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Museum focuses on NMU's past

By Cassandra Sturos

associate news editor

Culture and heritage of the Upper Peninsula, along with the richness of student life at Northern Michigan University, was on exhibit at the grand opening of the newly located Beaumier Heritage Center in Cohodas Hall.

The Heritage Center is a museum on campus featuring the new Student Life Exhibit, which details the experiences of NMU students through the years, along with local U.P. history and a variety of photographs.

Susan Koch, provost and vice president of academic affairs spoke at the opening of the center on Saturday night and stated the importance of having a place on campus that shows students the culture of the area.

"It allows us to embrace more fully the heritage of this region and this university," Koch said.

The Student Life Exhibit was an idea that was created by the student museum assistants, said Museum Director Dan Truckey.

"The exhibit was really going to be their ideas, and they wanted to do something on student life at NMU and in part because our collection is really stuff from Northern," Truckey said. "So they did the research, found the photos, scanned them, located the artifacts, designed the panels and layout and then installed it, and we also had help from the NMU constructors who built walls and did other fabrication work for us as well."

The center was founded in 2004, with a donation from Dr. John Beaumier, and is dedicated to the culture and history of the U.P. It serves as the university museum as well as to set up displays on campus, in the Peter White Lounge, Glenn Seaborg Center and all along the interior of the Superior Dome. The museum participates in public programming such as the Upper Peninsula Folk Life Festival and the International Performing Arts Series.

Beaumier spoke at the grand opening and said that he was very grateful for his time and experiences at Northern.

"A girl came up to me after church one day and said, 'I want to thank you for what you've done for Northern,' and I said 'Northern has done a lot more for me'," he said.

Truckey praised the Heritage Center as a very important aspect for the Northern community.

"[It] helps educate students about the history of the U.P. and the ethnic cultures that live here so they have a better appreciation for the region," he said. "Students get experience working in a mu-

seum environment; it gives them a practical opportunity to do work like that for an institution which is a little different than doing it as a class project."

Kim Denton, a sophomore majoring in graphic communications who attended the grand opening, was very impressed with the ex-

hibits and what the Center had to offer.

"The Heritage Center and the Student Life Exhibit really blew me away. It was amazing to see the differences and similarities between how student life is now

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Eric Hampton/NW

The Beaumier Heritage Center on the first floor of Cohodas Hall opened on Saturday. The exhibit highlights the history of both NMU and the Upper Peninsula through photographs and displays.

Study abroad choices abound for students

By Carson LeMahieu

news editor

On Wednesday afternoon, NMU students interested in traveling overseas got a chance to do some window shopping of Northern's study abroad programs at the annual Office of International Programs open house.

The event featured displays showcasing the study abroad programs Northern offers, which range from week long trips to coffee-growing regions of Nicaragua to full year study abroad programs sponsored by AHA International. AHA International is an international academic program that sponsors overseas study by American students.

Marcelo Siles, executive director of the Office of International Programs at NMU, said his goal, and the aim of the fair, was to increase student involvement in the programs.

"My goal is to substantially increase the number of students

in our programs, and also to increase the number of programs that we offer — both short and long term," he said.

Programs being offered this year such as a variety of options including a winter trip to Nicaragua, a six-week trip to Italy and a two-week trip to France.

Senior photography major Jenni Teall went to several European countries with a class this past summer and said she would recommend the trip to any students who were interested in learning more about European cultures.

"It was definitely the defining experience in my college career," she said.

While in Europe with her FR438 class, Teall toured the cities of Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. While in those cities, she had the opportunity to visit many museums and cultural sites including the Louvre in Paris, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, and many famous

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College Dems to host concert to kick off the campaign season

By Jaci Bjorne

assistant news editor

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, Jamrich room 101 will, for a few hours, lose its lecture-hall status and become a venue for local bands and politicians.

The 2008 Campaign Kickoff Concert will host Marquette bands Grass Monkey and Boogie Tank, while allowing students to register to vote and meet local candidates.

The event is in correlation with the arrival of the Michigan Federation of College Democrats, according to Jason Morgan, sophomore political science major and vice president of the NMU College Democrats. The stop at Northern will be one of many along a tour of several college campuses in Michigan.

The NMU College Democrats wanted to show the visitors what it is like in the U.P. and hope to make a good impression, Morgan said. He added that it should be a memorable experience to keep

them from forgetting about the existence of NMU.

"Whatever they see here is going to be their view of Northern," he said. "So it would be really nice to have students there (at the event) to show them that Northern is really active and progressive in doing a lot of good things on campus."

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College Democrats will also be attending a NMU College Democrats meeting on Tuesday and helping them with ideas of events and other activities for the next month, Morgan said.

"They might have some last minute voter registration ideas, because that's our focus right now," he said. "So they might be able to help out a little bit."

He added that Lt. Gov. John Cherry, who visited NMU on Friday, Sept. 5, helped to sponsor the Michigan Federation of College Democrats on their tour of college campuses.

Bart Stupak, who is currently running for re-election, is the featured speaker of the night,

> but there will be a variety of Democratic local candidates, said Cameron Fure, president of the NMU College Democrats.

> "Our goal is to get students to come out, listen to good music, and mingle with local candidates for office," Fure said. "If you are a voter and you have questions about someone run-

ning for office, you will be able to meet with them in person and ask them questions yourself."

Fure compared the event to Rock the Vote, which utilizes music, pop culture and technology to encourage young people to vote

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BRIEFS

SFC receives money from Coulter event

The Student Finance Committee (SFC) recently received \$9,960 in ticket revenue from the controversial Ann Coulter event held last April. When the SFC agreed to fund the speech, it was agreed that the ticket revenue would be returned to the committee. SFC Chair Andrew Foster said that a transfer in positions at the Dean of Student's Office may have contributed to the delay. He added that the SFC wanted to pay extra close attention to the money brought in from this event. "Usually funds are re-deposited in the SFC no questions asked," Foster said. "But since Coulter was such a controversial event, we wanted to make sure we knew what went in exactly." The event was put on by the NMU College Republicans, but was funded by the SFC. Total expenditures for the event were \$23,538.32. Jordan Schwarz, president of the NMU College Republicans, said the event was one of the most successful of last semester, bringing in over 11,000 people. The group was also happy with the financial outcome. "We didn't really have a goal set, financially," Schwarz said. "But we knew it was going to be a big event." The revenue brought in will be put back in to the SFC account and redistributed to other student organizations. "The funds will help to benefit the student body as a whole," Foster said.

-Sarah O'Neill

Seminar to be given on life coaching

Life coach Andrew Bek will be introducing NMU to the profession of life coaching at a Skill Builders! workshop on Monday, Sept. 29. Life coaching is a newly popular "helping" profession that assists people in making important decisions to ultimately become the person he or she wants to become. A helping profession is not problem-based help, like psychology, where a person looks for assistance with a personal problem. Instead, life coaching is an opportunity to facilitate the search and expression of one's fullest potential, Bek said. At the workshop, Bek will outline what is involved in this profession and then give a demonstration on the benefits of life coaching and a guided visualization about how a person can find out who his or her future self is. Bek says that he was introduced to this career after meeting a life coach, and he "was amazed by the power of what happened." Afterwards, he took courses and was officially trained and certified. "It helps people find fulfillment; it's the best job in the world," said Bek. "Helping others lead a fulfilled life is what I consider a full life (for me)," he continued. Life coaches are people who can help others to find clarity in who they are and what they want to be in life. "It's amazing once you find clarity how things happen," he said. The Skill Builders! series is hosted by the Center for Student Enrichment. The life coaching workshop will take place on Monday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center. Interested students who want to register should call the Student Leader Fellowship Program at 906-227-1771 or email slfp@nmu.edu.

—Lucy Hough

Group raises awareness of Alzheimer's

Sunday, Sept. 21, was World Alzheimer's Day and members of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association hung purple ribbons on campus near the Academic Mall and chalked facts about Alzheimer's Disease on the sidewalks to increase student awareness of the disease. "Our goal for the ribbons and chalking was to spread awareness about Alzheimer's because there is no cure," said Ashley Susick, president of the student organization. The members of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association are currently organizing a group of students to volunteer at the upcoming Memory Walk in Ishpeming.

- Nancy Longtine

Corrections

On page nine of last week's paper, the article "A 'model' student" should have said that Jennifer Skogman was competing in the 2009 Miss Michigan competition.

Last week's front page article "Conference offers lessons on diversity" should have attributed Ruth Watry as saying that whites who had a felony history were more likely to get a job interview than blacks with a felony history.



Jeff Kitson/NW

EDITING THE HOURS AWAY A group of NMU students edit video in the digital cinema lab in the Art and Design Building. The students are creating a green screen movie.

NMU football attendance record set

The record for attendance for an NMU football game held in the Superior Dome was broken last Thursday as a crowd of 8,672 spectators watched Northern lose 47-21 to the Michigan Tech Huskies.

The previous record of 8,432 was set on Oct. 5, 1991 in a game against GLIAC foe Ferris State. The two games mark the only times when the official attendance of a game at the Superior Dome has surpassed the mark of 8,000 people.

The new record pales in comparison to the all-time record for

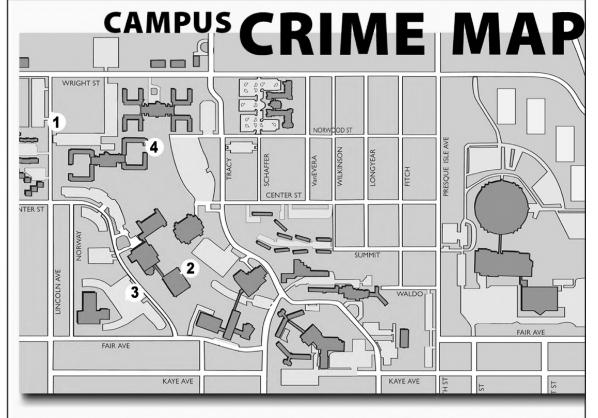
an NMU home football game, which was 15,844 for a game against Central Michigan University in 1976. The largest crowd ever to watch a live NMU football game came in 1966 when 40,166 people watched the Wildcats play Akron in Ohio.

Despite the larger than normal crowd, NMU Public Safety reported no difficulty in controlling the crowd. With the exception of a simple assault, no other incidents were reported.

According to Public Safety Investigator Victor LaDuke, the incident started when a male fan asked another male fan who was standing in front of him to sit down. The fan who had been asked to sit turned and slapped the other fan across the face. When the sitting fan confronted the standing fan who had hit him, he was slapped once again.

The fan then summoned a Public Safety official at the game who responded to the incident. No serious injuries were incurred in the assault. No charges have been filed and the case is still open.

-Carson LeMahieu and Cassandra Sturos



Map Key:

- 1. On Sept. 21, three female students, two 18-year-olds and one 19-year-old, were caught driving with open intoxicants near Lot 20. The driver was arrested, while the two passengers were given Minor in Possession (MIP) citations.
- 2. On Sept. 21, police were called to an anime group meeting in Jamrich Hall regarding a female who had been ousted as president of the group and was disrupting the group's meeting and verbally confronting the group's new president. The case has been referred to the Dean of Students.
- 3. On Sept. 22, a purse was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in Lot 17. The case is still open.
- 4. On Sept. 23, two male students, 18 and 19, were drinking and playing a video game in Halverson Hall. They started a "pushing contest" and one of the male subjects broke a dormitory window with his hand. Both were cited with MIPs and the case has been referred to the Dean of Students Office.

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Eric Hampton/NW

A display case in the Heritage Center exhibits memorabilia from Northern's storied past. The Heritage Center is the latest in a string of museums and displays on campus funded by the Beaumier Heritage Center

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and how it was many years ago," Denton said. "All of the old photographs were really interesting. They added a lot and helped me to understand so much history about the Upper Peninsula."

Elizabeth Hopp, a senior majoring in marketing who helped construct the Student Life Exhibit, said that it was a very hard job to get everything together for the exhibit.

"I learned that creating a new

exhibit is a very complicated process, and it is sometimes hard to find the information you are looking for. I also learned a

lot about Northern," Hopp said.

The Heritage Center is a great place for people to learn more about the U.P., said Christine Flavin, assistant professor of the school of art and design who did a photography exhibit for the Center.

"It's a terrific place, and I think its mission to display the cultural and immigrant heritage and the rich history of the U.P. is a very important one to have as part of the university," she said. "Anyone interested in the history of the U.P., I think, would find it a won-

derful resource."

The photography project Flavin submitted had been a culmination of two years worth of photographing abandoned mining sites throughout the U.P. while using hand built cameras.

"There's a huge historic reference made by the process. I also like the visual aspect, of looking in a circular image that sort of floats, so you're looking down a tunnel of time," Flavin said in reference to some of the images she submitted using a zone plate camera.

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> favorite part of the Student Life Exhibit was looking at the old pictures of Northern's campus. It was cool to see how it has changed," Denton said. "I also loved all of the old clothing and uniforms."

Denton advises students to visit the museum and see all it has to offer because of how fascinating and informative it is.

"I really hope that students go to check the museum out. There are so many interesting facts scattered throughout it, and they can learn so much," Denton said.

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He added that the intent is to help students gain knowledge of the voting process.

"We'll have a couple of songs played, then have a candidate speak for a few minutes," Fure said. "We'll have all of the College Democrats there with clip boards and information on how to vote and how to get absentee ballots."

Grass Monkey, a progressive bluegrass band, is excited to play this show because its members are interested in the upcoming election and supporting the democratic cause, said Jake Shea, senior biology professor and mandolin player in the band.

"We just wrote a song that is pretty liberal in the lyrics. It means a lot to us," said Shea. "We'll probably be playing that at the concert; it's called Blindfold."

He added that the song is about Americans taking off their blindfolds, realizing they need to take charge of their futures and not allowing a war every presidential term

Shea said he hopes students

will attend the event and support the bands and democratic candidates.

"If they want to get out for a good cause, have a good time and listen to some great tunes," he said. "Get ready to jam."

Morgan said partisan politics is not an issue with the concert and people of any political affiliation are welcome to attend the concert, listen to the speakers, and register to vote.

For more information on the event e-mail cfure@nmu.edu or attend the College Democrats' meeting on Tuesday in Room 311 of the LRC.

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French chateaus. The total cost of the trip was around \$5,000.

Also at the interest fair was English professor John Smolens who was drumming up excitement for a trip to Italy that he will be taking students on. The trip will feature three fourcredit classes — one in travel writing, one in Italian art and architecture, and one in basic Italian language.

Smolens said he got the idea for the class from a trip he led to Italy last year as part of a class.

"Last year I taught travel writing for an entire semester and then took my class to Italy. This year we will be extending the program into a full six week experience," he said. "I can't think of a single experience that students will have that will be more valuable to them while they are at college."

Susan Morgan, coordinator for education abroad, said that NMU has been working to expand the program offerings for students. In the ten years she has worked for NMU, she

says she has seen the program change greatly.

"Interest is growing, numbers are growing, but what's really interesting for me is that in the 10 years I've been doing this at NMU, the nature of international study has changed. It used to be students would go to Europe and stay in one place," she said. "We're adding in opportunities such as service learning, internships, self-designed programs. We're also seeing students go to new more non-traditional places such as Morocco and Ghana."

According to the Office of International Programs Web site, NMU offers study abroad programs in more than 30 foreign countries.

Morgan said that many students have misconceptions of what is required to travel abroad.

"A lot of students assume you need to know a language or have a ton of money to study abroad. They might be surprised to learn that you don't," she said.

Most study abroad programs offer classes in English for American students studying in foreign universities and the Office of International Pro-

grams has been working with the NMU foundation to increase the number of scholarships available to students who take classes overseas.

The steps for students who are interested in studying abroad need to take are not complicated ones.

"They should get a passport; they aren't going anywhere without it. They should start planning early and talk with their advisor or professor to plan what classes they need to take," Morgan said. "Then they need to come to our office and meet with me about what their options are."

She added that she feels all students should take advantage of the opportunities that Northern offers for studying abroad.

"I studied abroad in college for a year, and it changed me. It's the perfect time to do it — while students are still independent and not tied down to a mortgage. It's not just travel, it's a way to purposely put yourself into the world and conquer the world for a semester," she said. "You come back changed: you're confident, you're a risk taker, and you know who you are and you know your country better."



Carson LeMahieu/NW

NMU senior, Jenni Teall talks about her recent study abroad experience in Europe with freshman Naomi David at an open house presented by the Office of International Programs on Wednesday afternoon.

Indie band Mates of State to perform in Great Lakes Rooms

By Carson LeMahieu

news editor

On Thursday, Oct. 16, NMU will play host to a concert by husband and wife indie duo Mates of State.

The concert, being hosted by First Aid Productions, is being held in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center and is free to Northern students.

Mates of State is an indie rock band that has been playing since 1997. The band is composed of Kori Gardner on vocals, electric organs, microKORG and Casio synthesizers, electric pianos, piano and guitar, and Jason Hammel on vocals, drums, glockenspiel, Casio synthesizer and miscellaneous percussion instruments.

First Aid Productions president Lindsey Archambeau said that the group decided to move in a more indie direction with its choice for a performer for this show.

"They are different than anything we have done before," she said. "We decided that we needed to take a risk and go in a different direction."

She added that the feeling amongst the members of the student group is enthusiastic about the choice of bands.

"We have a lot of members of our group that are very excited about this. We pick our bands based on the recommendations given to us by our members, and this was a band that we had a lot of interest in," she said.

Mates of State has shared the stage with a number of big name indie acts in the past five years, including tours with bands such as The Anniversary, Spoon and Death Cab for Cutie. In addition they performed at the Lollapalooza music festival in 2008 on the Myspace.com stage.

In 11 years, the band has put out five full length CDs and two EPs. In addition they have produced seven 7" singles or split recordings.

Its free music. So why the hell wouldn't you come?

— Lindsey Archambeau president, First Aid Productions

Their most recent recording, "Re-Arrange Us," was released in May of this year on Barsuk Records. The album peaked at #140 on the Bilboard's chart of the top 200 current albums. It also ranked #11 among indie musicians and #6 among "heatseakers." The heatseakers chart is an index of up-and-coming music.

In addition to Mates of State, the show will also feature a regional band and a local band. Archambeau said, the group will be deciding on the two bands at their meeting this week.

This is the first year that First Aid has been granted earmarked funds status to use funds directly from the student activity fee. The group received the earmarked status at an SFC meeting last April. Archambeau said that there was added pressure for the group to put on a bigger concert.

"We definitely were feeling the pressure to put on a good show," she said. "Anytime that you are given an increase in money there is a pressure there to use that money wisely and show that a good decision was made in granting it."

First Aid is a student group that brings alternative music to campus. Last year, they hosted bands such as Lucky Boys Confusion, MxPx and Ben Kweller as well as numerous smaller shows in the dorm base-

Archambeau said that students, whether they have heard of Mates of State or not, should come to the concert.

"It's free music. So why the hell wouldn't you come?" she

The concert is on Oct. 16 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting at 7:00. The event is free to NMU students with a student I.D. The cost for non-students will be determined at a later

ASNMU makes progress as the fall semester moves on

ASNMU has been keeping busy over the past weeks as they get their Web site ready to be launched and construct the official bylines for a new External Affairs Committee.

The committee is to be comprised of three people: an external affairs committee chair, who will be responsible for presenting the work of the committee to the general assembly, a local affairs liason, who will be responsible for keeping track of what the Marquette City Commission is doing and a legislative affairs liason, who will be responsible for keeping up to date on the Michigan House of Representatives Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The committee will also send three ASNMU staffers to Lansing every year so they can lobby for increased funding for higher education.

"In times of financial crisis, often the first thing on the chopping block is education," ASN-MU president Webster said, adding that the committee will work to ensure that the state doesn't forget about Northern when it makes its budget.

And while the bylaws have

been put into place, the positions within the committee have yet to be filled.

The ASNMU Web site was another feature that Webster wanted to work on once elected to office. The Web site will be ready to go by the end of next week, Webster said.

"it's pretty exciting," he add-

The Web site has been completely revamped and will be much easier to navigate, Webster said, adding that a new blog on the site will also replace any mass e-mails of ASNMU's prog-

The blog will feature updates on what ASNMU has been or will be working on, so interested students will always have access to what their student government

Also, a new Student Finance Committee (SFC) link will be posted, so students can check and see the SFC staff as well as their meeting minutes and by-laws.

"It helps with openness," Webster said. "There's way more features now, and the site is all about information."

- Jackie Stark

Study: Invasive plants not as dangerous as originally thought

By Christopher Baker

Brown Daily Herald

In a recent study, a Brown University researcher and a colleague have challenged the conventional understanding of the dangers of introducing new species to existing ecosystems.

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences by Dov Sax, assistant professor of biology, and Steven Gaines, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, found that invasive plant species have rarely caused the extinction of native plant species on islands.

Sax said this discovery was unexpected because the introduction of exotic birds and other terrestrial vertebrates to islands frequently leads to extinction of native species.

Additionally, on the islands the scientists examined in their study, more exotic plant species are becoming naturalized over time, and this process shows no signs of slowing. As a result, biodiversity in these areas is steadily increas-

Furthermore, the results of the study have helped further scientists' understanding of what causes extinctions, allowing them to better avoid these future events.

The study suggests that invasive terrestrial vertebrates are more threatening to native species than invasive plants because vertebrates are more likely to be predators. In cases involving the introduction of exotic terrestrial vertebrates, "the combined influence of predation acting alone and predation acting in concert with other factors is believed to account for 98 percent of all extinctions," says the study.

The competition between exotic and native plants does not usually lead to immediate extinctions, so exotic plants are able to gradually become a part of the islands' biodiversity.

"The number of new exotic species is just going up every year," said Sax. "That's surprising because the expectation would be that the number should be starting to level off at some point if these

islands are filling up with species. And so there's just no evidence that these islands are filling up. There seems to be room for more and more species to be added."

The findings offer a better understanding of conservation strategies such as assisted migration, in which a threatened species is relocated to a more advantageous

"On some level, my work sugests, on islands -- if that can be generalized -- is that you could probably move plants without causing other plants to go extinct," Sax said.

But there are still concerns that invasive plants might contribute to the long-term extinction of native plant species. According to Sax, some native species might be experiencing what is called "extinction debt".

"What's really the next level is figuring out how extinction debt works," said Sax, who hopes that his research will address the possibility of long-term extinctions that are not immediately appar-

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 organiza-

Last week, there was no meeting due to a lack of budgets.

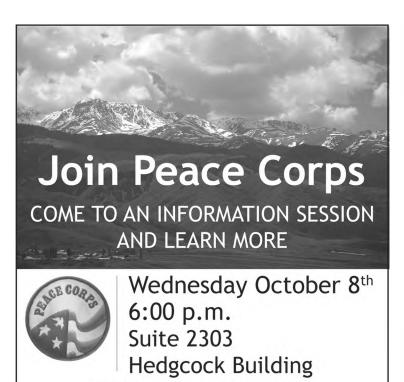
This week's meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Cadillac Room of the University Cen-

This week, the SFC will consider the following budgets:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested	
College Republicans	Spirit of the Wild with Ted Nugent	\$29,395	
OUTlook	Hate Free Concert	\$7,274.64	
Black Student Union	Homecoming Party	\$6,500	
Lambda Chi Alpha	Laughing at Alcohol Awareness	\$4,237	
Political Review	College Democrats and College Republicans	\$147.25	

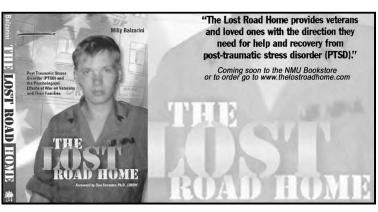
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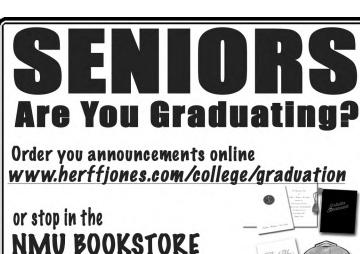
To contact the Student Finance Committee, or to submit your organization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to sfc@nmu.edu.



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90's film: JURASSIC PARK DEAD RIVER GAMES

September 28

Jamrich 102

MONDAY September 29

SCAVENGER HUNT Great Lakes Rooms

TUESDAY September 30

STEPPING COMPETITION KING & QUEEN Jamrich 102

Great Lakes Roon 7 p.m.

October 2

HIDDEN CITY SLEEP-OUT Academic Mall

October 3

NMU SOCCER vs University of Findlay Outdoor Fields

> **PARADE** Third Street 5:30 p.m.

NMU VOLLEYBALL vs Ashland University Vandament Arena 7 p.m.

October 4

NMU VOLLEYBALL vs Tiffin University Vandament Arena

TAILGATE PARTY Superior Dome 2 - 4 p.m.

NMU FOOTBALL vs Saginaw Valley State Superior Dome 4 p.m.

FIFTH QUARTER RECEPTION Holiday Inn 7 p.m.

HOMECOMING PARTY **Great Lakes Rooms** 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

90's film: EDWARD SCISSORHANDS 11:30 p.m.







Superior Edge

2008 Fall Semester **Orientations**

Friday, September 26 1 - 2 p.m. **Tuesday, September 30** 5 - 6 p.m. Friday, October 3 Noon - 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 8 5 - 6 p.m. Friday, October 17 1 - 2 p.m. **Thursday, October 23** 4 - 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 11 5 - 6 p.m.

> All the orientations will be held in The Back Room. Don. H Bottum University Center

Please call 906-227-6543 or e-mail edge@nmu.edu to register for an orientation.

www.nmu.edu/superioredge

____ Staff Editorial ____ Diversity appreciated

The third annual Uniting Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity (UNITED) Conference came to a close this week, and while there was much for NMU to be proud of — from a diversity standpoint — it is apparent that there is still work to be done.

As a college campus, Northern should help to prepare students for the real world, but the fact of the matter is that the geographically isolated Upper Peninsula hasn't always — in fact, has never — mimicked that world. That's why NMU's push to instill the campus and students with a sense of diversity is so important.

Since Les Wong took over as the president of Northern four years ago, his administration has made a point to push the campus into a global community. Study abroad programs are becoming ever more popular at NMU, while Northern students who decide to spend their college careers within the United State's borders are being exposed to speakers and presentations from around the globe. In the last few years alone, students have been treated to speeches from Bill Cosby, Maya Angelou, Edward James Olmos, Arun Gandhi and Daryl Davis.

On top of this, Northern's Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, as well as the Multicultural Education and Resource Center, are charged with increasing cultural diversity on campus.

Despite these positive steps, diversity at NMU is still lacking. According to NMU's Institutional Information, 89 percent of undergraduates are considered "white/non-Hispanic." When compared to similar universities, NMU is clearly behind.

In their 2009 list of America's best colleges, U.S. News and World Report included a racial diversity index, meant to demonstrate a student body's diversity. In the list of Midwestern Master's universities, NMU ranks 115th out of 127 schools.

This falls short even in comparison to other Michigan schools. Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University and Saginaw Valley State University each ranked 61st, 67th and 68th respectively.

And while the campus is buried in the Upper Peninsula forest, hours away from any large population center, it is imperative that the Northern administration — as well as the students and organizations — continues to push for a higher level of diversity on campus.

Upon leaving school, graduates should reasonably expect to join a varied job force in a different city among a group of people they have never met. With any luck, their experiences at NMU will prepare them for that. As it stands right now, those experiences just don't measure up.

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The UNITED diversity conference has taught NMU to not just see things in black and white... Oooo, Mr. Fancy Shmancy! Zip it, brainiac!





...well, except for maybe the laptop initiative.

- Letters to the Editor

Thanks for supporting the Wildcats

I want to thank all NMU students that attended last Thursday's nationally televised football game. Your enthusiasm, signs, body painting and behavior were tremendous! We have heard many compliments regarding you, and want each and every one of you to know that you can be proud of yourselves.

Tom Izzo, head basketball coach at Michigan State University, was amazed at the student enthusiasm and the excitement it brought to the game.

We hope you had a great time. Attending different campus events (not just athletic events) is all part of the collegiate experience. Take advantage of the many campus events offered. Those involved with the events — musicians, actors, student-athletes, etc. Appreciate your attendance.

Again, thank you for attending and GO CATS!

Ken Godfrey Athletic Director

Palin critique faulty

I am writing in response to Claire Abent's Sept.. 18 column on Sarah Palin.

I won't even comment on the ridiculous accusations Claire dotted her editorial with, including my personal favorite, "Palin may be a woman, but she is, without a doubt, against women." That statement bears not one facet of lucidity.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was under the impression that liberals love powerful women who build substantial careers and possess enough depth and intellect to hold public office. I guess the fact that Sarah Palin is able to do so while remaining faithful to her husband and raising five beautiful

children is enough to throw any Democrat for a loop. An intelligent woman with a loving husband, a bunch of kids, a successful career and a staunch dedication to life and her country? Wow, I can't even fathom anything quite as "frightening."

There are only a few weeks to the election and I love seeing Sarah Palin's name in the press. In my opinion, her name being seen or heard every day is only heightening her popularity and proving that (although Democrats hate to admit it) America is involved in a deep, obsessive love affair with her.

So, as your fellow American voter, I extend my deepest thanks to the North Wind for printing the column on Sarah Palin. While it may not have been the motive, you succeeded in putting her in the spotlight once again, which will probably and hopefully benefit the McCain campaign in the end.

Emily Schmitz senior, elementary education

In the Sept. 18 2008, North Wind, Claire Abent wrote that, "What scares me most is that with her (Sarah Palin) as vice president, we as a nation would regress away from anything resembling forward thinking." I have news for Abent though, Americans are not looking for forward thinking; they are looking for better thinking. I would rather have backward thinking in the right direction than forward thinking in the wrong direction.

I am an undecided voter but the systematic rant which sought to pick apart Palin for her pro-life stance was, to say the least, disturbing. Abent writes when referring to abortion that, "Palin may be a woman, but she is, without a doubt, against women." Really? Well then, maybe next week we should expect to see an article in the North Wind accusing Barack Obama of being racist against African Americans. The truth of the matter is that being a woman and being pro-life is not a contradiction, it's the logical position to take. Why? Female fetuses everywhere from China to the United States are aborted with higher frequency. Being pro-life protects a woman's most fundamental right then: the right to life.

Characterizing Palin as a radical because she opposes abortion in cases of rape and incest seems fair. However, being a radical doesn't make you wrong. I know children that are the result of rape, but should they pay the penalty for their father's crime? I have cared for kids who are the products of incest; they have a right to life as much as you or I.

My little sister was an unplanned pregnancy, and I couldn't imagine my life without her. Please don't kid yourself, men and women who are pro-life are not against the women, just ask one of the many pro-lifers I know who have adopted children, even children with severe handicaps.

Anders Gillis senior, secondary education

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7 The North Wind Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008 OPINION

Health care crisis needs a solution



For up to one-third of the population, affordable health care is something that is too far out of reach. Advances in medical care are made everyday, but what does that matter if no one can afford to

pay for it?

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, about 45 million Americans are currently surviving without any form of health insurance. And of those people, eight out of 10 are employed or dependents of someone who is employed and come from low to moderate income families. In addition to those 45 million people, another 38 million have health insurance that is insufficient or inadequate.

Programs such as Medicaid and Medicare, which are government-run provide assistance to a select population of those who cannot otherwise afford or have access to health insurance. But not everyone qualifies for those benefits.

Those who cannot get benefits from their employers or assis-

tance programs are forced to pay for their own health care. Private insurance is often high-priced and thus unattainable for many. This can mean that the uninsured often delay medical care, which can lead to more serious health problems. The subsequent medical bills leave millions of people so far in debt that they may never recover.

Even for those who have health coverage, prices are rising dramatically. Over the past six years, premiums have gone up four times faster than wages have, according to the Kaiser Foundation.

Of the uninsured, 71 percent are adults age 19-54, a demographic group that college students fall into. I know plenty of students who have skipped out on going to the doctor just because they know they can't afford to pay the bills.

Here at NMU, as at most college campuses, we have access to a relatively inexpensive health care at the Vielmetti Health Center. But the sad fact is, health centers are not equipped to handle all medical issues and do not have the operating budgets to stay open at all hours. Students are often forced to seek care at hospitals, a place at which medical costs can

quickly rack up.

This is the bottom line is: no one should ever have to forgo medical care just because he or she cannot afford it.

This health-care crisis has become an issue of increasing importance in the upcoming election. Both of the major party candidates have developed extensive plans for reforming the health care system.

In a bare-bones breakdown, Republican nominee John McCain's plan offers up a tax credit to individuals and families in order to offset the cost of health care. Individuals would receive \$2,500 and families would receive \$5,000 to pay for the health insurance plan of their choosing. He also proposes that people have choices beyond employer-based insurance programs.

Essentially, Democratic nominee Barack Obama is proposing a new national health care program. The health plan would allow Americans to buy health coverage that is similar to the plan that is currently available to members of Congress. No one would be turned

away under this plan.

The candidates seem to agree that health care should be affordable and portable (meaning it follows a person from job to job). Both candidates also agree that there is a health care crisis and that a solution is needed soon.

Who has the best solution? I'm not sure, but I know that the current system is failing far too many people. I'm challenging whoever ends up in the White House in January with fixing the health care problem that has been plaguing the country for far too long.

Take a deep breath!

No, open wide!

Palin qualified and ready for office



Guest Column Ashley Harwood

I love Sarah Palin. She's just what America needs right now in the White House: a strong, successful woman with morals and a brain. I wasn't even sure I wanted to vote McCain until he chose Palin as his running mate.

McCain has had a lifetime of experience; no one can deny that, and that's part of what will make him an excellent president. But Palin has leadership experience as governor that democrat Barack Obama does not have as a senator.

The position of governor holds much more responsibility than that of senator, and although she hasn't held the position very long, Obama hasn't held his position in government much longer, and he's running for president. The McCain-Palin team has everything this country needs, especially leadership experience and strong moral values.

Palin's stance on abortion is one of my favorite things about her. Contrary to some beliefs, those who are pro-life (myself included) do believe in a woman's right to choose. But instead of choosing to not take on the responsibility and consequences of one's actions by having an abortion, we believe a woman has the right to choose

when and with whom she has sex. She does, however, support abortion if the mother's life will end because of the pregnancy. Palin is most certainly not against women, but she is against women being irresponsible.

The media's new favorite hobby is spinning stories about Palin. Yes, her daughter is pregnant and unmarried. I don't see how this is a reflection of Palin's qualifications to be vice president. Parents can only control their children to an extent: then it's up to them to make decisions. I think she's a great parent despite her daughter's mistake, but since when does being a good or bad parent impact someone's readiness for office?

I wish all sides of the stories

were given during election season. Take the "Troopergate" incident. The state trooper she wanted fired was in a custody battle with her sister, but that's not why Palin wanted him fired. This man used a taser on his 11-year-old stepson, was drinking and driving in his patrol car, and explicitly threatened to shoot Palin's father. Of course Palin wanted him fired and of course she dismissed the commissioner for not firing this criminal. I certainly would have, too.

She's already proven she can listen to the people of Alaska and take care of them. Remember, she was elected to city council, elected to the position of mayor and elected to the position of governor. In her first year as governor, she had

one of the highest approval ratings of all governors in the country.

Palin is young and not had time to create a resume like Hillary Clinton. But while in office, she's put money back into the hands of the people, worked to safely drill for domestic oil, and still saved millions of dollars for Alaska. I'd say she's more than qualified. I think McCain made a brilliant choice. Palin appeals to conservative Republicans, as well as many ex-Clinton supporters who want a strong, intelligent woman in the White House. She is a female leader who's proven her competency over and over again.

Come November, I hope the people of this country make the right decision.

Sound Off

What is your favorite part of fall?



Justin D. Ogrer senior, economics "It is track jacket season."



Kathryn Letts senior, art and design "The smell of the air and the rainbow of colors."



Matt Axley sophomore, pre-dental "Cool(ish) weather and crunchy leaves."



Toni Valesano junior, English "Sweaters."

Compiled by Jeff Kitson



Derek Mohr sophomore, art and design "Hockey season starts."

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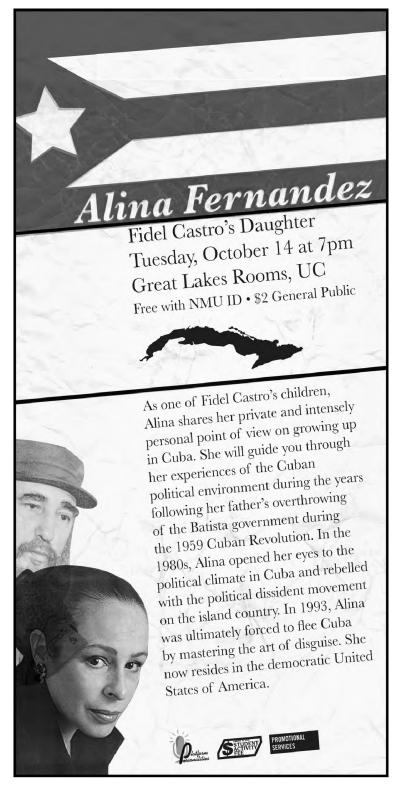
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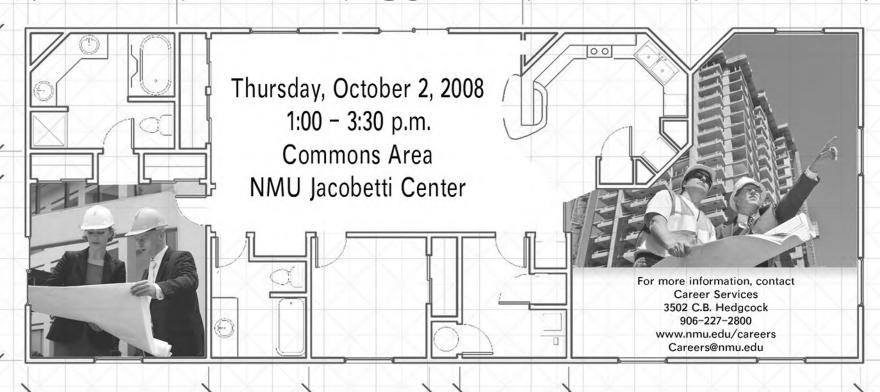


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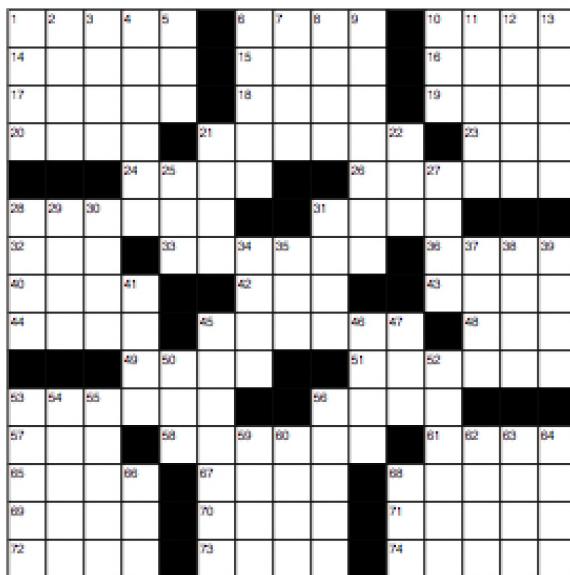
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By Josh Snyder

features editor

For the more active students, NMU offers a robust line-up of intramural sports.

From flag football to broomball, it seems like there's something for everyone. Lately, one sport in particular has been attracting both students and professors alike with its ease of play and friendly competitiveness.

Ultimate Frisbee, often referred to simply as "Ultimate," has been a staple on college campuses across the nation and worldwide. Ultimate is a non-contact team sport. A typical team consists of seven members and is played on a

field divided three sections endzones and a field of play. To score, a player must get the disc to a team-

mate who is in the opponent's end zone. However, there's a catch you can't move your feet when you have the disc, and you only have a limited time to throw it, or else it's turned over to the other team. If the disc hits the ground, it's also turned over to the other team.

Biology professor Alec Lindsay, who has been playing Ultimate Frisbee since he was an undergrad at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said that U1timate is different from the other intramural sports.

"It's really a beautiful game," Lindsay said. "For some people, it ends up becoming a way of life."

One of the most appealing aspects to Ultimate is that it's easy to get into, no matter what your skill level is. It's also one of the few mixed-gender intramural sports, allowing anyone to play in the same game. This adds to Ultimate's philosophy of letting everyone play.

"Both men and women can play up to a high level," Lindsay said. "It encourages involvement and play from men and women, old and young."

senior criminal justice major Jon VanOss, this was one of the main reasons he began playing.

"I didn't play at all until I came up here," VanOss said.

VanOss, along with senior accounting major Jake Simmons, began playing Ultimate when they lived in West Hall three years ago. According to Simmons, it all started as a way for people in West Hall to come together and have

"We just really were trying to come up with something for everyone in the hall to do," Sim-

mons said. "It's great way to get exercise and meet people." In the

years

— Alec Lindsay Biology professor

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ing a way of life.

since, Ultimate has become more than just an activity for those living in the dorms.

"It's gone way beyond that now," Simmons said, adding that the amount of intramural Ultimate teams rose to 26 total.

Each week, VanOss and Simmons, along with a group of approximately 20 others, get together at the rugby fields on the corner of Lincoln and Wright Streets to play pick-up games. These games not only allow those who already play a chance to do so but give others an opportunity to see what Ultimate is all about.

VanOss said that he always encourages people to come and check it out.

"The more people, the better," he said, adding that when they say everyone is welcome, they truly mean it. "I've never seen anyone not fit in."

Lindsay said that in the six years he's been teaching at NMU, he has seen the sport's popularity rise and fall. He attributed this to the fact that Northern does not attract many post-graduate students, so those who do play never get a chance to pass it down to younger generations.

"It just takes one to two people who are willing to organize it," Lindsay said. "If you lose those two people, it kind of dissipates, but the interest is still there."

Perhaps one of the most defining characteristics of Ultimate is the same principle that fuels the competitive, yet friendly environment:



game) is part of the beauty of the game. It's an integral part of the game."

Although winter is quickly approaching, Lindsay isn't done with Ultimate just yet. Along with VanOss and Simmons, he's working to organize a tournament, aptly titled "Hucktober Fest," which will take place Oct. 11 at the rugby fields. The idea of the tournament is for anyone interested to show up and sign in. The teams for the day will then be determined randomly. According to Lindsay, random teams will allow for a more rewarding social experience.





Photos by Jeff Kitson/NW

Top left: Spencer Bernstein slides in an attempt to catch a disc thrown his way at a Sept. 22 pick-up game at the NMU Rugy field. Top right: Alec Lindsay hucks a disc to a teammate. Above: Brett Broda scans the field, looking for an open player. Center: Jon VanOss makes a leaping catch.

"You get to meet new people, (and) you get to learn the game," Lindsay said.

For those who'd like to play in the tournament but would like to get some practice in beforehand, the pick-up games offer the perfect opportunity. Lindsay said it gives them a chance to show newcomers the ins and outs of the sport, and teach them a few new tricks, such as new ways to throw a disc.

"We love (for) people to come

out and learn the game," he said.

Pick-up games are held every Monday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the rugby field. For those interested in participating in the tournament, which will start at 11 a.m., Lindsay recommends bringing a folding chair, water and both a black and white shirt. For further information contact Jon VanOss at jvanoss@nmu. edu or Alec Lindsay at alindsay@ nmu.edu.

The leaves they are a cha

By Jackie Stark managing editor

With a month having passed by in the semester, the air is becoming a little more crisp, the nights a little more cool and the leaves a little less green. In a few weeks, fall will descend on Marquette, bringing with it a collage of orange, red and yellow foliage. And while mid-terms may be arriving sooner than students may like, they should still take a break from studying to experience the beauty that is fall in the Upper Peninsula. The following are some great places to visit in the coming weeks:

Fall Color Tours

The Upper Peninsula is famous for its natural beauty, especially in the fall. Realizing this, the Marquette Country Convention and Visitors Bureau has put together a fall color tour guide that is easily accessible through their Web site, www. marquettecountry.org. All that's required is a car and a few good friends to fill the seats. Some tours listed in the guide include a north tour through Big Bay and another that will take you along scenic Lake AuTrain, among others. The tours also provide you with places to stop and visit along the way, including beautiful beach views and areas which were used for filming "Anatomy of a Murder," the infamous novel turned movie that was filmed in the U.P.

Brockway Mountain

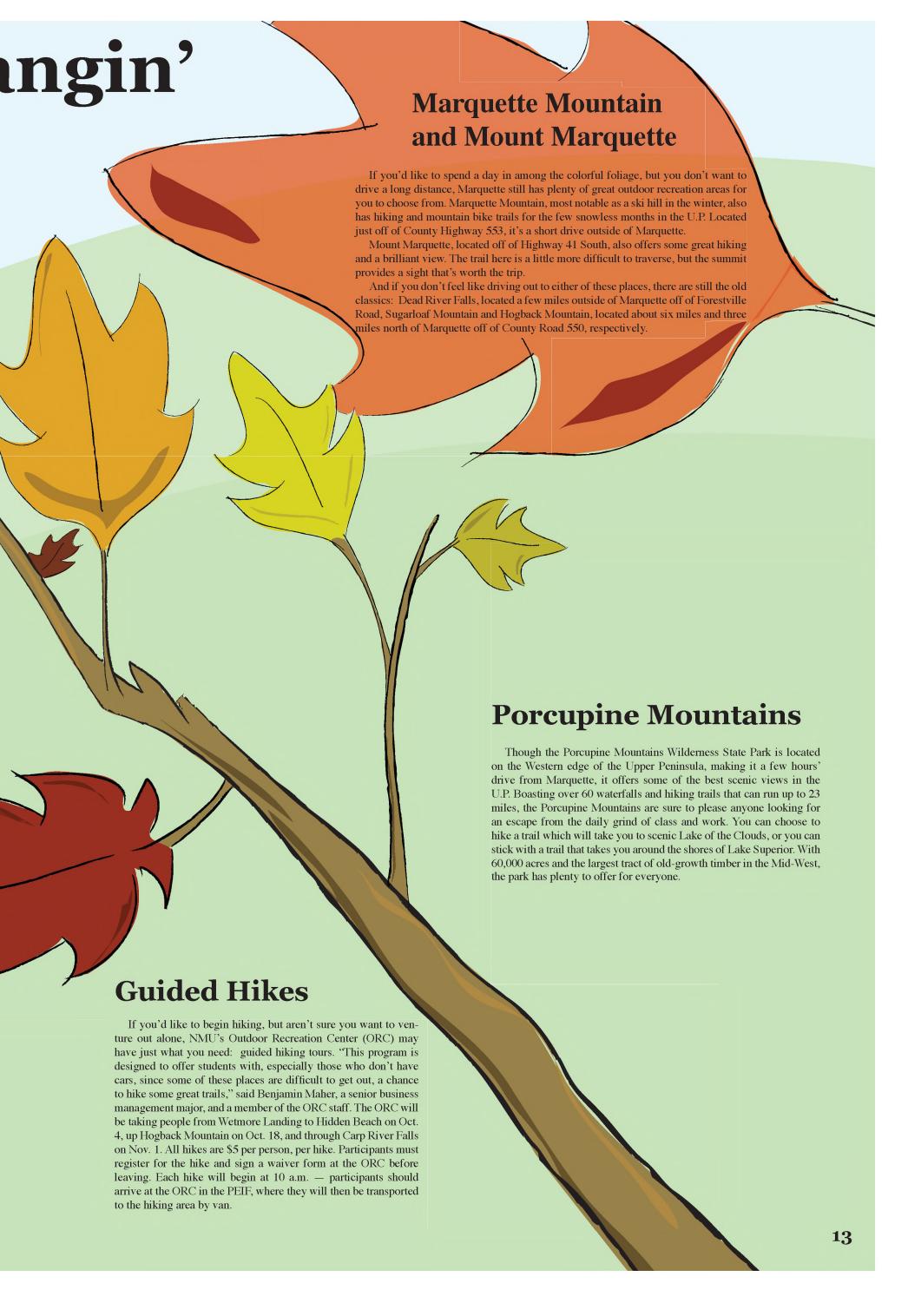
The breathtaking view from the top of Brockway Mountain, located between Eagle Harbor and Copper Harbor, is especially beautiful once the fall colors appear. Driving up the winding road is scenic in itself, as the trees often act as a canopy, separating you from the sky with their brilliantly colored leaves. About halfway up the mountain is the Brockway Mountain Sanctuary, which is home to hiking trails, should the mood to be amongst the orange, red and yellow leaves strike you. The top of the mountain is 1,328 feet above sea level, which you'll be able to see proclaimed on one of several information signs at the peak. And while the drive up will be filled with color, it's the view from the top that will make the trip well-worth it. Depending on what side of the mountain you look from, you can see Agate Harbor, Eagle Harbor, Copper Harbor, Lake Bailey, Lake Medora and, of course, Lake Superior.

Oktoberfest

Every year, from the end of September to the beginning of October, people in Munich, Bavaria, Germany celebrate Oktoberfest, a 16-day festival that is widely known for its size and its beer. Every year, the festival, which is known worldwide as the "Largest Fair in the World," is kicked off by the mayor of Munich tapping the first keg of Oktoberfest beer. And though Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a far cry from Germany, one local brewery is celebrating as well.

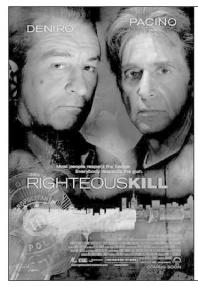
Jasper Ridge Brewery, located in Ishpeming, has been brewing its own version of Oktoberfest beer for the last 11 years.

"Compared to other Oktoberfest beers, ours is a little maltier, has a little bit of a sweet finish, kind of along the lines of the red ale we make," said General Manager Pat Beyer, adding that the beer will be available on Friday, Sept. 26, and will be offered as long as it lasts.



The North Wind Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008

De Niro, Pacino film a let-down



Film: Righteous Kill

Director: Jon Avnet

Producers: Jon Avent, Rob Cowan, Boaz Davidson

Writer: Russell Gerwirtz

Starring: Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, 50 Cent, Carla Gugino, John Leguizamo

Runtime: 101 minutes

Rating: R



By Scott Viau

staff writer

While Robert De Niro and Al Pacino have worked together a couple of times before, "Righteous Kill" is the first time they've spent the majority of their screen time side-by-side. At first, pairing up two Hollywood legends might seem like a great idea. However, that's where the brilliance ends and what's left seems to be nothing more than caricatures of previous De Niro and Pacino charac-

A serial killer is stalking the

streets of New York, preying on criminals who've managed to finagle their way out of prison. At each crime scene, the killer leaves his calling card: a short, rhyming poem describing why the criminal was killed. Heading up the investigation are long time partners Turk (De Niro) and Rooster (Pacino). They're joined by Turk's lover and crime scene investigator Karen Corelli (Carla Gugino) and fellow NYPD detectives Simon Perez (John Leguizamo) and Ted Riley (Donnie Wahlberg). What seems to be a simple investigation soon turns into a game where evervone is suspect, including cops.

There really is no fault to be had with the acting. Pacino and De Niro both deliver fine performances. They may not be at the top of their game, but they prove they both have films left in them. Gugino, who tends to be a good actress, does her best to rise above the mediocre script. Wahlberg looks like he'll have a steady career as a character actor specializing in detectives, while Leguizamo is capable in the role of Perez. 50 Cent plays local gangster-wannabe Spider. It's not a great performance, but given 50's inability to form a coherent sentence or pronounce his lines, it's not bad.

The problem with "Righteous" is found in the script. Writer Russell Gewirtz takes his material very seriously, although some of the plot points may raise a few eyebrows. The fact that the killer is leaving poems on what look to be Post-it notes is enough to be considered superfluous. I don't have a problem with a killer playing cat-and-mouse with the police, but are poems really necessary? They don't heighten the suspense or take the audience out of the film. When serial killers taunt the police, it should be done in a way that chills the audience.

The film's finale, which I'm sure Gewirtz saw as a real shocker, was completely predictable; I even laughed when I heard some-

one gasp at the revelation of the killer.

Below all the actual workings of the film, "Righteous" poses some moral and ethical dilemmas. What are the limits a cop must adhere to in order to get justice? Is vigilante justice justifiable? The answers are strictly up to the viewer. "Righteous" seems confused, though, with what it wants to say since neither Turk nor Rooster embody the epitome of police procedure. De Niro doesn't have the least problem planting evidence on someone if it means it will guarantee a conviction, while Pacino's conscience bothers him slightly more. Perhaps

Gewirtz is also torn about what is right and wrong in the field of law and justice. It would seem he thinks some situations are OK for vigilante justice and stepping outside the law, while others do not call for it.

One could do worse than "Righteous Kill." One could also do a lot better. It's not a bad film to see at a matinee. The acting's decent and the action is fair, as long as one doesn't mind a poorly written script and predictable ending. The best bet would be to wait until it hits DVD. Those just looking to see Pacino and De Niro will probably be entertained. For others, the bad outweighs the good.



Spider (50 Cent) and Turk (De Niro) get into a heated confrotation in the dissappointingly predicitable thriller, "Righteous Kill."

Chow's newest flick a near-hit



Blu-Ray Review

Film: CJ7

Director: Stephen Chow

Producers: Stephen Chow, Po Chu Chui, Sanping Han

Writers: Stephen Chow, Vincent

Starring: Stephen Chow, Jiao Xu

Runtime: 86 minutes

Rating: PG



By Josh Snyder

features editor

Director Stephen Chow has emerged as not only the best Chinese director, but one of the best action directors on the planet. His two previous films, 2001's "Shaolin Soccer" and 2005's "Kung fu Hustle," are two of the best films released this past decade. Chow is able to employ a style that few have ever been able to achieve — make a live action "Looney Tunes" cartoon.

His films often inspire both laughs and amazement, so it seems strange that he's waited until now to do a children's film. "CJ7" is an admirable attempt

that largely succeeds at bringing Chow's humor to the genre, despite being just an average release on Blu-Ray.

Construction worker (Chow) is always busy, making a worse-than-poor living and spending all the money on his son Dicky (Jiao Xu) to attend a nice school. One day, Dicky sees other kids playing with a robotic dog named CJ1. He insists Ti get him one, but Ti just doesn't have the money. After looking through the garbage dump one night for a new pair of shoes, Ti finds a glowing green orb that he gives to Dicky. Little do they know, it's actually an intelligent alien. The creature hatches from the orb and loyally follows Dicky around. Dicky names him CJ7, and the two become inseparable.

As a result, Dicky gets sidetracked from his studies, and Ti wonders if he can afford to keep him in school.

Kid's films need to have concise stories, and "CJ7" certainly has that. There is a good message about not taking things for granted, and it's told in a manner that children can easily relate to.

Unfortunately, the film uses many of Chow's previous themes, such as the juxtaposition of poverty and high class society. If there's anyone that can pull this off it's Chow, but he's done it in his last two films.

Another aspect that Chow is known for are his characters. Again, he falls back on his now standard clichés. That's not to say that these characters aren't likeable — you still can't help but feel for Ti as he spends his life working just to send Dicky to a good school. But the fact still stands that they're nothing new.

And then there's the title character, CJ7, who is criminally underused. This adorable little space alien had the potential to be an even cuter, iconic character than this year's "Wall-E," but Chow doesn't utilize him properly. He's only in a handful of scenes and is more of a means to Dicky's end as opposed to being a living, breathing character.

Since Blu-Ray is hitting its stride, films that once looked amazing are beginning to look like the norm. "CJ7" is a perfect example of this. It would be safe to assume that the Blu-Ray looks fantastic when compared to its DVD counterpart; but compared to other Blu-Rays, it looks average. There's the occasional scratch or flaw in the film, which stands out even more given the high-definition quality.

At the same time, colors pop out more in the brighter, happier scenes, while washed out grays in darker, depressing scenes really help paint a bleak picture.

As for extras, this disc is pretty standard fare. There's a "making of" feature that goes over the general production details. There's also an interesting feature where Chow is interviewed about why he wanted to make a kids' film and finally a short segment that showed how they filmed scenes with the completely CGI CJ7. Beyond that, there's nothing of interest. There are a few short segments for kids, one of which titled "how to de-bully a bully," but they're all pretty much worthless.

Chow wanted to prove he could make a kids' film, and he did. The problem is, he made a kids' film in the style of a Stephen Chow film. "CJ7" is still really entertaining and really sad in some parts, but it feels like his previous works. It's definitely worth a rental, but only worth a purchase if you are a huge Chow



Photo courtesy of Yahoo

Dicky (Xu) plays with his new friend, CJ7, in Stephen Chow's latest, "CJ7." The movie is avaiable now on DVD and Blu-Ray.

Original style gone from Knot's latest





By Brandon Bartz contributing writer

It's hard to believe that it has been 12 years since the release of Slipknot's first album, an independent release titled "Mate. Feed. Kill. Repeat." That effort was followed by their debut studio album "Slipknot" in 1999, which turned the nine-piece band into heavy metal all-stars. Many music critics claim that album, with its unforgiving drums and blazing guitars, kept new-wave

seemed to be the ongoing trend.

Through relentless touring, intensely entertaining live shows, two more albums released in

heavy metal alive during a time

when Korn-inspired rap-metal

2001 and 2003 and lead vocalist Corey Taylor's 2002 side project, Stone Sour, finally hitting stores, Slipknot has released their latest, "All Hope is Gone."

It's obvious that Slipknot's direction has changed slightly over the past seven years. "All Hope is Gone" almost seems to be an extension of their previous effort, "Vol. 3: The Subliminal Verses." The album starts with a fairly long build-up to the song "Gematria (The Killing Name)," which sounds like a touring opener with Taylor growling, "We will burn your cities down."

The album's single, "Psychosocial," is yet another song about how our society is messed up and what we're doing about it. The tune itself is somewhat generic, with a Rammestein-esque feel during the verses and some really lovely singing during the chorus. Taylor sings: "And the rain will kill us all/ We throw ourselves against the wall/ But no one else can see/ The preservation of the martyr in me."

The track "Vendetta" starts off with some real potential but falls short due to poor choice in vocal style. About half way into the song, shouts of simply "Hey!" over and over again are made as prevalent as they are on early Marilyn Manson albums.

"Butcher's Hook" sounds as though it was heavily influenced by Meshuggah and Fear Factory, but it's still one of the better tracks on the album.

"This Cold Black" finally lets you enjoy the Slipknot you've been waiting to hear for nine tracks. Between a flurry of double-kicking bass drums, vocals filled with anger and crunching guitars, Slipknot reinvents themselves.

The title track, "All Hope is Gone," is a solid choice to end the album with. It's aggressive and triumphant at the same time: "We have made the present obsolete/ What do you want/ What do you need/ We'll find a way/ When all hope is gone."

With the exceptions of a few songs, "All Hope is Gone" is lacking the new-wave metal edge that made Slipknot famous. There are glimpses of greatness within the album but not enough of it to come together and make one feel the berserk nature that Slipknot has conveyed very well in the past. Only the Slipknot faithful need to pick this one up. Everyone else can give "All Hope is Gone" a pass.



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- 2. BLITZEN TRAPPER
 "Furr"
- 3. JEREMY MESSER SMITH
 - "The Silver City"
- 4. AMANDA PALMER "Who Killed Amanda Palmer"
- 5. BROWN SHOE "Jackalope"
- 6. PINK SPIDERS
 "Sweat It Out"
- 7. PORTUGAL. THE MAN
 - "Censored Colors"
- 8. ANI DIFRANCO
- "Red Letter Year"

 9. NOAH AND THE
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- Lays Me Down"

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By Curt T Kemp

sports editor

When the fall season comes around, NMU skiers and snowboarders realize that the winter months are closing in fast, and the anticipation begins.

But, for an increasingly larger amount of local skiers and snowboarders, the fall season also means that it's time to surf Lake Superior.

Tuesday night, 40 NMU students and community members did just that, when they headed to Sunset Point on Presque Isle, manned with surfboards and wetsuits, for an event co-sponsored by the NMU Skate and Snowboard club and Casualties.

'The idea today is just to give people the opportunity to learn about Lake Superior surfing," Casualties co-owner Andy Jones said. "A lot of people don't realize the opportunities that we have, especially this time of the year.'

Jones explained that when the winds shift to the North during the fall, the waves on Lake Superior can get pretty big in certain places, and that Presque Isle, is one of those spots. He added that, given the right equipment, the chilly Lake Superior waters aren't a problem.

"We just wanted to give everyone a chance to use the equipment, to get comfortable with the wet suits, and show people that the water is in fact warm when you've got a good wet suit on," Jones said.

With calm winds and a warm night, Tuesday night's event allowed beginners to get on a board and not have to worry about being thrashed by big waves – and, for an extra perk, everyone at the event had a U.P. sunset in the background. Jones said that, during the event, nearly three dozen people got on surfboards for the first

"We're hoping to see it grow," Jones said. "Casualties has had a lot of influence over the snowboarding community over the last eight years, and we're kind of building on that group of people as potential surfers."

NMU Skate and Snowboard Club President Eric Schleicher said that, to put on events like this the student group needed the help of Casualties, and added that Casualties has been more than helpful.

"Casualties helps us out a lot they're like, 'your club members are our club members," Schleicher, a senior in digital cinema, said. "They help us out with all these things. They're real good to our club members.

This is the second year that the Ski and Snowboard club has been involved with surfing, and Schleicher said there's been a good response from

"Everyone's just really stoked on it," he said. "I've gotten out a few times and it's a lot of fun.

"It's something you wouldn't expect up here, but it's definitely worth it," he added. "I came here to snowboard, but I got a lot more."

One NMU student, Justin Penny, a senior majoring in business management, said, since he's gotten into surfing while attending Northern, he plans on moving to the West Coast once he graduates to continue the sport.

"It really helps to have surfing available to help hone your skills a little bit while you're up here," Penny said.

Surfing is a seasonal sport, according to Jones, but Lake Superior can be surfed when the water as cold as 36 degrees, as well, given the proper equipment – something Jones and his Casualties employees have done.

Said Jones: "Hopefully the next time the waves are up and they're familiar with their wetsuits, they're familiar with the equipment, they can get out there and try to catch some waves and get hooked – just like we did.'

If students are interested in Lake Superior surfing, they can be put on a call list by e-mailing the NMU Skate and Snow club at nmuskatesnowclub@

Tech game big success



Right now, it might be hard to imagine that there were positives associated with Thursday's last football game against Michigan Tech.

The

was tough to watch, whether it was seen on FSN Detroit or from the filled bleachers at the Superior Dome. And for those who saw the game from the comfort of living room couches, consider yourselves fortunate, because you were able to change the channel during the game's second half, in which the Huskies outscored the Wildcats 34-7. At that point in the game, you would've been better off watching anything on cable, including those long-winded cash for gold commercials.

But, the outcome of the game shouldn't overshadow the more important aspects of Thursday's game.

Northern Michigan University showcased itself to a national audience, Division II football (and the GLIAC in particular) received the stage it so rightly deserves – and did I mention the national exposure for the university?

If Thursday night's game was a first date between NMU and a national television audience, then there's no reason why we won't be asked out on a second; Northern Michigan University was on-time, courteous, energized and impeccably well-dressed.

Northern Michigan's campus was decked out in green and gold, the student section was packed full of college students who had the child-like enthusiasm of Brett Favre, and the athletic department and campus community couldn't have been more inviting.

For the television broadcast, the athletic department arranged interviews with well-known alums. The interviews spiced up a game that, after the first half, became a one-sided affair. Former University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr showcased his drawled speech, and gave hope to NMU English majors when he revealed that he had graduated from Northern with an English degree. In addition to Carr's interview, current Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo and former Detroit Lions coach Steve Mariucci both lauded the Upper Peninsula hard working ideals and the Marquette community.

Northern's campus and unique sports venue of the Superior Dome were under a much brighter spotlight than ever, and the performance - though not necessarily the NMU football performance – was impressive.

The entire campus rallied for its football team: from NMU President Les Wong to ASNMU President Hobie Webster, resident advisors to students and student groups, everyone on campus urged their peers to attend. With an attendance of 8,672 and images of the Dome filled with college football fans, those efforts did not go unnoticed – to anyone watching the telecast or anyone at the game.

The day this paper prints, the battle for the Miner's Cup will be in hindsight for most NMU students, but it's the future NMU students we hope will remember it. Because, for that one night, NMU was a fanatical football school, with students who'd rather head to the Dome on a Thursday night than to the bars and wouldn't miss a chance to support their peers on the athletic field.

Let's hope that those potential students who saw the game on television, and the high school students in attendance, will choose to attend Northern and build on the Wildcat fan base in the future, not because the game was a marketing tool for the university, but because the atmosphere at last Thursday's game shouldn't be a once every three decades event. It should happen on any given Saturday.

And yeah, more televised games wouldn't hurt.

But even if the nationally-televised game is a onetime only kind of a deal for the football program, it's a successful one. Northern Michigan University put its best foot forward and succeeded, even if didn't result in a "W."

Volleyball battles top-10 GVSU

By Gordon Beedle

assistant sports editor

After last Tuesday's match at Michigan Tech, the NMU volleyball team went on the road again and split two matches in three days over the weekend.

The 'Cats won 3-2 against the Ferris State Bulldogs on Friday and then fell to the hands of the No. 8 Grand Valley State Lakers 2-3 on Sunday.

The Wildcats were coming off a tough road win last Tuesday, said head coach Dominic Yoder, but they still should've finished better than they did.

"I think we went on the road, and we won two out of three matches in a week. Which was good, but it wasn't where we should have been," he said.

Against Ferris, NMU came out and won the first two sets 25-17, 25-23, but had trouble closing and fell in the next two sets 21-25 and 22-25. But the 'Cats prevailed in the fifth and final set,

winning 15-11.

"We walked into Ferris and played really well the first two sets, and did not play well in three and four. In the fifth we got out to a really fast lead and

Grand Valley is a good team, and that is why they are No. 8 in the nation - because they don't give up.

> — Dominic Yoder NMU head Volleyball coach

we were able to win – but we still had (some) trouble closing." Yoder said.

In the determining fifth set, NMU had 72 percent of the sideouts. The Wildcats also came away with .125 hitting percentage with 55 kills and 125 attempts, dominating FSU, who comparably earned a .032 hitting percent-

Individually, Daniela Bezerra led the 'Cats with 16 kills, with Mandie Meyer adding 14 along with Caryn VanBeckum at 11. Rachel Green led the way in assists with 43 and teammate Cassie Osiecki had 20 digs on the defensive

In Sunday's match against GLIAC North leader and nationally ranked Grand Valley. Northern got out to an early lead once again.

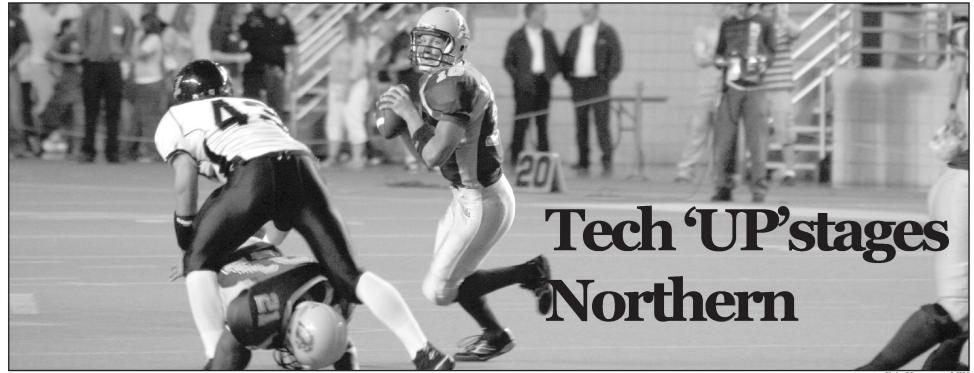
The 'Cats won the first two sets 25-21 and 25-20 but dropped the next three 20-25, 24-26, 8-15.

"Grand Valley is a good team, and that is why they are No. 8 in the nation—because they don't give up," Yoder said.

At the end of the day, the Wildcats had a hitting percentage of .140 with 52 kills in 185 total attempts, along with 26 errors. VanBeckum had 17 kills while Meyer added 13. Green had 42 assists and two service aces for the match.

On the defensive side of the ball five players had 10 or more digs and the top

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Eric Hampton /NW

NMU's Carter Kopach (above), went 13-25 for 132 yards and 1 interception in Thursday's loss to Michigan Tech. 47-21. The game was the first NMU football game televised in 38 years.

NMU's defense holds off MTU for one half, then falls 47-21 on TV

By Drew Kochanny

staff sports writer

Northern Michigan's possession of the Miner's Cup was short lived.

After NMU defeated Tech last season, the trophy, given annually to the winner of the NMU versus Michigan Tech football game, was given back to the Huskies last Thursday, as MTU defeated the Wildcats 47-21.

A record crowd of of 8,672 was on hand, much in part, due to the game being televised nationally on CBS College Sports Network, as well as regionally on Fox Sports Detroit.

Losing by 26 points wasn't what Northern head coach Bernie Anderson had planned for the first nationally televised NMU football game in more than three decades, but he said the added excitement surrounding the game was good for the 'Cats (1-2, 1-2 GLIAC).

"I think it's a great thrill, great excitement. It's why you play college football, to have an opportunity to be in front of a big crowd and be on TV," Anderson said.

"We're just not strong enough to stay in every game yet, but that's part of the building process," he added.

The Wildcats were in the game early, heading into halftime with a 14-13 lead on the Huskies. Two big first half plays through the air gave the 'Cats the lead, and the NMU defense held strong through two quarters. In the first quarter, junior quarterback Ben Hempel found senior receiver Dan Elmore for an 18-yard touchdown. After an MTU touchdown and two Tech field goals, Hempel connected again

with Elmore on an 81-yard completion for a touchdown, giving the 'Cats momentum heading into the second half.

In the third quarter, though, the Wildcats struggled to sustain a drive, let alone find the endzone. Tech's offense had no problems putting points on the board facing a tired NMU defense. For the game, Michigan Tech led Northern in time of possession by nearly 10 minutes.

"We tried to keep the ball (on offense) more – that was the only thing we could try to do in the second half, is keep the ball, and that was the difference (in the game)," Anderson said. "We couldn't keep the ball and keep our defense off the field."

Michigan Tech sophomore running back Phil Milbrath ran all over the 'Cats defense in the third quarter, finding the endzone three times, including a 70-yard scamper near the end of the quarter. Milbrath tacked on another score in the fourth quarter after an NMU touchdown pass from redshirtfreshman quarterback Carter Kopach to Zach Nichols.

Kopach was later picked off by Michigan Tech cornerback Robert Hayes, and Hayes returned the pick for a score, giving the game its final score of 47-21.

"We have to put it behind us," said Elmore, who finished the day with three catches for 108 yards and two touchdowns. "It's a tough and emotional loss, but good teams have to overcome adversity and move on."

QB Re-controversy

For a team that has had little problems moving the ball on offense over the years,

whether it be in the passing game or on the ground with junior running back Mark Bossuah, the 2008 NMU offense has struggled to find a rhythm in its last two games. It's no coincidence the games have ended with Wildcat losses.

The play at quarterback is just one position that's lacked rhythm. Hempel leads the conference in passing efficiency through three games with a rating of 195.22, but is still feeling the effects of a shoulder injury sustained in the season opener.

In an attempt to build depth, the NMU offense has rotated quarterbacks in each game this season — and last week's game with Tech was no exception. Anderson said red-shirt freshman Carter Kopach saw most of the second half snaps for the offense in the hope that the youngster would make big plays.

"We weren't getting enough points on the board," Anderson said about the quarterback change. "We believe (Kopach) has the stronger arm, so we went with the stronger arm.

"We knew at that point we would have to throw the football so we went with the strong arm, and I thought he gave us a pretty good spark," he added.

Kopach led the NMU offense to its only second-half scoring drive when he completed a 26-yard touchdown pass to junior wideout Zach Nichols. Later in the quarter, Kopach made a young quarterback mistake when he threw the interception late in the fourth that put the game out of reach.

Hempel finished the game 7-15 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns. Kopach ended 13-25 with 132 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Whoever becomes signal caller for the rest of the season knows they will be counted on to make plays for the offense.

"We all have to go with the decisions that the coaches make," Kopach said, "I just have to go out there and make plays."

In the Bulldog's house

This weekend, the Wildcat team will need to be ready to take on a tough Ferris State team. It will be the second road game of the year for the 'Cats.

Letting go of the Tech loss will be the first step in becoming prepared for a Ferris team that sits second in the conference with a 2-1 record in the GLIAC, 3-1 overall.

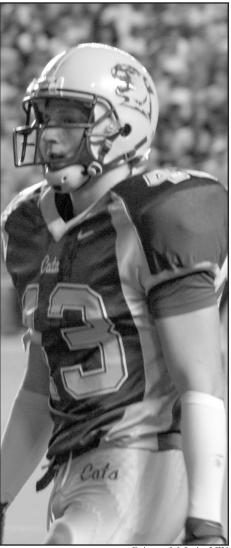
"Tech isn't a bad team, so we don't have to get discouraged about that, but basically we just have to keep our heads up and look at the mistakes," junior linebacker Nathan Yelk said. "We have seven games left so it's a long season, its only two losses, the rivalry hurts and everything but we have to look at the bigger picture."

Yelk finished the Tech game with 12 tackles to lead a defense that gave up 470 yards, 228 of those coming on the ground. The defense is something the 'Cats will need to shore up against a Ferris team that ranks fourth in rushing offense, averaging 200 yards a game.

"We're a young team that needs to know how to tackle a good back and we'll just work on the tackling," Anderson said. "We worked tackling drills and we need to continue them."

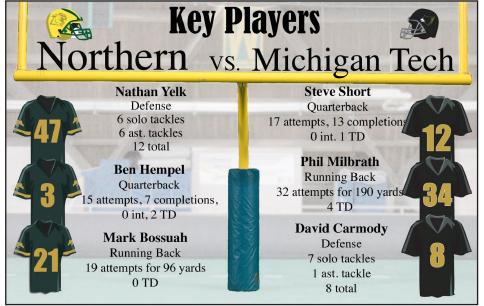
NMU has not beat Ferris since its 2003 meeting, and lost last season 31-13.

The game is set for kickoff at Top Taggart Field at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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Sophomore defensive back Andy Strobel had seven tackles against Michigan Tech.



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players had 10 or more digs and the top three were Osiecki (23), Meyer (16) and Breanne Zaremba (13).

Coach Yoder said his team had the opportunity once again to close the match early, but they were unable to secure the victory. "We had a chance to close it out and we froze again, and we didn't finish. And obliviously having two sets before, where we didn't finish made going into the fifth set more difficult," Yoder said.

Yoder compared his team's play to the Rocky movies, and said his team needs to go for the knockout when they can and not coast into later rounds.

"I think when we got to the fourteenth round we just got tired, and stopped throwing punches," Yoder said. "And it allowed the opponent to escape us."

To rebound from losing two early leads in two matches, Yoder said he plans on making practices more competitive and to work on the mentality it takes to finish a

"I think we played a little weak, but we're a team and each of us is working hard and trying to be more confident to win more matches," outside hitter Bezerra

Yoder said he is looking for his team to overcome the lack of confidence as they go into this weekend on the road against Hillsdale and Findlay.

Katt Garvick, a junior hitter, said the team didn't point figures after the loss and the 'Cats used it as motivation for this week.

"We hold each other accountable for our mistakes but we bring each other up when we're down," Garvick said. "We're more focused on playing together as a unit then playing as an individual."

She added that the past few practice have been more competitive and that mentality will help in the future.

"I think we're really starting to play with passion at practice, and I think that's going to be something that's going to roll over into our matches," Garvick said.

The 'Cats have two competitions this weekend. First up for NMU is Friday's match against Hillsdale, who are No.1 in the GLIAC South, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in Hillsdale, Mich. Sunday, NMU faces off with Findlay at 2 p.m. in Findlay, Ohio.

Yoder said Friday's match for the Cats would be an uplifting win that could set a pace for the rest of the season, but he added it would not be easy.

"This team has to show up hungry at Hillsdale," Yoder said. "Beating them means something, and if we don't remember our mistakes we're due to repeat them."

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of the other teams on this list, but

The Swamp has been one of the

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Starting over new



My resolution to leave the NMU Varsity Volleyball team was made with a heavy heart and conflicting emotions. When I told my folks of my decision, my mom's first question was, "Callie, sweetie, you've got a lot of intensity. What is your outlet going to be?" Long-distance running had always been something I would try "when volleyball was over." Well, that excuse was spent, so I signed up for the Lake Superior Shoreline Trail Half-Marathon. I was ready to become a different athlete.

For guidance, I turned to the online version of the runners' bible: RunnersWorld.com. With tips and training plans for all levels of experience and ability, I found a nine-week half-marathon program that fit what I wanted. "You've run for at least a year, but you're still a racing neophyte. You want to go longer and your race time is less important to you than finishing." Perfect. To log my training, I used MapMyRun. com, which I found to be invalu-

The transition reenergized me. Running was whatever I wanted it to be: casual, serious, strenuous, a sluggish shuffle. I could focus on listening to my body during those long runs. I switched up routes often, finding ideas from local runners on MapMyRun. Life slowed down and began to make sense.

The miles soon passed with ease and in the seventh week, I joined the double digit club. Ten miles: a runner's universal rite of passage. For someone who had once dreaded the timed mile in gym class, this was a big milestone. I finished and felt great hopes were high.

Wednesday before the race, I began battling flu symptoms that progressively worsened through the day. This was not part of the nine-week program. After sleeping for 12 hours, I woke up in a puddle of sweat, with my fever and chills gone. I tried running on Friday to loosen up my tight muscles, but I could hardly make it a block or two before stopping to rest. This was not good.

Saturday: gametime. With a poor night's sleep and tremors of whatever I had repressing my energy level, I arrived at Little Presque Isle. There I stood, surrounded by runners who all seemed to have done this before. Nine weeks of training behind me and 13 miles ahead of me, I pushed aside any anxieties about my health and took off with the crowd.

All races start in a flurry but I knew immediately the pace was just too fast for my condition. I tried to hold out, thinking I could get into a groove. I was running with my training partner - her pace was supposed to be my pace - but it was not happening. A slew of emotions threatened to overwhelm me. This was not how I envisioned my first race.

Just as it had been doing since I decided to quit volleyball, life told me to slow down. As I rounded a corner, a runner was on the ground, yelling and holding his ankle. Being a wilderness first responder, I was obligated by medical licensure and stayed with him until someone with superior training came along. This unexpected stop allowed me to regroup. Any sort of competitive drive that had been pushing me left with the rest of the pack. I had the trail to myself.

Running through the woods returned me to the reasons why I started. As I made my way along Harlow Lake and up Top of the World and Razorback Ridge, I thought about volleyball and my life without it. My pace was barely more than a walk, but when the trail broke open by Wetmore Landing, I smiled at the thought of finishing along the shore of Lake Superior.

Less than a mile to the end, I came across an older woman who was clearly struggling. With panic in her voice, she said she was unsure if she could finish. I altered my pace to run with her, and we had a nice talk that moved our focuses away from our aching bodies. We crossed the finish line together, embraced and went our separate ways to recover.

In one big, sappy metaphor on life, my first trail half-marathon was a rewarding experience. I probably should not have gone ahead with the race, and my body let me know this as we spent the rest of the weekend in bed. It was in those hours that I was taught the value of listening to my body. It will not lead you astray. It will tell you exactly what it needs to perform well. Next time, I will listen.

Top 5 college football venues



NMU football plays its home games in the Superior Dome and last Thursday, the "Yooper Dome" was filled with almost 8,700 fans, providing the college football atmosphere so many colleges receive any given Saturday. Here's North Wind staff writer Adam Dompierre's picks on the top college football stadiums in the country.

5) Notre Dame Stadium: South Bend, Ind.

From hall of fame coach Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen to current head coach Charlie Weis and his heralded recruiting classes, few programs can match the tradition of the Fighting Irish. Between the legendary coaches who have stalked its sidelines and Touchdown Jesus watching over the field, "The House that Rockne Built" has earned its place among college football's elite venues. The Irish have fallen on some hard times, but rumors of Touchdown Jesus getting replaced with Run For No Gain, Sack, Incomplete on Third and Long and

unfounded -for now.

Memorable Game: In

1988, No. 1 Miami came to South Bend with 36-straight regular season wins, but No. 4 Notre Dame won in a thrilling 31-30 shootout.

4) The Rose Bowl: Pasadena, Cal.

The Rose Bowl is home to the UCLA Bruins, but it's more famous for hosting the annual Rose Bowl Game. Known as the "The Granddaddy of Them All," the bowl game traditionally featured the Pac-10 champion against the

Big Ten champion, but the new Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has opened the door for teams from other conferences like the Big 12's Texas to play here. Having hosted five Superbowls and the 1984 Summer Olympics, The Rose Bowl might be college football's most prestigious setting. It would be even higher if it wasn't home to the Tito Jackson of college football programs.

Memorable Game: The 2006 BCS edition of the Rose Bowl saw Vince Young lead undefeated Texas past top-ranked USC for an unforgettable 41-38 victory.

3) Tiger Stadium: Baton Rouge, La.

Big Ten stadiums traditionally draw bigger crowds, but for pure fan passion, no conference matches the Southeastern Conference. Set in the heart of Louisiana, LSU's Tiger Stadium is easily one of the loudest venues in the country. With national championships in 2003 and 2007, the Tigers' recent resurgence as one of the nation's top powers has made "Death Valley" all the more intimidating to visiting teams. Not to mention there's no better place to watch LSU head coach Les Miles call one of his "just crazy enough to work" double reverse fullback passes on a

Punt Jesus all The Irish have fallen on some hard times, but rumors appear to be of Touchdown Jesus getting replaced with Run For No Gain, Incomplete on Third and Long and Punt Jesus all appear to be unfounded - for now.

crucial third and short.

Memorable Game: In 1988's game against Auburn, LSU scored the winning touchdown on a desperate fourth-down pass. The roar of the crowd registered on a campus seismograph, in what has gone down in college football lore as "The Earthquake Game."

2) Ben Hill Griffin Stadium: Gainesville, Fla.

Better known as "The Swamp," the home of the Florida Gators is (2011).Memorable Game: 1969's game between Michigan and Ohio State was the first

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shot in the Ten Year War between Michigan coach Bo Schembechler and OSU's Woody Hayes. Hayes's Buckeyes won the 1968 matchup 50-14 and came into '69's game as heavy favorites, but Schembechler put Michigan football back on the map with a 24-12 upset.

Note: Ohio State's Ohio Stadium was ranked number one coming into this list but, true to form, it choked on the big stage and fell to the number six ranking.





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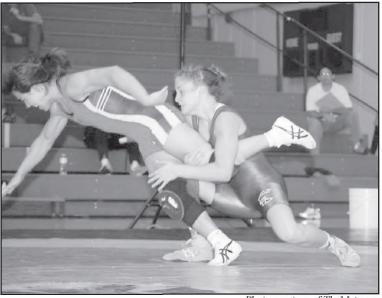


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Helen Maroulis, on the right, will compete in the World Championships.

X-country earns 7th

The NMU cross country team placed seventh out of 17 teams in the UW-Parkside Midwest Collegiate Open on Saturday.

Cedarville College from Ohio won the event with 24 points, and NMU finished with 194 points.

Individually for the 'Cats, the top two performers were freshmen.

Rebecca Holmquist crossed the line at 20:05, which was good for 28th and Nora Kiilunen at 20:06. Junior Megan Hendershot was the next 'Cat to run across the finish line in 41st. Freshman Erin McCulloch had the same time as Hendershot, and placed 42nd.

Head coach Jenny Ryan said the competition was a good race for her young squad to gain experience before conference and regional meets.

"With the young group we have, I think it was definitely a solid finish," she said

Ryan added having a young team is not always a bad thing for a sports program.

"Every team goes through those years, and they have to rebuild," she said. "And you know you have a good future ahead of you."

The next race for the Wildcat cross country team is this Saturday at the Roy Griak Invitational in Minneapolis, Minn., which is a 6-kilometer race, making it the same distance as the GLIAC race.

"It will give them the chance to run a longer race with some tough competition," Ryan said. "And hopefully it will end in a strong finish all around."

- Gordon Beedle

Local USOEC wrestler hits the world stage

United States Olympic Education Center women's freestyle wrestler Helen Maroulis (Rockville, Md.) earned a spot on the U.S. World Team Sept. 19-21 at the Team Trials in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Maroulis, a senior at Marquette Senior High School, defeated World silver medalist Stephanie Murata in the finals in two straight matches at 51 kilograms to clinch a spot on the team.

"I think my experience at the Junior Worlds helped me out a lot," said Maroulis. "Now I know what to expect when I go to the World Championships."

According to TheMat.com, Maroulis is believed to be the youngest U.S. World Team member since 1996.

The World Championships take place Oct. 11-13 in Tokyo, Japan.

Adeline Gray (Denver, Colo.) missed making the World Team, losing in the final match.

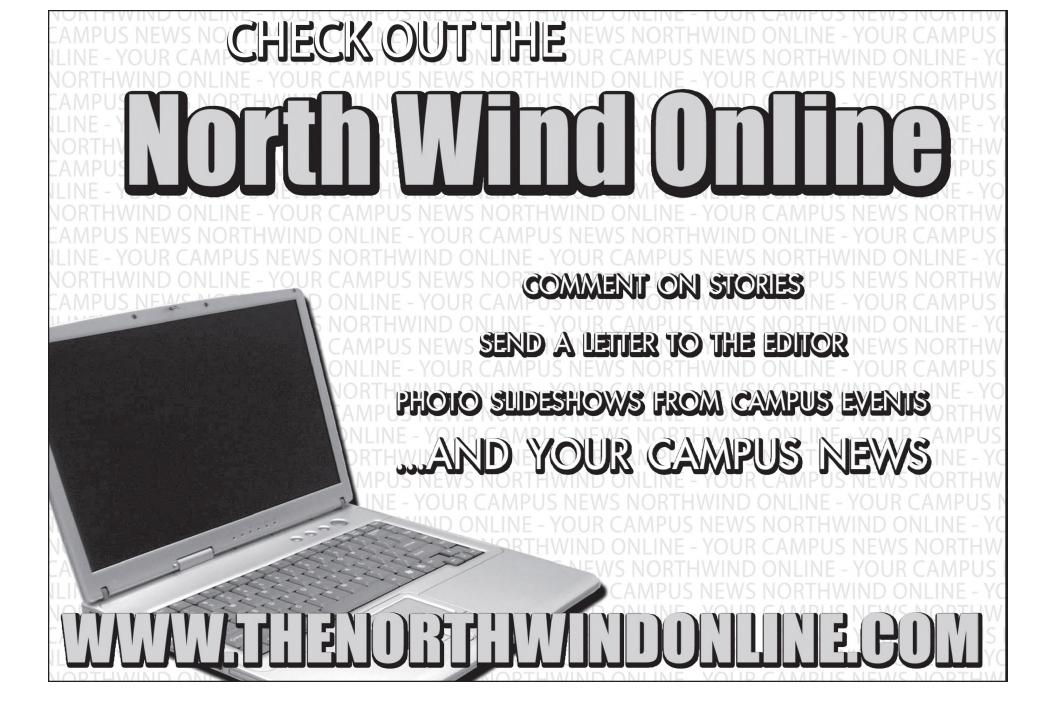
The MSHS senior was the runner up in the 67 kg category.

Earning second places are Northern Michigan University junior Alyssa Lampe (Toma-Wis.) hawk, and freshman

Schuyler Brown (Montpelier, Va.). NMU freshmen Amy Whitbeck (Duanseburg, N.Y.) and Erin Clodgo (Richmond, Vt.), along with senior Nicole Darrow (Lanesboro, Mass.) all placed third. Freshman Melissa Apodaca (Chugiak, Alaska) and sophomores Amber Miracle (Berlin, Wis.) and Lindsay Brooks (Houston, Texas) placed fourth.

The women's freestyle wrestling team will travel to Oklahoma City University to participate in the OCU Duals Oct. 3-5.

- USOEC Media



NMU soccer drops 2 close home games, including No. 1 GVSU

By Brice Burge

staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team lost two GLIAC games this weekend, first to No. 1 Grand Valley State University and then to Ferris State. Both were 1-0 deci-

The first game against the top-ranked

Lakers (7-0-0, 2-0-0 GLIAC) bode well for Northern. The first half was typical of play for the Wildcats, consisting of strong passing and ball control. NMU had 4 shots, including one that bounced off the crossbar by forward Casey Wilcox. The ball didn't get into the net in the second half either for the 'Cats, but GVSU forward Ashley Elsass' shot did, leading to the 1-0 final.

"We had a 50-50 shot of winning," head coach Matt Granstrand said. "I can't fault our effort, I can't fault our performance. We rose to the challenge to play against a great

This is the third time that GVSU has been held to only one goal this year (the first two times against reigning NCAA Division II champs University of Tampa in the first

game of the year, and to Division I Missouri-St. Louis). The Wildcats felt that this was a major accomplishment.

"This was the best game this team has ever played," senior Brittany Buchanan said. "We held the best team in the country to one goal that happened in the second half. Other teams are going to see this, and they're going to have to watch out now."

That good feeling did not last long for Northern, as the Wildcats were defeated by Ferris State (2-3-0, 1-1-0 GLIAC) on Sunday. The lone goal of the game came quickly, as Bulldog Megan McCabe scored just three minutes into the game.

The Wildcats came close to scoring at the end of the first half with a desperation shot that went wide right of the goal. The shot came from a one-on-one between Meghan Sarna and the FSU goalie ending with another Bulldog defender giving a slide tackle to end the threat.

"I'm a sweeper, so I've never been oneon-one with a goalie like [that] before," Sarna said. "I didn't really know what to do, and it's kind of frustrating."

The Ferris State game was the third straight 1-0 loss to conference opponents. The Wildcats (4-5-0, 0-3-0 GLIAC) have not been able to find the goal this season in GLIAC play but have seven players who have scored.

"This is my fourteenth year as a coach, and this is the most bizarre thing I've seen in my life," Granstrand said. "Were playing great soccer, were doing everything right. We're not finishing."



Missy Mohr, freshman defense, slides for the ball in Friday's 1-0 lost against No. 1 GVSU. NMU has yet to score a goal in conference play.



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Today, Sept. 25

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

Film: "The Producers" (PG-13) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Fri., Sept. 26

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: There will be a Superior Edge Orientation from 1-2 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

Skill Builder: "Put Your Organization in the Spotlight" will meet from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Sat., Sept. 27

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

Skill Builder: "Cleaning up Campus" will be from 12-3 p.m. in the Payne/Halverson Lobby.

Film: "Jurassic Park" (PG-13) will show at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

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

Sun., Sept. 28

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

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

Event: Latin Dance Club will meet from 6-9 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the University Center.

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

Film: "Kung Fu Panda" (PG) 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. 29

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

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

Event: NMU Cuong-Nhu Oriental Martial Arts will meet from 6:45-9:30 p.m. in the Cadillac Room at the University Center.

Skill Builder: D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas will speak from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Whitman Commons Room.

Skill Builder: "Life Coaching" will be from 6-7 p.m. in The Back Room at the University Center.

Tues., Sept. 30

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

Event: College Democrats will meet from 6-7 p.m. in Room 311 of the LRC.

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

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

Event: Superior Edge Orientation will be from 5-6 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

Wed., Oct. 1

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

Event: PRSSA will meet from 8-9 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

Event: A Caregivers and Friends Support Group will meet at the Ishpeming Senior Center, 320 South Pine Street, Ishpeming at 1:30 p.m.

Event: 2008 Campaign Kickoff Concert hosted by the College Democrats at 6 p.m. in JXJ 101. Grass Monkey and Boogie Tank will be playing and Bart Stupak will be speaking. Admission is

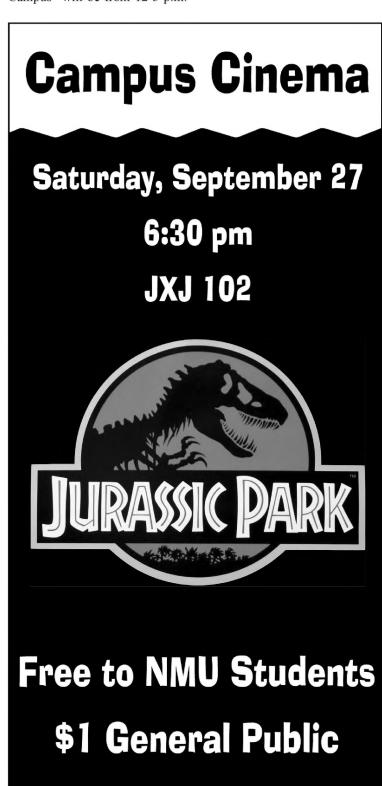
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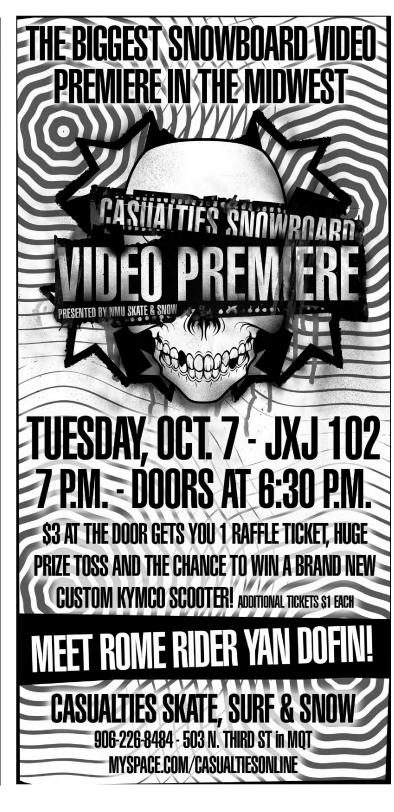
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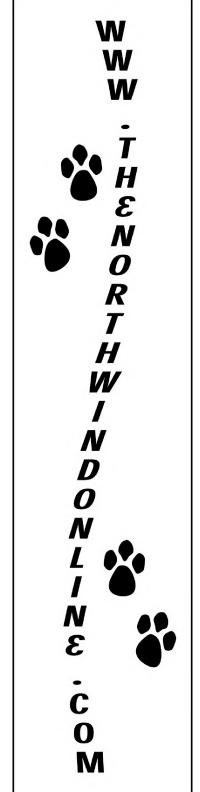
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Classes —I'll stop slacking soon, I promise. Wait, that probably isn't true. - Student

Tom Cory - Muff me raw! Muff me raw! - Carson

Carson - Anytime Honeybuns, Anytime - Tom Cory

Ted Nugent - You're a step up from Ann Coulter - a big step up. I can't wait to see you waving your gun and hootin and hollerin'. You sir, are a true American hero. — Carson

SFC - Please, please, please say yes to the Nuge - Hopeful Northwinder

Tiger Lily - S.C. is pretty scruffy-looking tonight, how does that make you feel? S.S. is lookin goood. - Catwoman

Sarah - I'm stalking you - Jaci

Caity Cat - We need some hardcore Hills viewage in our lives - Catwoman

Mom - You're the BEST!! Thanks for the soup and OJ! -Jackelyn Nicole

Flat Brim Hats - You have no purpose and you look stupid. Go away and never return. - Jeff

Kitson- We were talking about you again. Be afraid - Bjorne

Stark - Is this actually the best

job ever? Somehow I really really doubt it. But you hang in there Sunshine! - Abent

Thursday, Sept.. 25, 2008

Kyle — You're a maniac on the weekends. Be careful. — Shane

Mouse — You're gonna get what's comin' to ya. Just wait. -2214

Matt Millen — Sorry it had to end like this. But, hey, I hear the Raiders could need a new head coach soon. Eh? Eh? - Shane

Gina — I am so pumped to finally see you and the munchkins and watch the office and eat homemade pizza! — Cassandra

Emile — I was really scared of the ghosts in our house last night and needed you, but you weren't home. Whatever will I do when you're gone? — Cassandcastle

Andrea — I can't work without you! I'm looking forward to our craft nights and Friends marathons even though we have to meet in secret. I'm willing to Romeo and Juliet it up if you are. — Your best friend at work

Gina — I am so pumped to finally see you and the munchkins and watch the office and eat homemade pizza! — Cassandra

Curt — No shout outs this week? Really? Not even to the cat? I'm deeply saddened.

Whitney Morgan — Happy Birthday!!! I know, its just a little bit early. I noticed it falls on a Tuesday, so maybe buckets during the day? We should hang out soon. - Ex-Roomie

21 — You can't come soon enough. — Underagers

Aoy — I'd be lost without your food. — Pad Thai Enthusiast

Jeremy and Kelley — Congratualtions guys. I can't wait until December. — Jackie

Office Party — I need some help with my wardrobe. — I want fruit pizza

Ma & Pa — By the time you read this, I will have fixed that account. Sometimes, it takes me a while to do things. And by sometimes, I mean all the time. - Daughter

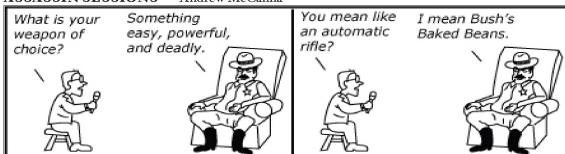
Lehtola — Why aren't you here right now? — Stark

LRK — We have to go to a movie now on Saturday, I hope you're happy. — JDS

Jon — Thanks for giving me the legal rundown on how to sue someone after a fist fight. I will keep it in mind. — Claire

Mom and Rob — I'm really excited for you to come and visit. But just so you know, it would

ASSASSIN SESSIONS — Andrew McCanna

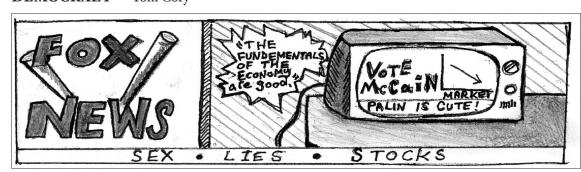


MOTHBALLS-Jeff Kitson Yea, I forgot to mention this at the time but she was puking earlier... don't worry though the other 3 guys didn't notice Dude, I'm pretty stoked I got the chance to kiss that girl at the bar las night. She is really cute.

MUFFIN TOPS — NW Staff

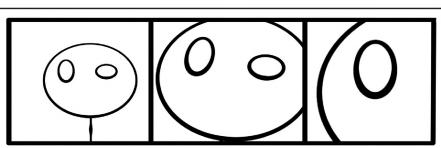


DEMOCRAZY — Tom Cory



ODDS AND ENDS — Geoffrey Riutta





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probably be a good idea to bring credit cards. — Your Daughter

News — I hate your boxes. And your butting headlines. We need to work on this. — EIC

Josh — Please start drinking again. — EIC

Shane — Sorry 'bout your face. I didn't know what I was doing that night. - Me

Stark — Your anger is fierce. Have you considered sedatives? But seriously, I'm sure you're still 84% of the reason I work here. - Abent

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October 2, 2008

Mead Auditorium, NMU Campus

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast

8:45 am - Introduction and Welcomes

9:00 am - "French Colonial Society in the Upper Peninsula In the 17th-18th Centuries" Dr. Russell Magnaghi (Center for UP Studies)

9:30 am - "Fruit Agriculture in the Upper Peninsula"
Dr. Howard Nicholson (History Department)

10:00 am - "Yoopers in Alaska in the Great Depression: Matanuska Experiment"
Ms. Rachel Crary (Editor, Marquette Co. History Museum)

10:30 am - Break

10:45 am - "Aspects of Lumbering in the Upper Peninsula"
Mr. Troy Henderson (NMU Alumnus)

11:05 am - "U.P. Soldiers in the Russian Expeditionary Force, 1918-1919"
Mr. Daniel Truckey (Director, Beaumier Heritage Center)

11:30 am - "Vanish Points: Abandoned Mining Sites in The U.P."

Ms. Christine Flavin (Art & Design)

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - "The Finn Tragedy at Rockland" & "The Creation of an Opera"
Mr. David Laakso (Independent Scholar)
Dr. John Kiltanen (Math Department)

1:30 pm - "The Finns of the Upper Peninsula: A Cultural Approach"
Mr. Russell Olds (History Major)

2:00 pm - "The Negaunee World of Great Movie Theaters"

Ms. Stephanie Heikell (History Major)

2:15 pm - "Marquette and the Spanish Flu of 1918" Mr. Walter Hanson (History Major)

2:30 pm - Break

2:45 pm - "Politics in the UP in the late 20th Century"
Dr. David Haynes (Political Science)

3:15 pm - "A Profile of Computer & Internet Usage in the U.P., 1994-2007" Dr. Abhijit Jain (School of Business)

> 3:45 pm - "Upper Peninsula Englishes" Dr. Kate Remlinger (Grand Valley State University)

4:15 pm - "The Gossard Company Oral History Project"
Ms. Phyllis Wong (Independent Scholar)

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