



Brittany McIntire/NW

Members of the College Democrats and College Republicans debate each other in Jamrich Hall on Wednesday night. The debate was moderated by NMU political science professor James Alderson.

## Students square off in pre-election debate

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

The struggling economy, the Iraq war, healthcare and education were all hotly contested issues at the Wednesday, Oct. 15 debate between the College Republicans and the College Democrats.

The debate, which was hosted by the Political Review, was the second of its kind and focused on each party's presidential candidate and the views they held on major domestic and foreign policy issues.

"We based a lot of the questions on previous presidential debates," said Rachel Hovel, editor-in-chief of the Political Review. "We also talked with people on campus and in the broader community about the issues."

The event, which drew a full crowd to Jamrich 102, was moderated by political science professor James Alderson and featured a panel of three Democrats and three Republicans.

The set of 12 pre-determined questions covered a wide range of topics, but the evening started out with a question about the country's ailing economy, and what each party's candidate would do to ease the economic woes of the nation.

"We need to raise the GDP (gross domestic product). It would help our economy as a whole," said Matthew Fusilier, a business major and member of the College Republicans. He went on to say that Sen. Barack Obama's eco-

nomics plans included raising taxes on small business, something Sen. John McCain is wholeheartedly against.

College Democrat and senior political science and philosophy major Lauren Mattioli responded by outlining Obama's four-step economic plan. Later in the debate, when asked about how Obama could stabilize America's banking system, she cited McCain's statement of knowing little about the economy.

"Obama had strong policies sooner than McCain," she said. "Luckily, Barack Obama knows a lot about the economy."

Though the economy was an underlying issue for many of the questions asked during yesterday's debate, several other domestic policies were covered, including those concerning alternative energy.

"John McCain wants to do everything," said Jordan Schwarz, president of the College Republicans. He went on to outline seven different alternative energy sources McCain was in support of, including ethanol, battery technology for cars and nuclear power.

In response, the Democrats touted McCain as focusing only on oil for power.

"Fuel prices are raping America," said sophomore political science major Jason Morgan, who is also vice-president of the College Democrats. "McCain is stuck in the past on oil. We have three percent of the world's oil supply, but we use 25 percent. That means we

have about one-eighth of what we need."

Morgan went on to say that Obama's energy plan includes creating more green-collar jobs and reducing American dependence on oil.

"We can't drill ourselves out of this situation," he said. "It's just not going to work."

Also coming into play in the debate was the issue of nominating a new Supreme Court justice, something that is very likely to happen in the next four years.

"Barack Obama would support a judge that represents America ... that knows what it's like to be a powerless minority in America," Mattioli said. "Someone who would limit encroachment by the executive branch ... and reflect what America needs. Not someone like (Supreme Court Justice) Alito, Roberts or Scalia, who are out of touch with what America needs."

Schwarz responded by saying that a strict reading of the constitution by Supreme Court Justices was American and that Justices Alito, Roberts and Scalia were not out of touch.

"(McCain would support people who) don't legislate from the bench," he said. "Strict constitutionalist and pro-life people."

Healthcare was an issue that was brought up several times during the debate, both during the moderator's questions as well as the student questions.

See *DEBATE* • page 3

## Castro's daughter speaks at Northern

By John Becker  
staff writer

Alina Fernandez, Fidel Castro's daughter, remembers the drastic changes that took place when her father took over Cuba.

"Everything began with something called revolution. 'Long live free Cuba' thundered in the streets," Fernandez said during her speech in the Great Lakes Rooms on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Fernandez was four years old when the Cuban Revolution took place in 1959 and said she could recall watching American cartoons and viewed the sudden change in programming from Mickey Mouse to the execution of Castro's political rivals.

From then on, Fernandez said, there were no more cartoons on the television.

"We had two channels: no American cartoons. 'Long live free Cuba' became 'To the wall!'—executions. You were either with the revolution or against (the country)," she said.

Fernandez said the Cuban Revolution was supposed to resolve social problems, but that no improvements occurred.

"All institutions were systematically destroyed, soon followed

freedom of the press and expression," she said.

Even though Fernandez was not aware that Castro was her father until the age of 10, she said he often visited her mother in the evening.

"(He was) the man who one night stepped out of my TV and into my living room. He offered me a doll disguised as him, a bear with a green hat and beard," she said.

Fernandez would later deny her relation to Castro to Cubans who came seeking aid, hoping that Fernandez could relay a message to the seat of power.

"You must be in real desperation when you're hoping a child can solve your problems," she said.

Instead of solving the problems of the people, the revolution only put more people under the scrutiny and control of the government, Fernandez said.

"(The government) controlled the press, mail and phone lines so you couldn't communicate with other countries until AT&T changed that in 1994. If you tried to do something to improve (your life), you were sent to jail," she said.

See *CUBA* • page 4

## New study focuses on student migraines

By Lucy Hough  
assistant news editor

An instructor at NMU is working to study the effect of migraines with the hope of increasing what little is known about the effects of the sometimes debilitating headaches.

Health Physical Education and Recreation instructor Maggy Moore is helping the research to find a cure for these monstrous headaches. Moore, as a part of her Ph.D. dissertation, is conducting a study on campus to understand how one's ability to function is affected within 48 hours of a migraine and is looking for students to participate.

A migraine is a severe headache that usually affects one side of the head and is associated with vision impairment or nausea. Moore's inquiries could help the realm of migraine research that does not include much information about the time right after a migraine takes place.

"It's just going to provide more information. It'll be a piece of the puzzle," Moore said.

The research is being done using ImPACT tests. ImPACT stands for "immediate post-concussion assessment and cognitive testing" and is a computer program that tests the function in four lobes of the brain. This program is generally used with people immediately after they have experienced a concussion; however, Moore intends to assess the same characteristics of reaction time after a migraine.

The research will be based on a person's ability to do basic tasks while affected by the headache. The tests look at a person's ability to focus and maintain concentration, remember specific words or pictures after a certain amount of time, and see how verbal memory functions after a migraine.

Moore will test the subjects before a migraine for baseline data. When a migraine begins,

See *STUDY* • page 3



## BRIEFS

### Starbucks to host coffee sampling

For students who enjoy coffee, Starbucks' supervisors will be hosting a Skill Builders! workshop in the back room of the University Center on Oct. 28th. NMU students, though they may frequent the campus Starbucks, might not have a complete understanding of the diversity of coffee beverages the coffee shop has to offer. The Starbucks baristas will have servings of coffee, tea and pastries available during this event. The event is intended to bring more awareness to the variety of coffee and tea drinks sold at Starbucks. "[The Skill Builder] would help them realize how involved our coffee is to the student body and the various types of coffee from around the world that we have to offer," said Starbucks supervisor Allison Carlton. The coffee brewed at the shop is gathered from a wide range of locations all over the world such as Kenya, Africa or Yukon, Canada. Starbucks also has a selection of different pastries. Instead of the original doughnut or bagel for a breakfast snack, they've introduced scones or the Danish coffee cake. The event will be from 4-6 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. To register, contact the Student Leader Fellowship Program at 227-1771 or e-mail slfp@nmu.edu.

— Alex Aranda

### Speaker to address leadership

A new Skill Builder! workshop entitled "Leadership for the 21st Century" will incorporate messages of community service, ethical decision-making, how to succeed in college and how to be a scholar after graduation. Will Keim, from Oregon, has been or is currently an author, educator, residence hall director, educational program coordinator and campus minister. He has used all these career paths to motivate audiences around the nation to start making change in their own lives. "I'm not a motivational speaker, I'm an inspirational speaker. I might inspire you to motivate yourself," he said. Amber Chiapuzio, a senior nursing student, saw Keim last year. "His lecture made me think about how I can make each decision in my life impact myself and my community in a positive way. I think all students should attend to realize they can be leaders in their own individual way. I definitely want to go again this year," she said. Keim is returning to Northern for his ninth visit on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd from 8-9 p.m. in Jamrich 102.

— Katie Stamerjohn

### College of Business hosting competition

The College of Business is offering a Business Venture Competition for the second year in a row. The competition allows students to submit a business plan and compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes. Students may enter by themselves or teams of up to five people, but they must be enrolled at NMU for the 2008-2009 academic year. There were about 40 participants that competed last year. The last year's first place winners, Bryan Johnson, Darren Young, Brian Emigh and Ricky Golden, were awarded \$4000 to help start Presque Longboards. "Pick your passion, get an idea and start a business," business professor Charlie Wolfe said. The deadline to enter the competition is Thursday, Oct. 30. At this time, the student or team must submit an "Intent to Compete" form with an Executive Summary of their new venture ideas. A faculty committee will then screen the submissions, and the plans that meet the necessary guidelines will continue on to the second part of the competition. The final decision will be made known by Friday, Nov. 7. Students will have between Nov. 7 and April 16 to polish their business plans. Thursday, April 16 will be the final step of the competition. To sign up, e-mail bizdean@nmu.edu to receive forms or additional information about the competition.

— Meg Ellis



Jeff Kitson/NW

Students take part in the Academic Majors Fair on Wednesday afternoon. The fair took place in Hedgcock was held to expose students to the variety of majors available at Northern.

## Notable Islamic leader to visit NMU

Hassan Al-Qazwini, the spiritual leader of the Islamic Center of America in Detroit and author of the recently published book "The American Crescent," will visit NMU on Oct. 22-23.

Al-Qazwini will speak in the Reynolds Recital Hall in the Hedgcock building on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. The following day he will speak at noon at St. Paul Episcopal Church.

The event is being sponsored by the NMU President's Office, the NMU ECDC Committee, Marquette Universalist Congregation, St. Mark's, Marquette

Interfaith Forum, and the Temple Beth Shalom.

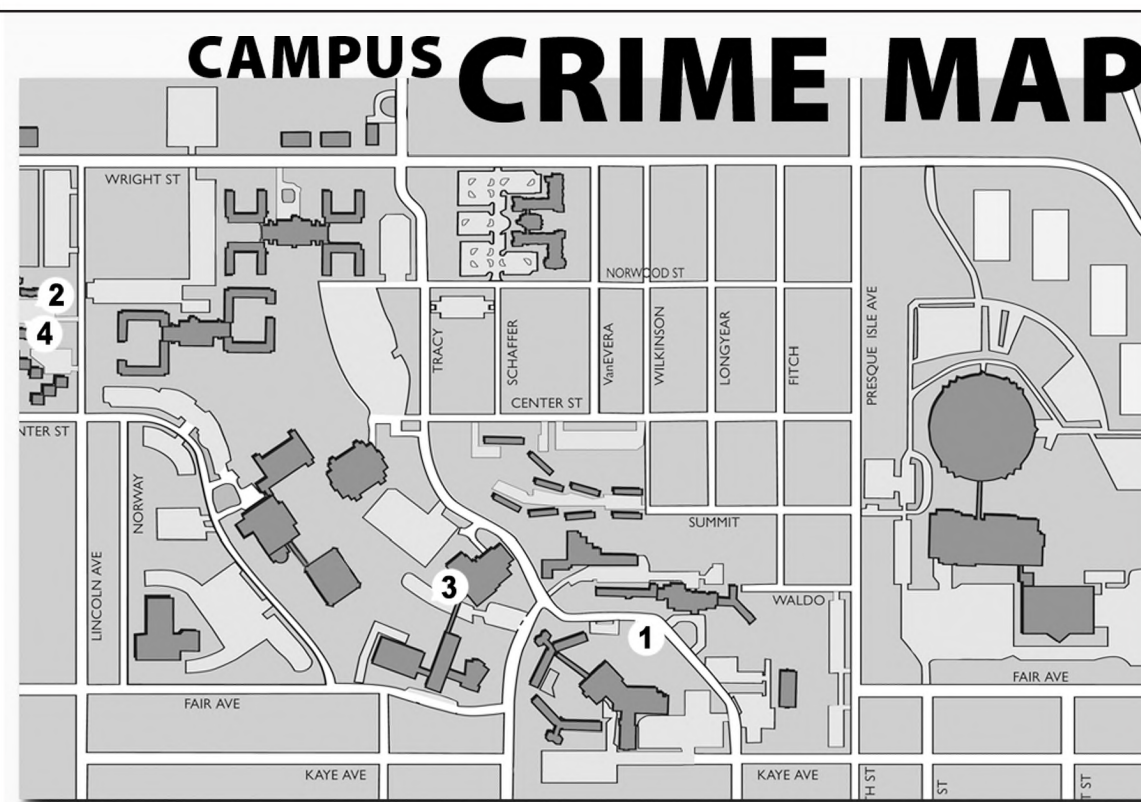
Jason Morgan, president of the Progressive Student's Roundtable, said that his group has co-sponsored Al-Qazwini's visit. Al-Qazwini offers students at NMU a chance to learn about a religion they might not often encounter in the Upper Peninsula.

"We have signed on as a co-sponsor because this is an incredible opportunity for NMU to have someone who is respected around the world for his work in developing positive interfaith relationships," Morgan said. "Too

often, we focus on individuals who are known for outlandish and shocking behavior. This is an opportunity for our community to hear from a man who is educational and inspirational."

Al-Qazwini's speeches focus on dispelling common misconceptions about the Islamic faith, and the ability of the Islamic faith to coexist with other faiths. In his work, Al-Qazwini has met with former president Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush and Sen. Barack Obama.

— Carson LeMahieu



#### Map Key:

1. A 19-year-old male was found to be operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol on Lee Hall Dr. at 2:41 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. The case is pending.
2. Between Oct. 12-13 a vehicle in Lot 5 was scratched with an unknown object. The case is still open.
3. During the overnight hours of Oct. 12, political graffiti was written with a permanent black marker on several walls and columns around the Academic Mall. The case is still open.
4. During the overnight hours of Oct. 12 similar graffiti was also written on two stop signs in the Norwood Apartment parking lot.

## Corrections

Last week's brief on Alina Fernandez's visit should have identified the representative of Platform Personalities as Beau Niec.

In the Oct. 2 issue of the North Wind, the article "Robert's opens new season with laughs," should have said that Ellard Simms was played by Nick Hartman.



# Alternative energies minor grows at Northern

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

As the United States is increasing its amount of alternative energy usage, Northern is matching the trend as NMU's alternative energies minor has increased its enrollment this semester.

"Through advertising and different articles, we've gotten good enrollment, and things have gotten better this semester," said Mike Rudisill, department head of engineering technology.

Since the start of the program, about five years ago, the alternative energies minor has shown small increases in enrollment each semester.

"When we were first starting out, we only had half the classes filled up," Rudisill said. "We were only getting 10 students in our lower level classes."

However, this semester, all the classes currently offered for the minor are either maxed out or almost full, according to Rudisill, doubling the class sizes from five years ago.

Northern's alternative energy minor educates students about the theoretical and practical uses of alternative energies starting with basic electricity and ending with circuit construction. Students also learn about the history and progress of energy so far. However, the program was actually designed to create a work force for the equipment that the new alternative energies required.

"Companies need technicians who are able to install and repair different equipment," Daryl Kobbie, current head of the Technical and Occupational Sciences

department said. "We saw a need, and we filled it."

Currently, there are six courses in the alternative energy minor: Intro to Electricity, Intro to Alternative Energies, Solar Power, Wind Power, Heating Systems II and Bioenergy. The two cornerstone courses, Wind Power and Solar Power, have accompanying labs to go with the class to give students hands-on training.

"This is a great time for students to see the equipment and touch them and see how it works," said Deanna Pozega, teacher of the Solar Power class. "We have solar panels here that we can work on safely and take apart and run tests on. For our wind class, we have a wind turbine that we can do the same thing with."

With the increase in student enrollment in the courses, NMU is thinking about expanding the program further to give more options in course selection. The six courses available for the minor add up to 20 credits, the minimum requirement to be considered a minor program. Most minors have 26-36 credits to allow students to pick courses to help specialize their learning process. Rudisill said that some chemistry and green building classes will most likely be added.

He said that there are also long-term goals for expansion.

"If we have the interest, (the alternative energies minor) could build up into an Associates program," Rudisill said. "It's hard to attract people with only a minor."

Even though the curriculum adds up to only a minor, Northern is one of the few schools in the country with a program that fo-

cuses on newer alternative energies. According to CollegeBoard.com, there are no major programs that focus on multiple types of alternative energies in the Midwest.

In Michigan, Henry Ford Community College has a major for only Solar Power, while Ferris State and Schoolcraft Community College have Energy Systems majors where students focus on energy conservation.

"Some schools have high level research, but we run the applied sciences with it," Kobbie said. "Schools like Michigan Tech don't even come close."

The benefits of a program like this at Northern go beyond just educational value according to Rudisill.

"The minor also helps prove that Northern is a leader in the Midwest with green programs," Rudisill said. "We're not an engineering school, but this program, our chemistry courses and our LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) dorms, no one else has that."

Because of the program's unique features, alternative energies courses attract a wide range of students.

"We have a lot of engineering tech students, several environmental science majors, some physics and chemistry students, Heating Ventilation and Cooling students and a lot of construction majors," said Pozega. "We even have some poli-sci and economics students take the courses. It's beneficial for them to learn too, because the information can help them specialize."

The solar panels and wind tur-

bine are functional and do supply energy when they are up and running. The energy from this equipment is fed into the Jacobetti power system which then takes it into the main power grid. From there, the energy can go anywhere on campus. However, the energy from the equipment in the class is not enough to fully power the Jacobetti Center independently.

"We were wanting more solar panels to run the outlets in the Ja-

cobetti Commons," Kobbie said. "It wouldn't be a big thing, but it would be a nice qualitative result for the building."

So far, the alternative energies minor has been financed without the help of grants. According to Rudisill, the minor is low in cost, besides some expenses for labs.

Even with expansion of the program, Rudisill believes the program will remain valuable for Northern.



Jeff Kitson/NW

A wind turbine and solar panels adorn the roof of the Jacobetti Center, and provide some of the electricity used on Northern's campus.

## STUDY

Continued from page 1

she will test the person within 24 hours, 48 hours and again after a week. Conducting the survey so soon after the migraine begins provides a detailed idea of how a person is affected. Moore sometimes goes out of her way to meet her volunteers wherever it is convenient for them.

Jodi Tervo, a senior sports science major who is volunteering for Moore's research said, "She actually brought her computer to my place of employment so that I could take her exam. She understands the challenges of college students and especially those who are suffering from a migraine."

An example of the ImPACT tests is looking at three pictures, having the pictures taken away while counting down from 25 and then having to find what has changed in a new set of pictures. This shows how a person's memory is affected during a migraine.

To create a control group for

the experiment, Moore will also test people who do not experience migraines.

There is no definite remedy for migraines, and many medicines that do exist have bad side effects.

"Maggy is hopefully open-

**Maggy is hopefully opening up doors for further research in this area, and as we all know, this is how medicine advances.**

— Jodie Tervo  
Senior, sports science major

ing up doors for further research in this area, and as we all know, this is how medicine advances," Tervo said.

While looking at how migraines affect a person's reaction time, Moore will also consider how exercise affects the intensity of a person's migraine and how a person who does not exercise responds to the ImPACT testing compared to someone who regularly exercises.

"I'm also hoping to find that

physical activity is positively affecting people with migraines by decreasing the intensity," Moore said.

Moore is looking both for research subjects who experience migraines and for those who do not. The students with no migraines will act as controls for the research. Right now, she is specifically looking for people who experience migraines and those who do not but also do not exercise regularly.

Moore says that people who have migraines are interested in participating to further what is known about migraines so that more can be done, but she is offering an incentive to all who participate. All participants will receive a candy bar, one in six will win a Target gift card and an iPod shuffle will also be raffled off to one participant.

"Everyone is a winner with Maggy," Tervo concluded.

To participate, contact Maggy Moore at 227-2228 or e-mail [mmoore@nmu.edu](mailto:mmoore@nmu.edu)

## DEBATE

Continued from page 1

Tom Cory, a member of the College Democrats, prefaced his answer on the first healthcare question by describing John McCain's past statements on the issue.

In last week's presidential debate, McCain said that healthcare was a responsibility, not a right.

"He's basically calling 50 million people irresponsible," Cory said. "We all need help at different stages in our lives. ... (Obama wants) universal health coverage. We already pay for (people without health insurance). Why don't we give them the dignity they deserve?"

The Republicans responded by saying that people who don't have healthcare coverage are still receiving care.

"It's against the law to turn people away. They are getting the coverage they deserve," Schwarz said.

After the set of 12 predetermined questions, the debate was handed over to the crowd, and students were allowed to ask their

own questions for the last 30 minutes.

Student questions varied from topics such as alternative energy, to vice presidential choices to medicinal marijuana.

After the debate was over, students had mixed opinions on whether the Republicans or the Democrats had prevailed.

"I thought the debate went pretty well," said Amy Hickey, a senior international studies major. "Both sides were really prepared ... I think the Democrats won it though. They answered the questions with a little more spontaneity ... some of the College Republicans answers seemed to have been taken whole-sale from (John McCain's) Web site."

While Hickey thought it was the Democrats who won the debate, Josh McDowell, a senior history major, said it was clearly the Republicans who triumphed.

"The Republicans won on substance more than style," he said. "The Democrats were vague but smooth."

Editors note: Tom Cory is a cartoonist for *The North Wind*.



# Stabenow: Obama has what it takes to bring changes

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow spent last Thursday in a West Science lecture hall addressing the economy, health care and higher education as she gave a speech touting Barack Obama.

The event drew well, with about 60 people attending, despite only being announced the day before the speech.

Stabenow took over as Michigan's junior senator in 2000, when she defeated incumbent Spencer Abraham to become Michigan's first female senator.

Stabenow, who knows Obama through their work in the Senate, began the speech by praising him as a man of strong character.

"Barack Obama sits at the desk right next to mine on the Senate floor," she said. "So I know him and Michelle and his family well. I think I am more excited at the prospect of him being president than I ever have been (for any candidate) before."

She also touted Obama's ability to relate to the economic problems that Michigan faces.

"When he sits down in his office in Chicago and looks out across the water, he can see Michigan — as opposed to Russia — and

personally I think he's got the nicer view," she said. "He's right next door to us, so he gets it."

In addition to explaining Obama's plan for the economy, Stabenow also offered her personal advice to what she feels is wrong with America's economy. She cites a lack of foresight by political leaders and a change in the value system of corporate America as two of the greatest failings.

"When I look at (the world) I see us in a global economy ... but we as the United States have not

America for what she described as a culture of greed.

"We've had a system that has said greed is good, that greed is a national virtue," she said. "It's not healthy to our businesses and what we have seen recently with the markets proves that."

Stabenow suggested that the way to begin moving the United States in an upward direction is to invest in higher education, health care and alternative energies.

"We're the greatest country in the world," she said. "There is no reason we shouldn't be able to provide coverage to everyone. We spend twice per capita what any other country does on health care, and yet we have 47 million people without insurance."

When asked about her opinion on John McCain's healthcare plan, a plan which gives each American a \$5,000 tax credit to help buy health insurance, Stabenow expressed her opposition.

"I can tell you as a senator that if that came before us in the senate there is no way we would pass it," she said. "Absolutely no way."

Stabenow was not the only political figure to visit Marquette on the campaign trail this past week. In addition, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin spoke Saturday at the Marquette County Democratic Headquarters

in Marquette.

Levin, who has served in the senate since 1979, is facing off against republican Jack Hoo-gendyk.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, U.S.

Rep. Bart Stupak will be holding a question and answer session in Jamrich 102 at 5 p.m.

Stupak represents the entire U.P. and a portion of the lower peninsula.

**"When he sits down in his office in Chicago and looks out across the water [Obama] can see Michigan — as opposed to Russia — and personally I think he's got the nicer view."**

— Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senator

yet figured out, or had leadership in the White House that has understood what it takes to compete and win in a global economy," Stabenow said. "There has been this willingness to accept this race to the bottom: If you are willing to work for less and reduce your benefits, you can be successful, but you have to race downward. What we need to do is start a race up."

She also chastised corporate

## CUBA

Continued from page 1

Everything became state-owned and sanctioned, she said; the government relocated individuals and families and told them where to live and what their occupations were.

"Whatever a farmer produced, it belonged to the state. Farmers would go to jail if they were caught selling to the individual," Fernandez said.

As Fernandez aged, she had dissenting political views from that of Castro, which was dangerous even for one of his relations. But it was more than just differing views that made her want to leave Cuba.

"My daughter was unable to receive an education," she said.

"I (left) disguised as a Spanish tourist. That was December 1993, and my daughter followed before the New Year," Fernandez said.

In the United States, Fernandez realized that Cuba's image is different than what she was originally led to believe when she was still living in Cuba.

"Every day (in Cuba), you're told you are a symbol of resistance to the American empire, as if the world wakes up every morning looking at Cuba through a magnifying glass," she said.

Fernandez said she is now considered an enemy of the Cuban government because she speaks out against it.



Jeff Kitson/NW

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow speaks to a group of students in West Science on Oct. 9. Stabenow was in Marquette campaigning for Barack Obama.

## Student Finance Committee Meeting

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

Last week, the following budget were approved:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
College Democrats	Movie: Slacker Uprising	\$152.50

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

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$50,764.20**

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



**FIND YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES HERE!**  
BIGGEST SELECTION, BEST PRICES

**HOURS:**  
MON-WED/FRI: 9AM-4:45PM  
THURS: 9AM - 7PM  
SAT: 10AM - 3:45PM

2119 PRESQUE ISLE

Date: 10/24/08

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Auction Begins **TIFFANY & Co.** at 7:00 p.m.



*SmooV Exports Present:*

*Tiffany Jewelry Auction*



Ladies and Gentlemen, You are cordially invited to attend the Annual SmooVExports Tiffany & Co. Jewelry Auction. Need a birthday gift? Can't seem to find that perfect Christmas present? Well now is the best time to start looking! Join us for a lovely evening of food, beverages, and friendly auctioning! Casual attire is required. Just bring your willingness to purchase beautiful jewelry.

The Location: The Landmark Inn in Historic Downtown Marquette, The Harbor Room. Admission: \$5.00

Contacts: 313-212-2223  
Amanda Wright:  
Event Coordinator


SmooVExports LLC.  
Phone: 815-258-3353  
Email: [Business1stcj@yahoo.com](mailto:Business1stcj@yahoo.com)




**YOUR U.P. MUSIC DESTINATION!**

**ROCKTOBERFEST SALE THROUGH HALLOWEEN**

**GUITARS, KEYBOARDS, DRUMS LESSONS, REPAIRS, RENTALS**



**MARQUETTE MALL 226-2053**  
**2025 US 41 W, MARQUETTE**  
**ALSO IN ESCANABA & IRON MOUNTAIN**



**PLAY SING**

**MacDonald's Music Store**  
Since 1949

601 N. Third St. Marquette  
226-7621 • 1-800-637-7813

Print Music, Instruments, & Repairs

**CAMPUS PHARMACY**  
1015 North Third Street Marquette  
225-1144

We honor most insurance prescription plans

Featuring: •Box Candy •Cosmetics •Gifts  
•Health and Beauty Aids •Prescriptions

Open Monday-Friday 9am-6pm  
Saturday 9am-5pm

Located next to Valle's Market

Marquette County  
**Habitat for Humanity**  
**ReStore**  
Donate - Shop - Save

Furniture, Bedding, ect.

**10% off to Students with ID**  
Discount Good Through December 31st

133 Carmen Drive, Harvey  
249-4416  
Monday-Friday 10-6  
Saturday 10-4

Barbiere's  
**Villa Capri**  
Italian Restaurant

"Have a taste of old Italy"

**VISIT OUR BOAT BAR WITH YOUR FAVORITE COLD BEVERAGES**

HOURS: 4:30 NIGHTLY  
RESERVATIONS OF 8 OR MORE  
#225-1153  
US-41 WEST

FREE WI-FI INTERNET

**JEAN KAY'S**  
PASTIES • SUBS • SALADS • ETC.

1635 Presque Isle • Marquette, MI  
906-228-5310 • jeankayspasties.com

Hours: Monday - Saturday 11am - 8pm Closed Sundays

NEW SOUPS DAILY!

Featured Subs: Spicy Beef, Italian, Pizza Sub, Pastrami Sub, Meatless, and our Famous Gyro

Featured Specialty Subs: Turkey Club, Cudighi, Abbacore Tuna, BLT, and More!

CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!




**Advertise**  
Your Business or Event

**IN THE NORTH WIND**



**NMU Students**  
Re-Elect Prosecuting Attorney  
Gary L. Walker



"Gary Walker makes tough decisions every day that affect law enforcement and our community. He doesn't make decisions for political reasons or personal gain. That's why I'm supporting him."  
- Greg Zyburt, Chief  
Chocolay Township Police Department

**VOTE for INTEGRITY**  
**On November 4th**  
WalkerforProsecutor.com

Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Prosecuting Attorney Gary L. Walker with regulated funds.  
John G. LaSalle, Treasurer, 54 S. Tracie Lane, Marquette MI 49855

**Get Away From It All Without Going Far Away**



Enjoying gourmet breakfasts in a quiet country setting with beautiful gardens... just 10 minutes from Marquette.

**Blueberry Ridge Bed & Breakfast**  
"Where hospitality is the art of everyday living."  
193 Oakridge Drive, Marquette • 906.251.0219  
<http://members.aol.com/blueberr18> • email:hgreen617@aol.com

**Upfront & company**  
this weekend:  
[Live Music! Tuesday thru Saturday]

thu, Oct 16th:  
**Down Lo**  
SoCal lyricism meets Minnesota funk ...to generate some hard-hitting hip hop and intricate grooves

Fri, 17th & Sat, 18th:  
**Mighty Short Bus**

102 E. Main Street  
Marquette  
(906) 228-5200

[www.upfrontandcompany.com](http://www.upfrontandcompany.com)

**NEW!!!**

- IC ..... \$2 pitchers
- VW ..... \$2 draft pints
- IC ..... \$4 long island iced teas
- FF ..... \$2 domestic bottles
- S ..... \$2 rail drinks

*drink specials*

**We've got Bell's Oberon Mini-Kegs to-go this weekend!**

Get 'em from our beer tub to keep the party rolling once Mighty Short Bus is done playing...

**Friday, Oct. 17th**

**BELL'S**  
Beer Dinner \$40 (tax & tip included)

Yes, it's back! Join us for a delicious multi-course meal, and a variety of Bell's Beers paired to match. Seating is limited, get your ticket now!





## Staff Editorial

# Don't just register

Over the course of this semester, the NMU College Democrats registered 1,356 new voters on campus. Those new voters — combined with others from the area and across the country — could swing this election; an election that comes at a pivotal time, as America is at both a political and economic crossroads.

According to the Marquette County Clerk's office, there are 49,920 registered voters in the county. That number is 2,100 higher than just three months ago.

The state of Michigan hasn't released official numbers for October yet, but as of July, there were 7.24 million registered voters in the state. The expectation is for the final number to be substantially higher than that — and, in turn, quite a bit higher than the 7.1 million who were registered in 2004. That year's presidential election also saw the highest voter turnout in 38 years in Michigan, as well as the country.

In 2004, 68 percent of registered Michigan voters actually cast a ballot. While that number may seem low, it is actually up 10 percentage points from eight years previous.

But it quickly becomes clear that registering is not enough. That's where you, the voter, come in.

When voters really decide to take charge of their power, something very important begins to happen: Americans gain more control over their government. And with everything seemingly going to hell, what better time to decide a new leader for the country.

In the last two months, The DOW has suffered five of its 10 largest net losses in history. Everyone — politicians, blue-collar workers and, yes, even college students — has been affected. With national debates raging on every topic from foreign policy to the economy, there has seldom been a more turbulent time in American history, or a greater need for leadership.

The chance to appoint that leadership is yours. Registration was the hard part. The only thing left to do — other than taking the time to craft an informed opinion — is to cast a vote on Nov. 4. If you're registered locally, polling stations will be at the Marquette Armory on Lincoln Avenue and in the gym on Baraga Avenue. And if you need to get an absentee ballot, it's not that tough. Call your local town clerk.

Election Day is less than three weeks from now and the outcome will likely change all of our lives. It could spell the difference between retiring early or working in a fast food restaurant for the rest of your life. So take the power you've been given as an American and actually use it.

## The North Wind

est. 1972

2310 University Center, Marquette, MI 49855

Phone: (906) 227-2545

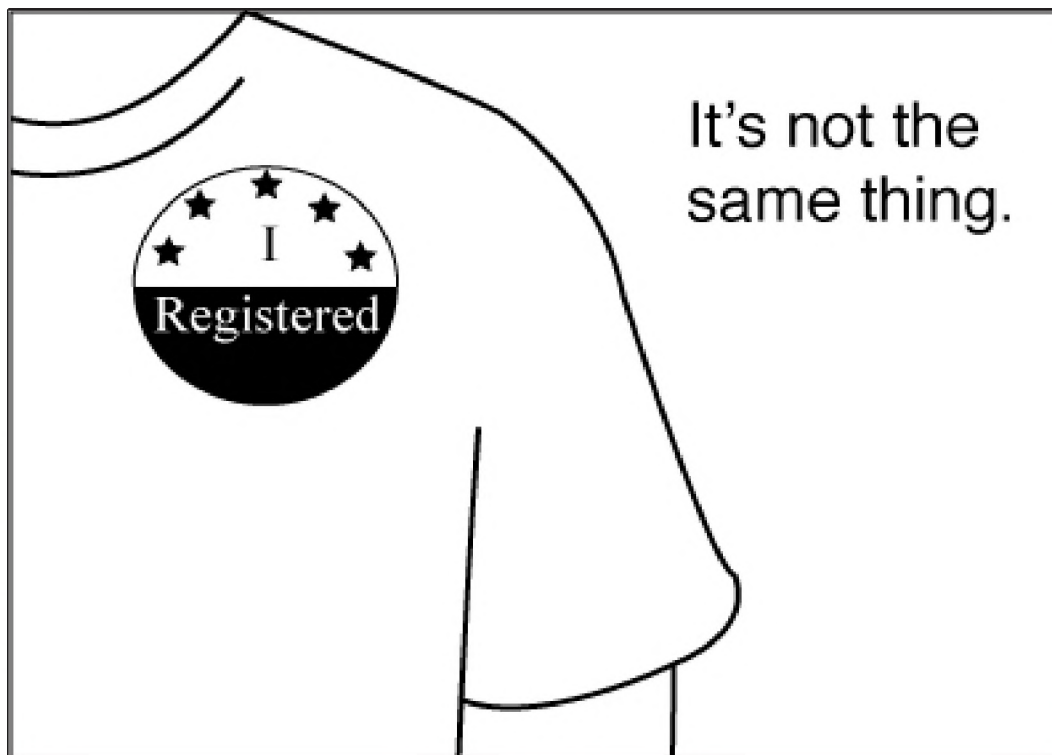
Fax: (906) 227-2449

e-mail: editor@thenorthwind.org

www.thenorthwindonline.com

- Kyle Whitney ..... Editor in Chief
- Jackie Stark ..... Managing Editor
- Carson LeMahieu ..... News Editor
- Josh Snyder ..... Features Editor
- Curt T Kemp ..... Sports Editor
- Claire Abent ..... Opinion Editor
- Jeff Kitson ..... Photo Editor
- Chad Casper ..... Layout Editor
- Lucy Hough ..... Assistant News Editor
- Jaci Bjorne ..... Assistant News Editor
- Joe Dexter ..... Online Editor
- Alli Fox ..... Copy Editor
- Shane Nyman ..... Copy Editor
- Gordon Beedle ..... Assistant Sports Editor
- Chris Wellens ..... Business Manager
- Ashley Simon ..... Advertising Manager
- Breanna Bader ..... Advertising Design Manager
- Sarah Wisniewski ..... Office Manager
- Cate Terwilliger ..... Faculty Advisor

The North Wind is an independent student publication serving the Northern Michigan University community. It is partially funded by the Student Activity Fee. The North Wind has a circulation of 6,000 and is published every Thursday during the fall and winter semesters except on university holidays and during exam weeks. The North Wind is published by The North Wind Board of Directors, composed of representatives of the student body, faculty, administration and area media. Subscriptions are available for \$40 a year or \$25 a semester. The first five copies are free; copies exceeding that number cost 50 cents, to be paid at The North Wind's office.



Andrew McCanna  
opinion@thenorthwind.org

# One bailout, hold the pork please

By Linsey Isaacs

Hilltop, Howard University

So gas prices are rising, Bank of America is no longer giving student loans and we've just witnessed the demise of Lehman Brothers and other huge Wall Street firms tumbling under the pressure.

The effect of these events will ultimately trickle down to the rest of us already gripping our wallets tight. What else can go wrong with an economy that is facing its worst plight since the Great Depression?

Perhaps the fact is that the country is no closer to the solution. However, we are a step in the right direction. But in order to get us there, Henry Paulson, the U.S. Treasury secretary, and the rest of the lawmakers had to do some serious sucking up.

The federal government has convinced us (well, at least me) that there is no other alternative but a bailout plan — a \$700 billion one, at that. It was presented amidst job losses and stock market crashes and has finally been passed.

Aside from all the "pork" they added to the bill so it could ultimately please Republicans, I think the plan is an excellent idea. But protestors and an angry public would disagree. And as much as I am in support of the plan, I am against what was done so it could pass.

The plan has been under scrutiny from Congress ever since its inception. Of course, putting money back in Wall Street would go against everything the Republicans stand for, so the party

didn't agree with a plan to interfere with free enterprise, suggesting the debt be insured rather than bought by the government. And Democrats tried to protect the taxpayer's money, wanting bankruptcy judges to rewrite mortgages sensibly.

Presidential candidates Obama and McCain backed the plan, which has been tumultuously revised. When the bill was defeated last Monday, much of the blame was put on the Democrats and Nancy Pelosi's speech prior to the vote, which in turn blamed the credit crisis on eight years of the Bush Administration policies. The bailout plan is only the cost of "budgetary recklessness" and "no regulation, no supervision and no discipline in the system."

Well, it seems like someone couldn't handle the truth. I agree with Pelosi on the failed policies that have been translated into a failed economy. It's funny that they blamed the Democrats when the bill failed to pass at first with a 228-205 vote, backed by 140 Democrats and only 65 Republicans.

From a mere three-page inception to a 450-page bill filled with nonsense like giving tax breaks to wooden-arrow makers, the bill was catered primarily to the Republicans. That was the only way the bill would pass.

I guess it wasn't enough for them to realize that we need something to prevent the economy from getting worse (i.e., the bailout package).

So they added irrelevant tax breaks and incentives that will probably cost the taxpayers more

than the original bill would have in the future.

Pelosi did place some of the blame on the past eight years but fully understood that Wall Street's failure is not the taxpayers' fault. I applaud her. Now, it seems like the Republicans are punishing us regular taxpayers.

I also applaud Paulson's dedication to this bill, although some people think there might have been an ulterior motive. But Paulson and Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, took the initiative to provide an answer to this crisis.

Maybe I'm wrong for jumping on the bandwagon or even naive to support the bailout plan because I think it will be beneficial to the future. But I fully support the bill that will try to get us out of this hole that Bush and the rest of the Republicans ... ahem, (just to sound politically correct) the past eight years have created. I just wished we didn't have to sell our souls to save the economy.

### Letter Policy

Letters to the Editor must include a full name, year, major and a phone number for verification. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. All letters may be edited for grammar and length.

Letters can be mailed to Room 2310 University Center, Marquette, MI 49855. They can also be submitted via e-mail to opinion@thenorthwind.org, or through a Web site submission on www.thenorthwindonline.com.





# HPV vaccine benefits outweigh risks



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

Anyone paying any attention to television over the past year or so, has no doubt seen commercials advertising the Gardasil vaccine. They tend to feature young women and girls of all backgrounds, touting their reasons for choosing to get vaccinated.

And I am one of the young women who chose to get vaccinated. But why did I choose to get the Gardasil vaccine? It's simple; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Gardasil is the first ever gender-specific vaccine and is targeted at girls and women ages 11-26. The series of three shots prevents four strains of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Two of those four strains, HPV 16 and 18, cause 70 percent of cervical cancers; the other two strains, HPV 6 and 11, cause 90 percent of genital warts according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the United States, infecting an

estimated 6.2 million Americans a year.

In men, HPV can cause genital warts, as it does in women, but in women, it can also lead to certain types of cervical cancer. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second most common type of cancer in women, causing an estimated 233,000 deaths a year according to the CDC.

When the vaccine was released, my mom, a nurse, immediately insisted that I receive it. We waited until my insurance company would pick up the cost, as Gardasil, like most vaccines, runs a high price tag. But I still got it as soon as I could.

Most vaccines have a risk of side effects, both major and minor. For me, I had some mild pain and stinging at the injection site, and my entire arm was sore for days afterward. Both of these, along with swelling, are common side effects, but should not hold someone back from getting vaccinated.

Of all the reported side effects, only 6 percent of those 9,749 reported were serious according to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, a group monitored by the CDC. Some of the more serious side effects include fainting and blood clots. The vac-

cine has yet to be directly correlated to any deaths.

As with most new vaccines, there is not much information available right now about the long-term side effects related to receiving the shot. And while this was a concern for me, I was much more swayed by the current facts. According to the CDC, Gardasil is 100 percent effective at preventing infections which are the cause of most cervical cancers.

In a press release put out by the CDC last week, 25 percent of girls aged 13-17 received the vaccine in its first year on the market.

And while 25 percent is a good start, that number is just not high enough.

Some opponents of Gardasil complain that giving girls as young as 11 a vaccination against an STI will contribute to promiscuity. This argument is faulty at best. Why would parents not want to protect their daughter against cancer and disease as thoroughly as possible? The vaccine is simply more effective when given during the recommended time. It is important that people are not ignorant of the real facts; Gardasil is safe and effective.

Although the ideal age for beginning the series of three shots is between 11 and 12, the vaccine can still be effective for college aged women who are already sexually active.

I was fortunate enough to have someone push me to get vaccinated. I was also smart enough to check out the facts, and those facts prove that the good things about the vaccine offset the bad.

Gardasil is not a panacea for gynecological health, and women should still have yearly check ups, but it is a big step to toward taking care of yourself.

human papillomavirus human papillomavirus huma  
papillomavirus human papillomavi  
human p  
6.2 MILLION INFECTIONS A YEAR  
human papillomavirus human papillom  
human papillomavirus  
233,000 DEATHS A YEAR  
human papillomavirus  
3 SHOTS TO PREVENT  
human papillomavirus human papillomavirus  
human papillomavirus human papillomavirus  
Andrew McCanna/NW

# Press should continue watchdog role



## Staff Column

Curt Kemp

This week, during a media conference, Dan Rather called out every American journalist. He didn't cite any of the common gripes with journalists: didn't label them as biased, uninformed or even request a correction on quotes.

Instead, Rather said American journalists are cowards.

"No one is fearless, but fear shouldn't be in the DNA of an American journalist," Rather said. "American journalism stands for clear-eyed, well-researched, know-

the facts, look 'em in the eye, ask 'em the tough question, don't back down, don't back away, just keep coming. That's the kind of coverage the American public deserves."

On Tuesday at the Politics 2008 Conference, Rather said American journalists had gone soft.

And this statement comes from a reputable source, not some crackpot blogger. Unlike the figureheads issuing the majority of today's bold statements, Rather's got the résumé to back up the talk.

He anchored the "CBS Evening News" for 24 years, covered the Watergate scandal, the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan and ruffled the feathers of President George H. W. Bush to such an extent that

he was never granted an interview with him or his son while either was in office.

And who's to blame Rather for the outrage? In a year that's seeing this country's most desperate of times, it's impossible to fathom that there aren't hard-hitting and important stories. With the subprime mortgage crisis and subsequent bailout package, the war in Iraq and the most important election of our time on the horizon, it's important for the United States to be under the watchful eye of the media.

With journalism being the only industry mentioned in the constitution, it's the duty of today's journalists to live up to that lofty constitutional ideal of checks and balances.

American journalists, including the staff of this college newspaper, are required to ask the questions that will lead us to important and well-reported stories, whether they are as simple as, "Explain the positive side of this issue?" or as difficult as, "Where has this administration gone wrong?"

It's simple enough to skate along with stories about the good in the community, the nation or the world. What takes grit and determination is reporting the dark side, to dig deep and to do the right thing. Like life, it's easier to not make waves, but it's more rewarding to make a splash.

Journalism has taken a hit as of late, with massive numbers of veteran journalists being laid off

because of financial concerns from their parent newspaper companies. And with the 10- and 20-year veterans being the first to go, the most experienced reporters are being replaced with underpaid, and often under qualified replacements.

The inexperienced newsroom could be a central reason for Rather's proposed "cowardice."

And this is a profession that remains one of the most important.

Today, America is at a historical crossroad. To ensure a positive future, Americans need brave journalists to light the path.

"To my fellow journalists in places where reporting the truth means risking all," Rather said during his last sign off at CBS. "To each of you, courage."

## Sound Off

How do you prepare for midterms?

Compiled by Brittany McIntire



**Tyler Moseley**  
senior, marketing

"Books and Beers"



**Tawny Valencia**  
junior, nursing

"A cup of tea, lemon honey and a textbook."



**Eddie Bollman**  
freshman, management of health and fitness

"A little bit of studying each night and paying attention in class."



**Katie Fosterling**  
freshman, environmental science

"Study hard and Starbucks."



**Kenny Wodek**  
senior, environmental conservation

"I go hunting and think about what studying I should be doing instead."



# GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS



**Saturday, October 25**  
**8:00 pm, Berry Events Center**  
\$2 for NMU Students & \$5 for General Public

Tickets available at all **E-Z Ticket Outlets** (Superior Dome, TCF Bank, Forest Roberts Theatre) by phone (906-227-1032) or online at [nmu.edu/tickets](http://nmu.edu/tickets).



## Northern Michigan University **BEST STUDENT DEAL EVER** **TOARMINA'S PIZZA**

**Wants to give  
every student,  
every day, one**



## **FREE SLICE OF PIZZA**

Yes, that's every day. Come Monday...or Tuesday & Saturday...or Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday!

**Must show NMU Student ID \* Pick-up only \* Limited time offer**





Photo courtesy of Mates of States

Mates of State drummer and vocalist Jason Hammel poses with fellow bandmate and wife Kori Gardner.

## Indie rock turns into a family affair

By Shane Nyman  
staff writer

Life on the road can be chaotic for indie-rock duo Mates of State. The chaos, however, is of a different sort than most rock acts.

Drummer and vocalist Jason Hammel and his organ-playing wife Kori Gardner, who both handle vocals for Mates of State, don't lead a parade of party animals and groupies. Their traveling act is much more of a family circus.

"Right now, we have the two kids, Kori and I, a nanny, a sound guy and our tour manager," Hammel explains via cell phone while settling into his seat on the 2:40 p.m. flight from Phoenix to Minneapolis. "It's been one of those hectic days."

As Hammel talks, his four-year-old daughter Magnolia chatters in the background. His other daughter, 9-month-old June, is attempting to nap in Gardner's backpack carrier.

Mates of State is in the midst of The Re-Arranger Tour, in support of their fifth studio album "Re-Arrange Us," released in May. The tour now moves from the southwest to the Midwest, including a stop in Marquette Thursday.

"We talk about it sometimes, about how lucky we are to have each other for support and be able to do what we love and manage it with a family," he says while a flight attendant makes the usual announcements before takeoff.

The group formed in 1997, followed with five albums, two EPs and a tour schedule wrapping the globe like silly string. This summer, they hit the festival circuit with shows at Lollapalooza, All

Points West and Wakarusa. Hammel says they're able to keep such a regiment because wherever the band goes, the kids come as well.

"They're used to traveling," he says. "Mags can pull her suitcase, and when it goes sideways she knows how to twist it and get it back on the wheels."

Hammel and Gardner met in college at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The two played in different bands in the local club scene, so it was inevitable their paths would cross.

"One night our bands played together, and she fell in love with me at first sight," Hammel says with a laugh.

The two began to date before playing together. They knew, both being songwriters and in bands, that there was musical potential. The problem was, when they finally sat down to practice together for the first time three weeks into their dating, there was fear that if the music didn't work out it would end their relationship.

"We went out to practice and we pulled out our guitars and they were these complimentary colored guitars — we had the exact same guitar, so it was weird — and we were like 'OK, it's going to be all right.'"

The decade that followed was like a plot from a MySpace generation fairy tale. Mates of State eventually married and slowly built up a following with indie fan

hits "Like U Crazy" and "Fraud in the 80s."

They continued to release album after album, including "Re-Arrange Me," which cracked the Billboard Top 200, and toured in support of Spoon and Death Cab for Cutie. Recently, they starred in a television ad for AT&T, and moved to their current home in Connecticut, where they've struck a perfect middle-ground between two worlds.

"We're like 50 miles from New York City, so we have that there to meet with the people that work for the label, the publicists and stuff," Hammel says. "And at the same time, we have the quiet little house in the countryside."

As the Phoenix to Minneapolis flight readies for takeoff, the attendant orders all wireless devices turned off. Hammel, who has MGMT on heavy rotation on his iPod and copies of Rolling Stone, Wired and The Economist at his disposal, prepares for another city in another part of the country.

Although always appreciative of his situation — traveling the world, doing what he loves with those he loves — Hammel and his family aren't satisfied with what they've accomplished.

"We always feel like we have more to do. We're young; we have a lot of life ahead of us," he says.

For more information, visit their Web site at [www.matesofstate.com](http://www.matesofstate.com).

**Mates of State, with Egon's Unicat and This is Dear Country**

Where: Great Lakes Rooms, University Center

When: Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free for students, \$10 for non-students

The best of Mates of State on YouTube

New to Mates of State? YouTube is always a good place to check out new music. Here are the top five Mates of State videos the site has to offer.



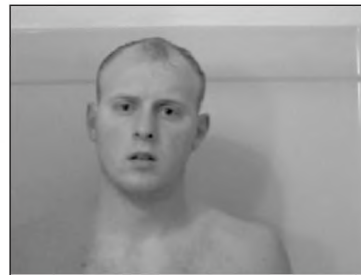
1. "Like U Crazy" — Their most accessible single and a lovely video, featuring fine black and white 1940s cinematography.



2. "The Re-Arranger" Live at Lollapalooza — This pro-shot video from their August Lollapalooza performance captures the duo in top-form playing in front of thousands.



3. Interview — Titled simply "Mates of State Interview," this black and white conversation filmed in Seattle best displays the loving interaction and chemistry between Hammel and Gardner.



4. "Goods (All In Your Head)" — The band held a contest for fans to create the official video, and here's what came out of it. A bizarre low-budget flick starring balding director G. J. Echtenkamp.



5. AT&T Commercial — It's just 15-seconds, but it's the most mainstream exposure the band has had.



# A Guide to Islam

By Josh Snyder  
features editor

As Imam Hassan al-Qazwini makes his way to the U.P., there is perhaps no better time to learn the history and culture of Islam. With 1.7 billion followers, it is a faith that has spread to nearly every country worldwide. Yet this religion, which preaches acceptance and peace, is often one of the most misunderstood, thanks in part to a small group of radicals. But once the stereotypes are peeled away, what remains is a religion rich in history and culture.

## What is Islam?

Compared to other major religions, Islam is relatively new, arriving around the year 600 of the common era (CE), a measurement of time centered around Gregorian calendar. According to Islamic faith, around that time in the city of Mecca, the Prophet Muhammad began receiving revelations from God. He repeated these revelations to others. People began to follow Muhammad and memorize the revelations word for word, reciting them to the next generation of Muslims.

However, Muhammad was more than just a religious leader. According to NMU history professor Keith Kendall, he played a much bigger role in the political landscape of Mecca and was also a skilled military leader.

Much like other religious leaders, Muhammad's mes-

sage was one of peace and acceptance, and was considered liberal for the time. This was illustrated in his treatment of women.

"He allowed women to speak, and he valued their opinions," Kendall said.

Through political and peaceful means, Muhammad was able to expand the reach of Islam. According to NMU philosophy professor Donald Dreisbach, this expansion was motivated by something more than religion: Muhammad tried to unify the varied Arab tribes, which had a history of violence.

"It was a way to stop the tribes from fighting," Dreisbach said.

After Muhammad's death in 632 CE, Muslims who

memorized his teachings took on new importance. However, when Muslims began to expand their empire, which resulted in wars with the Byzantine and Persian empires, many who learned the teachings died in battle. In response Muslims wrote down the recitals into a text which became known as the Qur'an.

According to Dreisbach, the importance of the Qur'an to the Islamic faith cannot be overstated. Much like Jesus Christ was the presence of God in the world for Christians, the Qur'an is the worldly presence of God for Muslims.

With the Qur'an, Islam became established on a global scale. And with that came not only a broader acceptance of other faiths but an acceptance of other cultures within Islam.

## The Five Pillars of Islam

After Muhammad's death, Islam grew to encompass many different cultures.

However, there is one aspect of Islam that all Muslims can agree on: the Five Pillars.

"Culturally, Muslims are very diverse," Kendall said. "But religiously, all Muslims would agree on the Five Pillars."

The Five Pillars are: Bearing witness to one God and the Prophet Muhammad, prayer, fasting during Ramadan, charity and the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

According to Health professor Mohey Mowafy, a life-long practicing Muslim born in Egypt, Muslims consider a close connection to God very important, which is strengthened through the second pillar, prayer.

"You disconnect (from the material world) and try to seek connectedness with the divine," Mowafy said.

Muslims are encouraged to pray five times a day; however, that number may increase depending on the sect. A strong sense of connectivity with God also helps when Muslims enter the holy festival of Ramadan, a 28-day festival celebrating when the Qur'an was first introduced to the Prophet. During this time Muslims fast each day from sun up to sundown. But Ramadan is about more than fasting.

"It is a month of total devotion and spiritual calm," Mowafy said, adding that Muslims are encouraged to pray more, show more discipline and more charity during this time.

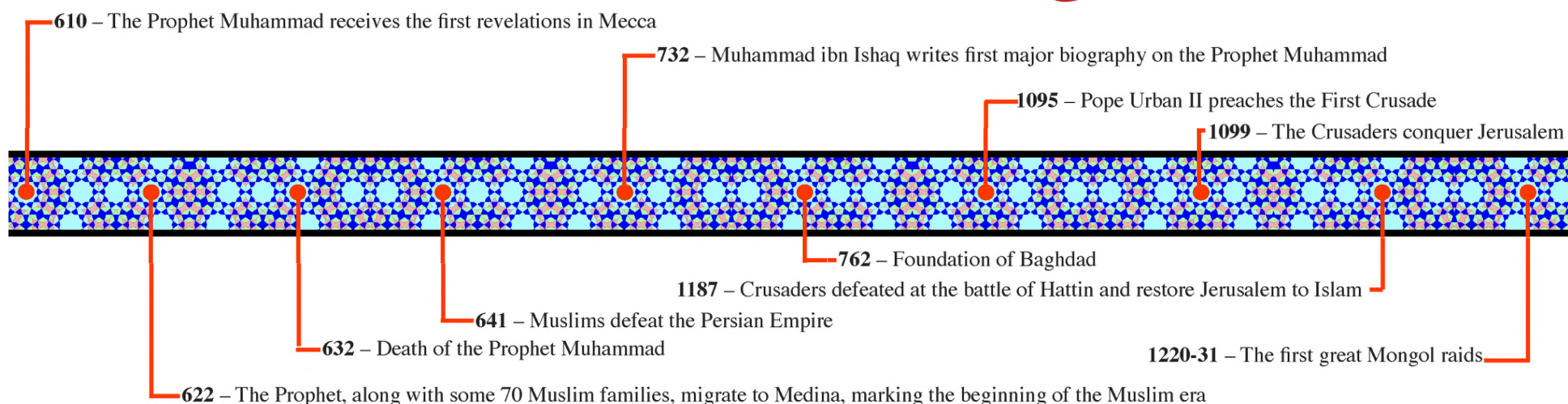
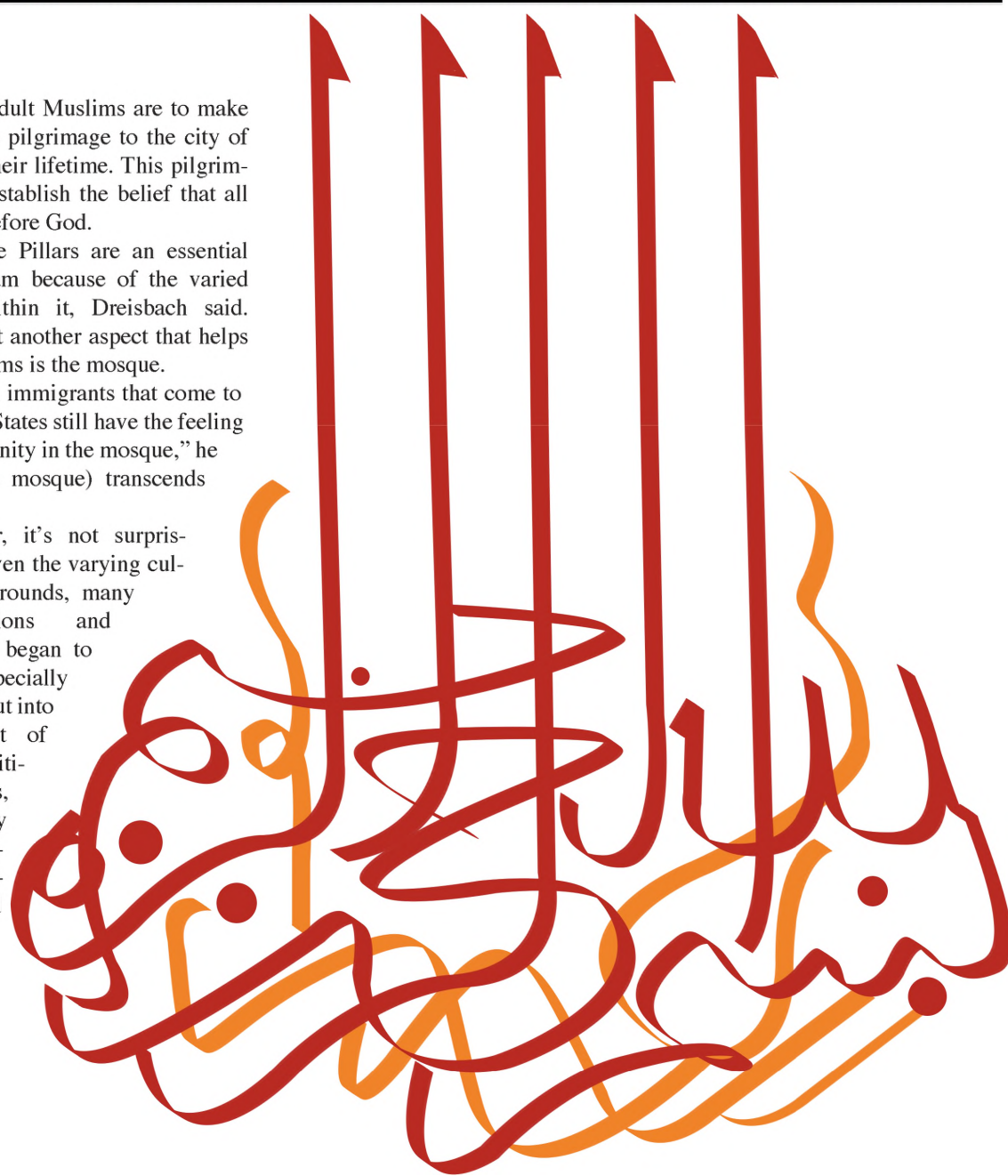
In fact, charity is such an integral part of Islam that it makes up the fourth pillar. Mowafy said that it's important for Muslims to help the poor and underprivileged all year around, not just during Ramadan. Traditionally, Muslims are encouraged to donate 2.5 percent of their income to the needy.

Lastly, adult Muslims are to make at least one pilgrimage to the city of Mecca in their lifetime. This pilgrimage helps establish the belief that all are equal before God.

The Five Pillars are an essential part of Islam because of the varied cultures within it, Dreisbach said. He said that another aspect that helps unite Muslims is the mosque.

"Muslim immigrants that come to the United States still have the feeling of a community in the mosque," he said. "(The mosque) transcends ethnicity."

However, it's not surprising that, given the varying cultural backgrounds, many misconceptions and stereotypes began to emerge. Especially when it is put into the context of current political events, there may be no religion as misunderstood as Islam.





# Dispelling Common Myths

There are myriad stereotypes facing Muslims today, ranging from common misconceptions to phrases rooted in bigotry.

Many of these stereotypes come from a small sect of Islam called Wahabism. In America, Wahabism is better known as the religion of the Taliban and Saudi Arabia.

Wahabism makes up a small fraction of total Muslims, and according to Dreisbach, it's not indicative of the whole of Islam.

"To a lot of Muslims, the Wahabists are crazy," Dreisbach said.

When it comes to the Wahabist's militant approach, Mowafy agrees it's not reflective of Islam, and only causes more harm than good.

"With that kind of religiosity, it really is a mental illness," Mowafy said.

There are many stereotypes that the Wahabists embody, but there are some that arise just from a general lack of understanding Muslims. The first is that the Islamic God is different than the Judeo-Christian God. However, this is simply not true, Kendall said.

"Muslims call God 'Allah,' which is literally Arabic for the word 'God,'" Kendall said.

But not only do Muslims worship the same God, the Qur'an mentions many Judeo-Christian figures. According to Mowafy, Jesus is mentioned 128 times, whereas Muhammad is mentioned only once.

Islam is also generalized as a religion whose community is made entirely of Arabs. But as Mowafy points out, only 20 percent of Muslims are Arabs, with countries such

as Indonesia being the most populous Muslim-majority nation worldwide.

Perhaps the biggest misconception is that Islam, more so than any other religion, was spread not through means of peace and dialogue but war. For Mowafy, this stereotype is the most prevailing and most troublesome.

Many people incorrectly point to the rapid expansion of Islam in the century that followed Muhammad's death as evidence that Islam is a blood-thirsty religion. However, as Kendall put it, these wars were not about religion.

"I think control of trade routes was the major factor for Islamic expansion in the early days," Kendall said. "It's a very empirical conquest."

Along with incorrectly being labeled a violent religion, Islam is also accused of promoting terrorism and suicide bombings. However, the Qur'an explicitly states otherwise on multiple occasions, with Muhammad saying that the killing of innocent people is the second greatest sin in Islam, only behind viewing another person or object as God. It's on this particular issue where Mowafy feels the media isn't helping.

"Sometimes I feel the media feeds into the stereotype," he said. "It's not productive."

Many also incorrectly assume that Islam is intolerant of other religions. But during the time of expansion, Islam made up a

fraction of the population. As Dreisbach said, Muslims were very open to allowing citizens to practice their own religion, regardless of what it was.

"[Muslim leaders said] what God you want to worship is really up to you," Dreisbach said, adding that they used this interaction with other faiths to not only advance their religion but advance their society.

"During the Dark Ages, they had beautiful, flowering cities," he said.

The last of the major stereotypes is perhaps one that will take the longest to be erased — the notion that all Muslim men are sexist.

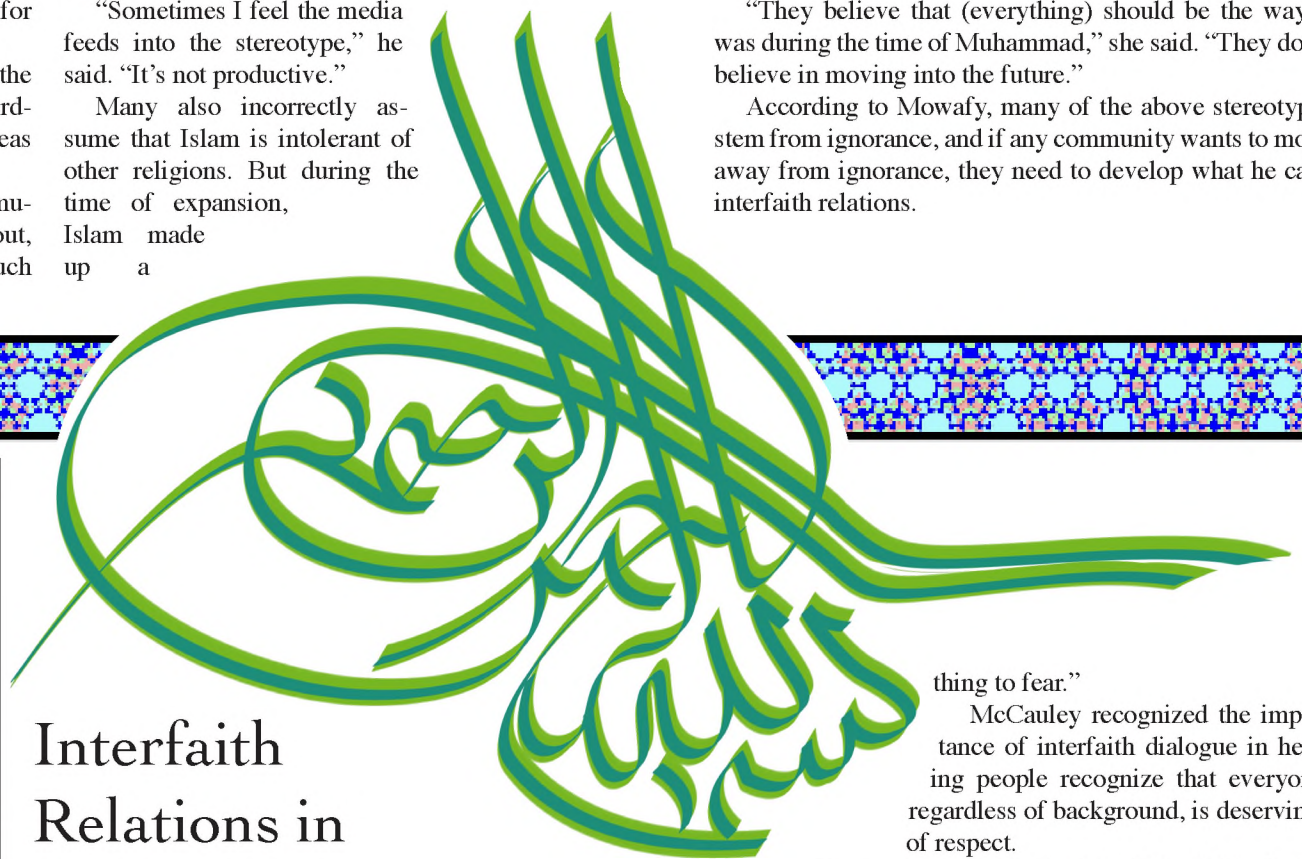
But for Kris Mowafy, Mohey's wife as well as a practicing Christian, this couldn't be further from the truth. She says Mohey has always seen her as an equal individual.

"I was very surprised (when I first met him) at how both supportive and pleased Mohey was with my independence," Kris said. "He always wanted me to maintain my independent self."

She said that, when it comes to sexism, the Wahabists unfortunately help perpetrate many stereotypes.

"They believe that (everything) should be the way it was during the time of Muhammad," she said. "They don't believe in moving into the future."

According to Mowafy, many of the above stereotypes stem from ignorance, and if any community wants to move away from ignorance, they need to develop what he calls interfaith relations.



## Comparing Islam to Christianity

Although Islam and Christianity are separate religions, they have a lot in common:

Similarities:

- Both Islam and Christianity are monotheistic religions, meaning they believe in only one God.
- Muslims believe that their God is the same God that's worshipped in both Judaism and Christianity.
- All three monotheistic religions are Abrahamic religions, meaning they all believe Abraham was the patriarchal father of the prophets.

Differences:

- Judaism and Christianity follow a slightly different line of Abraham's genealogy than Islam does. Judeo-Christian religions follow the patriarchal line of Abraham's son Isaac, while Muslims follow the line of Abraham's other son, Ishmael.
- Unlike Jesus, Muhammad was not an object of worship to Muslims.
- Although Muslims hold Jesus in high regard, they do not believe he was the son of God.

## Interfaith Relations in Marquette

There are few Muslims in the U.P., an area made up predominantly of Christians. Despite this, Mowafy said that having an open dialogue between people of different faiths is key to progressing as a society.

"No one is free until we are all free," he said. "No one is saved until we are all saved."

Senior international studies and Spanish major Alicia McCauley agreed that an open dialogue is very important.

"People tend to fear that which they do not understand," McCauley said.

"Since this is such a homogenous area, many may find it difficult to understand the tenets of Islam, among other religions.

"If we can learn about each other, we won't have any-

thing to fear."

McCauley recognized the importance of interfaith dialogue in helping people recognize that everyone, regardless of background, is deserving of respect.

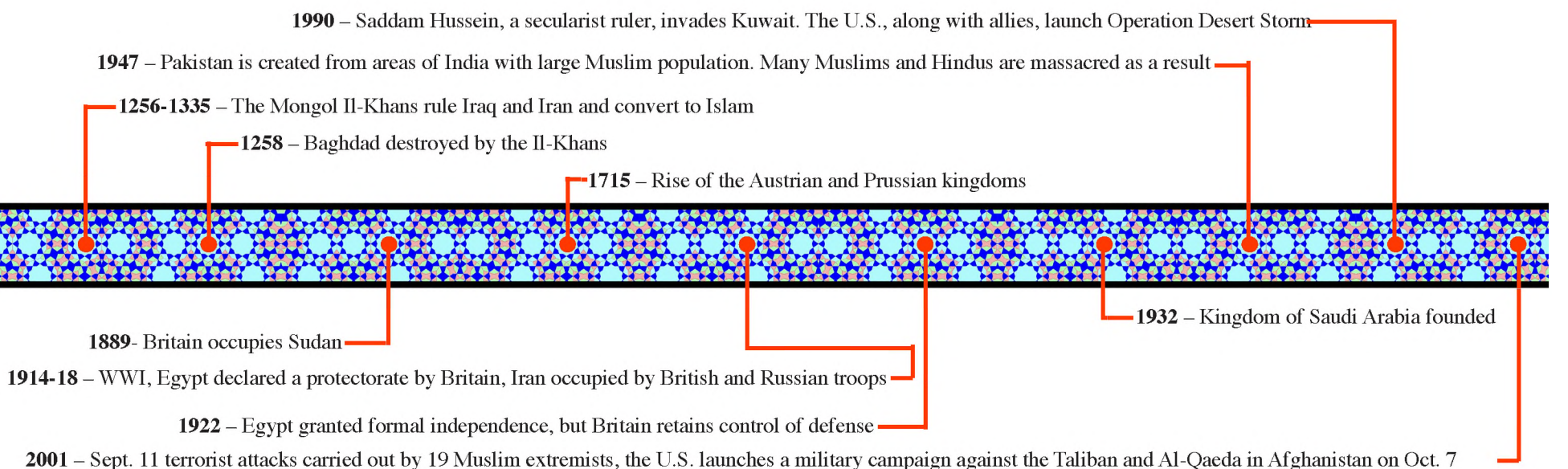
"Once we can cross the interfaith divide, it (becomes) obvious that we are all humans who aren't so different from one another," she said.

One campus organization that's helping further this dialogue is the Interfaith Club. The club means a great deal to Mowafy.

"My connection with the interfaith group is the most spiritually enriching experience for me," he said.

An inspiring example for Mowafy came to him in a book titled "The Faith Club," a series of memoirs written by three women from different religious background: Ranya Iddliby, a Muslim, Suzanne Oliver, a Christian and Priscilla Warner, a Jew. In it they learn to come to terms with their own bigotry and work to erase stereotypes. "Club" stands as an example of the importance of interfaith relations to our society.

"This world has no hope for a future if we do not have interfaith harmony and respect for each other," Mowafy said.





# Morello's 'Fabled' solo album flawed



By Brandon Bartz  
contributing writer

Tom Morello is known as one of the most inventive guitarist of our time. The successes of Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave have proven that. Last year, Morello made his solo debut with the album "One Man Revolution," under the alias The Nightwatchman. Although the album slipped under the noses of most fans of his music, he has released another folk album called "The Fabled City."

The album, like "Revolution," is an all-acoustic set with Morello and his baritone voice singing mostly about political issues disguised in analogies. The first

track, "The Fabled City," catches the listener completely off guard. As soon as Morello starts singing you'll swear its Brad Roberts, lead singer of Crash Test Dummies. The rich, low crooning from Morello is so out of place it's amazing his producer even let this album get out of the studio. To make things even worse, the writing throughout the whole album is just awful. The lyrics are incredibly sophomoric, and whatever Morello is trying to convey, it is just not happening.

The music itself is about as enjoyable as sitting around a fire listening to a friend struggle through "Santa Monica." Most of the tracks are just too campy and simple. Trying to keep an open mind about this album was hard enough until the track "The Lights Are on in Spidertown," which sounds like it was written and produced by Flogging Molly. It has the beat and tune of an Irish punk ballad and even has the "aye-da-da-aye" group singing.

The next track, "Midnight in the City of Destruction," is probably one of the worst folk-ballads ever recorded. Here you have Morello, singing about who-knows-what, repeating "la-la-la's" over

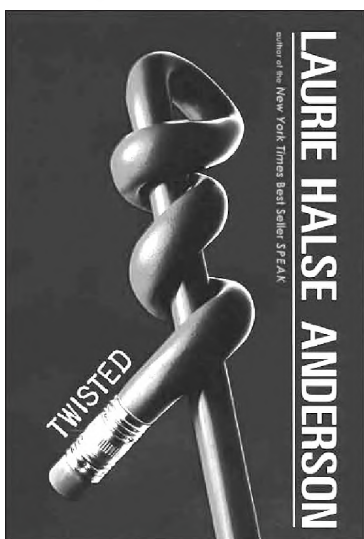
and over again. It's far from entertaining.

"Lazarus on Down" is a slow track featuring Serj Tankian from System of a Down. The tune is pretty good, with a sad emotional feel to it, especially with Serj singing some very high parts far off in the background. Not to mention the addition of the cello and a piano part plinking around. But Morello sounds as though he's sitting next to the fireplace reading "A Christmas Carol." This song would have been ten times better if Serj had sung all the vocals.

Shooter Jennings is featured on the track "The Iron Wheel." The song is more upbeat and seems like it's supposed to be inspirational more than anything, but again, the lyrics are just too chintzy: "Sometimes they'll tell you to just sit still/ When you know that it's time to run/ Sometimes they'll tell you it's all over/ When you're sure that it's just begun."

"The Fabled City" is definitely not for Rage Against the Machine fans or Audioslave fans or anyone for that matter. Leave this album on the rack. But if you already purchased it, use it as a coaster or give it to somebody you really don't like for Christmas.

# Anderson offers 'Twisted' journey



By Mary Berry  
contributing writer

Since her premiere release "Speak," author Laurie Anderson has continued her valiant attempt to address serious teen issues through her latest, "Twisted." Yet "Twisted" lacks the captivating narration found in "Speak" and presents a tamer version of her award-winning story, this time in the form of a young man.

Unpopular senior Tyler Miller is a socially unnoticed nerd.

That is, until he gains popularity through pulling off an imposing prank at his high school. However, like most common fairy-tale depictions of transformation, Tyler's newfound happiness is short-lived and comes at a crippling price. After spraying graffiti on the walls of his school, Tyler has to learn to contend with the mistrustful faculty, an abusive father at home and the unforeseen aftermath of a drunken party.

These events cause Tyler to lose his sense of identity and even force him into considering a way to end his life. Yet despite all he experiences, Tyler demonstrates a strong amount of brave determination that outshines his past mistakes.

As with her previous work, Anderson addresses complex themes regarding integrity, personal responsibility, family and the fragile permanence of identity. Generally, there are darker topics of suicide and the typical angst that fills the life of everyday high school, but the tone of the book remains very optimistic.

While Tyler's transformation is nothing less than stunning, other characters in the book are sorely lacking the necessary grandeur to

leave any lasting impression upon the reader.

Chip Milbury, brother to Tyler's secret crush Bethany, is nothing more than a standard bully with a touch of sadism. Bethany is the run-of-the-mill popular girl setting her sights on the latest jock. Other than Yoda, whose nerdy obsession with Star Wars will crack a smile on any face, the cast is sadly flat, generic and slightly cartoonish.

Flaws aside, "Twisted" remains powerful by way of Anderson's artful attention to Tyler's inspiring transformation. His stumbling advance within the story demonstrates the transition and unpredictable nature of growth. In the end, Tyler even learns to let go of the trivial burdens of high school and focus instead on some of the more important things in life, such as the gift of friendship and the security of a family, no matter how warped it may appear to be.

If there is a person questioning the fragility of existence and how to find a place in the world, "Twisted" is worthy of providing some small comfort. A dark comedy filled with gripping scenes and a rousing ending, this fast-paced book will be hard to put down and leave you wanting more.

## RADIO X

WUPX 91.5 FM THE PULSE OF THE U.P.

### WEEKLY MARQUETTE MUSIC SCENE

<b>thursday:</b>	Northland Pub: Billy Alberts, 9 p.m. UpFront & Co: Down Lo, 10 p.m. Vango's: Jim & Ray, 9:30 p.m.
<b>friday:</b>	Longshot Saloon: Hollow, 10 p.m. Matrixx—Skyboxx: Doubting Thomas, 10:30 p.m. UpFront & Co: Mighty Short Bus, 10 p.m.
<b>saturday:</b>	Matrixx—Skyboxx: Doubting Thomas, 10:30 p.m. Upfront & Co: Mighty Short Bus, 10 p.m.
<b>sunday:</b>	No events today.
<b>monday:</b>	Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery: Fast Eddie's Blues Band, 6 p.m.
<b>tuesday:</b>	Harley's Lounge: Michael Waite, 9 p.m. UpFront & Co: Grass Monkey, 10 p.m.
<b>wednesday:</b>	Matrixx—Skyboxx: Wisecrack, 10:30 p.m. UpFront & Co: Daphne Willis and Company, 10 p.m.

for more information visit [www.wupx.com](http://www.wupx.com)



### Radio X's top weekly album plays:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. ALL THE SAINTS<br>"Fire on Corridor X"             | 6. BEN FOLDS<br>"Wat to Normal"          |
| 2. SOUNDTRACK<br>"Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" | 7. JONEZETTA<br>"Cruel to be Young"      |
| 3. KINGS OF LEON<br>"Only by the Night"               | 8. COLD WAR KIDS<br>"Loyalty to Loyalty" |
| 4. TEN KENS<br>"Ten Kens"                             | 9. DEERHOOF<br>"Offend Maggie"           |
| 5. THE CLASH<br>"The Clash at Shea Stadium"           | 10. DARK ROMANTICS<br>"Heartbreaker"     |



### Week's top box office films:

- |                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Beverly Hills Chihuahua            | \$17.5M |
| 2. Quarantine                         | \$14.2M |
| 3. Body of Lies                       | \$12.9M |
| 4. Eagle Eye                          | \$10.9M |
| 5. Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist | \$6.42M |

source: [imdb.com](http://imdb.com)



# NEED MONEY? SAVE A LIFE.

Donating plasma at BioLife Plasma Services can save a life and pay you back.

Receive up to \$240 per month, and for a limited time, bring the Bonus Coupon to your first donation for an extra \$10.



**SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION TODAY AT  
906.226.9080**

Biolife Plasma Services

175 Hawley Street, Marquette, MI  
www.biolifeplasma.com

## \$10

### BONUS COUPON FOR NEW DONORS ONLY

Bring this coupon with you to your first plasma donation and receive an extra \$10 bonus.

\* This coupon cannot be combined with any other BioLife offer.  
paycode: 40022



FRANCISCAN  
SISTERS  
*of Christian Charity*



## { CALLED TO BE }

The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Catholic women religious in service to the world. Our ministries include education, health care and community/parish services in a diversity of rewarding environments.

*Check out our retreat for young single Catholic Women.*

Call Sr. Julie Ann Sheahan, OSF at 920-682-7728.

Or visit [www.fsc-calledtobe.org](http://www.fsc-calledtobe.org)

*The world needs you. God calls you.  
We invite you.*





Platform Personalities presents...

# MICHAEL USLAN

From Fan to Filmmaker:  
The Journey to Bring Batman  
to the Silver Screen

MONDAY,  
OCTOBER

20

7PM

JXJ102

FREE FOR  
NMU  
STUDENTS  
\$2 FOR  
GENERAL  
PUBLIC





# NMU runners win in lone home meet

By **Gordon Beedle**  
 assistant sports editor

NMU won its lone home cross country meet for the year on Friday at the U.P. Championships with a total of 31 points. Michigan Tech was second with 38, and Lake State finished third with 70.

Head coach Jenny Ryan said she was impressed with her team's composure throughout the race.

"They ran a smart race. We've been working on pacing a little bit, and they all were smart about how fast they went out," she said. "If you looked at the first half of the race, Tech was beating us, and by the end of the race we beat Tech by a lot."

## Freshman seminar

The first to cross the finish line in the race was Katie Scott from LSSU with a time of 19:32. For the 'Cats, the top point-earners were all freshmen, with Nora Kiilunen in fourth (20:32.6) and teammate Rebecca Holmquist in fifth (20:33.8). Fellow classmates Stephanie Enderby and Erin McCulloch earned eighth (20:46.3) and ninth (20:46.6) respectively.

Ryan said this year's freshmen have been a valued asset to the team, not only for the present, but for the future of the program.

"Well, [they've been] actually pretty surprising, I think. Those four that I recruited, I thought they would be at our number five, six, seven and eight spots," she said. "They came in, and this race, they were one, two, three and four."

This season, NMU added 11 freshmen to its 29-member roster.

McCulloch, a freshman from Kansas City, Mo., said she came to Northern because of the coaches and the change of scenery.

"When you're running the same runs for four years (in high school), it's the same atmosphere, and you're living in the same place and sometimes you're going to keep doing the same thing for the next four years," McCulloch said. "So it felt like I had to go somewhere different."

Holmquist, a fellow freshman, said NMU was the perfect fit for her.

"I really like the area," Holmquist, a Trustin, Mich. native, said. "I was looking at schools like Eastern (Michigan) and nothing can compare to Marquette."

When recruiting new freshmen, Ryan said she looks for runners who not only have solid times but like the location of Northern and aren't intimidated by the weather.

"We have snow here — surprisingly — so they've got to be kind of tough in a way," she said. "And you can tell that these ones do have that toughness."

For freshman runners at NMU, the weather isn't the only obstacle they have to overcome. They also have to fit in with Coach Ryan's system.

"It seemed like the training that they do was really comparable to what I did in high school, and so the transition wouldn't be too difficult," McCulloch said. "I've

never had to run on trails before. I've always had to run on pavement. (Running on trails) keeps it interesting. I don't get bored at practice because I don't have to run the same thing every day."

Another hurdle for the freshmen is making new friends and teammates, but this hurdle seemed the easiest to overcome.

"The great thing about this team is everybody has been really welcoming and nobody makes you feel like you're a freshman," McCulloch said. "Everyone mixes really well and they're a lot of fun to be around."

Despite the many transitions these freshmen have overcome, Holmquist said she still has difficulty juggling athletics and academics.

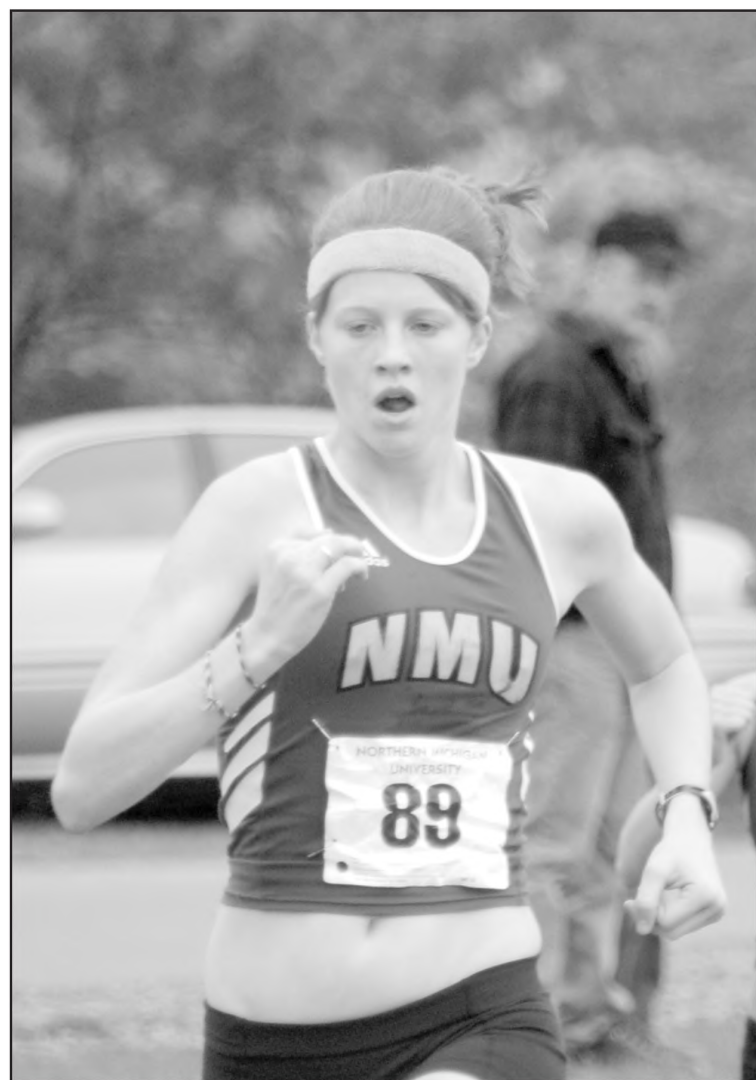
"It is so hard to get to sleep at night, and no one in the dorms wants to go to bed at 8 (p.m.)," she said. "You have to force yourself, and you just have to say no sometimes."

## A fresh future

These cross country freshmen are the new faces for the team and with them come many goals.

"Me, personally, I just wanted to come to a school where I'll build a base and get stronger and faster," McCulloch said. "I know that the coaches train us smart and they trained a lot of really high-caliber athletes. So I knew, coming here, that I'm going to be able to further my running career, maybe even after college."

Ryan said she also has high



Jeff Kitson/NW

Erin McCulloch (above) is one of 11 freshmen on this year's squad.

hopes for this freshman class.

"I see this being a top GLIAC team for sure in the future, and a team that is going to make it to Nationals and actually be competitive," she said.

For this season though, the team is still young and looking to improve race by race.

"I think we just have to keep doing what we're doing. Everybody seems to be on the same page. We're all racing about the same (pace), and no one has had that breakout race yet," McCulloch said.

"I think we've trained in a way

where we are going to peak, and that is really the most important time to race your best."

The next meet for the 'Cats is the GLIAC championships held Oct. 25 at Lake Superior State. Ryan said, if all the pieces fall together, then they should have some of their best times there, and at Regionals on Nov. 8.

"I predict that they're going to have better races than they even had all season," she said.

"I think we all could have some really good results if everybody runs to their potential, which I think they can."

# Volleyball wins its fifth-straight

By **Gordon Beedle**  
 assistant sports editor

## Topping the charts

After defeating GLIAC South foes Northwood on Friday and Wayne State on Saturday, the NMU volleyball team extended its win streak to five games.

With the wins, NMU sits in third place of the GLIAC North at 8-3 in conference and 13-7 overall.

Instead of giving credit to the team's play on court, NMU head coach Dominic Yoder credits the winning streak to the team's hard work outside of matches.

"The players really had a great week in practice, and we tried some new things and they really liked them," he said. "We're trying to make practice different, maybe a little more intense, and a little more invigorating, and I think we took that into the weekend and competed."

Friday, the 'Cats dropped the Northwood Timberwolves in three straight games (25-21, 31-29, 25-17). Saturday they continued their winning ways against the Warriors of Wayne State, finishing up 3-0 (25-16, 25-17, 25-20).

"They were not easy wins for us and we had to compete for every point," Yoder said. "I think our consistency in our serve reception and our defense was outstanding, and our offense was clicking. So, I think, with all those things put together, it makes for a potent team to play against."

The matches were solid statistically for the upperclassmen, as junior Daniela Bezerra was second on the team in kills with a two-day total of 26. Leading the way in kills was senior captain Caryn VanBeckum with 30.

VanBeckum's performance over the weekend earned her GLIAC North player of the week honors. She has 175 kills for the season and averages 3.18 kills a game. She also leads the league in points per game, with 4.18. "Caryn is our number one attacker and really played that way this weekend," Yoder said.

Not to be outdone, freshman setter Madeline Ogden led the team in assists both days with 78. She now ranks as the top setter in the GLIAC North. In her 57 games, Ogden has recorded 600 assists for an average of 10.53 per



VanBeckum

game.

"You never expect a freshman to come in and be a starter, but I think she has earned her position," Yoder said. "[Her play] is a credit to our passing as well as our attackers, but she has really come a long way since those first couple weekends."

## Crossing regional paths

This Friday, the 'Cats will travel to Indianapolis to compete in three matches of the GLIAC and Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) crossover tournament.

The GLIAC and GLVC combined for 25 teams and the top eight will receive a bid to the national tournament. The NCAA volleyball tournament grants 64 teams entry, with eight coming from each region.

"This is going to determine the rest of our season," Yoder said.

"Based on how we play will really make it easier for the regional ranking committee to decide where we stand."

NMU will square off against Northern Kentucky (11-1 GLVC, 21-3 overall) on Friday. Later in the day, the Wildcats will try to stop the host team, the University of Indianapolis (9-3 GLVC, 20-5).

On Saturday, to end the tournament, the 'Cats will face Southern Indiana (5-6 GLVC, 11-10).

NMU has only faced Indianapolis once this season and lost 2-3. Yoder said not playing these teams beforehand will make training this week difficult, but added the unfamiliarity is no excuse.

"We'll look at stats, and we'll look at video and we'll prepare for them that way," he said. "We would like to go in and sweep, but we hope to win at least 2 out of 3 matches."





Jeff Kitson/NW

# Game on

*No. 19 Northern Michigan splits two games at home and now faces the No. 2 team in the nation, the Michigan Wolverines*

**By Curt Kemp**  
sports editor

In the first two games of the Wildcat hockey regular season, the 'Cats came away with a split: one big win, 5-2, against their rival Michigan Tech on Friday, and one big loss, 5-0, to the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday.

This weekend, after the emotional win Friday night and the mental breakdowns of Saturday, the Wildcats go up against the No. 2 team in the USCHO.com/CBS College Sports XXL poll, the University of Michigan Wolverines.

## "Hail to the Victors"

"We're playing, arguably, the most talented team that we will play all season long," head coach Walt Kyle said. "And we had better bring our 'A' game if we want to win these games. We've got to show up, and we've got to compete, and we've got to take care of the puck and (starting goaltender Brian) Stewart's going to have to be good — all those things are going to have to come together, or we're not going to have success."

This Friday's game will be the first between the two teams since Michigan defeated Northern at the CCHA Championships last year in Detroit 6-4. Northern failed to defeat the Wolverines last year, losing twice at home, and tying twice in Ann Arbor in addition to the loss at Joe Louis Arena.

At the Joe, Northern battled back and tied the heavily-favored Wolverines 4-4 with eight minutes left in the third period, only to drop two goals — one an empty-netter — en route to the loss that knocked NMU out of NCAA tournament contention.

That CCHA semifinal loss was difficult for the Wildcats to stomach, with the Wolverines picking up goals off of skates and off NMU players, and the final score is something the returning 'Cats haven't forgotten.

"A lot of people know that score actually," junior defenseman TJ Miller said. "Just around campus, everybody's talking about that game already. It was a

tough loss for us, just because we had so many goals go off of us, and it's a tough way to end your year.

"We are looking for a little bit of payback; they ended our season twice in a row now," he said. "We've just got to stay focused."

Added junior defenseman Al Dorich: "It was a game we felt we could win. When you're that close, you want to be able to put it away. There's a little bit of a grudge match there."

Michigan (2-0-0) comes into the Berry having lost three defensemen to injury in the last week. Included in the Michigan losses are junior Steve Kampfner, who led the team with a +6 plus/minus rating before being hospitalized in an off-ice incident Saturday night, and senior captain Mark Mitera, who suffered a severe knee injury in Michigan's Friday night win against St. Lawrence.

Against NMU, the Wolverines will be starting only one defenseman with more than a season of experience.

Kyle said, regardless of injury, the Wolverines will have a talented team on the ice this weekend.

"They can lose guys early and they just fill someone else in," Kyle said. "You're always going to be playing against high-end, very, very talented players."

"You have to respect that — you don't have to be afraid of that, but you have to respect it. Where you maybe play some teams and they can't hurt you if you give them an odd man rush, Michigan will hurt you if you give them an odd man rush. It doesn't take many plays to take yourself out of the game when you play against them."

The Wolverines will reportedly be splitting time in goal over the weekend, with starts split between CCHA preseason all-conference second team member, senior Billy Sauer, and sophomore Bryan Hogan. Sauer brings in a .903 save percentage and Hogan sports a .833 percentage.

For NMU, it'll be junior goaltender Brian Stewart between the pipes. Stewart is coming off a tough opening weekend, where he allowed seven goals in two games. His current save percent-

age is .883, having turned away 53 of the 60 shots he's faced.

Last year, the Wildcats started the same way as the current season, winning their first game and dropping their next. Last year, after winning the season opener, the Wildcats went on to drop their next eight games.

"We don't want things to continue like last year, because it's the same setup as it was going into Michigan last year," Stewart said. "But, we know what to expect from Michigan. It's going to be a battle. They're going to be one of the fastest teams and one of the best teams we play all year."

## Special teams needs

If the Wildcats want to come out of the weekend successful, they will have to address their concerns on special teams. On Saturday against UM-D, The 'Cats gave up two power play goals in the third period, while NMU went 0-7 on power play opportunities.

NMU's head coach said the team needs to rectify the problems they had during that game before they hit the ice against Michigan.

"I thought that we just tried to force things that weren't there (on Saturday)," Kyle said. "When you're on the power play, you take what they give you, and we didn't. And when the power play starts, you've got to take your

game up. You've got a chance to score there and you've got to take your game up, and we did not."

Senior forward Nick Sirota,

**We are looking for a little bit of payback; they ended our season twice in a row now.**

— TJ Miller  
junior assistant captain

the team's second-leading returner in goals and honorable mention nominee for CCHA preseason all-conference, said that during the third period against UM-D, the team was anxious to score, and that led to mistakes.

"We didn't look for the passes that we should have looked for, and I think we got a little impatient," he said. "Just because the score was 2-0, the guys on the ice, the guys on the power play — which was me, (sophomore forward) Mark (Olver), [sophomore forward Jared Brown] and [sophomore defenseman Erik Gustafsson] — we kind of got a little impatient, and we kind of forced passes."

"But I think we learned something from that game," he added. "And I think we have a lot to prove against Michigan this weekend."

Neither Sirota nor CCHA preseason all-conference second team honoree Olver have a point

yet this season.

"I think it would be key for one of us to get going," Sirota said. "I think once me and [Olver] get firing on all cylinders, and all four of our lines are playing our systems well and everyone's playing well, I think we have a better shot than anybody to win."

Still early in the season, the freshmen on Northern's team are in the process of learning the team systems. Junior forward Billy Smith said the Wildcats can beat Michigan, but that it's going to be important to play within Walt Kyle's systems in order to do so.

"We're going to have to execute our systems and play within ourselves, and not try to basically go out and have guys trying to go one-on-one," Smith said. "A skilled offense and defense like that, it's just not going to work against a team like Michigan."

Team captain and senior forward Tim Hartung said that though the score of last year's game sticks with him, both universities will have different teams on the Berry Events Center ice, and the Wildcats will have to be prepared.

"Whenever you play Michigan, if you can't get up for that game, you shouldn't be playing," Hartung said. "They're always the best, and you've got to be at the top of your game no matter what, or they'll embarrass you."



Jeff Kitson/NW

NMU's Jared Brown (above) scores the second goal of Saturday's 5-2 win. Brown added two assists as well.



# Soccer drops two

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team lost two games on the road to No. 1 Grand Valley State University on Friday 2-0 and Ferris State University on Sunday 3-0.

"It was a tough weekend," senior midfielder Brittney Buchanan said. "We needed a win and we did everything we could to get it but finish. We controlled the game, but found ourselves off the scoreboard again."

That lack of scoring has been the biggest problem for the Wildcats this year. NMU has been held scoreless in seven games thus far, including all of the last three games. Currently, the 'Cats rank second to last in the conference for goals scored, averaging only one goal per contest.

"It's frustrating because we have the opportunities, it's just that we need to capitalize on those shots to be successful," senior defender Meghan Sarna said.

On Friday, the top-ranked Lakers controlled the opening half, scoring first on a chip shot by Katy Tafler at 1:20 and again

at 30:27 by Ashley Elsass. GVSU outshot NMU 8-1 during that time.

"There is something about playing GVSU that gets every team super excited and intimidated," Sarna said. "Maybe because they have three All-American forwards or because they are six feet tall. They only let us know about those facts for the first half when they scored. The second half, we pulled our team together and played the way we usually do."

The 'Cats held off the Lakers in the second half, allowing only five shots and no goals. The NMU defense also held strong, providing solid plays on three GVSU corner kicks in the second half.

On Sunday, situations did not get better for Northern, as NMU allowed three goals in the second half against the Ferris State Bulldogs. The first goal, by midfielder Maegan Smith, came just two minutes into the second half. Smith scored again at 51:08 off of a failed deflection by NMU goalie Kara Music. The third goal was scored by midfielder Nicole Vick, with the ball sailing just out of reach of Music at 74:33.

"Once again, we couldn't fin-

ish our chances," said freshman forward Kari Buckel, who leads the team in goals with seven. "Their goals were lucky; none of them came off a decent shot."

NMU outshot the Bulldogs 18-14, the 12th time this season the Wildcats put up more shots than their opponents. The Wildcats are now 7-8 overall, and tied for 6th out of 8 teams in the GLIAC with a 3-6 conference record.

This Friday and Sunday will be the final home games for the Wildcats, against Saginaw Valley State University (5-5, 5-3 GLIAC) and Northwood University (1-10, 0-8 GLIAC). NMU beat both teams earlier this season on the road.

Sunday's Northwood game will also be Senior Day for NMU. Northern seniors, forward Casey Wilcox, midfielders Abbie Debiak, Ellen Frondorf, Buchanan and Michaela Harris and defender Sarna, will be playing their last regular season home games at NMU and are looking forward to a good game.

"It's going to be an emotional day, but hopefully we can play our best for our last game," Sarna said.



## Goin' to the Chapel



Staff  
Column

Callie  
Youngman

I was 400 miles from my job at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (PIRO), thinking I had another week of summertime freedom, when I got a phone call from my boss wondering if I could be at work the following morning. By 7 p.m., I had packed my car and was just getting on the road for the five hour drive to Munising. Arriving at midnight and believing I was at the recommended campsite, I set up my tent with icy fingers and crawled into my warm sleeping bag.

I woke up on the lawn of PIRO headquarters. Oops. Luckily I got out of there before anyone saw me. I drove up to the maintenance building and walked into my first day as a member of the backcountry trail crew for the National Park Service. A break table surrounded by crotchety men, whom I would grow to love, greeted my arrival with a tucking of shirts and straightening of hair. For the first time in years, there was a lady in the house.

Soon, the gender issue was relegated to awkwardness when I had to go to the bathroom out on the trails. Keeping up with the self-described workaholic of the maintenance division, I surprised and impressed many by doing a "man's job." We hiked upwards of 12 miles a day — with heavy packs and in any weather — working the trails and hauling wood. I escaped the testosterone overflow by staying out on the trails with groups of volunteers.

I hiked nearly every mile — usually more than once — in the 100-plus mile trail system but my favorite was Chapel Beach. Usually a 30-minute drive up H-58 from Munising, I rode the Rangers' boat a number of times to deliver supplies to a volunteer group camping up on its sandy bluffs. After cruising by 265-foot sandstone cliffs, we would turn down Battleship Row (named so as the cliffs distinctly look like a series of docked ships) that frame Chapel Beach's crystalline waters and anchor where all shades of blue meet white sands.

Hiking the Chapel-Mosquito loop to check on the backcountry campsites made for good days too. Here, in addition to seeing

Chapel Beach and the mystic Chapel Rock, you can walk along the top of the most spectacular cliffs in the park. Tree species change with the mile markers and in late July, blueberries provide a tasty trail snack or topping for the morning's oatmeal. This 10-miler is easily done in a day — just pack a lunch to have atop scenic Grand Portal or Indianhead — or camping is available at both Chapel Beach and Mosquito Beach trail junctions.

A goal of the trail crew was to clean every campfire ring in the park; we saved the Beaver Basin area for last. Pulling into the Little Beaver Lake drive-in campground (about a 45-minute drive from Munising) on a hot day, we launched our canoe and paddled through the narrow waterway connecting Little Beaver to Beaver Lake. Beaver Lake is surrounded by forests with steams replenishing its shallow waters as herons patrol its beaches.

The Beaver Basin area is a gorgeous place for day-hikes. A walk from the parking lot to secluded beaches is less than two miles as you wander through a self-guided nature walk under the pines. While this will soon be a federally-designated wilderness area (meaning without motorized or mechanical vehicles or equipment), there is a certain quiet and untouched quality to the woods, lakes and creeks already established. Backcountry campgrounds can be accessed by boat or by foot with views ranging from intimate lakes to beaver-dammed creeks to the great Lake Superior. Beaver Basin has it all.

With the wintertime months come snow and a different sort of recreating at PIRO. The trails are open for snowshoeing, the waterfalls are open for ice climbing, and the extensive ski trail systems are open for cross country skiing.

As the consummate PIRO advocate, I urge you to be respectful when you visit — I want to be able to show my kids its splendor as I know it. The comments of every first-time visitor I have encountered were along the lines of "I can't believe something this beautiful is in Michigan," and/or "I can't believe more people don't come here." While I like its anonymity, it is definitely a place worth visiting during your time here at Northern and the Upper Peninsula. And if you see someone working on the trail, thank them.

## Additional Information: Sports to watch this weekend



Ad-In  
Adam  
Dompierre

*It's a great time to be alive; for the next week or two, all four major sports (lo siento, soccer) are going on simultaneously. If you find yourself lost in the whirlwind of action, here's a guide to prioritizing your time. We'll start with the least essential viewing and work our way up to the must-see event of the weekend.*

### Basketball:

The NBA is just starting its preseason and I'd be lying if I said the results of these games had any meaning at all. So what's worth watching? I give you Saturday's matchup between the Los Angeles Lakers and FC Barcelona. If the 2008 Summer Olympics didn't satisfy your appetite for Kobe Bryant making foreigners look silly on the basketball court, this exhibition against the Spanish club is probably right up your alley. On the other side of the coin, if British-streetballer Stuart Tanner embarrassing NBA star Devin Harris (YouTube it) is any indication, it might be worth betting on the Europeans to pull the upset after all. Your call, amigo.

### Football:

While NFL teams are just starting to angle for playoff position, college football's brutal version of Russian roulette enters its eighth harrowing week. Any team can play itself out of a title shot on any given Saturday; this week's clash of superpowers sees No. 11 Missouri traveling to Austin to take on top-ranked Texas. Colt McCoy, besides having the coolest name this side of Staff Sergeant Max Fightmaster, is garnering Heisman talk with passing numbers that belong in a video game. Missouri is one late score from being undefeated themselves, and with Texas coming off a big win over Oklahoma they could be due for a letdown.

**Colt McCoy, besides having the coolest name this side of Staff Sergeant Max Fightmaster, is garnering Heisman talk with passing numbers that belong in a video game.**

Let the deadly barrel spin.

### Baseball:

Newspapers being what they are, somewhere between three and five full seasons will seem to have played out between the time I write this and the time this paper prints and you read it. But as of right now, Major League Baseball's League Championship Series is still going in both the American and the National League. Assuming the Dodgers aren't out by the time this goes

to print, watch them while you can, because they're clearly on the ropes. In the AL, the Rays are playing some of their best baseball and it looks ugly for Red Sox Nation. Nothing would be more painful than losing a shot at the World Series to a team you've dominated for years except maybe watching an episode of "Entourage," but it's kind of a wash at that point. Whatever game is still on, make it a point to watch.

### Hockey:

What better way to dive into the CCHA season than by spending Friday and Saturday night in the Berry Events Center cheering on the NMU hockey team? The season is young, and Northern's 5-2 victory over Michigan Tech gives students reason to be optimistic for the long season ahead. This weekend's series against the nation's No. 2-ranked Michigan Wolverines should give the Wildcats a much better idea where they stand. There's no question Michigan is going to be favored in both games, but a last-second jersey change might be enough to give Northern the psychological edge it needs. I suggest that Northern's hockey players wear — under their pads of course — the jerseys of either Appalachian State, Toledo or really any single team on Michigan's football schedule this year.



**Today, Oct. 16**

**Event:** Student Leadership Fellowship Program will be meeting from 4-5 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Dr. Christiane Tammer will lecture on Scalarizing Functionals and Applications at 4 p.m. in room 1205 of New Science Facility.

**Event:** Michigan Service Scholars Training Session will be held from 6-10 p.m. in the Marquette

and Nicolet Room of the University Center.

**Event:** German Club will be hosting the German Conservation round table at the Upfront from 6-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

**Event:** Student Finance Committee will meet from 7-10 p.m. in

the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

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

**Film:** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (R), will be showing at 9 p.m. in JXJ, Room 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

**Fri., Oct. 17**

**Event:** Superior Edge Orientation will be held from 1-2 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

**Film:** "Documentary: Other People's Pictures" will be showing from 6-8 p.m. at Art and Design, Room 165. Free to everyone.

**Event:** "Frigg", a folk music group, will be performing in Kaufman Auditorium at 8 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 18**

**Event:** The Hiawatha Music Co-op will present singer-songwriter Ellis Paul in concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Marquette Senior High School Little Theatre. Local singer-songwriter Michael Waite will open. Tickets for Adults are \$13 in advance and \$16 at the

door. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door. Tickets are available at Marquette Food Co-op, Jim's Music, MacDonald's Music Store and the Hiawatha Music Co-op office. For more information, call 226-8575.

**Film:** "WALL-E" will be showing at 9 p.m. in JXJ, Room 102. Free for NMU students and staff. \$1 for general public.

**Sun., Oct. 19**

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

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

**Film:** "WALL-E" will be showing at 6:30 p.m. and at 9 p.m. in JXJ, Room 102. Free for NMU students and staff. \$1 for general public.

**Mon., Oct. 20**

**Event:** Alzheimer's Association will be holding a meeting at 1 p.m. for the Gwinn Caregivers Support Group at the Gwinn Club House (Forsyth Senior Center), 165 North Maple, Gwinn.

**Event:** NMU International Dancers will be meeting from 4-5:30

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

**Event:** Student Social Work/Sociology Organization will be meeting from 5-6 p.m. in Pioneer B Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Cuong NMU Martial Arts Club will be meeting from 6:45-9:30 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Michael Uslan will be holding a lecture "From Fan to Filmmaker: The Journey to Bring Batman to the Silver Screen" at 7 p.m. in JXJ, Room 102. Free to NMU students, \$2 for non-students.

**Event:** ASNMU will be meeting from 8-11 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

**Tues., Oct. 21**

**Skill Builder:** "Coaching Others To Be A Catalyst- Leadership theory in action" will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Sociology/Social Work department will be holding a meeting about Graduate Student Information from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Marquette/Nicolet Room of the University Center.

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

**Wed., Oct. 22**

**Event:** "The Economic and Financial Crisis of 2008" lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ, Room 104.

**Event:** Presentation by Imam Qazwini will be at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall.

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

**Event:** "Leadership for the 21st Century" lecture by Will Keim will be at 8 p.m. in JXJ, Room 102. Free to everyone.

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

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

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

**YOU are about CHANGE!**  
**Start Losing Weight Today!**

Weight Watchers works because it's not a diet. You'll learn how to eat right and live healthy so you can lose the weight and keep it off. Our approach to weight loss is proven, healthy and designed to work with all lifestyles - even yours! So what are you waiting for?

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE -- EXCEPT THE WEIGHT!

**SPECIAL STUDENT RATE**

**BEST DEAL!**  
 8 Weeks for **\$80** With valid Student I.D.

**JOIN NOW!**  
**FREE REGISTRATION** when you pay weekly

**WeightWatchers**  
 888-3-FLORINE | 888-3-florine.com

©2008 Weight Watchers International, Inc., owner of the WEIGHT WATCHERS registered trademark. All rights reserved.

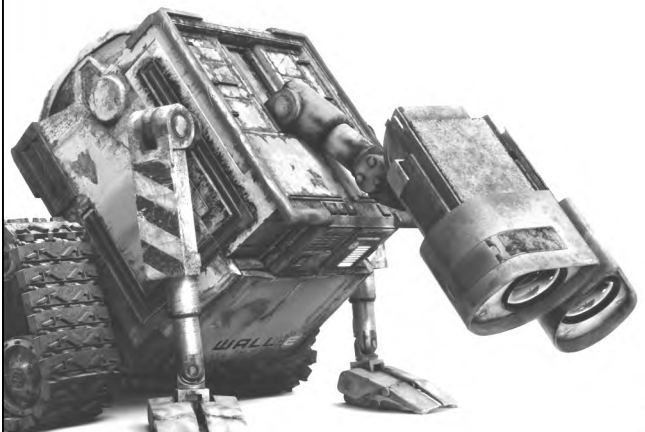
**Campus Cinema**

**Saturday, October 18 9pm**  
**Sunday, October 19 6:30pm & 9pm**

**JXJ 102**

**Free to NMU Students**  
**\$1 General Public**

**WALL-E**



**YOU NEED NEW GEAR... SO WHY NOT SAVE 20% ON THE BRAND NEW STUFF?**

FOR NMU STUDENTS WITH I.D. ONLY, CASUALTIES OPENS ITS DOORS AFTER HOURS FOR A ONE NIGHT ONLY EVENT THAT GETS YOU THE BIGGEST SAVINGS OF THE YEAR! SAVE 20% ON A NEW JACKET, PANT, SNOWBOARD, BINDINGS, BOOTS, GOGGLES, EVEN GLOVES!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 6 P.M.**  
 LAYAWAY AVAILABLE! STOP IN TODAY TO GRAB YOUR SIZE AND COLOR BEFORE THE CROWD!

**CASUALTIES SKATE, SNOW & SURF**  
 906.226.8484 - 503 N. THIRD ST IN MQT





**Classified Ad Rates**

**Off-Campus Rate**

First 20 Words \$5.00  
Each additional word \$0.10

**On-Campus Rate**

First 20 Words \$2.00  
Each additional word \$0.10

**Additional Options**

Boldface \$1.00  
Boxed in \$2.00  
Heading \$2.00

**For Sale**

Native American Music Tapes by five famous artists, also tapes of Andy's flute music. \$3 per tape. Call 225-9936.

ART SUPPLIES. Aging artist, selling most of my supplies, from books to canvases and EVERYTHING in between. Call 225-9936 for more information.

**Help Wanted**

Church Pianist needed for 10:30 a.m. Sunday services and possible extra times. Call 226-2014, leave message or e-mail fbc-mqt@sbsglobal.net.

**Shout Outs**

**Stark** — I can't dance, but I can snap until the cows come home. Thanks for always sitting on the couch with me. Now go get vaccinated and stop arguing with everyone. — **Abent**

**Youtubers** — Thanks for watching my movies! — **The Assassin Sessions**

**Assassin Sessions** — Anytime — **NW Staff**

**Mom** — Thanks for the apron. I can't wait to see you this weekend. And I promise to clean my house before you get here. — **Claire**

**Dear Roomie** — We no longer know what color the carpet in your room is...but the awkward cats like to curl up in it. — **510 N. Front St.**

**510** — Now that we have matching scarves, we're going to have to take a Christmas card picture together. — **Constantly Missing Roommate**

**Daan** — Nice to have you home. — **2214**

**Liam** — I hope you're enjoying Missouri. Can't wait 'til you visit the store again and put your mouth on the shopping carts. — **Shane**

**Mates of State** — Thanks for taking time out of your hectic schedule to chat with me. You not only got some press, but you made me a fan. — **Shane**

**Nightwatchman** — You deserve better than that. — **Anonymous**

**Roy Williams** — It's been fun. Wait, the Lions lost like 90% of the games you played in. So, although you were fun to watch... maybe it's for the best. — **Shane**

**LRK** — Thanks for putting with me for the past two weeks. I owe you one. — **JDS**

**Mowafy, Dreisbach and Kendall** — A million thanks for all your help on this story. It made my life 10 times easier. — **Josh**

**Diet Coke** — I don't know where you went, but it breaks my heart. — **Needs Caffeine**

**Clarr** — Because you are now 21, I expect you to start driving me to my weekly AARP meetings. Kthnxby. — **Ex-Roomie**

**Kevin** — You're gonna look funny without blonde hair! — **Jaci**

**Sharon** — Thanks for the facebook pic. — **Stalker**

**Girlfriend** — Your turn to take me out! — **Other girlfriend**

**Boy** — Thanks for making me so happy — **Girl**

**Tiger Lily** — I miss you — **Cat-woman**

**Katelin** — Happy Birthday! I'm sure that this weekend will be tons of fun, even if you do have class Friday. — **Carson**

**Curt** — Thanks for writing a column. — **Claire**

**Jane** — I'm going to stop slacking off in 318 very soon. Promise. — **Claire**

**Abent** — Do you know what I think about your inability to dance? It's always the same, it's just a shame. That's all. — **Stark**

**Ma & Pa** — One more week and then my smiling face will be at your door. Who's excited? — **Your daughter**

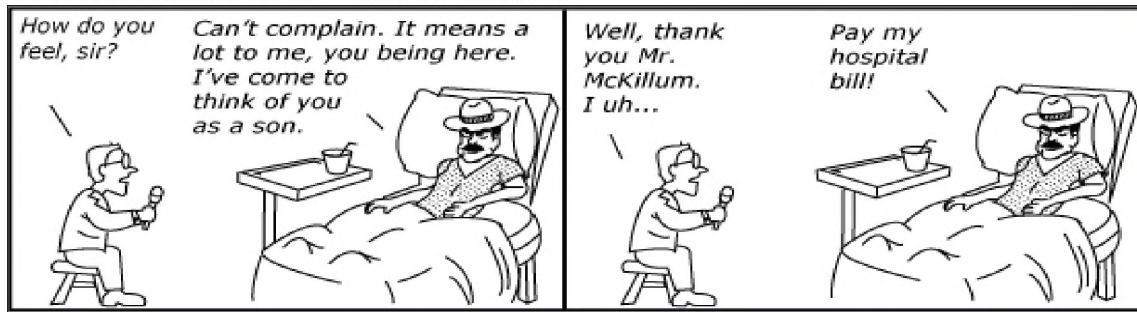
**Snyder** — You should join a debate club and get rid of that need to argue you have. — **Stark**

**M&M pants** — Let's really go hiking this weekend. And then get hammered after. Just kidding. — **Not hungover**

**Roommates** — We should clean the house and play loud music. Seriously. — **NW worker**

- Inspirations
- Pile of Carp
- Plumber Joe
- Naming kids after candidates
- AD vs. CE
- Red Sox Futility
- Parents before their time

**ASSASSIN SESSIONS** — Andrew McCanna



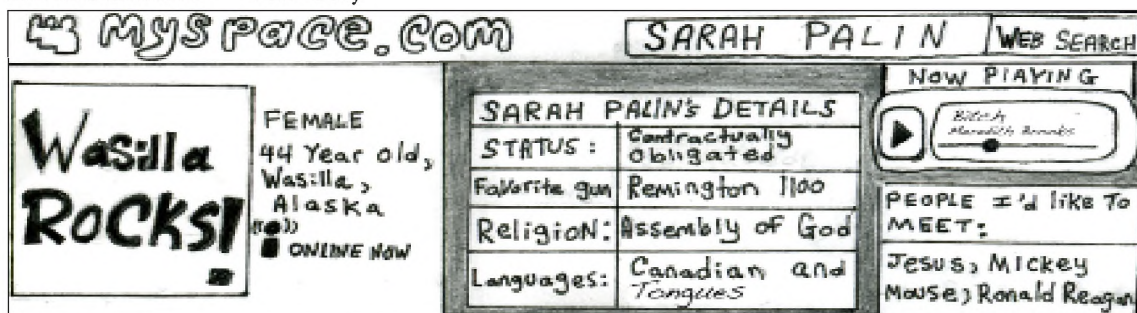
**MOTHBALLS** — Jeff Kitson



**MUFFINTOPS** — NW Staff



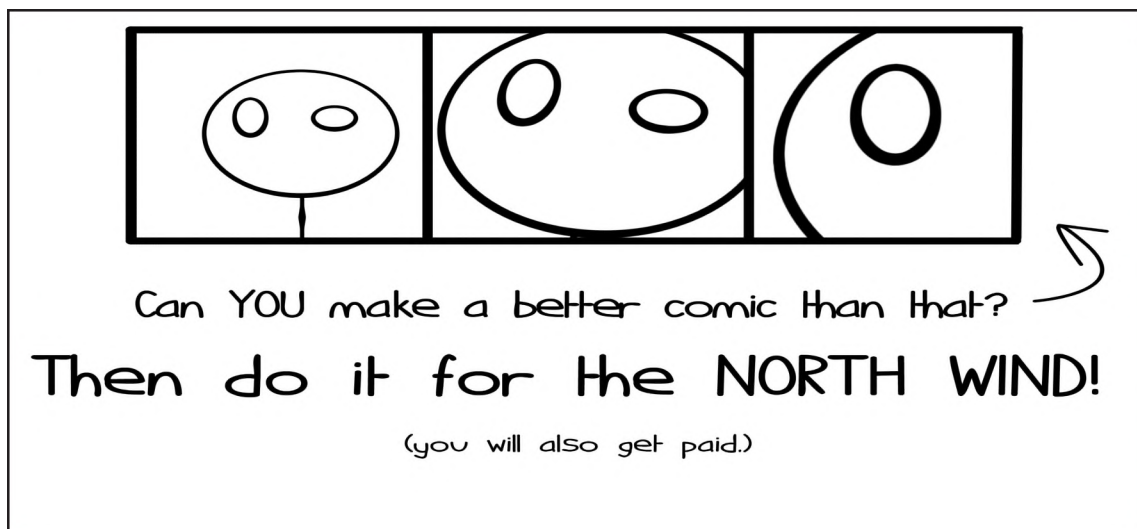
**DEMOCRACY** — Tom Cory



**ODDS AND ENDS** — Geoffrey Riutta



**DOLL HOUSE** — Rachel Vogt





# THREE \$1,000 Scholarships

for the 2009 Winter Semester will be awarded to active **Superior Edge** participants!

Applications available now.

**Due on Monday, November 3, by 5 p.m.**  
in 1206 University Center.

Applications can be picked up in 1206 UC  
or found on [www.nmu.edu/superiorede](http://www.nmu.edu/superiorede).

**Scholarships funded by TCF Bank.**



*Superior Edge*