Margaret Deppen, Kelli Dutton, Stephanie Rogaczewski and Catherine Sromek all bring new faces to the team. Also joining them is Elyse Sawka, who Laughna said experienced success as a triathlete this summer. He added that Sromek's backstroke abilities will fill a hole the team badly needs filled.

Laughna said he has already seen a noticeable rise in motivation from last year, and he is looking to everybody to step up this season. Despite his reluctance to single swimmers out, he did comment on his excitement over senior Lindsey Kuehn's motivation and progress.

Kuehn spent her summer training independently, and said she was disappointed in her performance at last year's GLIAC meet. She finished 30th in the 500-yard freestyle, 20th in the 1650-yard freestyle and 26th in the 1000-yard freestyle. Having asked Laughna for summer training ideas, Kuehn set herself on having a sensational final year.

"It's my senior year, and I want to go out with a bang" Kuehn said. She added she would like to qualify for the finals at GLIACs, swim times comparable to what she did

in high school and help keep the other girls motivated.

Coach Laughna has already noticed her getting better.

"She's looking good so far, I think she'll make a big improvement this year. She sets high goals for herself."

Divers

When assessing the competitiveness of this year's squad, it's tough to miss the past successes of divers Kelli and Kara Vander Baan. They will both return, and will again be the only divers for the NMU squad. Laughna said the sisters should be ready to keep the team in meets, a sentiment shared by Olson.

"They play a big role," Olson said. "Especially since they're good."

In addition to their talent and sibling rivalry, Kelli brings another asset to the team this season. She qualified for the National competition last year and finished 12th in the 3-meter diving event. From last year's success, Kelli brings a measure of experience to her sophomore year. Coach Laughna hopes to use this to motivate the team.

"Anything can be done if you put your mind to it," Laughna said. "It's been done in the past, it can be done."

The season was off to a great start before it ever began, as the PEIF pool received its first cleaning in seven years over the summer. However, time will tell if the rest of the Wildcat's season ends favorably.

The team kicks off its season Oct. 4 with the Green and Gold meet at the PEIF pool.

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Top 5 most memorable college football moments



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With NMU football hosting its first nationally televised football game in at least three decades, *The North Wind's* Adam Dompierre looks back on some of the more memorable moments in college football's TV past.

5) Down Goes Charlie

This is the kind of moment you instantly know will be with you for a long time. A Notre Dame player sprints downfield to cover a punt. A Michigan player knocks him off course and sends him tumbling out of bounds. Charlie Weis, who doesn't see any of this, is standing there like a house of cards balancing on a series of spinning plates. To say that Weis went down like a sack of bricks would be lazy and a little inaccurate. "He went down like a sack of sacks of bricks" is a much better description.

4) The Ol' Ball Coach

This is more of a lifetime achievement award than any one defining moment, but former Florida and current South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier's press conferences are solid gold. Rather than reciting coaching clichés about working hard and taking it one game at a time, Spurrier acts like he's working a comedy club. When asked if he would beat Georgia again that year Spurrier responded, "Is Ray Goff still the coach there?" And let's not overlook his finest zinger, telling Florida fans that a fire had burned 20 books at Auburn's football dorm, "but the real tragedy was that 15 hadn't been colored yet."

3) The 2007 Fiesta Bowl

Boise State came in as a big underdog against perennial powerhouse Oklahoma, but after some big plays, the Broncos held a commanding 28-10 second-half lead. Cue the roaring Sooners comeback, and Oklahoma held a seven point lead with a minute left. Three ridiculous trick plays later, and Boise had converted a two-point conversion for the overtime victory. Ian Johnson scored on the game's final play, then went to the sidelines and proposed to his cheerleader girlfriend in an ending cheesy enough to make "Full House" look like "Apocalypse Now."

2) He's A Man! He's 40!

OK, this one takes some exposition. In September 2007 an "Oklahoman" reporter wrote a hacky little column essentially calling Oklahoma State quarterback Bobby Reid soft. Reid's coach Mike Gundy doesn't take too kindly to that sort of thing and used a postgame press conference to shout at said reporter for three and a half minutes. The video descends into Chris-Farley-character territory pretty quickly but doesn't reach its high water mark until 2:25 in when Gundy hollers the baffling and instantly classic, "I'm a man! I'm 40!"

1) The 2006 National Championship

Self-proclaimed "Games of the Century" come along about once a year these days but the 2006 Rose Bowl was one deserving of the title. USC came in heralded as the greatest team ever with two Heisman Trophy winners in the backfield, but it was Texas quarterback Vince Young who defined the game. Play after play, in increasingly improbable ways, he seemed to raise the bar over and over again. On the game's decisive fourth-down play, Young had one last miracle up his sleeve, running eight yards through USC's vaunted defense for the clinching touchdown. Young's life has turned rocky since then but nothing is going to erase that night in southern California when anything seemed possible.

NMU serves 2 wins

By Gordon Beedle
assistant sports editor

The NMU volleyball team has been busy over the past week, winning two of three conference matches in a four day span.

The 'Cats beat Lake State in three straight games on Friday, lost to Saginaw Valley 1-3 Saturday and controlled Michigan Tech on the road Tuesday, 3-1.

NMU head volleyball coach Dominic Yoder said his goal as a team is to play consistently in every conference match, whether it is at home or on the road.

"We have to steal matches at our opponent's home place for us to stay in contention for the [Great Lake Intercollegiate Athletic Conference] title," he added.

After the three games, the 'Cats are 2-1 in the conference standings, and tied with Michigan Tech and SVSU, just one game behind the Grand Valley State Lakers who are 3-0 and in first place. Yoder said the North Division is the stronger of the two

divisions, and it is going to be a fight for the title.

"I think we're all in the hunt for it, and I think any given day, any team can beat each other — so we still have a chance," Yoder said.

No place like home

The first conference victory for the 'Cats was on their home opener, Friday against Lake State. NMU handed LSSU three straight sets with the scores 25-10, 25-16 and 25-18.

"It was fun and it was good to be in front of the Northern crowd," Yoder said.

Another Wildcat who was excited to play in her first match at home this season was junior setter, Rachel Green. Green suffered an injury in the offseason but made her presence known by leading the team with 32 assists.

"It was good, and it was really exciting. I was nervous and everything because of my injury, but once the adrenaline started running, I couldn't feel anything,"

Green said.

Offensively, the 'Cats were led by junior Daniela Bezerra and senior Caryn VanBeckum who each had 12 kills. NMU had a total of 42 kills for the match in 96 attempts earning a .333 average.

Junior Cassie Osieck led the Wildcats on the defensive side 17 digs. Vanbeckum and freshman Emma Wolfe each had a solo block and two blocking assists.

"The team played really well, and Lake State played better as the match progressed. But I think we maintained our consistency from start to finish," Yoder said.

Dealt by the Cards'

In Saturday's match, NMU faced off against another conference foe, the SVSU Cardinals. NMU lost 1-4 with games scores of 23-25, 18-25, 25-22 and 15-25.

Yoder said it was a disappointment to lose at home this early in the season, and the main reason for the loss was poor defense.

"Defensively Saginaw Valley out played us. But offensively, we were right there with them. They just dug more balls than we did," he said.

For the 'Cats, Green contributed 35 assists, a service ace and 12 digs, while Osiecki added 14 digs. Mandie Meyer had 10 kills and Bezerra 14.

"I think we learned that we have to play more consistent, and maybe we realized we could play better a little late," outside hitter, Bezerra said.

Losing to the Cardinals might have come as a wakeup call but the 'Cats felt like they were their own worst enemies on Saturday.

"I think it was difficult because we made it difficult — so we have to keep working hard and just play volleyball," Bezerra said.

Giving Technical difficulty

NMU had little time to prepare after the loss before going head to head against rival Michigan Tech on Tuesday. Yoder said his team took time on and off the court, Sunday and Monday, to plan defensively for the match.

"We worked really hard on the floor defense and we just have that desire, and that effort, and Northern pride to play the game," Yoder said.

In the match the 'Cats won 4-1 with game scores 25-21, 25-17, 21-25 and 25-14. Leading the way once again on defense was Osiecki with 18 digs.

On the offensive side, NMU had 51. Meyer brought down 15 kills while Bezerra had 11 kills. Green passed the ball for 40 assists. The 'Cats will continue the conference games this weekend on the road as they square off against Ferris State on Friday, Sept. 19, and Grand Valley State on Saturday, Sept. 20.



A hiker's tale



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After spending a week cross-country hiking and backpacking through the granite peaks of Yosemite National Park, my friend Jen and I were feeling confident about our next adventure. To Jen, Point Reyes National Seashore, just north of San Francisco, was a frustratingly unexplored destination. The folks who had been before said, "Stay at Wildcat Camp and be sure to check out Alamere Falls." We left early for the drive toward the coast.

En route, Jen called to make a reservation for Wildcat, but the only vacancy was for another site, Glen Camp. A five mile hike on groomed trails was a cakewalk after 16-milers in Yosemite. We arrived at Glen to find it was nowhere near the coast, and continued to our original destination of Wildcat.

The next morning, we got up early to visit Alamere Falls. There was a trail leading down to the beach — rare because with wave-cut bluffs, the water rises to meet the cliffs in high tide. Since we could see Wildcat, we decided to return to our tent via the beach.

It was so perfect that we changed our returning route: take the beach and meet up with a trail that would take us to our car, saving hours and elevation. Starfish and sea anemones kept us company and we ate the last of our food around noon, thinking we would be out by two.

Our "trail" suddenly dead ended at a 40-foot sandstone cliff. Instead of turning around, I suggested we scramble over it and pick up the beach on the other side. With heavy packs, we began ascending the flaky rock; our hand holds deteriorating, we relied on each other for foothold suggestions. I reached the summit first and peered around the bend. The rock was even steeper on the other side and it dropped directly into the ocean — no chance for continuing on this route. So we began the sketchy descent. We dropped our packs onto a rock shelf near the base of the cliff but Jen's pack caught on an overhang. Jen retrieved her pack and, glad to be on stable ground, we began retracing our steps — the closest

trail head being two miles back.

We soon came to a gorge of heavy vegetation where the bluffs had been cut back by a small stream. Thinking we could get to the top and meet up with the coast trail, we scrambled up the vegetation. Bushwhacking our way through dense green and over countless ridges, this easy climb turned into a vertical jungle. Patches of stinging nettle tore up our bare legs and thin clothes. Animal trails proved too steep and ferns hid pits and branches that tripped us up and bruised our shins. Back and forth across this gorge, we climbed to where I could literally reach up and grab the grass at the top of the bluff. But we could get no farther and again had to backtrack. Bouncing down the soft vegetation to our drop point, we went too far horizontally and nearly floated off a cliff. Landing on the beach, bruised and itchy, we had learned our lesson. But Mother Nature was not done with us yet.

I looked down the coastline to the first outcrop we would have to navigate and the waves were capsizing halfway between the point and the beach. The tide was coming in and we were two miles from high ground.

Thus began a dangerous routine: sprint along the beach, wait for the waves to recede, crawl over wet rocks, brace for waves halfway around the point, scramble to shore and continue sprinting. The saltwater stung our cuts and rashes. Soon, there was no shore. We awkwardly stumbled through the rising water. Jen slipped backwards on the rocks and her pack was sucked under. "Unstrap your pack," she yelled to me in advisement, struggling to stand. Time stopped moving. Even when we got to Wildcat Beach, I did not stop running until Jen finally caught up to me and told me we were safe.

Voice of Experience: We lived because we stayed calm but we were too ambitious with the cross-country travel. If one of us had an allergic reaction to the vegetation, evacuation would have been next to impossible.

Also, don't stray from itineraries made with people on the outside — they are your lifeline if something serious happens.

Finally: Always hike out with extra food. A stashed candy bar could be what you need to get out safely.



Jeff Kitson /NW

Outside hitter, Daniela Bezerra goes for the kill in Saturdays match against SVSU.

Today, Sept. 18

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

Event: NMU Fencing will meet from 6-9 p.m. in the Pioneer B Room of the University Center.

Event: Students Against Sulfide Mining will meet from 6-9 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

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

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

Event: Promoters for Non-Violent Peace Resolution will meet from 7:45-9 p.m. in the Huron Room of the University Center.

Event: Latter Day Saint Student Association will meet from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

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

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

Event: Student Finance Com-

mittee will meet from 7-10 p.m. in the Erie Room of the University Center.

Event: German Club will host the German Conversation Round Table from 6-7:30 p.m. at Upfront and Company.

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

Fri., Sept. 19

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: Superior Edge will have an orientation session from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Sat., Sept. 20

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

Event: Dreamscapes will meet from 12-1 p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

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

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

Skill Builder: "Finding Yourself in the Wild- Orienteering" will take place from 12-4 p.m., meeting in the Payne/Halverson Lobby.

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

Sun., Sept. 21

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

Film: "Wanted" (R) 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. 22

Event: Superior Edge will have an orientation session from 3-4 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Tues., Sept. 23

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

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

Event: Superior Edge will have an orientation session from 7-8 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Wed., Sept. 24

Event: Lutheran Student Movement will meet from 8:50-10:10 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

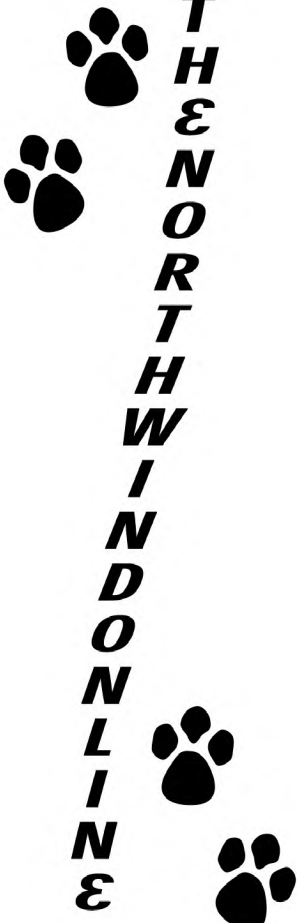
Skill Builder: "How to Write a Business Plan and What Should be Included" will take place from 5-6 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

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Weeds — The season finale was intense. I can't wait another nine months. — **Fan**

Yearbook Yourself— Very, very creepy. — **Me**

Angie — Really, stop with the pictures. — **Claire**

Stark — Your personality and snarky remarks are 84% of the reason I work here. — **Abent**

Abent — You're pretty much worthless. AP style?? — **Stark**

Chad Mike — I'm excited for paychecks and Thai House tomorrow. — **You know**

510 N. Front— Sorry I haven't been around much this week. Hopefully, I'll see you ALL this weekend (critters included). — **Missing Roommate**

Superfan — I just thought you would appreciate this: I ate too much tonight and now my stomach hurts. — **Unsuperfan**

Roommate — Where are you? I'm dying on the inside. — **Other Roommate**

Roommate — I miss you. We need some chocolate. I used your mirror today. — **Other Roommate**

Wendy's Goer — Next time we get food, you have permission to throw it all over the side of my car. — **In need of a Frosty**

Abent — I'm just kidding. You're not totally worthless. Sometimes, you let me use your computer to write shout outs. — **Stark**

You — I wish I could have been home this weekend. — **Me**

My favorite Redhead — I love you and I love our dance parties. — **Other Roommate**

DomeATC — Smile, you'll do great. Don't worry about the cameras. — **Your Favorite Trackstar**

O'Neill— I miss you and your hottness already. — **Bjorne**

Juno and Kodi— It's just you and me this weekend, kids. — **Your "sister"**

Ash— I'm so excited for the dinner you're making me!!!! — **Jackelyn**

Greek— I want Max to stick around, please make this happen. — **Viewer**

D— I'm sorry I can't take care of you anymore. If only you didn't crap in my house. — **Me**

Carson— There's nothing wrong with Wyoming, be nice. — **Jaci**

Tiger Lily— I love dreaming about sweet cheeks and sexy specks with you — **Catwoman**

Bethanney— I GET TO SEE YOU IN THREE MONTHS!!!! — **Your BFF**

Whitney Morgan— I'm glad that you weren't embarrassed along with me at Second City. Come see me sometime.— **Ex-Roomie**

Superfan — You can eat a cucumber whenever and I won't make fun of you. — **Other Roommate**

JP — Why must you quit on me? — **Driver**

Lundin — The weekend's coming. I can't wait to see you near Cloud City. — **2214**

Liam — I bet you're pretty psyched about those teeth. So am I. — **Shane**

Curt — I ate a few more of your mom's cookies. Couldn't resist. — **Shane**

Mouse in the House — I'm keeping my bread in the cupboard. No more late night snacks. — **2214**

Kitna — You're now just like all the others. Mitchell. Batch. McMahon. Harrington. But at least you took the focus off of that rotten defense. — **Shane**

Ian — You have nightmares of f'n noobs and their OP gear. — **Shane**

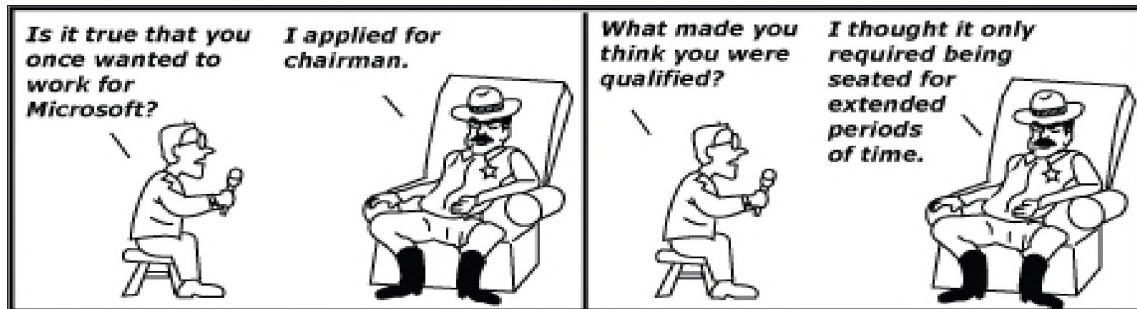
Lundin — Did you get those shoulders yet? — **Shane**

Neighbor boys — Thanks for always fixing my car, helping me out and doing manly things for me. I totally dig it. — **Cassandra**

Jaci — Can you please give me more lapdances in the office? It's pretty spicy. — **Cassandra**

Wendy — Get ready for girl-time this weekend! And P.S.. have I mentioned I can't wait for your birthday?? Love ya!

ASSASSIN SESSIONS — Andrew McCanna



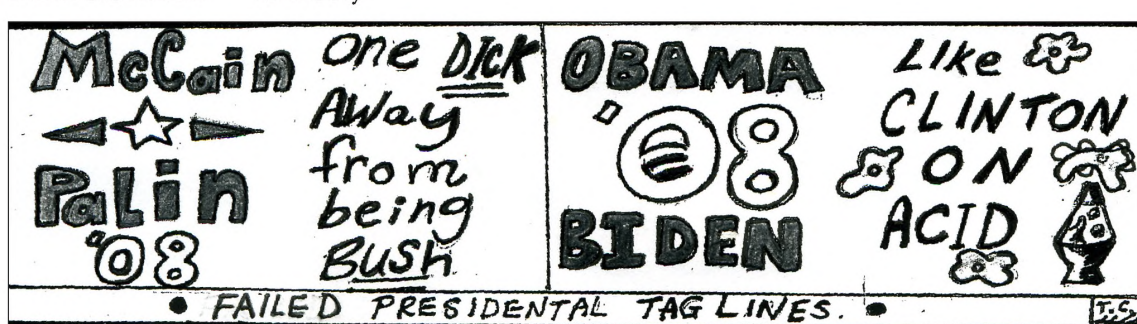
MOTHBALLS — Jeff Kitson



MUFFINTOPS — NW Staff



DEMOCRACY — Tom Cory



ODDS AND ENDS — Geoffrey Riutta



— Cass
LRK — Hey, Pack is going DOWN Sunday. Just thought I'd let you know — **JDS**

Housewife with trig skills — I'd invite you to come with to the movie this weekend, but we know you're not allowed out of the kitchen anymore — **Best**

friend ever Philip the Cat — I'm not sure if you realize this, but I did a lot to get your name in the paper this week. Unspeakable things. Things that would make a grown man cry. And I enjoyed seeing you this week. — **Curt**

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