



## Economy alarms NMU students

By Carson LeMahieu  
staff writer

On Monday, Sept. 29, the U.S. House of Representatives voted down a \$700 billion "bailout" bill that was intended to provide relief to failing financial institutions and inject life into a struggling stock market.

Following the rejection of the bill, the Dow Jones Industrial Index fell 777 points — the largest one-day loss in history.

On Wednesday evening the U.S. Senate passed an amended version of the bill by a vote of 74 to 25. The House will vote on the amended bill later this week.

Major investors are not the only ones affected by the economic turmoil. NMU students also hold strong opinions on the economic subjects.

NMU senior, Frank Mumford, double majoring in economics and business, said that he is against using \$700 billion to bail out Wall Street. Instead, he is in favor of giving a smaller amount of money to help the companies.

"We need to give them a small amount of money and make the rest the responsibility of the companies. They need to clean up what they [screwed] up," he said. "We need to give them just enough to get rolling. If we give them \$700 billion, it is ridiculous."

He continued to say that he thought the crisis was an avoidable one.

"I am disgusted that something like this has happened in the free

market, and I blame the fact that there was no regulatory policy on these processes," Mumford said. "It was brought up to the [U.S. House of Representatives] in 2004, and both then-Federal Chair Alan Greenspan and the secretary of the treasury said we needed more regulation of this, but nothing happened."

Mumford is also the president of the Economic Students Association.

He went on to say that with the failure of many prominent financial institutions it would be increasingly difficult to find a job after graduation.

"With future unemployment being projected at 7 percent it's not looking good for entry level jobs," he said. "Definitely with banks failing and companies downsizing they aren't exactly going to be lining up to hire me once I get out of school."

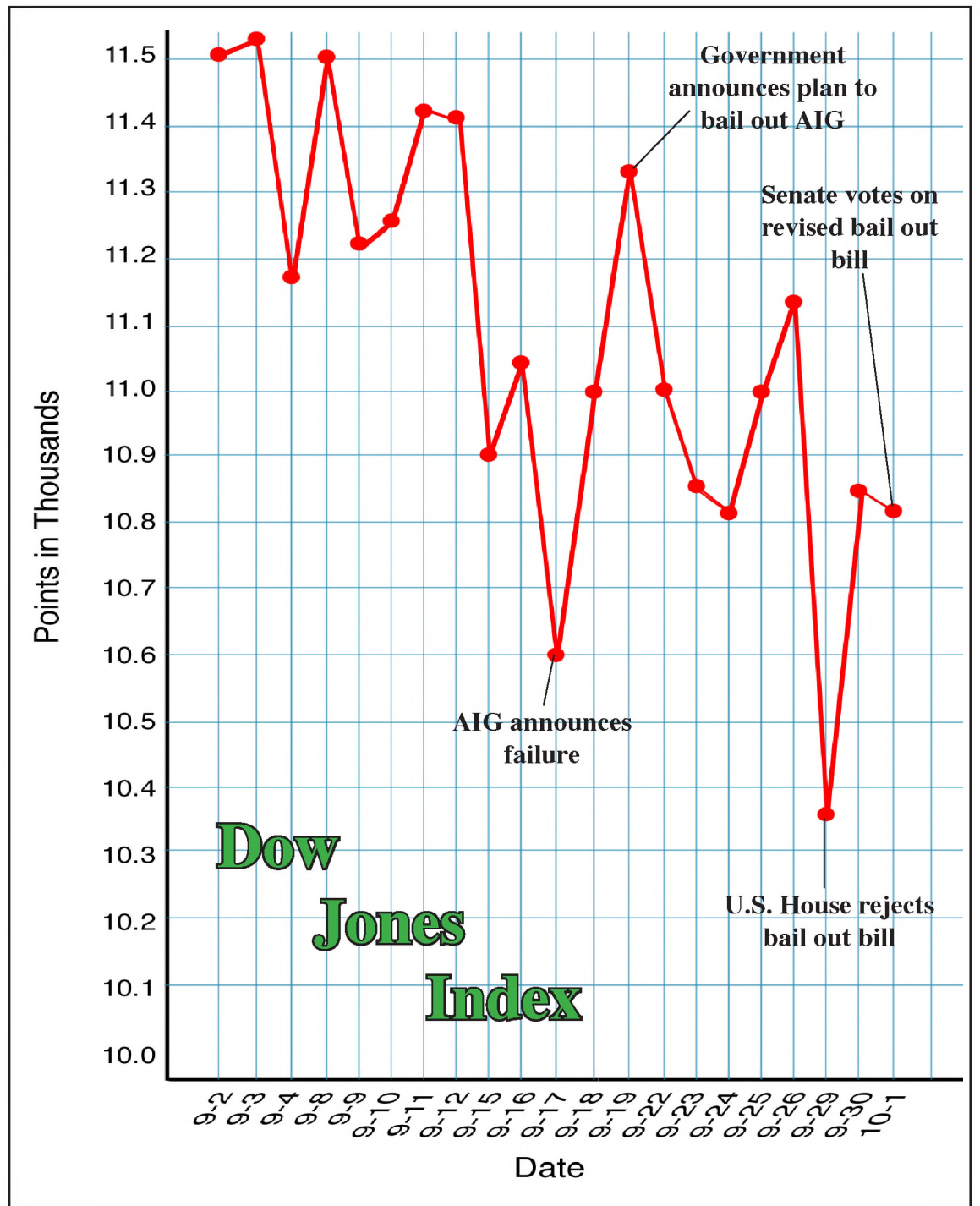
Mumford did say he was comforted by the education he received at NMU.

"I'm still worried, but I know that because of my educational experiences here at Northern, I will have a leg up on a lot of other candidates in the real world," he said.

Senior economics major Rob Doepker agreed with Mumford's sentiments about the bailout plan and job market.

"Currently, I do not support the plan because they are putting too much money (in the plans),"

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## Tailgating policy allows alcohol in specified lots

By Jaci Bjorne  
assistant news editor

A policy allowing students and community members to have alcoholic beverages while tailgating is now in effect for designated parking lots at the Superior Dome and Barry Events Center.

Tailgating is, and always has been, allowed anywhere in the Recreation and Sports Complex area for up to three hours before and one hour after a sporting event. Now, tailgaters, age 21 and older, will be permitted to bring alcohol with them to lot 55, east of the Superior Dome's back entrance, and lot 58, east of the Barry Events Center.

"Northern has always allowed tailgating in conjunction with its athletic events; however, we've always had a policy of no alcohol on the property without a license," said Cindy Paavola, direc-

tor of communications at NMU. "That was confusing to people, especially those not from the area. We wanted to make the policy a lot clearer to our fans and to opposing fans."

The policy prohibits kegs, drinking games and devices, glass containers, mass common alcohol containers, open-flame fires and pets. Public Safety will be randomly checking the tailgaters' identification to ensure that Michigan law regarding the possession, consumption and distribution of alcohol is enforced.

"One of the things clearly explained in the policy is that you must have identification to prove your age," said Paavola. "Northern supports the idea of fans and community members getting together and getting excited about

the games in a tailgating situation, but we expect them to do it in a legal fashion if alcohol is going to be used."

She said alcohol use is not a necessary component of tailgating, but the school is now making it easier for those who wish to

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sophomore, industrial maintenance

include it in their experience. She added that there will be plenty of room for fans who do not wish to be near the tailgaters consuming alcohol.

"For families or people who don't want to be around people who are drinking alcohol, they

will know where the designated areas are, so they can find a place as far away from them as necessary," Paavola said.

Allowing tailgaters to bring alcohol with them could help to boost the number of people attending sporting events, said Tyler Campbell, sophomore industrial maintenance major.

"I think it's good because it will be more fun and you can enjoy yourself a lot more," he said. "They should sell beer at the game now, too."

Not everyone thought the policy was necessarily a good thing. Joe Heilala, senior English major, said he thought the policy might be a positive change, but the possibility of underage drinking could be a potential problem.

"How can you tell someone

is 21 without checking IDs? The campus police would have to check every single ID to make sure that there are no minors drinking," Heilala said.

Alcohol use at sporting events could be a potentially dangerous idea, according to Jaime Anderson, senior criminal justice major, who said she does not approve of the policy.

"I think it's actually a bad idea," Anderson said. "It encourages more of a party atmosphere which could lead, depending on who wins the game, to more violence."

She also expressed concern over the possibility of sports enthusiasts drinking during the game and driving home afterwards.

The policy, which was approved on Sept. 10, will go into effect by Saturday, Oct. 4, in time for NMU's homecoming football game.

# BRIEFS

## Board of Trustees approves budgets

The NMU Board of Trustees has approved the 2008-2009 operating budget, submitted their 2009-2010 operating budget and requested \$172 million worth of capital outlay projects. The operating budget for the current year is set at \$102 million with the estimated cost for the 2009-2010 school year being set at \$106 million. The capital outlay requests submitted to the state government are \$65 million for a new bio-mass-fueled combined heat and power plant, \$18 million for renovations to Cohodas Hall, \$14 million for renovations to the Forest Roberts Theatre, McClintock Hall, Jamrich and the PEIF and \$66 million for renovations and an addition to the LRC. Communications and Marketing Director Cindy Paavola said the capital outlay requests are funding proposals that are given to the state legislature to consider for funding. "We submitted a lot of plans so that if the state is only allotting for small capital outlay projects we have a request for that, and if they are giving money for bigger projects we would have a big project that could get approval." In addition to approving the three budgets, the board also revised the NMU mission statement, accepted \$1.2 million in external grants and \$9,200 in gifts and approved the purchase of a residential property at 300 Waldo St. for \$149,000. According to Paavola, the property was bought to obtain land for facilities proposed in the master plan.

— Carson LeMahieu

## NMU to test emergency alert systems

Northern Michigan University will test all of its emergency notification systems at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. "We want to alert NMU students, faculty, staff and community members that this will be taking place," said Cindy Paavola, NMU director of communications. "Every message will clearly be marked as a test, and we are making a significant effort to get the word out about this so that nobody is alarmed by the test process." During the test, messages will be sent via the university's emergency mass e-mail system, its new cell phone text message alert system, a program that freezes operating NMU computers with a red screen and an emergency message, the NMU home page and home page of NMU Public Safety and Police Services, and informational messages on the LCD screens located in high-traffic areas of various NMU campus facilities. The computer program freezes all NMU computers connected to NMU's internet connections. It then displays emergency alert information to the user. "If we had an active shooter in the academic mall, God forbid, and you were in Starbucks, you would immediately find out the details needed," Paavola said. NMU Public Safety will send out requests for input on how the various systems worked — such as how fast the text messages and e-mails arrived and how the program to freeze computer screens functioned — immediately following the test period.

— Carson LeMahieu

## Bone marrow drive to occur Wednesday

Students will have the opportunity to sign up for the National Bone Marrow Transplant list Wednesday, Oct. 8. The registration drive will be held in the lower level of the LRC from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. "It's a way you can get involved with helping people," senior community health education and Spanish major Nicole Weber. According to Weber all students will have to do to sign up for the registry is fill out the proper forms and give a small blood sample. She added that signing up for the bone marrow registry doesn't commit anyone to definitively give bone marrow.

— Carson LeMahieu



Brittany McIntiere/NW

**DEM-ROCK-RACY** Boogie Tank jams out at the Campaign Kickoff Concert Wednesday night in Jamrich Hall. The event, sponsored by the NMU College Democrats, featured performances by Boogie Tank and local bluegrass band Grass Monkey as well as speeches by U.S. Representative Bart Stupak and many other local politicians.

## New ASNMU Web site now available

The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) launched its redesigned Web site last week.

The Web site, one of the items on the eleven-point plan ASNMU president Hobie Webster campaigned on last spring, features updated information on ASNMU programs and events, meeting agendas and minutes and the ASNMU con-

stitution.

"It is up and running and it's ready to rock," Webster said.

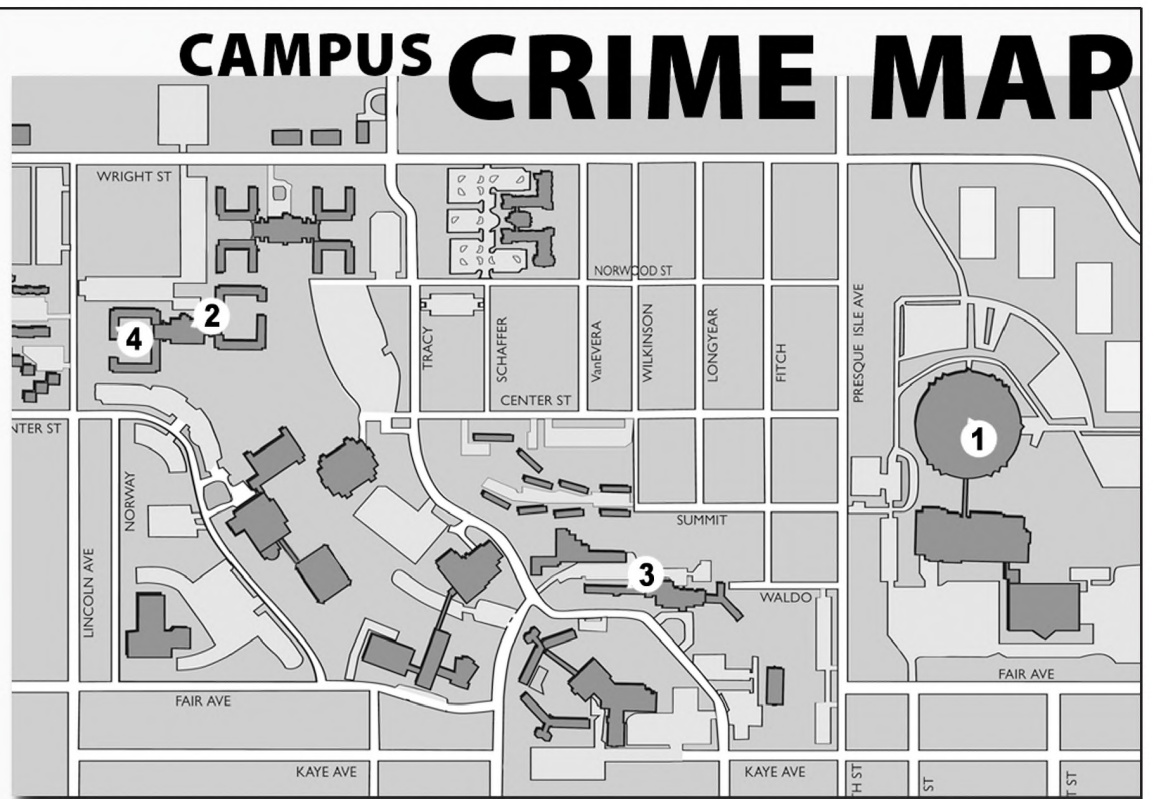
The Web site will also feature a running blog where Webster and other ASNMU reps will be able to post news items they hope will inform students of ASNMU happenings.

"Right now everything is working, and hopefully I will be making my first blog post

later this week."

Webster said the blog was created after concerns were raised about the effectiveness of sending e-mails to the student body twice a week. He said he considers the blog a way of fulfilling his pledge to keep students aware of the progress that ASNMU is making.

— Carson LeMahieu



### Map Key:

1. On Sept. 25, two male students were allegedly wrestling in the Dome and Public Safety was called. The men were not intending to harm each other and therefore did not press charges. The case has been referred to the Dean of Students Office.
2. On Sept. 26, an employee of the Marketplace allegedly stole money from a till. The case is under investigation.
3. On Sept. 28, an unlocked dorm room was entered in Spooner Hall and damage was done to a mirror in the room. The case is under investigation.
4. On Sept. 28, a laptop was stolen from an unlocked dorm room in Gant Hall. The case is under investigation.

## Corrections

In last week's article entitled "College Dems to host concert to kickoff campaign season," Jake Shea should have been credited as being a biology major.

Last week's brief on the Ann Coulter event should have stated that approximately 1,100 people attended the event.

# Cardboard building contest to let students 'become' homeless

By Lucy Hough  
staff writer

Homelessness is a problem the entire nation faces, and on Thursday, Oct. 2 beginning at 6 p.m., a contingent of NMU students will be offering a helping hand to non-profit groups in the Marquette community to help with that problem.

The Progressive Student Roundtable will be hosting the Hidden City competition in which groups of students can compete to prepare the most sturdy and creative cardboard homes.

Students will spend the evening constructing homes out of primarily cardboard, but may also use rope, tape or cloth.

Students participating in the event are encouraged to bring their own building materials, as the Progressive Student Roundtable only has a limited amount of

cardboard for the event.

Construction will run from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., and at least two members from each group must remain in the homes throughout the night. Judging will occur the following morning and will be based on size, creativity and functionality.

"Just try to use the cardboard creatively, and create support with sturdier cardboard so it doesn't fall on you if it rains,"

said Amanda Davison, vice chair of the Progressive Student Roundtable.

All participating organizations must bring at least \$10 or ten canned food items, and any group of people can participate: fraternities, sororities, dorm halls or

just a group of friends. All donations will go to the local Women's Shelter and St. Vincent de Paul of Marquette.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, around 3 million people will ex-



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—Jason Morgan

Progressive Student Roundtable chair

perience homelessness either in shelters or on the streets throughout the year. Youth homelessness is increasing as many children, after leaving foster homes, have nowhere to go and end up home-

less. With housing costs continually rising, entire families have been forced to the streets.

"Homelessness is one of our nation's most misunderstood and overlooked problems," said Jason Morgan, Progressive Student Roundtable chair. "The event is for a good cause. It is unique, interesting, and should prove to be quite exciting."

The Women's Shelter offers domestic violence crisis intervention and counseling and also helps with the Harbor House Shelter in Marquette which assists the housing and feeding of people, especially those who are victim to domestic violence throughout the area. One of the tools used for helping people is a food bank.

"All donations that we get go directly to our patients," said Melissa Arbelius, program director at the Women's Shelter. "Right now, our pantry is running really low."

In a time when the economy is becoming increasingly unstable, homelessness is a very real problem.

"This event helps raise awareness of our own fortunes, and raise funds and food for those hit hardest by the difficult times (our economy is) facing," said Brandon Schlacht, active progress chairman of the Progressive Student Roundtable.

At the event, this organization will also offer food from a buffet similar in fashion to a "soup kitchen" and a fire barrel.

"(The Hidden City competition) is open to everyone," Morgan said. "We want the academic mall just packed full of cardboard homes."



Cassandra Sturos/NW

Construction workers dig trenches at the work site on Third Street. Portions of Third Street have been closed since June because of the project which involves replacing infrastructure underneath the roadways.

## Construction causes delays to Northern students' commutes

Since the semester began, commuter students have found that their usual routes to NMU may no longer be accessible via a vehicle. With major construction on both Third and Fourth Streets, their daily drive may be a bit longer than they remember.

Eric Trudgen, a sophomore health and fitness major, said the construction has impacted how he drives in Marquette, especially on his way to his job at Econo Foods.

"When I'm going from school to work, [the construction] makes it a lot more difficult," he said. "It depends on which way you go,

but it sucks when there's traffic so jammed up on Third (Street)."

The construction in town began in the third week of June, said Keith Whittington, Marquette city engineer.

However, even though some of the road construction in Marquette is finishing up this week, a few more projects are still underway.

"There's another project going on at the same time. Arch (Street) down to Washington (Street) has all been milled off. We'll be overlaying that within the next week or so," Whittington said.

The city chooses which roads

to reconstruct based on several factors, such as the age of the utilities running underneath the street, the surface condition of the street and the repair history of the area up for renovation, Whittington added.

Fourth Street was considered a full reconstruction project, meaning that all the utilities (water main, sewer main and storm sewer) and street structures were replaced, he said.

Work on Fourth Street should be done within the next few days, he added.

— Jackie Stark

## Student Finance Committee Meeting

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

Last week, budgets were approved for:

- OUTlook (\$7,274.64)
- Black Student Union (\$6,500)
- Lambda Chi Alpha (\$4,237)
- NMU Political Review (\$147.25)

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 Center.

This week, the SFC will consider the following budgets:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Photographic Society	Lecture/museum tour by John Foster	\$1,000
OUTlook	Hate Free Concert (addendum)	\$140.75
OUTlook	Drag Show (addendum)	\$247

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$52,304.45.**

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# Alumni honored for achievements

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

Four NMU alumni are being recognized for their achievements as part of this weekend's homecoming activities.

Being honored are Heather Albrecht (Outstanding Young Alumni Award), Mike Ross (Alumni Achievement Award), Larry Inman and Duane Vandebusch (Distinguished Alumni Awards).

"These alumni are all outstanding examples of the graduates that NMU produces," said Martha Haynes, executive director of the Alumni Association.

The alumni being honored with the award are first nominated by a fellow alumni. Then an Alumni Association Board committee looks into the candidates and decides if they meet the criteria that the alumni association has created

for the awards.

Albrecht is vice president of non-profit services for RuffaloCODY. RuffaloCODY is the nation's largest higher education fundraising consulting and software development company. Albrecht is a former associate director of the NMU annual fund.

Ross is the director of bands at Appleton West High School. His high school bands have been invited to perform at the Wisconsin State Music Convention, as well as concert tours in Italy, Germany, France, England and Greece. Ross has also served as the conductor of the Green Bay Youth Symphony and principal timpanist for the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra.

Inman is a Traverse County Commissioner and a former vice president of Huntington National Bank. Inman has served as a mem-

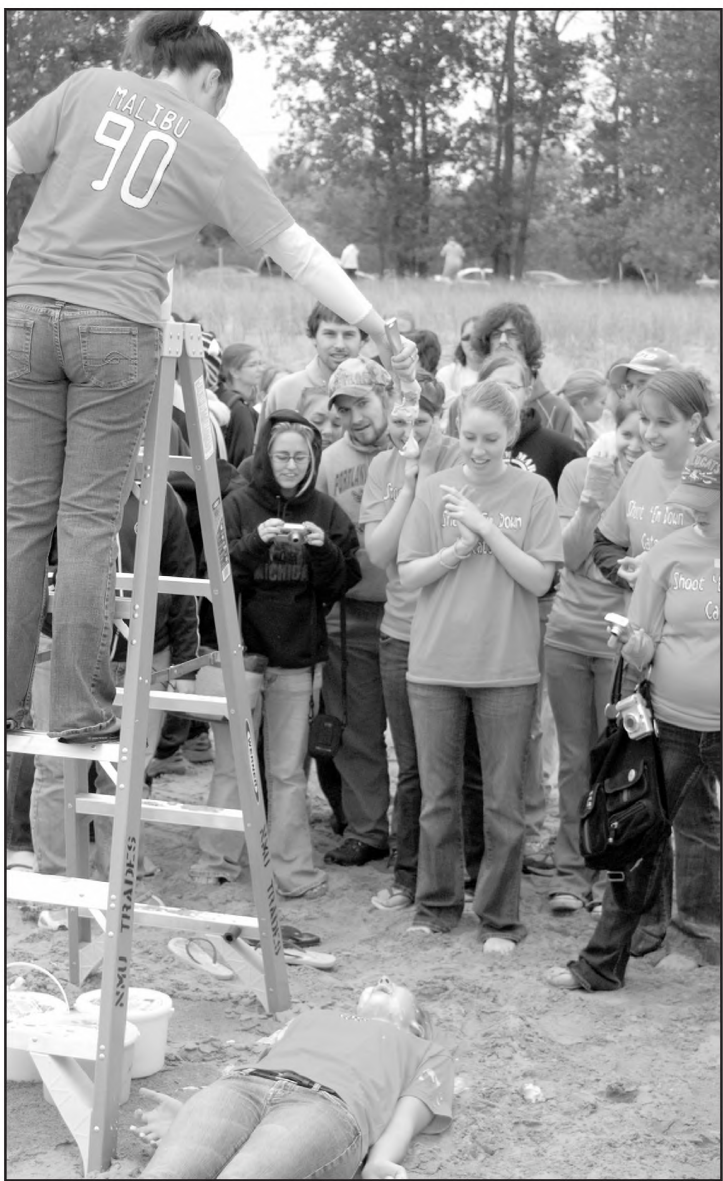
ber of the NMU board of trustees. He also holds positions on a number of state and local boards, including the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board.

Vandebusch is a history professor at Western State College of Colorado. He also served as a cross country coach and track coach at WSCC for 37 years. During his tenure with WSCC, he coached 10 NCAA championship teams and was named the national Cross Country Coach of the Year seven times.

Haynes said the awards are a way for Northern to recognize and congratulate alumni.

"It's a great way to showcase some of our alumni who are doing exciting things," she said.

The awards will be presented at the Alumni Association Homecoming Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 4 in the University Center.



Jeff Kitson/NW

**BOMBS AWAY** Students from Malibu House compete in the ice cream drop in this year's Dead River Games while other members of their team look on. The games took place on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the mouth of the Dead River. The annual event kicks off NMU's Homecoming activities. In addition to the ice cream drop, students competed in relay races and sand castle building contests.

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he said. "[Executives] should not be getting severance pay and right now we have millions going to that (in the bailout bill)."

Doepker said he thought his job prospects looked bright in the future despite the economic turmoil.

"Right now, economists are in demand, he said. "I'm also lucky enough to have a job where I could work overseas. We are going to be seeing more people working overseas in the next couple years."

Economics professor Tawni Ferrarini said college students can do several things to help themselves through the current economic turmoil. One of the major things Ferrarini stressed was avoiding credit card debt.

"The main impact is going to be in the credit department," she said. "A lot of students are taking on a lot of debt and that is going to hurt their ability to get a loan in the future for a house or a car."

According to the Incharge Institute of America, a non-profit debt counseling service, the average undergraduate student is carrying a credit card debt of \$2,700, and nearly 10 percent of undergraduates are carrying over \$7,000 worth of credit card debt at any given time..

She added that responsible use of a credit card has benefits for students.

"Now, having a credit bar, using it, and then paying it off that cycle isn't a bad idea," she said. "It teaches financial responsibility, which is something everyone needs to learn."


Another thing that Ferrarini recommended for college students was to begin working on a financial plan and putting money into savings.

"We all know that cars break down and need repairs. What it comes down to is do you want to be able to borrow that money from your [savings] or do you want to have to borrow that money from someone else?"

"Every student on this campus could become a millionaire if they plan out their savings and start working on a plan early," she added.

The final piece of advice that Ferrarini had for students was to stay mindful of what is happening politically with the economic marketplace.

"[Students] need to be concerned not only with what the markets are doing, but also with what politicians are doing. The decisions they make now with this bailout are going to be costing students tax money in the future," Ferrarini said. "The most important thing they can do is get informed and vote."



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## Staff Editorial

### Policy opens doors

This Saturday's homecoming football game will mark the first time in recent memory that Wildcat sports fans will have access to a typical collegiate pre-game atmosphere.

Last month NMU approved a new tailgating procedure that gives fans the ability to consume alcohol in designated areas. The move should prove to be a positive step for the university in many regards.

The trouble with NMU's previous alcohol-free stance on tailgating was that many fans, both home and away, were unsure of the actual policy and assumed that tailgating meant alcohol use. Realizing that the rules would have to be clearly displayed and more strictly enforced if the old policy continued, NMU decided to allow drinking in parking lots 55 and 58, near the Berry Events Center and the Superior Dome, prior to football and hockey games.

The move fits with NMU's push to get more students to turn out to sporting events — including the recent nationally televised Wildcat football game. Still, fans straggle in late to the events, if at all, and for many students, the games take a back seat to Friday nights at the bar or the movies. The fact that tailgating is allowed from three hours prior to the event's start time should get people to their seats for the start of the game.

While alcohol at the pre-game celebration is common at college sporting events, it is a bit sad that the university has to take such a step to draw more fan support.

But facts are facts. Marquette is a college town and if there is one thing that will create a sense of community and draw increased crowds to sporting events, it's alcohol.

And for those students and community members that don't want to drink or be around drinking, there are nine other parking lots in the immediate area available for tailgating.

This will provide the best of both worlds, allowing the college crowd to enjoy the pre-game festivities while still maintaining a family atmosphere at NMU sporting events.

The limited drinking area — where Public Safety officers will be performing random ID checks — also serves another purpose: It will contain the drinking crowd in two parking lots. Rather than worry about people sneaking alcohol into their tailgate parties, the cops can focus on keeping the peace in those two lots.

The ultimate hope should be that students readily go to NMU sporting events solely for the teams, and without the lure of beer. But until that time, show up a couple hours early. And drink up.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Not convinced Palin is ready

I am writing in response to Ashley Harwood's Sept. 25 column on Sarah Palin. It is true that Sarah Palin was governor, but like Obama, her tenure was short and riddled with few accomplishments. She was governor of Alaska, which has one of the lowest populations of the 50 states. So with all due respect, that's not a debate we need to spend our time on.

When news broke out her daughter was pregnant, questions were raised about her parenting skills. Since she's pro-life and for abstinence-only sex education, her beliefs contradict her daughter's pregnancy. Whether it's fair or not to be discussing (this topic), this is up to the average voter. Personally this issue isn't important to me.

I also question whether Sarah Palin is ready or not for office. The writer painted a rosy picture, but where's the beef? Are you telling me the same lady who said Alaska's close proximity to Russia gave her foreign policy experience is ready to be vice president? She poked fun at Sen. Joe Biden's age when McCain is actually six years older than him. She may have persuaded the writer that she's qualified and prepared to be vice president, but her recent interviews haven't swayed me.

Matthias Cooke  
 sophomore, political science

### Diversity efforts can be improved

As a past North Wind editor-in-chief (1975 graduate), and Hispanic student, I feel compelled to respond to the Sept. 25 editorial.

While attending NMU I definitely "stood out" with my very Hispanic looks. And while I al-

ways felt welcome at NMU, there were those whose comments were thoughtless. I remember, in particular, several at the university who constantly greeted me using the word "spic." I had never before heard this term, so it was confusing to me. I look back, however, at my days at NMU as happy and productive ones.

May I make a suggestion: In the early 1970s Spooner Hall (where I lived), was devoted to housing male veterans of Vietnam. They came to NMU because of its location and because they felt a kinship with other Vietnam veterans. I dated and married one of them; a Marine who spent two years in Vietnam and had a dogged need to succeed when he returned. He tried attending Michigan State University in Lansing. However, he needed more peace than MSU could offer him and so he transferred to Northern. At NMU he found that peace and support.

My point is this: Maybe NMU could make a special effort to extend a hand to the veterans who are now returning from Iraq, or other military obligations. Some are seeking solace and a place to succeed after seeing and experiencing unbelievable inhumanity. The peace and outdoor beauty that the U.P. offers was just what my veteran needed. I am betting that the veterans from this war are looking for the same chance to succeed and contribute. And NMU may just be, again, in the unique situation to assist, and meet the needs of, the brave men and women who have given so much to the rest of us.

Darlene (Alonzo) Walsh  
 NMU Alumni

### Palin critique faulty

(In response to Claire Abent's Sept. 18 column.)

Look who is scared now — me! Abortion is not a new idea and remember half of those aborted are

female. Have you thought of adoption as a better alternative? Hasn't DNA proven the unborn baby is a separate person from the mother? Abent says Palin is exploiting the fact she didn't abort with her baby with Down syndrome. How so?

Abent talks about political scandals with Palin, but where is the evidence? The Clintons are no strangers to real political scandals. What about the people Obama has associated with? Scary!

What scares me is big government, high gas prices and big taxes if Barack Obama and Joe Biden are elected. McCain hopefully will lower taxes, get rid of ineffective government programs, and drill, drill, drill.

How can Hillary Clinton be qualified to run for anything when she thought terrorists were firing upon her and her daughter until — the video showed up?

The liberals are running scared because Palin has a record of accomplishments that have helped the people of Alaska. Can you name one of Obama's accomplishments?

Let the unfair liberal attacks continue because they just drive people towards Sarah Palin.

Bill Vogelmann  
 Marquette, MI

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# Economic crisis of our own making



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

As a college student, I don't have a lot of money in my savings account, nor do I have a mortgage, a retirement plan or a diversified stock portfolio. I don't even possess a credit card.

Growing up in a fiscally conservative household, talk of the economy often floated around. As of late, that talk has turned to the impending troubles that the American economy might soon face, but I never paid much attention to it.

That was until recently, when financial giants with household names, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, had to be rescued by our government. The events that ensued were even more depressing.

The Federal Reserve bailed out the American International Group (AIG), an insurance company, with an \$85 million loan earlier this month. Last week, Washington Mutual, America's largest savings and loan bank, was seized by federal regulators and most of

its assets sold to J.P. Morgan.

As I watched these stories unfold on CNN, I realized that America might really be screwed.

I feel like the sudden downturn in the economy has been a long time coming and that we have brought it on ourselves. Should we have seen our impending economic doom approaching? Absolutely.

For too long, we have lived with an "anything goes" mentality towards the economy, and that will no longer suffice to keep us going. Frivolous overspending, living beyond our means and conspicuous consumption have caused us, as a country, to travel down this path. Perhaps we just didn't notice because we were glued to our iPods and cell phones. Or perhaps it is because Americans are bred to believe that our economy is not only superior to all others, but also infallible.

Over the past few years, it has been too easy for financial institutions to lend too much money. The appeal of credit cards, especially to young people, is vast. The seeming advance of "free" money is tempting to anyone. Not to mention the fact that it has also become completely impossible for the average American to buy a

house without borrowing tens of thousands of dollars.

So while we were busy putting forward an illusion of prosperity, our country slipped deeper into an uncontrolled financial crisis.

Earlier this week, the first \$700 billion bailout plan to buy up troubled mortgages presented to Congress failed, shot down by members of both parties. As of press time, a second, slightly altered bailout plan was being considered by Congress.

Although fans of the proposed bailout claim that it is im-

mediately necessary to prevent further wreckage of economy, retain faith in the credit market and theoretically save millions of jobs, the cost of the plan is exorbitant. Although the government has pledged \$700 billion, there is a chance that a bailout could cost less, but there is also a chance that it could cost up to one trillion dollars.

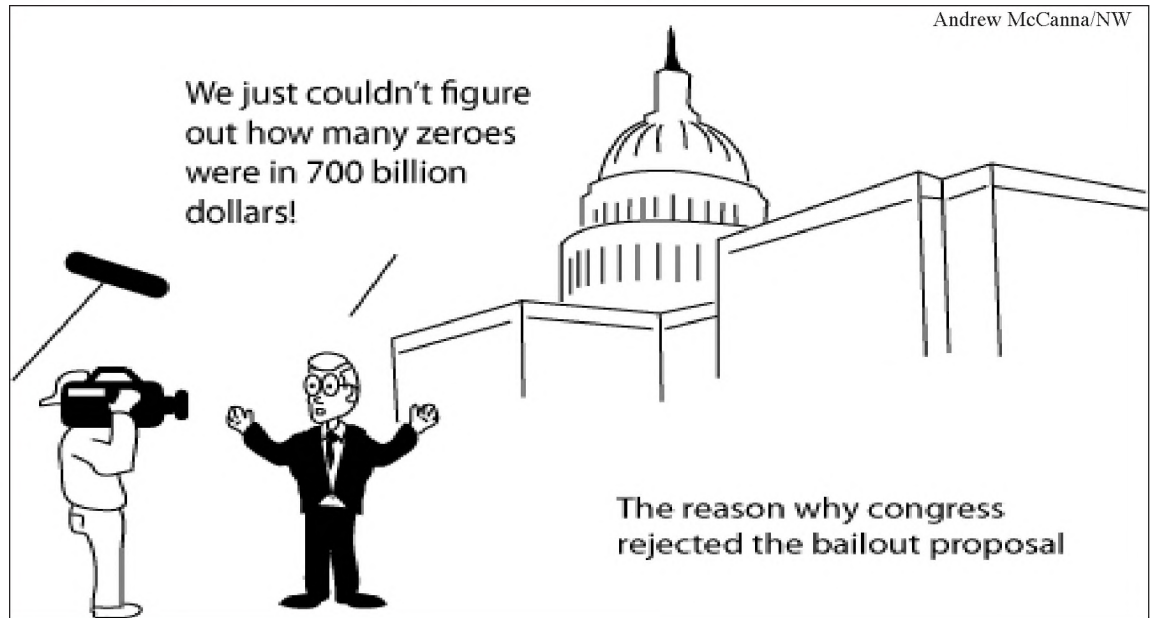
And where would all that money come from? The pockets of the American taxpayers, of course.

The last time our country was in such a dire economic state was

the Great Depression, and it took years to pull ourselves out, only with the aid of World War II and the brilliant policy-making of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The United States is already locked in a seemingly endless foreign conflict, and I don't think either of the proposed bailout plans could be described as brilliant.

So, we have nothing left to do but continue to sit on our hands and wait for politicians to fix the problems we all caused. I have the feeling we might be waiting awhile.



# Politicians disappointing in debate



## Staff Column

Jackie Stark

I sat down on my couch, having sufficiently prepared everything to ensure I wouldn't have to leave my living room for the next two hours. I had a blanket handy, should I get cold; the TV remote within reach, should the volume become too low for me to hear, and a cup of Frosty Treats ice cream in my hand to stay any hunger I may have had. It was 8:55 p.m., and I was ready.

I'd been looking forward to a debate between the presidential

candidates for some time, but I clearly built up a standard for last Friday's 9 p.m. contest that could never have been achieved.

Neither candidate said anything particularly striking or even memorable, with the exception of Sen. John McCain's statement that he would see nothing wrong with freezing federal spending on everything except for veterans' and entitlement programs and defense, and that was only memorable because it was ridiculous.

This was supposedly McCain's time to shine. Foreign policy was his forte, his hidden weapon, and this debate would clearly show that his knowledge was greater than that of Sen. Barack Obama's. And to be honest, I was looking

forward to seeing him step up as the better candidate, and I'm not a McCain supporter. But instead of seeing either candidate showcase himself as the obvious choice for president, what the American public got instead was simply more of the same.

What I wanted was something better. I was sitting on that couch, waiting for one of them to wow me, to make me want to vote for him, to be excited about voting for him and it never happened. Obama trotted out the same tired line that he was against the Iraq war from the start, while McCain brought up his time as a prisoner of war yet again. I'm tired of hearing about the same old, same old. I'm tired of these two candidates

telling me exactly what they told me three months ago.

I want to watch a presidential debate that really merits watching. I want to hear a Kennedy-esque answer, something more powerful than "We need to stop the orgy of spending," more powerful than the difference between a tactic and a strategy. I want to see a Ford-like blunder or a Reagan-style quip. I want something to remember 20 years from now. In an election that has been continuously called historic, it seems to me that it's not the candidates' words providing the history, but simply their situations.

Watching this debate, it looked as though the candidates were spewing out pre-approved lines

that wouldn't really get them into any trouble. I saw more fire between candidates during the primary debates. It is as if these two have given up trying, and are simply waiting for November to come so it can all be over. I can understand being tired. Running a presidential campaign is no easy task, but for only three nights in the days before the election, these candidates will have the chance to reach out to millions of Americans, and their first chance was clearly wasted.

The next presidential debate will be aired on Oct. 7, and I will definitely be watching, waiting for one candidate to rise to the occasion. But if neither one does, I won't be surprised.

## Sound Off

Who do you think won the presidential debate?

Compiled by Brittany McIntire



**Linnea Carlson**  
freshman, art and design  
"McCain."



**Tanya Bowen**  
junior, computer information systems  
"McCain, he has been doing better than Obama."



**Sam Blohowiak**  
junior, business marketing  
"Obama."



**Liz Cissel**  
senior, elementary education  
"Bugs bunny."



**Kyle Piatt**  
senior, criminal justice  
"McCain."

# Debate an easy win for Palin

By Joshua Sharp  
Daily Trojan

Conservatives, independents and liberals alike are drooling over Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin either out of admiration or a predatory sense of opportunity.

There is one way for Palin to win the first and only vice-presidential debate tonight.

Democratic wolves have been licking their chops for weeks, and when Democratic vice-presidential nominee and career politician Sen. Joe Biden takes the stage, it will be under the highest of expectations.

The debate will be moderated by PBS' Gwen Ifill, who is writing a book on Black politics that some have said might be biased.

Aided by their elitist cohorts in the national media, the liberal establishment has attempted to portray Palin as unworthy of national office.

Mainstream media interviewers, from ABC's Charles Gibson to CBS's Katie Couric, have done their utmost to corner Palin with irrelevant "curveball questions" more appropriate for a game show than legitimate political discourse.

It hasn't helped that the McCain campaign advisers believe Palin should respond the way any Georgetown-educated policy wonk would carefully deliberating every national and international issue and calmly deflecting stupid questions with evasive, blatantly political answers.

"Saturday Night Live's" Tina Fey, who has not hidden her disdain for Palin in public interviews, has had a field day making a caricature of Palin as a mere beauty queen.

SNL hasn't tried to undermine a political candidate like this since Hillary Clinton.

Palin is not a career politician, and she shouldn't try to be. Governors are focused on the issues of their respective states. They bring executive experience and perhaps expertise on one or more specific issues.

In Palin's case, that specific issue is energy - conveniently, one of the most fundamentally important issues in this election.

To succeed in the debate tonight, she just needs to be herself.

When economic issues come up, she needs to not only talk about Alaska's projected \$5 bil-

lion surplus but also relate her concerns as a mother of five balancing a family budget and maintaining a home with her husband, Todd. She can talk about how rising gas prices and grocery costs are hitting families in Alaska harder than in any other state in the nation. In one Alaskan town, milk hit \$7.50 a gallon last month.

When government spending issues come up, she needs to rail against our country's multi-trillion dollar debt being charged on the backs of America's children, including her own. Every American is furious with the national debt that politicians of both parties are recklessly racking up, and Palin can show she relates to taxpayers in small towns across America.

On foreign policy, Palin needs to talk not only about her state's geographic proximity to Russia - which should concern any neighbor, just ask Georgia - but more importantly about why she wants McCain to be our next commander in chief, for the security of her family and her country.

On energy, Palin can directly challenge Biden's inaction on fixing America's dependence on for-

eign oil. She can push for using proven reserves while moving toward a more renewable-dependent future, since she understands the issue as well as anyone.

Palin also needs to get angry about the Washington political establishment saturated in partisanship, and ask Biden why he's never challenged his party on any major issue. She can talk about how she took on the Republican state party chairman in Alaska and won.

Palin's appeal lies in that she's an average person like the rest of us. Her advisers shouldn't try to avoid that, given the toxicity of being a Washington insider in this election year. She can make the argument that McCain brings comprehensive experience and foreign policy expertise to be president, while her candidacy underscores his maverick streak and brings a working mom's "pit bull" integrity and mentality to Washington. Nothing could be more important or more necessary in Washington today.

If Palin tries to out-Biden Biden, she's going to have a difficult night.

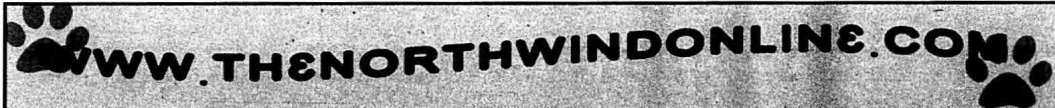
Lucky for her, she doesn't have to.

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## Alina Fernandez

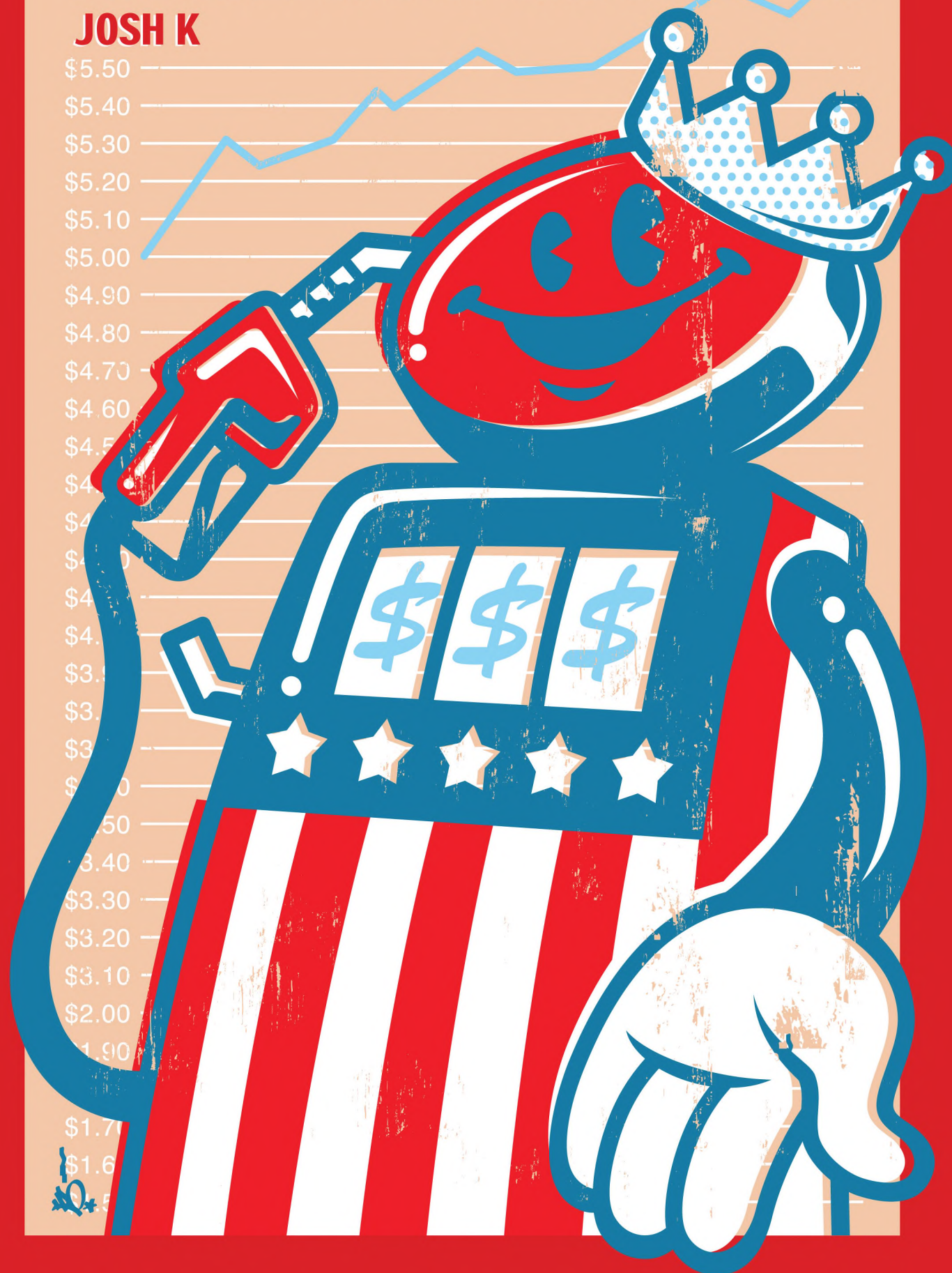
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Top: Nick Hurton (left) and Brian Elliot (right) attempt to communicate during breakfast in the Forest Roberts season opener "The Foreigner."

Below: Jerry Tudor (left) presents Ashley Stein (right) with a spoon from a foreign country. The play runs through Saturday, Oct. 4.

## Roberts opens new season with laughs

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

In a world currently dominated by political mudslinging and an unstable economy, it's nice to know that it's still possible to laugh.

This year's "Brave New World" season at Forest Roberts Theatre is kicking off with Larry Shue's "The Foreigner," a comedy about human connection.

"I've always liked this play," said Paul Truckey, NMU theatre professor and director of the play. "And it's a comedy, so it's good to start the season with something light."

It begins with Charlie Baker (Brian Elliot), a shy, socially awkward Englishman who goes on vacation in rural Georgia, with his friend, Froggy LeSueur (Jerry Tudor). LeSueur leaves him for three days in a boarding house run by Betty Meeks (Ashley Stein), a sweet and somewhat naïve old woman. However, because of his social awkwardness, Baker declares that he doesn't want to talk to anyone while he is there, so LeSueur tells Meeks that Baker is a foreigner and cannot speak any English and that everyone should simply leave him alone.

It is this seemingly innocent lie that sets up the framework for a hilarious play.

As the play goes on, each character figures out his or her own way to "communicate" with Baker. Meeks, the overly nice older lady, always screams at Baker whenever she says something to him, as though it's the volume of

her voice and not the words she uses that will make Baker understand her.

"(Meeks) is really sweet," Stein, a junior theatre major, said. "It's fun to play a character who doesn't try to be funny but just comes off that way."

Since everyone in the play, with the exception of LeSueur, thinks that Baker can't speak English, they say whatever they want to in front of him, because they assume he can't understand them. This works to Baker's advantage — no one seems to care about spilling their scandalous secrets in front of him, and he becomes privy to all the characters'

**There's for-the-hell-of-it funny and there's funny with a purpose. This play is funny with a purpose.**

— Ben Filipowicz  
actor

dirty laundry.

As the play progresses, Baker becomes enmeshed deeper and deeper inside of LeSueur's lie, and in doing so, he redefines who he is. And as he is discovering what, exactly, he is capable of, he helps those around him discover the same about themselves.

"(Baker) starts out stayed and boring, and he comes out of his shell at the end," Elliot, a senior theatre major, said, adding that he was excited to play Baker not only because he's an interesting character, but because it's something of a family tradition. "When I was eight or nine, my dad played the role I'm playing."

After the first few scenes, it

becomes clear who the antagonists of the play are: Rev. David Lee (Ben Filipowicz) and Owen Musser (Mike Rudden). The two are scheming to take ownership of the boarding house, for reasons that are less than exemplary.

For Filipowicz, a junior elementary education major, the role as the token "bad guy" is something he's not used to.

"I've been type-casted as the innocent one," he said. "I love my character. I don't usually get to play a character like this, someone outside the norm."

After the first act finishes, all the characters are tangled in a web of deceit that no one seems able to break free from.

The only people who aren't caught up in a lie are Meeks and Ellard Simms (Nick Hurton), a cognitively impaired young man. And when the intermission comes, you may be wondering how each character will

fare, but the ending brings the play to a satisfying close.

In a play with only eight characters, there is never a boring moment, and Baker, along with the rest of the cast, will surely garner lots of laughs over the two and a half hour runtime.

"This play is hilarious," said Filipowicz. "It's hard to find a really good comedy. There's for-the-hell-of-it funny and there's funny with a purpose; this play is funny with a purpose."

And while the cast provides plenty of laughs, one feature of this play that will be hard to miss is the elaborate set.

Steve McClain, a senior theatre major, started working on



the set during the second week of the semester, and, with some help, finished it just days before opening night.

The set is a classic log home, complete with a stone fireplace and animal heads and fish on the walls. The entire stage is transformed into the main room of the boarding house, with beautifully finished wood used for the walls, the staircase and the doors.

McClain said he spent 20 hours a week putting the set together, along with eight to 10 other workers who put in between 10-15 hours a week.

"On the weekends, I was [working on the set] from noon

until 10:30 (p.m.)," he said.

With an amazing set and a great cast, the play isn't only fun for the audience but for the actors as well.

"Everybody is really talented. It's a tight-knit cast," Stein said. "This is a show, it doesn't matter if you don't like theatre — it's fun for everyone."

"The Foreigner" runs through Oct. 4. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a 1 p.m. matinee showing on Saturday in addition to the regular evening show. Tickets are \$11 for the general public and \$7 for NMU students and are sold at EZ Ticket outlets on campus.

# Taking the trail

## Students find alternate ways

### Biking through the woods...

For people who enjoy the feel of wind whipping past as they glide through tree-strewn paths and down rocky terrain, mountain biking is a worthwhile pastime — and a popular one at that.

Colin Clancy, a graduate student in the English program, has been mountain biking since high school, where he took his love of mere bike riding one step further and started hitting the trails at a state park near his home.

“I had always enjoyed riding bikes as a kid,” Clancy said. “When I realized that it was an actual sport, I really got into it.”

Junior engineering and design major Luke Tikkanen originally started mountain biking as a way to keep busy and get around, however, he started to enjoy some of the more entertaining aspects of mountain biking as well.

“You get to go to places a lot of people have never really seen, get to bluffs and see pretty sweet views,” Tikkanen said.

Besides relishing in the social aspect of getting out and biking with friends, Tikkanen said he also loves the rush he gets while outside just enjoying the trails.

“The feeling that it’s you in control — there’s no one else you’re relying on,” he said. “It’s just you and your bike cruising.”

Besides the obvious thrill of being out in nature riding the trails, the unique experience mountain biking offers is unlike any other, Clancy said.

“I love being outside, and it’s such an adrenaline rush,” he said. “And it’s exercise, but you don’t even realize you’re exercising while you do it.”

For those who want to try out mountain biking, Clancy advised they learn the rules of the trails before heading out, as well as remembering that it’s not as daunting as it seems.

“Don’t get intimidated — it can seem really intimidating when you get to a trail

head, and there are a lot of people with fancy gear, but just don’t get intimidated,” he said.

Marquette is the perfect place for all outdoor aficionados, but mountain bikers are in for a real treat with the surrounding trail options.

Matt Belic, who works at Lakeshore Bike and has been mountain biking for nearly 10 years, agreed that great trails are abundant in this area.

“I really like all the Marquette trails,” Belic said. “They are very close to town; you can ride to the trails, ride them and ride back, versus using a vehicle to get there.”

Some easily accessible trails are located in South Marquette on the way to Marquette Mountain. Three great trails in this area include the Pioneer Loop, Mount Marquette Loop and the Carp River Loop, Belic said.

“The Mount Marquette loop in some places is going to be more advanced, more technical and the Carp River loop, which is in the middle of the three [trails] has the most elevation change,” he said.

Marquette also offers other options, such as trails intertwining between Harlow Lake, Hogback and Little Presque Isle.

Range Mountain Bike Trail system offers group trail riding, due to a lot of its trails being unmarked. This takes place on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Jasper Ridge Brewery and from there heading out to various areas, Belic said.

“The terrain can get really technical there, so you kind of need to know what you’re doing,” he said. “The Al Quaal Area is marked better.”

The Al Quaal Recreation Area is located north of Teal Lake in Ishpeming and offers a variety of different trails.

Whether bikers want to hit up rugged terrain, cruise downhill and downstream or simply save on gas, this is a pastime that’s not going anywhere.



# less traveled

By Cassandra Sturos  
staff writer

## to enjoy the outdoors

### ... and climbing up the mountains

In a city nestled between rolling hills, with bluffs overlooking the vast Lake Superior and acres of ever-green forests, students looking for a great adventure have many different options to turn to. For some, they've found that adventure in a sport that's becoming popular on campus.

Rock climbing is a trend that is increasing at Northern. With abundant rock faces to climb and even a climbing wall at the PEIF, students have ample opportunity to take on this sport.

Senior business management major Ben Maher, an instructor at the rock wall, said rock climbing attracts a lot of new students because it's so enjoyable.

"Every day we have new people who show up to the wall," Maher said. "We always run into somebody who say it's their first or second time ever climbing in their life. I'd say it's definitely gaining popularity."

Trevor Pellerite, a senior English writing major, originally started rock climbing when he went with a group from his dad's work three years ago and was instantly hooked.

"I like the basic idea of being outside on a cliff face," Pellerite said. "I like knowing that I could get up a rock face should I need to, and I like pushing myself to do harder stuff."

"The technical aspect, like technique work and setting up the gear, are also appealing to me," he added.

Pellerite enjoys the unique areas around Marquette that offer up excellent climbing spots.

"I usually go to Marquette Mountain, but Suicide Bowl in Negaunee is a great lead climbing area, and the Pinnacle at Presque Isle is good if you are pressed for time," Pellerite said.

Bill Thompson, co-owner of Downwind Sports located on Third Street, has been rock climbing since 1986, when he took a rock climbing class at Northern.

"What's great about this area is there are so many places to climb ... you could go to any number of climbing places around here and you won't find another climber," Thompson said.

Rock climbing offers many different perks for those willing to try it out, including incredible views you might not normally see, the obstacles involved in reaching the top and the enjoyment of sharing the experience with others who want to reach the same goal, Thompson said.

"The challenge of trying to figure out that puzzle, I enjoy that a lot. I enjoy being outside in the climbing areas — they're spectacular. It's not often you can do an activity where you're climbing up a rock above Lake Superior, seeing a sunset or a sunrise," he said.

Rock climbing is a great way to incorporate exercise into your lifestyle, but it also gets you outside and spending time with friends, Thompson said.

"It's the hardest workout you'll get in five minutes; that reward of getting to the top brings such a great feeling of accomplishment," he said.

For those who want to take up rock climbing, NMU is the perfect place to get started. With the rock wall at the PEIF and the classes that are offered here, it's a great way to get professional assistance while learning to climb, Thompson said.

Katie Theut, fitness and informal recreation manager at the PEIF, agreed that Northern's rock wall is a one-of-a-kind experience.

"Our university has a very, very nice climbing wall; it's definitely a perk of being here," Theut said.

As for the social aspect and the workouts, Theut agreed with Thompson that it's a great way to combine the two.

"It's a unique way to get physical activity into the daily routine: It works your upper body muscles, it's an alternative to working out, it's a great way to meet people, almost every night it's full," Theut said.

Rock climbing is more than just a good workout or social outlet; however, it's also a great way to release energy and succeed mentally, Maher said.

"The most enjoyable aspect of climbing is the balance between physical exertion and how to get a grip mentally. It's a really perfect balance, because the harder you push yourself physically, the harder you're going to have to focus and push yourself mentally," Maher said.

Maher had advice for those who would like to start climbing — go out with people who know what they're doing.

"The best way to learn is to start climbing with people who have more experience and good judgment," Maher said.

Thompson also encouraged students to try rock climbing even if they aren't incredibly athletic.

"It's not the best athlete who makes the best climber but someone who is good at problem solving and likes to be challenged individually," Thompson said.

For more information on rock climbing hours and events at the PEIF, check out NMU's Web site [www.nmu.edu/recreation](http://www.nmu.edu/recreation) and look under outdoor recreation.



# Faculty performs unique songs

By Sidney Arnold  
contributing writer

With the new season comes a new style of music at the Reynolds Recital Hall.

The "Faculty Art Song Recital," which will be held on Oct. 5, features associate music professor Robert Engelhart in a solo tenor concert. Engelhart will be accompanied by fellow music professor Nancy Redfern and will perform a wide array of "art song" compositions.

The term "art song" refers to a type of informal music written to lyrical poetry separate from any musical or opera. Typically, this type of music is performed by one vocalist with a pianist in a more relaxed setting.

This is far from Engelhart's first solo recital at Northern. He has been in over a dozen concerts in his 20 years on campus and explains that it's standard for faculty within the music department to have such recitals.

However, this does not dimin-

ish the prestige of the event.

"Only four or five faculty members perform in a recital series for a given year," Engelhart said.

The musical line-up will showcase several different composers and their art-song styles.

Gabriel Fauré, one of the composers which Engelhart has chosen from, is a 19th century French composer who is most known in the music field for his work on the piece "Requiem in D Minor Op. 48," the opera "Penelope" and his many French art songs, which inspired much of the art-song style for the 20th century.

Also included in the recital will be the work of American art-song composer Seymour Barab, who, among other things, is known for his work on music for children. Barab's songs chosen for Engelhart's performance have been set to nursery rhymes by Scottish poet Robert Louis Stevenson.

But the most innovative pieces in the recital will be the two

by John Corigliano, an American composer of classical music who won an academy award in 1999 for an original music score in the film "The Red Violin."

Corigliano has created several musical compositions to the lyrics of famous Bob Dylan songs, two of which will be performed in the art-song recital.

However, the songs Engelhart will perform are completely different from the original Dylan songs.

"John Corigliano wanted to write some fresh new songs to ... the lyrics of Bob Dylan ... but [Corigliano] had never heard any of his songs before, believe it or not, being that he is a classical composer ... it's a very original approach," Engelhart said.

The two songs selected for the concert from the collection of Dylan hits are "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "All Along the Watchtower."

The concert is free and will take place in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

## Music Department Fall 2008 Concert Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 5  
Faculty Art Song Recital  
3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11  
Chamber Music Recital  
Woodwind Quintet  
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12  
University Choir, Madrigal Singers and Lake Effect Show Choir  
3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14  
Jazz Band Concert  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25  
"I Have a Song to Sing"  
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26  
NMU String Orchestra  
3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16  
Percussion Studio Recital  
3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20  
NMU Jazz Band  
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23  
University Choir and Madrigal Singers  
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Wednesday, Dec. 3  
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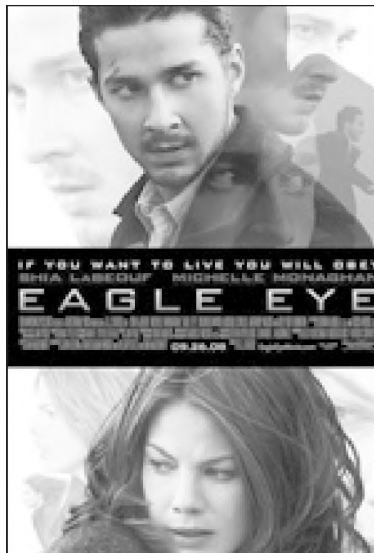


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# Shia can't transform 'Eagle Eye'



Film: Eagle Eye  
 Director: D.J. Caruso  
 Producers: Pete Chiarelli, Pat Crowley  
 Writers: John Glenn, Travis Wright, Hillary Seitz  
 Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Billy Bob Thorton  
 Runtime: 118 minutes  
 Rating: PG-13

which leads them to discover a frightening truth about the government and who's really controlling it.

It's rare for Hollywood to ever present an idea that could be considered fresh or innovative. But rehashing tried and true formulas and blatantly ripping off recently made films are two different things. "Eagle Eye" unfortunately does the latter. It steals both simple ideas and plot twists from a slew of sci-fi films released in the past five years. For obvious reason, I can't say which films it steals from, because that would spoil the ridiculous plot "Eagle Eye" crams down your throat. Suffice it to say, you've seen this exact same story, and done better.

As is the case with many films that fall back on clichéd plots, the initial premise was intriguing and had potential. The first act capitalizes on the nature of a secret group that has seemingly limitless power, offering scenes packed with action. But once they get to the big revelation halfway through the film, "Eagle Eye" loses its steam and devolves into another mindless sci-fi action flick.

The loud and dumb nature of the plot has one more adverse effect — it makes every other aspect loud and dumb. Parallels to our government immediately following 9/11 and themes of the fear of

big government overstepping its boundaries are about as subtle as an explosion in a Michael Bay car chase. A note to writers and directors — we get it. We're not stupid and we don't need to be bashed over the head with your supposedly "enlightening" scripts. Themes are supposed to be subtle, they're supposed to make us think, engage us. When you take that out of the equation, you're left with a shallow and overbearing movie no one wants to see.

Despite the negative aspects, which there are plenty more of, "Eagle Eye" exudes an eerie charm. This mainly comes through in LaBeouf and Thorton, whose characters have a bluntness

that makes them funny even in intense scenes, without ever coming across as too forced or corny. The two add some much needed comic relief to the film, which can distract you just long enough to forget about all of the flaws and actually enjoy the shoot-outs and car chases.

But "Eagle Eye" is the type of movie that you feel dirty enjoying. It's the type of movie that you'll see a couple years from now on TBS as you flip through the channels, the type of movie that you'll end up watching again and again, despite the fact you saw it last week on FX. It's not a good movie; in fact, it's pretty bad. But the charm is undeniable.



By Josh Snyder  
 features editor

Have you ever watched a movie that you knew wasn't good but you couldn't help but enjoy anyways? Michael Bay films are perfect examples of this, especially his most recent, 2007's "Transformers." No matter how over the top or just plain dumb his films are, you can't help but get some sort of child-like enjoyment from them. That's exactly the feeling "Eagle Eye" will inspire. It's a very poorly made film that should have you walking out of the theater, but it has enough charm to pull you in.

After the death of his twin brother, strange things start happening to Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf). He comes home to find his apartment filled with explosives and military gear, with the FBI at his doorstep ready to arrest him. He receives a phone call from a strange woman, who threatens to harm him unless he does what she says. After a crane smashes into the building he is being held in, he is able to escape. He is lead to the distraught Rachel Holloman (Monaghan), who was contacted by the same mysterious woman, that threatened the life of her son. Together, they must follow the orders of this individual who has complete control over everything from traffic lights to cell phones,



Photo courtesy of Yahoo!  
 Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf) and Rachel Holloman (Monaghan) try to outrun a mysterious group in the paint-by-numbers "Eagle Eye."

# War's sophomore 'Loyalty' a letdown



By Shane Nyman  
 staff writer

In 2006, L.A. indie-rockers Cold War Kids arrived on the scene with their first major release, the well-received "Robbers and Cowards." Their piano-driven debut had very traditional sounds, yet still boasted a refreshing originality that led to sets at both Bonnaroo in '07 and this year's Coachella. Their edgy, dark moodiness was best on display in their hit "Hang Me Up to Dry," featured in episodes of Entourage and Gossip Girl.

Just under two years later, Cold War Kids are back with the 13-track "Loyalty to Loyalty," hoping to shake any notions of a sophomore slump.

The plan of attack has not changed, as the album is again piano-driven, dark and moody rock, with frontman Nathan Willett's narratives sung over typically simple drum beats.

Willett, while plinking at the piano, wails as hearty as ever on "Loyalty to Loyalty." It's safe to say that without Willett's unique, soulful pipes, Cold War Kids would be rather unremarkable.

What carries listeners from one track to the next, along with Willett's voice, is their knack for storytelling. It's a sometimes taxing but most often rewarding combination.

Over the course of the album's quick 48 minutes, a woman is talked down from suicide in the "Golden Gate Jumpers," a female narrator details the rugged, violent men she seeks without reason in "Every Man I Fall For" and even gives a shout out to parents in "Welcome to the Occupation," where Willett calls out "Raising your kids, America / You treat 'em like an obligation."

Predictably, the album's first single carries the most memorable melody and excitement in "Something is Not Right With Me." Much in the vein of "Hang Me Up to Dry," it's the album's

wake up of sorts — faster, louder and with Willett in his most spirited form.

Another of the album's high points is "Mexican Dogs," with Willett telling upbeat tales of simple freedoms and runaway lovers. "Lock all exit doors / Now I wanna be your dog," he sings, doing his best to set a scene while swiping a line from Iggy Pop.

The later "Dreams Old Men Dream" is the album's most experimental track, with bassist Matt Maust, guitarist Jonnie Russel and drummer Matt Averio doing their best to channel Explosions in the Sky, while Willett delivers some of the album's most poetic lines. "Thought I was nervous like a mailman / Reading your letters, dear / But I was at our anniversary / Toasting 30 years."

"Loyalty to Loyalty," much like "Robbers and Cowards," has few catchy tracks, but Cold War Kids have never been about hooks and memorable melodies. It's their storytelling and Willett's howling that draws listeners in. The album has its shining moments, but with nearly as many forgettable tracks, "Loyalty to Loyalty" leaves something to be desired.



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7. DUNGEN "4"
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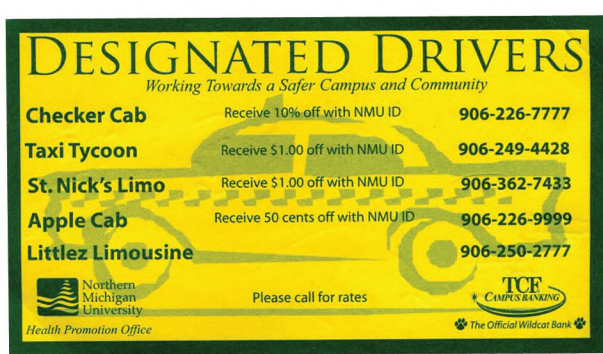
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Above, outside hitter Mandie Meyer attempts the kill. Meyer leads the team in kills with 203 as of Sept. 27. NMU is 9-7 overall.

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# Volleyball splits two conference matches

By Gordon Beedle  
assistant sports editor

Finishing a match is something the NMU volleyball team has struggled with in past weeks. And, according to head coach Dominic Yoder, this is a problem the team, which split last weekend, would like to get rid of before it's too late.

"We just have to finish matches — finish sets and finish games — then finish matches," Yoder said.

On the road this past weekend, the 'Cats lost to GLIAC South opponent Hillsdale 3-0 in close games, by scores of 24-26, 21-25 and 23-25.

"It wasn't that we were over-matched," Yoder said. "I think our team had the opportunities to win sets, which would allow us to win the match, but we just didn't take care of those opportunities."

For the match, junior Katt Garvick had 10 kills and freshman Madeline Ogden had 29 assists. The Wildcats also earned 11 service aces. Seniors Caryn VanBeckum, Breanne Zaremba along with Garvick each had three service aces. Zaremba also led on the defensive side with 13 digs.

In Sunday's competition against Findlay, NMU was able to tackle a victory in four sets (25-17, 25-18, 22-25, 25-9).

Junior Mandie Meyer and VanBeckum led the 'Cats with 10 kills. Meyer also served up seven aces for the day. On defense, junior Cassie Osiecki had 16 digs and Zaremba had 11.

Zaremba, a middle and outside hitter, said it was a good rebound after Friday night's hard loss.

"We really focused when it got to 20 points," she said. "We just thought, 'we're going to finish this game and we got to push, and we got to focus on our digging, and on our serve receive — really every little detail.'"

Yoder said in the match his team showed stability, which was something

he was looking for the team to improve on.

"I think we played well enough to win against Findlay," Yoder said. "It wasn't that we over-powered them. We just did things really well. We served tough and we were able to sideout consistently."

After the weekend was through, Yoder said he would still like to see his team be able to finish better.

In order to do that, he said he will put them into those high pressure situations at practice, where they have to finish.

"As a coaching staff, we're going to

playing on the team and on the court, and they really look up to you," Zaremba said. "You have to have a positive attitude and push them and just give a lot of enthusiasm out there."

But, Yoder said, having just two seniors is not an excuse for his team losing matches.

"Last year's team had the same situation," he said. "We had two upperclassmen and everybody else was underclassmen, and we really didn't have this problem with finishing."

He added the only way to answer this problem is at practice.

"I think, physically, they're prepared and they're ready to go. But mentally, I think, we have allowed that to creep into our game that thought that we can't finish. Then we get in that situation, and we don't finish," Yoder said. "And we need to change that way of thinking, and the only way to do that is at practice."

This weekend the 'Cats will battle the new GLIAC opponents at home starting on Friday against Ashland at 7 p.m. and Saturday against Tiffin at 2 p.m. As for now, the 'Cats must have a strong couple of days as they head into this home stand.

"We've got to win out, from here on out, in order to get a good seed in the tournament and maybe host a game here," Zaremba said. "So we're really looking forward to playing in front of our fans and getting that support."

Yoder said he doesn't want to focus on the future, but winning the next match is important to him.

"I think we're going to focus on Ashland, and then we're going to go forward after that. So essentially we're going to take every match, match by match," he said. "Hopefully that success will allow us to play another day."



"We've got to win out, from here on out."

Breanne Zaremba  
senior hitter

look at our training habits and go back to the drawing board and find situations where they have to finish in practice," Yoder said. "And then continue to do that on a day to day basis, which hopefully, will lead us into matches and allow us to win games."

Freshman middle hitter Emma Wolfe said the past few losses have been hard, but they're not something the team should forget.

"We realize what we've done wrong, and we just bring out all the energy we have for the next match," she said. "I try to remember what mistakes I've made and then change them."

Yoder said he would be looking to his returning players and especially his seniors, VanBeckum and Zaremba, to lead them through this transitional part of the season.

"We've got a lot of younger kids

## Club sports earn respect



Sports Column  
Gordon Beedle

If you're a frequent reader of The North Wind Sports pages, then every week, you know basically what you're go-

ing to read.

The majority of our content is taken up by varsity sports such as football, volleyball, basketball and hockey, but there are numerous sports teams representing Northern that don't make it in the paper — namely club sports.

The main reason for this is that The North Wind has an obligation to the athletic department and the fans of the community to cover the varsity sports. These are the sports with the largest fan base, the biggest venues and the most well-established programs.

That said, I would love to see more of our content taken up by the athletes of club sports, but being short-staffed and having only so many pages per week makes that difficult.

Club athletes at Northern are just as noteworthy as varsity athletes. Those select teams and athletes play their games for all the right reasons.

The athletes are on the road nearly every weekend of their respective seasons, and they're not playing for an academic scholarship or to get their names in the record books. They're simply playing their sport for the love of the game, which is the reason any athlete should play a sport.

These teams also pay to play, sometimes hundreds or even over a thousand dollars per year.

Club athletes like men's and women's hockey, often pay more than \$1,000 in dues just to be on the team and the Lacrosse team plays teams that are mostly out of state, traveling as far as Pennsylvania for matches.

Traveling for these teams isn't as comfortable as their varsity counterparts. They don't receive the seats of a varsity bus, and often cram in their own cars or university vans and pool together gas money. And, most of their competitions take place on the weekend, which means they are leaving on Thursday nights after classes for the week are over.

Another admirable quality of club sports is they have great camaraderie. Many of the athletes live in houses together, and their closest friends are also their teammates. This is an aspect of many college sports teams, but the bond that these athletes share is that, most of NMU club sport athletes didn't come to Northern to play sports.

Because of their dedication to their teams and the sport, these club athletes will walk away from Northern having had a unique college experience, usually one that is saved for the premier athletes at this university. And, though the athletes on club teams at NMU might not be earning an academic scholarship or varsity letters, the lessons they learn from the playing their sport will be just as valuable.

These athletes wear the same green and gold as our varsity teams and play their sport for the best reasons. They give their time, their money, their hard work and their dedication.

But they don't seem to be the athletes who get their names in print, but hopefully they will, because they have earned it. They have earned it just as much as Mark Bossuah or Caryn VanBeckum.

So, I'm asking the club sport athletes at NMU to keep us in the loop. While it might not appear this way, we respect your accomplishments and want to hear from you. These pages could really use your voice.

You can contact the sports desk of The North Wind at [sports@thenorthwind.org](mailto:sports@thenorthwind.org).



Eric Hampton/NW

Dan Elmore runs with the ball in the Wildcats last home game against Michigan Tech. After a hard loss on the road, NMU will host the SVSU Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Dome.

# NMU drops 14-point lead late

By Drew Kochanny  
staff sports writer

Through four quarters of play in Saturday's road contest at Ferris State, the Wildcat football team looked as if it would walk away with the victory.

It was in the final seconds of play when that would all change, as NMU watch Ferris State's Chad Wilson return an interception 75 yards for a touchdown, giving Ferris the 31-24 victory in heartbreak fashion.

The Wildcats now sit at 1-3 overall on the season and 1-3 in the GLIAC. It was the third loss of the year where the Wildcats had let a halftime lead slip in the second half, which is something head coach Bernie Anderson would like to change.

"We're obviously very competitive in every football game," Anderson said. "We've had four games where we've had a lead at halftime so we just need to start closing the door a little bit, and I think we're learning to do that."

The 'Cats took the early 14-0 lead, much in part to red-shirt freshman quarterback Carter Kopach, as he threw for one score and found the endzone once again on the ground in his first collegiate start.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, Ferris would cut the lead to seven points before halftime.

"I thought Carter played his first start much like he played at the end of the two games he was in," Anderson said. "He's a poised quarterback who's confident and comes out and does a great job competing and leading."

The second half seemed to be leaning in NMU's favor as the Wildcats led 24-10 in the fourth quarter.

This lead would be enough because, in the next few minutes of the game, Ferris

would go on a 14-0 run.

It looked as if both teams would be heading into overtime after a Ferris State punt gave the ball back to NMU with just seconds left on the clock.

Looking to possibly get into field goal range Kopach dropped back to throw the pass that would give the Bulldogs the lead.

The interception was the third of the year for Kopach. It was also the third time this season the team experienced a second



Everyone just needs to trust each other and do their job.

—Alex Grignon  
Senior safety

half breakdown.

"Everyone just needs to trust each other and do their job," senior defensive back Alex Grignon said. "We played great for three and a half quarters, and it's just mental errors that, I don't want to say cost us the game, but it was just mental errors that was the breakdown in defense."

Grignon finished the day with five tackles with one for loss. Junior linebacker Zach Gauthier led the defense with 10 tackles and an interception. Kopach finished 21-38 passing, 197 yards one score and one interception.

## A breath of 'Fresh' air

Kopach wasn't the only young player who was asked to play older than his age Saturday. Due to a great deal of injuries to veterans, young players saw action and proved to coaches to be more than just a fill in.

Junior starting running back Mark Bossuah was left home on the trip,

hampered by a calf injury. Sophomore defensive lineman, Dan Catalano and junior captain linebacker, Nathan Yelk were also held from competition in Saturday's game, which gave freshmen the opportunity to make plays.

"One second-year freshman and two first year freshmen played extremely well against a very good Ferris State team," Anderson said. "They continue to progress like that and that just makes us a better football team. But I was really happy with the play of all three of them."

Filling the void of the injured Yelk, redshirt freshman Eddie Knoblock stepped in making seven tackles with one for loss. Knoblock also showed his maturity on fourth down, breaking up a Ferris State pass.

"I think whenever someone goes down, I hope there's confidence that I can go in there and fill the spot just as good as they could," Knoblock said.

Grignon made note of Knoblock's hard play.

"People are playing older than they are right now," Grignon said. "Eddie made a couple nice plays, and on a fourth down he had a pass breakup on one of the best players in the conference — which showed his maturity level."

Injuries can be a part of football are that hard for any team to avoid; how a team overcomes those injuries can prove a lot about.

"We had a lot of guys banged up, including myself," Bossuah said. "It was definitely a situation where a lot of guys had to step up and had to contribute, and so that was definitely a new experience for them."

Filling the void of Bossuah, freshman running back Brandon Smith saw action for the first time. Smith rushed for 64 yards on 17 carries, while also scoring a touchdown.

Freshman defensive tackle Matt Forward started his second consecutive game, and recorded eight tackles, with two for loss of yards.

Injuries have been somewhat of a problem in the early half of this season, but players are returning to full health for the Wildcats in what should be the start of good things for this team.

"We had a lot of injuries this last week

but our team played real well, and got through adversity, and I think we're mentally strong enough to get through them," Grignon said. "Right now we're getting everyone healthier. I think were on the upswing as far as injuries go, we just got to keep playing hard and keep working hard."

## Coming Home

The Wildcats are back home this week when GLIAC opponent Saginaw Valley State comes to the Superior Dome for the annual Homecoming game.

Saginaw comes is 2-2 in the conference and 2-2 overall. NMU defensive coordinator Randy Awrey faces his old team for the first time, after previously spending the last nine seasons as Saginaw's head coach.

The Homecoming game serves a higher level of significance to many, as it's a time when alumni, including former players and coaches, come back.

"We want to come out here and win for the school as much as we want to win for ourselves," Grignon said.

NMU is looking to beat Saginaw for the first time since its 1999 match up, as the 'Cats are winless in their last eight meetings.

Last year the Wildcats lost 42-37 in their third game of the season. The NMU offense put 462 total yards on the SVSU defense.

This season redshirt freshman quarterback Carter Kopach will be given the chance to lead the team to victory. Kopach has 422 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions and has rushed for 79 yards and two scores. Bossuah will be healthy and also looked upon to lead the Wildcats offense, rushing for 360 yards and three touchdowns through only three games.

Defensively the Wildcats are led by Grignon and junior linebacker Gauthier, along with junior Yelk.

The Wildcats are looking forward to being back home, and developing a winning attitude in the Superior Dome.

"We need to play well at home we need to execute at home, and finish four quarters at home," Anderson said. "Winning at home at is very important to this football program at this point in the season."

"Right now it's most important we come home and play a very good game at home that's what's important," he added. "If we do, business will take care of itself, we will

Key Players	
Northern	vs. Ferris State
 <b>Brandon Smith</b> Running Back 17-64 yards 1 TD	 <b>Tim Hogue</b> Wide Receiver 23-154 yards 2 TD
 <b>Carter Kopach</b> Quarterback 38-22 1 INT 1 TD	 <b>Tom Schneider</b> Quarterback 21-7 1 INT 1 TD
 <b>Zach Gauthier</b> Defensive End 3 solo 7 assists	 <b>Jake Visser</b> Defensive Back 5 solo 6 assists

# Young cross team competes well at biggest event of year

The NMU cross country team ran its way to a 12th-place finish on Friday in the Division II category of the Roy Griak Cross Country Invitational.

The meet, held in Minneapolis, had 24 teams in its second division, and 254 competitors. Of the second division teams, Augustana College, which is actually a D-III school, won with 54 points. NMU had a total of 335 points.

The invitational is named for the former University of Minnesota track and field and cross country coach, Roy Griak, who was the track and cross coach for 33 years, from 1963-1996. The meet is now one of the most well-attended and highly-competitive cross country invitationals in the nation.

NMU head cross country coach

Jenny Ryan said she was pleased with NMU's standing overall in such a big event.

"I was very impressed with the way they handled it," Ryan said. "They were a little bit wide eyed I think, and kind of amazed by a lot of the runners, but they ran pretty smart races and didn't let the whole race get at them that much."

The 'Cats had just five members of the team score points and leading the way was freshman Nora Kiilunen who placed 37th (24:13). Rebecca Holmquist was 52nd (24:28). Maegan Hendershot was 75th (24:57) and teammate Christina Gillis was next in 76th (25:01). Erin McCulloch finished 95th (25:20).

"I think it was a solid finish for the group that we have," Ryan

said. "We have a real young team and they got some great experience from that big of a race."

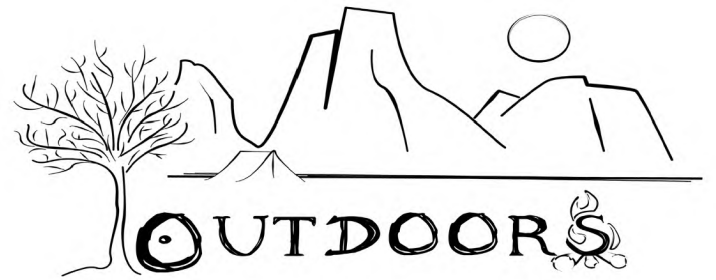
The next race for the Wildcats is their lone home meet of the year, The U.P. Championship, which will feature Lake Superior State University and Michigan Tech.

The race will be held Friday, Oct. 10.

Ryan said she is looking forward to hosting the race and for the young athletes to run at home for the first time. She added that her team is in a year of progress, and the next few seasons will only improve.

"I really expect this young team to be a dominate team in the future," Ryan said.

— Gordon Beedle



## Living wisely



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designed to get you directly engaged with seeking "sustainable solutions for social and environmental justice." Contact me (cy-oungma@nmu.edu) for more information.

What about events happening U.P. here? The collective of musicians holding the Friday night concert at the G.L. Bioneers Conference make up the Earthwork Music label ([www.earthworkmusic.com](http://www.earthworkmusic.com)). The impetus Seth Bernard and (Daisy) May Erlewine held in bringing together these talented musicians was the belief in the "intrinsic and historical power of music to raise both community and self-awareness." With this at the forefront, they created the annual Grand Rapids Water Festival (<http://www.thewaterfestival.com/>). In a day-long, admission-free event, speakers and musicians share the stage discussing our most abundant and valuable resource in Michigan: our waters. As old family friends, Seth and May approached me this summer about their desire in bringing the Water Festival to Marquette. They expressed how they wanted young people to be involved with this event. Tentatively scheduled for early April, SFSL will be collaborating with other student, community and national organizations to facilitate the Marquette Water Festival. In a day (or two) that will marry music and education, we will bring the principles of sustainability, with a focus on water, to the NMU campus.

We live in an age of abstract concepts. The reasons for action remain vague and undefined. The problems seem too large, too draining. Likewise, the actions taken to address these problems are too large, too draining.

So where do I start? The first step is to clarify. Sustainability is defined as the ability to meet the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same — still a huge concept, so you need to make it personal. A friend of mine described sustainability as a diet based on making changes to your lifestyle, and in these life choices, the commitment to becoming a more conscientious consumer is paramount. There are a million moments in a day to practice sustainability. Every time you step outside, you can ride your bike, buy local foods. It only requires the recognition that the purpose of making these choices is so that you can continue to enjoy this world as it is. Living well and living wisely do not need to be conflicting. And not everyone can or needs to be a hero.

How can I learn more? Be proactive. There are a number of student organizations on campus that have an agenda relating to sustainability. I recently helped form Students For Sustainable Living (SFSL) under the charter of pursuing and promoting practices of sustainability on a personal level through: (1) exploring lifestyles, life choices, education and careers in line with these practices, (2) following the mantra "Someone can't do everything but everyone can do something," (3) grassroots activism on campus and within our community, and (4) organizing and attending functions designed to create awareness for the necessity of sustainable living.

What if I don't have time to join? Be proactive and get creative. Education and exposure are the bare necessities of sustainability and can be found through many different mediums. October 17th-19th, the Great Lakes Bioneers Conference (<http://glbconference.org>) is taking place in downstate Traverse City. It is a weekend of music, workshops, speakers, food and fellowship

# Additional Information: Movies and college football



Ad-In

Adam  
Dompierre

Last week's slate of college football games was so wild, with so many upsets, that North Wind sports writer Adam Dompierre chose to have the entirety of the week's 'top 5' taken up by football games from that week only.

In doing so, Dompierre compared each big game (listed in order of importance to national championship game implications) to a famous sports movie that most closely, because, well...he's a historian of both forms of media. Rankings are based on AP ranking as of game time.

**5) No. 13 South Florida 41 - Unranked NC State 10: "Field of Dreams"**

Ray Kinsella was a simple man. An Iowa-livin', national-pastime-lovin', baseball-diamond-buildin' simple man. South Florida is a simple football program in that it wasn't even D-1 until 2001. To help put things in perspective, that's the year "Ocean's Eleven" and "Shrek" came out; most D-1 powers predate World War I. Nonetheless the Bulls have built quite a program for themselves and climbed into the AP Top Ten after another win last week. When Kinsella built his field of dreams, everyone from Darth Vader to Shoeless Joe Jackson showed up. South Florida will have to settle for tens of thousands of fans.

**4) Unranked Michigan 27 - No. 9 Wisconsin 25:**

"Space Jam"

Historians disagree as to whether or not "Space Jam" was based on a true story, but on the off-chance it wasn't, Saturday's Michigan-Wisconsin game is close enough. Consider a couple of the Wolverines' offensive stats in the first half: 21 total yards, -7 yards passing, 5 turnovers, 0 points. Michael Jordan's Tune Squad got off to an equally horrendous start against the Monstars; it took every bit of Bugs Bunny and Jordan's cunning to convince the team that they could still win. It's unclear as to whether Rich Rodriguez imported some of Jordan's special water or had Bill "I Don't Play Defense" Murray fire up the troops at halftime, but it must have been one of the two. Like the Tune Squad, the Wolverines came out like a different team and confidently rallied to victory in the closing seconds.

**3) No. 4 Florida 30 - unranked Ole Miss 31: "D2: The Mighty Ducks"**

In retrospect, "D2" was a weird, almost surreal, kids' movie. An abridged list of the inexplicable: The big villain team is Iceland, the evil coach is called Wolf "The Dentist" Stansson, at one point a Mighty Duck literally lassos an opponent to the ice, and all the while the protagonists never stop punching innocents. Regardless, the message is clear: Talent alone won't beat the Iceland team; the Ducks have to earn their victory through teamwork. Ole Miss also went up against a more talented team in the Gators, but Houston Nutt did his best Gordon Bombay impression by getting his team to play together in their upset of Florida. All that was missing was

a good knucklepuck.

**2) No. 8 Alabama 41 - No. 3 Georgia 30: "Rocky Balboa"**

Long before "Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot" and "Spy Kids 3-D," there was "Rocky." And thirty years after that there was "Rocky." The critics didn't think "Rocky" was anything spectacular, but that's kind of beside the point. The point of course was that Rocky was back and punching people again. In that respect the film was nothing short of a triumph. Alabama fans must have had similar feelings while watching their team rout #3 Georgia. It's been a long time since the Crimson Tide was a legitimate national contender but Saturday's game left no doubt that, like the marble-mouthed Italian Stallion in 2006, Bama is finally back on the big stage where it belongs.

**1) Unranked Oregon State 27 - No. 1 USC 21 "Little Giants"**

Michelangelo's David. Da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Moranis's "Little Giants." Some works of art elucidate the human condition in ways you never thought possible. "Little Giants" came along in 1994 and taught us that the underdog can win no matter how great the odds. Oregon State must have had the film on a loop in the days leading up to their game against USC because the Beavers, no less than 25-point underdogs, showed enough heart to make Icebox proud in their upset of the Trojans. Bonus points to Oregon State for relying on dynamic running back Jacquizz Jones instead of catching footballs in their facemasks.

# When In Rome....

*Rome Snowboards film premiere comes to Northern*



Photos by Eric Schleicher

Students are shown gathered in Jamrich 102 for last year's premiere event. The picture above shows the crowd from last years viewing. Rome snowboards will again sponsor the event.

By Trevor Pellerite  
contributing writer

Fall in the Upper Peninsula signals an impending lifestyle change. It's when Frisbees and footballs are changed out for hockey sticks, and skateboards are replaced with snowboards.

Thanks to a joint effort between Casualties Skate, Snow and Surf and Rome Snowboards, NMU students will get a chance to celebrate winter. On Tuesday Oct. 7, Rome's latest snowboarding movie, "No Correct Way" will be premiered at 7 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

Following suit from last year's premiere, Casualties and the NMU Skate and Snowboard Club will be promoting the event. Their promotions have been successful in the past, according to club officer and Casualties employee Mike Forester, who said they have had no trouble filling the room in the past.

"Two video premiers ago, we were second to San Diego and Sacramento in terms of attendance," he said. "We had record numbers, and I expect no different this time."

This year's film is "No Correct Way," a film put together by the Rome Snowboarding Company. Also premiering is "Double Decade" by Mack Dawg, a company Forester touts as "the biggest snowboard video production guys for the past 25 years now."

Portions of "No Correct Way" were filmed in Marquette and the Houghton-Hancock area the local flavor should add to this year's event.

And if the videos themselves don't draw students in, the array of prizes may. They will range from smaller items like gloves and goggles to brand new snowboards and jackets and the grand prize of a scooter.

"It's usually five to ten-thousand dollars worth of stuff," said Forester.

The smaller prizes will be thrown out to the crowds, while larger prizes like jackets and snowboards will be raffled. The \$3 admission includes one raffle ticket and additional tickets are \$1 more.

Two years ago, the grand prize

was a snowmobile. Forester said it was won by a student who didn't snowboard, but happened to snowmobile.

And when students do see the movie, thanks to NMU alum Dustin Bollinger, they'll notice some familiar landmarks. Having spent a summer interning for Rome Snowboards, Bollinger convinced Rome film director John Cavan that the Upper Peninsula had snowboarding opportunities worth filming.

"I was talking to John about all the stuff that we have up here," said Bollinger, who graduated from Northern last May and currently works at Casualties. "I had shown him a bunch of pictures of the handrails that we have here in the area, and he was really excited about it, but he wasn't really sure because we're quite a ways away from typical snowboard spots being all the way up in the U.P."

Bollinger said the film crew did eventually make a trip, and, according to the film's director John Cavan, it was a positive experience.

"In January, I drove to Chicago and we filmed some stuff in the Grand Rapids area," Cavan said. "I was about to head back, and then I noticed that it snowed a bunch up in Marquette."

Cavan then drove to Marquette with professional rider Yan Dofin, meeting up the next day with fellow pro snowboarder Laurent Nicolas Paquin (LNP) and a photographer who flew in. They then filmed for several days in Marquette and Houghton and Hancock.

Before leaving, the riders also helped out at the Casualties snowboarding boot camp, and footage was shot of the pros and novices boarding together. Although these shots did not make the final cut of "No Correct Way," those and other scenes filmed around Marquette will be released by Rome in October in a short web film.

Dofin and LNP are both planning to attend the premiere.

Filming for the actual movie did not take place on the usual runs at Marquette Mountain or Houghton's Mount Bohemia, however. Careful observers will be able to spot regional locations like the roofs of Marquette Senior High

School and Houghton city streets.

"For what those guys wanted to do, Marquette Mountain wasn't going to fit what they needed. Typically when filming a movie like that, they don't go to too many resorts," said Bollinger. "They were more excited about going around town and finding interesting things to snowboard on."

It is from this unorthodox style of riding that Rome's film derives its name. Forester said the title means: "there's no correct way to express your style, no correct way to ride a snowboard, that's kind of their whole thing."

Part of the reason Bollinger pushed for filming in the Upper Peninsula is to generate excitement for the snowboarding opportunities it has to offer.

"I think that it might be able to draw more outside people like the Rome guys," he said. "I think that it might draw in some more people from the snowboard community outside of our own."

Cavan, on the other hand, said he just hopes that the movie will get kids excited to go snowboarding. And even if kids can't emulate the exact moves seen in the film, he hopes they will have as much fun as the film crew had.

"The biggest thing is how much fun we had just cruising around," Cavan said. "If kids start riding down the streets of Marquette and riding down the roads when it snows and have as much fun as we did when we were there, then mission accomplished."

Forester also said the film will allow students to prepare for the upcoming snowboarding season.

"The video kicks off the year," he said. Three weeks after the movie premier, Ski Brule in Iron River, Mich. opens to the public, which will make it the first open snowboarding runs in the Midwest.

"I'm claiming it: This is the biggest video premiere in the Midwest," Forester said.

Whether for the movie itself, the prizes or just the novelty of something fun to do on a Tuesday night, all students are welcomed and encouraged to attend. So gather a few friends and join in Jamrich 102 at 7 p.m. to prepare for the winter spirit.



Photos courtesy of Eric Schleicher

Top: From left, director John Cavan, former NMU student Eric Schleicher and professional snowboarders Yan Dofin and Laurent Nicolas Paquin. Middle: Pro snowboarders visited urban areas in Marquette and Houghton for the movie. Bottom: Last year's winner of the grand prize, a snowmobile.

# Soccer earns key GLIAC victories

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team won two road battles this weekend against GLIAC teams

The 'Cats defeated the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals on Friday 3-2, and Northwood 2-1 in overtime on Sunday.

In Friday's match against the Cardinals, the Wildcats started the scoring early, as forwards Kari Buckel and Casey Wilcox both scored before the end of the 15th minute.

Buckel leads the team with five goals on the year, coming off 27 shots. Wilcox is the team's second-leading scorer with two goals to go along with two assists.

SVSU responded soon after Buckel and Wilcox connected, when midfielder Stephanie Roy scored three minutes later, making the score 2-1.

The score would remain the same until the second half when Buckel scored 12 minutes in. The goal was assisted by Wilcox.

Roy scored again for Saginaw, but a defensive hold in the last three minutes of play, led by Northern goalie Kara Music, kept the score 3-2.

Northern swept the weekend with an overtime victory on Sunday over the Northwood Timberwolves.

Northwood scored the first goal on a penalty kick at 74:18. The Buckel Wilcox connection responded with only six minutes left. The goal tied the game until the end of regulation.

In golden-goal overtime, senior midfielder Brittney Buchanan scored on a header from a free kick from sweeper Meghan Sarna.

"I had the choice of chipping it over the defensive wall or driving the ball to the far post [on the free kick]," Sarna said. "I decided to drive the ball only to find Buchannan's head. She had a great angle and she placed the ball in the opposite corner."

NMU was able to put up five goals over the weekend, the most goals scored in a weekend set this year. Scoring has been a problem for the 'Cats so far this


season, especially in conference games, where NMU had lost to Grand Valley State, Ashland, and Ferris State by scores of 1-0 in each game.

"We knew we had to win these games and we stepped up as a team," Buckel said. "Both wins came from everybody on the field and everybody on the sidelines giving it 100 percent throughout the entire game."

With these two wins, the Wildcats (6-5-0, 2-3-0 GLIAC) moved to fifth place in the conference. The wins also snap a three game losing streak, which is the longest losing streak since the 2005 season.

"The sweep last weekend allowed us to get back in the race and it took a lot of built-up pressure off of us," head coach Matt Granstrand said. "Now we just need to try to sweep each weekend. It would put us in the postseason, which is our goal."

The Wildcats will return home to play conference games against University of Findlay (2-5-1, 1-3-1) on Friday and newcomer Tiffin University (7-2, 3-2) on Sunday at the outdoor fields.

NMU SPORTS SCHEDULE			
Oct. 3-5	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		Saginaw Valley 4 p.m. Superior Dome	
	University of Findlay 2 p.m. Outdoor Fields		Tiffin University 12 p.m. Outdoor Fields
	Ashland University 7 p.m. Vandament Arena		Tiffin University 2 p.m. Vandament Arena
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Senior midfielder Brittney Buchanan (right) has two goals on the season.

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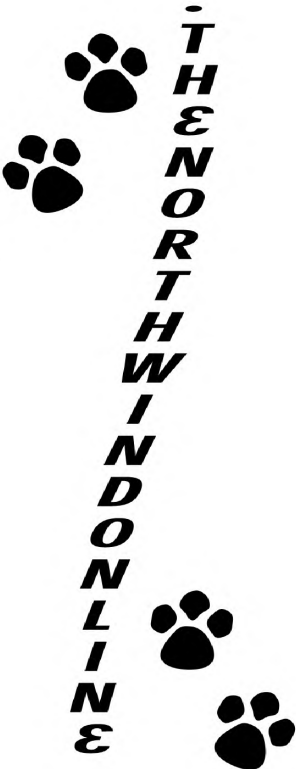
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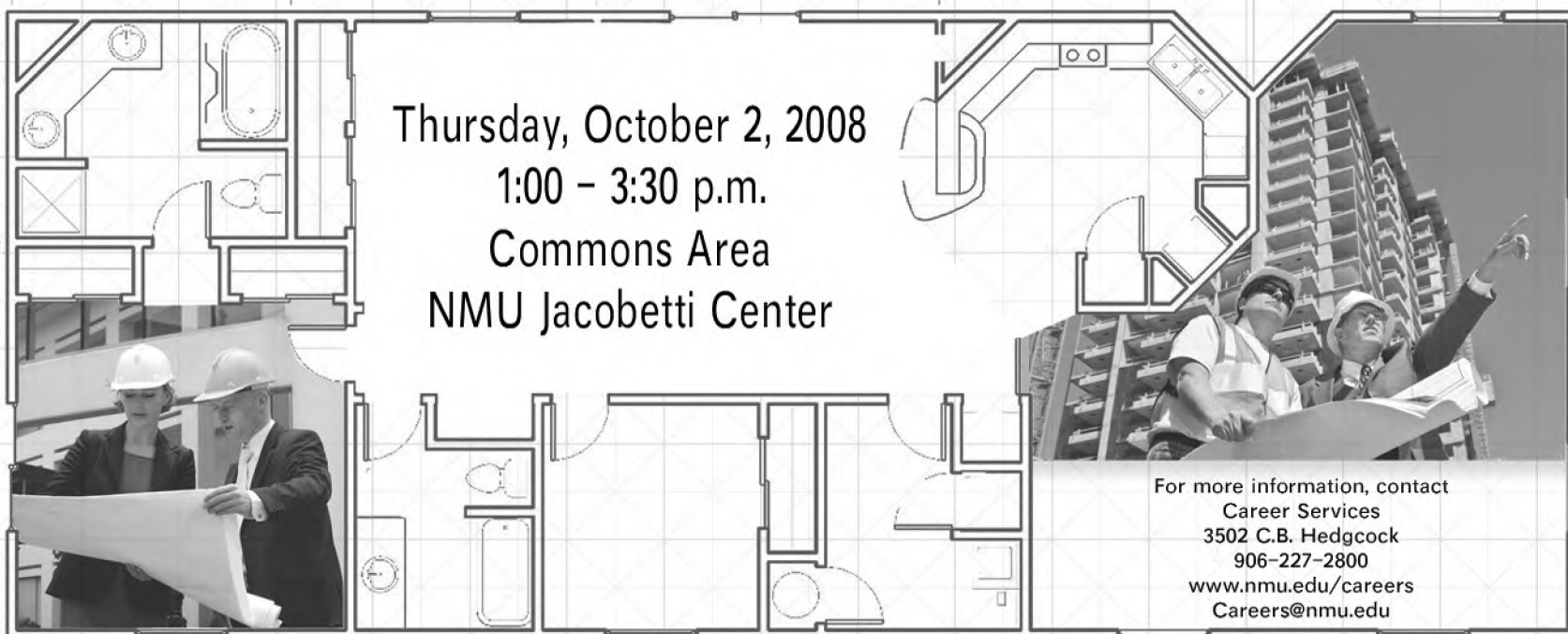
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**Today, Oct. 2**

**Skill Builder:** "Making All the People Fit" will be from 5-6:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Room at the Inn will hold an orientation/training session from 5-8 p.m. in the Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

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

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

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

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

**Event:** Promoters for Non-Vio-

lent Peace Resolution will meet from 8-9 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Student Finance Committee will meet from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

**Film:** "12 Monkeys" (R) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Fri., Oct. 3**

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

**Event:** Superior Edge Orientation will be from 12-1 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

**Sat., Oct. 4**

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

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

**Event:** 16th Annual Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off Parade and Static Display will be from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on West Bluff Street behind Harlow Park.

**Event:** Black Student Union will host the Homecoming Dance from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. in the Lakes Room of the University Center.

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

**Skill Builder:** "Leave-No-Trace Outdoor Cooking" will be from 12-3:30 p.m. and will meet in the Payne/Halverson Lobby.

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

**Film:** "Edward Scissorhands" (PG-13) will show at 11:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Sun., Oct. 5**

**Event:** Hearts of Yoga will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the Erie Room of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU Paranormal Re-

search 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 Superior Room at the University Center.

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

**Film:** "The Strangers" (R) will show at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Admission is free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Mon., Oct. 6**

**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 Huron Room at the University Center.

**Tues., Oct. 7**

**Event:** There will be an Alzheimer's Association Early Stage Memory Loss Education Group session at 10 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Association Office, 710 Chippewa Square, Ste. 201, Marquette.

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

**Event:** Campus Free Thought Alliance will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the 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.

**Wed., Oct. 8**

**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.

**Skill Builder:** "Sustainable and Green Technologies" will be from 12-2 p.m. in the HVACR Lab of the Jacobetti Center.

**Editor's Note:** Send your organization's meetings or events to editor@thenorthwind.org or call The North Wind office at 227-2545



**CAMPUS CINEMA**  
**EDWARD**  
**SCISSORHANDS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
**11:30 pm**  
**JXJ 102**

**FREE TO NMU STUDENTS**  
**\$1 GENERAL PUBLIC**

**Come to a Superior Edge orientation!**

<b>Friday, October 3</b>	<b>Noon - 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 8</b>	<b>5 - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 17</b>	<b>1 - 2 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, October 23</b>	<b>4 - 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 11</b>	<b>5 - 6 p.m.</b>

The Back Room, Don H. Bottum University Center

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

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**GUEST COLUMNISTS WANTED!**

We're looking to expand the range of viewpoints on the North Wind opinion pages.

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

Tell us a little bit about yourself and the issue you would like to write about.

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LF1M very serious WoW player for rerolled guild. Retribution Paladins preferred, because, of course, the ret pally will be the most OP character in Wrath. Rolfcopter included, lolerskates preferred. Only serious players need apply, so if you won't go and pick up the mods we suggest, then don't even contact us. Hunters need not apply. And if you've leveled engineering, don't come to our guild because you're probably selfish, and poor. For any interested, contact the guildmaster at 133t.rofl.copter@gmail.com.

**Shout Outs**

Want to place a Shout-Out?  
Call 227- 2545 by Monday at 5 p.m. or e-mail [opinion@thenorthwind.org](mailto:opinion@thenorthwind.org), no later than Tuesday evening.

**Stark** — I'm not really sure why you are laughing.— **Abent**

**Claire** —If you take out any of my shout outs this week, consider yourself the recipient of one stink eye. — **Curt**

**Lundin** —Without you at our apartment, I'd never consider the social suicide of starting a WoW account. So, when is it that you're leaving, exactly? — **Curt**

**Lundin** —I hope you made it to the top of this column, because I'm clearly kidding. — **about to pwn some noobs**

**Ian** —I give you a hard time because you're my favorite... roommate, not human being...I mean, don't get 'Conceited'. — **Curt** "Yeah that was a WoW joke" **Kemp**

**Philip the Cat** —You were away from these pages for one full week, and that was one full week too much. And, I hope I didn't offend you last Friday. — **Neighboryno**

**Radio X listeners** —I'm rocking your socks off at 9 a.m. on Fridays, but I'm starting to think you're not listening. — **One of the Sports Guys**

**Hockey** —Well...here it goes.

Just you and me now for the rest of the year. Think you're up to it? I am. — **Sports Editor**

**Carson** —We were sort of like Shakespearean characters on Tuesday night, plotting the overthrow of one of our peers. — **Hotspur**

**Dumps** —Solid execution of the most out there idea for an article. And, I'm happy for you that you were able to express your love for "Space Jam" in print. — **Sports Editor**

**kurtfourty1** —Do you ever read this page of the paper? It's pretty much solid gold. — **You're welcome, Curt**

**Dad** —Happy birthday to the best hunting, fishing, and flat-top sporting father a guy could ask for. — **Curt**

**Claire** —Be real nice to me. — **Curt**

**Curt** —I doubt that will ever happen. — **Claire**

**Roommate** — Which plug is for the toaster? I think you have the wrong one...P.S. I hope you have a good night! — **Other Roommate**

**DATC** —It's a sad day when Frosty Treats closes early... — **One of the trucksters**

**134 Ladies** — I am saddened by the fact I haven't been around to see you ladies. I love you all. — **MIA Roommate**

**JaMaLa** —Thank you! Have a fun time this weekend. — **Jwendy**

**Jerry** —Break a leg in the Foreigner! You will always be our leading man! We love you! XOXO. — **Gina, Annabelle and Justin**

**Jerry** — I know you are going to simply slay the audience this week! And one day after your big break and stints on SNL I'm going to say psh, I knew him back when he was in plays at NMU. Beat that! — **Cassandra**

**Savvy** — Happy soon to be Birthday darling sister! I love you and you're growing up so fast! — **Big Sis**

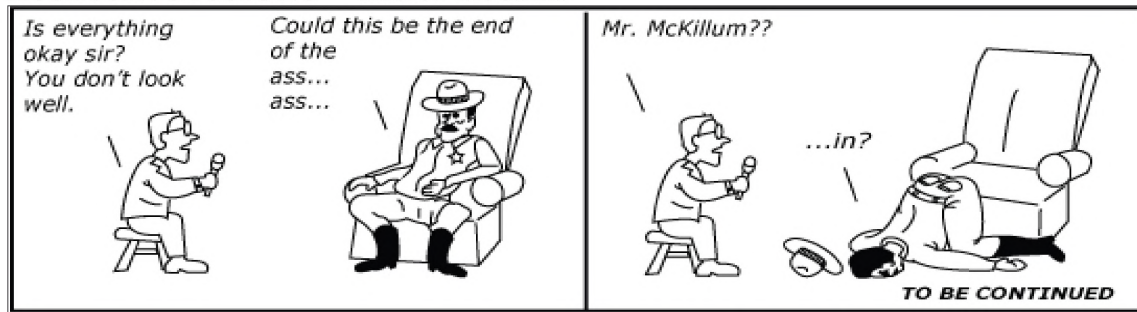
**Roommate** — I want a Frosty. Oh, and I'll trade you... just kidding. — **Other Roommate**

**Abent** — I can't stop laughing. — **Stark**

**Inspirations**

- Surprises
- No hockey insert
- John Fogerty
- Plug Ads
- Witty Humor
- Curt's iPod

**ASSASSIN SESSIONS** — Andrew McCanna



**MOTHBALLS** — Jeff Kitson



**MUFFINTOPS** — NW Staff



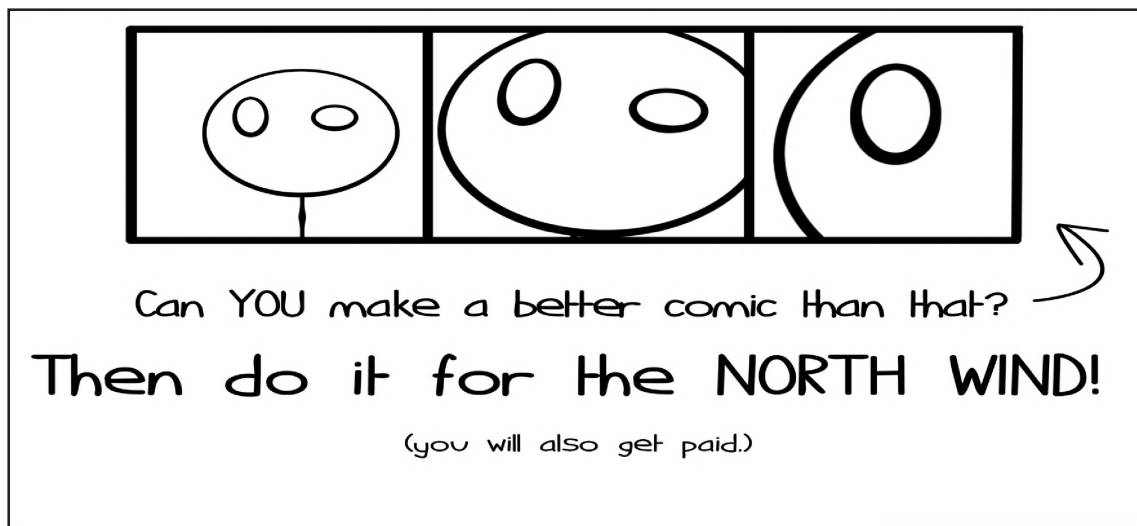
**DEMOCRAZY** — Tom Cory



**ODDS AND ENDS** — Geoffrey Riutta



**DOLL HOUSE** — Rachel Vogt



**Being an NMU Super Fan can win NMU students \$\$\$,  
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1) GO TO A GAME- Go to any NMU athletic event and stand out as a Super Fan by cheering, clapping and screaming (Wearing the lime green Super Fan t-shirt increases your chances of winning!) One Super Fan will be awarded at every home athletic event. Each Super Fan will win a \$25 TCF Visa Gift Card, TEN entry forms for the grand prize drawing of \$1,000.00 and an invitation to a private TCF Cash Vault party.

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