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## Imam speaks on issues of Islamic faith

By Lucy Hough

assistant news editor

Northern took time to learn about the role of Islam in America and the misconceptions that American Muslims face throughout the nation from a prominent Muslim leader last night.

Imam Sayid Hassan al-Qazwini addressed a large group of people as his brothers and sisters, students and community members alike, at the Reynolds Recital Hall on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. The audience filled the recital hall to standing room capacity.

Qazwini is a Muslim religious leader who often

speaks to inter-faith communities. He spoke to Northern of the importance to embrace all communities of thought and that it is important to understand that the media is portraying Islam as a violent religion when in reality it is not.

President Les Wong said that students and faculty have begun to speak about the misinterpretation of Islam throughout campus.

"We don't do nearly enough to help people understand Islam, particularly the much bigger mystery of Islam in America," said Wong.

Qazwini founded the largest mosque in the United States which is located in Dearborn, Mich. He was born in Iraq though was forced to flee under Saddam Hussein's dictatorship at age seven. He studied to become an Imam in Iran, afterwards coming to the United States where he found a great amount of religious freedom.



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—Les Wong  
NMU President

"I had to search for peace around the world ... and I found peace here in America," said Qazwini.

Unfortunately, he told the audience, Islam is the most misunderstood religion in America though there are six to eight million Muslims who live here. These misunderstandings are due to a lack of knowledge and an adherence to a stereotype that is false, he said.

Wong also said that this is more reason to bring Qazwini to campus. Wong acknowledged that Northern does not represent Islam largely on campus, though there are Muslims on campus and in the community.

"It would be like being a Christian, third or fourth largest religion on the planet, and your country doesn't talk about you. It just doesn't make sense," he said.

In his speech, Qazwini compared Islam to two other prominent religions in America, Judaism and

Christianity. Islam, like Christianity and Judaism, is a monotheistic religion. He informed the audience that Muslims worship the same God as Christians and Jews but simply call him by a different name — it is a matter of the language one uses to determine what that God is called.

"Your God is no different than mine," Qazwini said.

He said that three parties are to blame for the misconceptions of Islam: Islam extremists, the American media, and Muslims themselves. These three groups have not taken enough action to prove

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Eric Hampton/NW

Imam Sayid Hassan al-Qazwini speaks in the Reynolds Recital Hall on Wednesday. A standing room-only crowd listened to the leader of the Islamic Center of America speak on Islamic culture and values. Qazwini spent two days speaking at various locations around Marquette.

## ASNMU program to provide free Green Books to students

By Kyle Whitney

editor in chief

Students in need of a Green Book for their next exam need look no further than their student government office.

Green Books are used in some classes to record written exam answers. The books come in two sizes and can be purchased in the NMU Bookstore for 29 and 39 cents, but last week, the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) began offering free Green Books to students.

Mary Raymond, ASNMU chair of Academic Affairs and program sponsor, said the idea for the service came from other universities in the state, including Michigan, Michigan State and Eastern Michigan.

"Their student governments offer the program," she said.

"So that's where we got the idea. About three weeks ago, I was thinking 'Why don't we give away free Green Books?'"

Raymond said ASNMU budgeted \$150 to begin the program and initially purchased 500 books directly from the bookstore. More books will be purchased as they are needed.

"We went through the NMU Bookstore and asked them how many they sell a year," Raymond said. "They sell over 4,000 total. Then it was basically working with other members to make sure people thought this was a useful project, since ASNMU is sponsoring it and we're paying for all of the Green Books."

NMU Bookstore Manager Michael Kuzak said he had no previous knowledge that ASNMU was starting the program, but added that it was a good idea. Green Books will still be available for purchase in

the bookstore for students that aren't able, for whatever reason, to make it into the ASNMU office.

"If I were to make that decision, based on the information that I have, I would still offer them for sale," Kuzak said. "I don't see any reason we'd pull them off shelves just because someone else is giving them away."

Raymond added that not only will students get the books for free, but now they may have more exposure to their student government.

"The point of the program is so that students can just run into our office and run out and they don't have to worry about waiting in line at the bookstore," she said. "Also, they can get into the ASNMU office, because maybe students don't know that we're here and can do things for them."

## Wi-Fi network to be extended in 2009

By Jaci Bjorne

assistant news editor

A broadband Internet service license recently granted to NMU by the Federal Communications Commission could forever change the way that off-campus students, faculty and staff connect to the Internet.

This Educational Broadband Service (EBS) license will provide NMU with frequencies to extend wireless computing across a 30-mile radius from campus. This will provide members of the NMU community with an Internet connection anywhere in Marquette County according to Eric Smith, director of broadcast and AV services.

This new internet connection, known as WiMAX, is similar to Wi-Fi in that it provides wireless internet access to laptop computers. Unlike Wi-Fi, which can only

reach a half mile, WiMAX signals are reliable for up to 30 miles. WiMAX is not only more reliable than Wi-Fi, but it is also much faster allowing users to download files at a faster rate.

"Strategically placed transmitters will provide uniform coverage throughout the areas we choose to serve," Smith said.

With a project as big as this, there is a lot of planning and engineering required before installation is complete, and NMU is taking every precaution necessary to ensure that it is a success, he said.

"It's NMU's hope to have initial WiMAX service up and running for the Fall, 2009 semester throughout the city of Marquette and Harvey," he said.

Smith explained that NMU's past attempts at providing wireless to off-campus students were

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# BRIEFS

## French trivia contest at NMU

In keeping with Northern Michigan University's focus on internationalization, students in a French literature class are launching a trivia contest that is open to the campus and local communities. Prizes will be awarded to four individuals—two whose questions are selected from all submissions and two who are selected at random from among those who answer the questions correctly. Contestants are asked to submit a trivia question related to the history or culture of France or French-speaking regions and peoples to NMU professor Tara Foster at [tafoster@nmu.edu](mailto:tafoster@nmu.edu) by Sunday, Nov. 2. The answer to the question should be included in the e-mail. The first question selected will be posted on the department of modern languages and literatures Web site at [www.nmu.edu/languages](http://www.nmu.edu/languages) on Monday, Nov. 3, with answers requested by Sunday, Nov. 16. A contestant is not eligible to win for answering his or her own question but may answer the other question. The second question will be posted on the Web site on Monday, Nov. 17, with answers requested by Thursday, Dec. 4. Winners will be selected at random, announced on the department's Web site and notified by e-mail so that they can make arrangements to pick up their prizes. For more information, e-mail Foster.

— NMU News Bureau

## NMU string orchestra performs

The Northern Michigan University String Orchestra, under the direction of Barbara Rhyneer, will perform a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, in Reynolds Recital Hall. The public is invited. The concert is titled "Gateway" and will include the following selections: "Violin Concerto in B Flat Major" by George Frederic Handel, featuring violin soloist Deborah Carlson; "Serenade for Strings" by Peter Tchaikovsky; and "Irish Legend" by Robert Kerr, an "air and jig" from the Celtic tradition revolving around imagery of a traveler visiting an ancient ruin, where he is transported to another time and place—a place of battle and chivalry. For more information, contact the NMU music department at 227-2563.

— NMU News Bureau

## Spanish students stage political drama

Northern Michigan University students will perform a dramatic reading of "El Gesticulador" (The Imposter), a political drama by Mexican playwright Rodolfo Usigli, as the final project in their Spanish theater performance class. The single showing is scheduled at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Jamrich 102. Admission is free. The play will be performed in Spanish, but aids for English-only speakers will be provided. The script was adapted by Timothy Compton, head of the department of modern languages and literatures at NMU. The 14 students enrolled in the managed all aspects of the production under Compton's guidance. "El Gesticulador" is regarded by many literary historians to be the first important work of modern Mexican drama. It deals with the issues of historical accuracy, honesty, corruption and politics. "The universal themes allow any audience to enjoy the play, especially with the upcoming election in mind," said Compton. Written in 1938, "El Gesticulador" focuses on César Rubio, a history professor in Mexico. A professor from Harvard takes Rubio for a famous and missing general by the same name from the Mexican Revolution. Publication of his "discovery" unleashes a remarkable set of events. As Rubio assumes his new identity, he is pressured to run for governor despite his family's mixed feelings. Rubio's corrupt opposition becomes determined to come to power while Rubio quickly gains popularity.

— NMU News Bureau



Brittany McIntire/NW

Indie duo Mates of State performs in the University Center on Thursday, Oct. 18. Around 400 students attended the concert which was put on by First Aid Productions.

## Important academic dates approach

Students under-performing in classes take heed: The deadline for withdrawing from a class with a "W" grade is fast approaching.

The deadline for withdrawing is Friday, Oct. 31.

Students withdrawing after the deadline will receive a failing grade for the class.

Students desiring to drop a course should contact the Student Service Center, C.B. Hedcock, Room 2201, 906-227-1221, for

processing.

Students wishing to withdraw from all classes must contact the Dean of Student's Office.

A "W" grade is counted in a student's credits attempted, but will not count against a student's G.P.A.

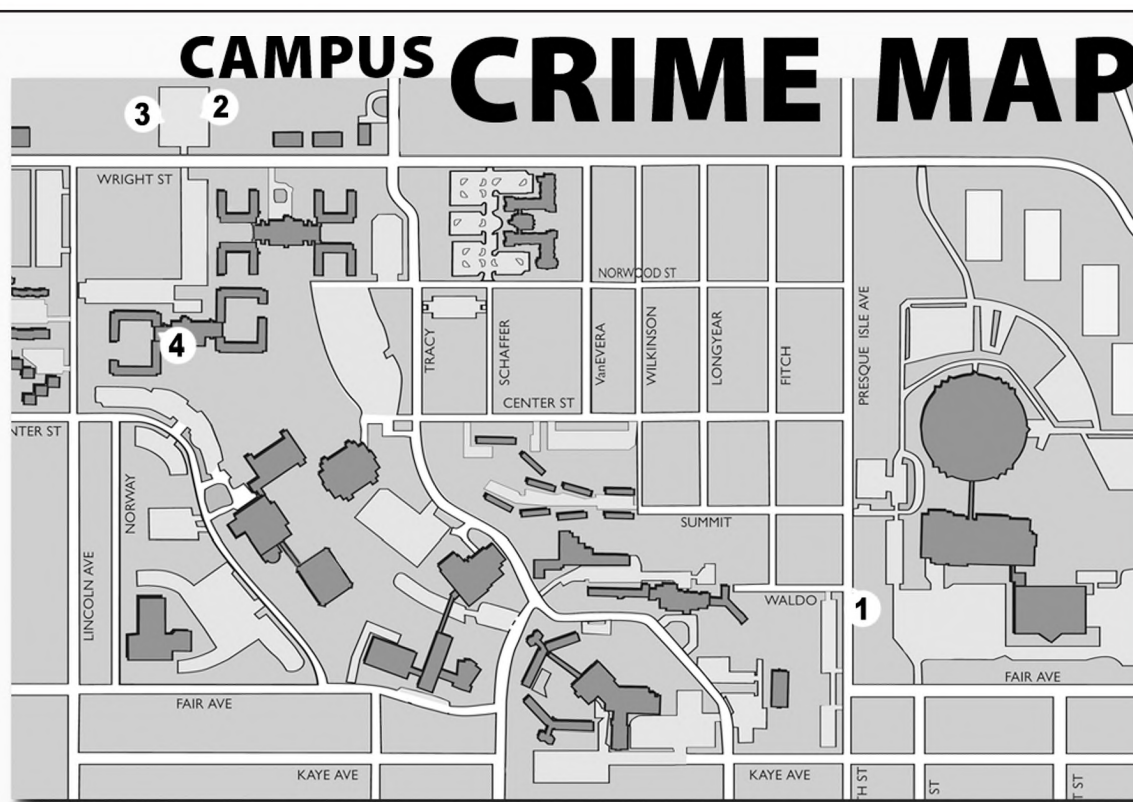
In addition to the last day to withdraw from a class with a "W," Oct. 31 is also the start of registration for winter semester classes.

Registration is done on a staggered basis with students having more earned credits registering first.

Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to meet with their academic advisors before registering for classes.

Class registration takes place online on the [my.nmu.edu](http://my.nmu.edu) server.

-Carson LeMahieu



### Map Key:

1. A student was found to be underage and in possession of alcohol at the corner of Presque Isle and Waldo St. on Oct. 18 at 12:15 a.m. The case was referred to the Dean of Student's office.
2. An underage student was found to be in possession of alcohol and marijuana in Lot 46 at 3:40 a.m. on Oct. 18.
3. A student was found to be in possession of marijuana in Lot 46 at 11:20 p.m. on Oct. 18.
4. A student was cited for minor in possession of alcohol at 3:40 a.m. in the Gant Spalding Lobby on Oct. 19.

## Corrections

The pull quote in last week's story, "New study focuses on student migraines," should have been attributed to Jodi Tervo.



# Pagan movement continues to expand, says author

By Carson LeMahieu  
news editor

Paganism is alive and well in America, according to author and National Public Radio correspondent Margot Adler.

She spoke in Jamrich Tuesday night about the history of the pagan movement and how it has changed since she became involved in the '60s and '70s.

Adler kicked off her presentation by telling a humorous anecdote about her first visit to Michigan in the 1980s to appear on a Detroit morning show.

Adler explained that she took extra care to look good for the television cameras and had cut herself shaving as she prepared for the event. At the end of the television appearance the audience was allowed to ask questions.

"A question that came up from the audience was 'Is that mark on your leg from some ritual?' I had to explain that, I had just cut myself shaving while getting ready."

Adler, a priestess of the Gardnerian Wiccan tradition, wrote "Drawing Down the Moon: Witches, Druids, Goddess-Worshippers, and Other Pagans in America Today." The book, first published in 1979, was one of the

first publications to document the history and modern practices of various Earth-based religions.

Adler explained that paganism is a term that is used to refer to many worldwide religions that celebrate nature. She also said that everyone has pagan roots — it just depends how far back you have to go to find them.

"If you go far enough back, all of your ancestors were pagans," she said. "You may not think that, but you'd be wrong...if you were black you lost those beliefs because of slavery. If you are Native

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— Margot Adler  
author

American you lost those views because of government oppression. If you are some other European heritage you lost it when your grandparents or great grandparents or further back decided that it would be in their best interest to Americanize. All of us are rooting around in the ashes searching for something we have lost."

She said almost all cultures started out with religions based

on the Earth's seasonal cycles, nature based ceremonies and rituals based on actions rather than pedantic beliefs.

Adler talked about how she took a break from being involved in the pagan movement for about 14 years. When she returned to the movement in 2004, she noticed the vast changes that had taken place.

"There's this huge coming-of-age into being a worldwide religion," Adler said.

She explained that when she joined the movement in the '60s the majority of members were young. As the movement aged so did the members.

"We'd always paid some attention to funeral rites, but now the conversation has shifted to whether we should have Wiccan retirement homes," she said.

The movement also had grown significantly in the 14 years that Adler spent inactive. She attributed this to changes in society and the spread of information through the internet.

"The pagan movement I entered was a closed one. People felt you had to be in the closet because of the very real fear of losing your job, custody of your kids, being seen as a social pariah," she said.

Adler then went on to say that

today more information is available than ever before. She talked to the audience about how she went on Stumbleupon, a program that generates random Web sites based on selected interests. She spent two hours on the program

looking at random pagan and Wiccan Web sites and found only two groups she had heard of previously.

"We are seeing explosive growth of this movement," she concluded.

## Facts about pagan religions

- \* Paganism is a matriarchal religion. Pagans believe that a goddess is divine, though they believe in other gods and goddesses as well.
- \* Paganism is not a strict religion; it expects people to follow what they believe to be true.
- \* Wicca is difficult to convert to. You have to be 18 years old and have proven yourself suitable.
- \* Wiccans celebrate eight festivals throughout the year called Sabbats. These festivals celebrate life and the divine within an individual.
- \* Paganism is a religion that intends to bring humans into harmony with the earth. Pagans find peace in nature and believe that the earth is sacred.
- \* Witchcraft is considered an act of love and a way to connect with nature and the gods.
- \* Wicca is also called the Craft or the Craft of the Wise.
- \* Many pagan traditions involve using magic.
- \* Not all pagans are Wiccan.

— Information from paganfed.org

## IMAM

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the non-violent nature of Islam and Americans have, in time, associated Islam with brutality. He insisted, however, that there are extremists in all religions, citing Adolf Hitler and Timothy McVeigh with Christianity. He said that he would never consider these men spokesmen for Christianity, just as one should not think Muslim extremists to be spokesmen for Islam.

"These men do not speak for my faith," Qazwini said.

Qazwini's speech was followed by a question-and-answer session

In this session, people asked

him about the difference between Sunni and Shi'as, who Muslims in general hope to become president in the upcoming election and why women wear scarves to cover their hair.

Qazwini informed the audience that a common myth in America is that Muslim women are forced to wear the scarf, but in the majority of cases, women prefer to wear it and make this decision themselves.

Students were glad that the Imam had visited campus because it offered new perspective that isn't ordinarily offered at Northern. They believe that people's ideas of Islam can change because of Qazwini's speech.

"Marquette has limited diversity, so I think it's really good to have people such as (Qazwini) to come and ... enlighten (us)," said Jessie Price, a sophomore and international studies and political science major.

Wong agreed that bringing Qazwini to campus is important because bringing this knowledge to the students helps complete what a college education should offer. He said that it is the university's responsibility to make students as aware of the world as possible.

"It almost seems like it would be irresponsible for the university not to help all of us understand," Wong said.



Photo courtesy of Greg Peterson

Imam Sayid Hassan al-Qazwini (right) and NMU professor Mohey Mofawy talk to a gathering of people at the ELCA Lutheran Campus house. A group of more than 20 people attended the event on Wednesday afternoon.

## Imam leads fireside chat at Lutheran Ministry house

By Kyle Whitney  
editor in chief

Prior to his lecture on campus Wednesday night, Imam Sayid Hassan al-Qazwini sat down for tea and a fireside chat with a group of NMU students and community members in the Lutheran Campus Ministry house.

Rev. Jon Magnuson, director of Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU, welcomed Qazwini and solicited introductions from the group of more than 20, which had gathered to talk with the Imam. The crowd that gathered was varied, and included Quakers, Jews, Catholics, Christians, Methodists and Presbyterians, among others.

Qazwini, a Muslim and the leader of the Islamic Center of America, opened the discussion by recounting a trip he took through California with his brother soon after arriving in America. After passing a church with hundreds of cars in the parking lot, Qazwini insisted that his brother stop so that they could watch the service.

He was surprised by what he heard.

"I kept hearing the word 'love,'" he said. "And I said, 'Look, in our religion, we talk about love ... everything he says is there in my religion.'"

Qazwini was born in Karbala, Iraq and has family living there

now. Some members of his family were vocal opponents of Saddam Hussein—his father was forced to flee the country and 15 of his family members were executed by Hussein's regime. As such, Qazwini, who has occasionally returned to Iraq since 2003, has a privileged take on the current U.S. occupation.

He told an Iraqi allegory about a bull with its head stuck in an oven to represent the relationship between America and Iraq. In the tale, the owners of the oven ask a local grocer, who is assumed to be wise, to help them with their problem. In an attempt to remove the bull, the grocer kills the animal and destroys the oven before praising his own problem-solving abilities.

"(Iraqi) people are grateful to the U.S. for removing Saddam Hussein," Qazwini said. "We got rid of him, but we ruined the country."

The Imam went on to say that the source of much of the current violence in Iraq can be traced back to a small group of radical Iraqis.

"I can safely say that 95 to 97 percent of Iraqis abhor the violence done in their country, but there is nothing they can do."

Qazwini will also be speaking at noon on Thursday at the St. Paul Episcopal Church on 201 E. Ridge St. in Marquette.



# Struggling economies of Latin America discussed in speech

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

The economic crisis that has left many Americans without homes, pensions and savings accounts is also affecting many other countries around the world.

Ines Bustillo, a United Nations economic authority, spoke about how the downturn in the world's economy is affecting Latin America and the Caribbean on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the Mead Auditorium. She placed an emphasis on innovation.

"The issue of innovation is key for the region sustaining and resuming growth," Bustillo said.

Bustillo is the director of the Washington office of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which she joined in 1989. She began in ECLAC as an economic affairs officer, working on things such as macroeconomics and international trade, subjects she taught when she was an economics professor at Universidad de Anahuac in Mexico. Bustillo was also a consultant to the World Bank, the Center for Latin American and Monetary Studies and Operadora de Bolsa in Mexico City.

Several points of her speech,

entitled "The Economic and Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean," had to do with the implications of such a sudden slow-down in the economies of those two areas of the world.

Since 2003, the region has seen a sustained economic growth, Bustillo said, adding that from 2007-08, Latin America wit-

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— Ines Bustillo

United Nations economic authority

nessed it's best economic performance in the last 40 years.

Bustillo said that to achieve that type of economic boom again, Latin America and the Caribbean would have to wean itself from a product-based economy to one of innovation.

"We cannot compete with Asia in the basis of low wages," she said. "The only way that we need to do is try to innovate more ... in order to foster economic growth."

And while economic growth is important for any country, if only to increase prosperity, it is important for the social growth of coun-

tries as well.

"Economic growth is crucial and necessary to create and deal with huge social challenges that Latin America and the Caribbean face," she said.

Some of those social challenges include a severe income distribution and rampant poverty, Bustillo said, adding that these types of problems often hinder economic growth. And while these two problems are common to many of the countries in the area, she said they have also been making strides to fix them.

"Common elements for economic growth are stability, good social policy, a government that works, a market that works," Bustillo said. "There are different ways of achieving that. Countries can achieve the same directions by adopting different policies."

She also described the differences in the American economy and that of Latin America and the Caribbean, saying that though the economy of the latter region wasn't hit as hard as the former, it's still not out of the woods.

"The region will not be immune," Bustillo said. "We hope we can resume growth next year, and that we can continue making an address for the challenges that lie ahead."

## WiMAX

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not very successful.

"In the past, we tried establishing hot spots to help off-campus students access NMU's network for research and school-related projects. The effort had very limited success because Wi-Fi wireless requires multiple access points in very close proximity to the notebook computer," he said. "Wi-Fi is unlicensed and therefore subject to interference from other radio transmitters such as cordless phones and consumer computer equipment. Wi-Fi was never meant to provide wide-area wireless service."

The EBS license is another technological advance that helps NMU stand out among other universities, said Cindy Paavola, director of communications. "This puts NMU in a small, small group of universities who will be using WiMAX, and probably one of the only ones that



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will be using it for educational purposes only," she said.

The WiMAX will be available strictly to NMU students and faculty who need it for educational use, Smith said.

"Students, faculty and staff conducting legitimate university business will have password protected access to this network," Smith said. "This new service is not designed to compete with or replace commercial network services already available. NMU is constructing this network extension to help students who do not already have access to broadband."

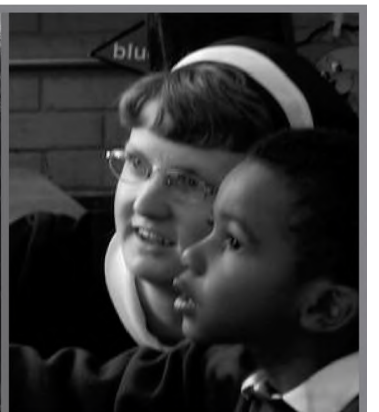
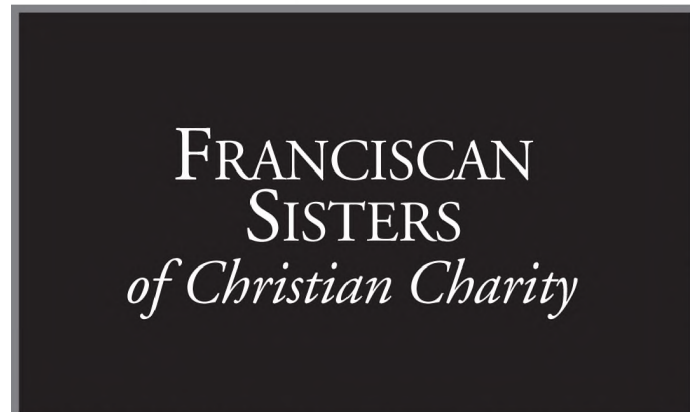
Marquette-area teachers who are required to continue their education in order to keep required teaching certificates will also be able to benefit from the EBS license, Paavola said.

"For some, especially those with families, it's very difficult to teach full time and come to campus to take classes," she said. "Once the WiMax network is complete, teachers throughout Marquette County will be able to take online courses that have the highest technical delivery quality right from their homes."

With WiMAX, students, staff and faculty could save \$24.99 a month which is, according to Charter's Web site, the least expensive internet package offered.

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# Forum explores causes of the current financial crisis

**By Jaci Bjorne**  
assistant news editor

An informational forum describing the U.S. government's role in creating the downfall of the global economy was held in Jamrich 104 on Wednesday.

During the Economic and Financial Crisis of 2008 forum, the Economics Student Association discussed and showed videos about how the crisis started, what could have been done to prevent it and what can be done in the future to keep from making the same mistakes.

The lockdown of the financial market was brought on by the government allowing some banks to fail and some to continue operating, said Robert Doepker, senior economics major.

"After Lehman Brothers' financial records came into question, other banks started looking over their shoulders wondering who might be next," he said. "When the Feds allowed Lehman Brothers to fail but helped AIG, they simply added to the fear by making bankers wonder who was going to be rescued and who was going to be allowed to fail."

After the failure of multiple U.S. banks, the federal government proposed a bailout plan to help get the remaining banks back on their feet, Doepker continued.

"The bailout plan was introduced to Congress with the objective of stabilizing the banking system at the estimated cost of \$700 billion," he said. "Instead it stabilized individual banks rather than the whole banking system by simply pumping capital in banks."

Three weeks after the failure of Lehman Brothers, the global stock market crashed, said Keith Voorheis, junior economics and

political science major.

"Essentially, this stems from the fact that confidence was lost in the American market," he said. "This is not just an American epidemic; it is global, because so many global markets are dependent on American markets."

For students, this economic crisis could mean no longer receiving student loans, Voorheis said.

"With the crisis, the market stopped, you might still be able to get some, but you'll have to have a really good credit score and they're not going to give them out as easily as they used to," he said. "Two years ago, there were 130 companies giving student loans, today there are 20."

A factor that helped to cause the financial meltdown, but could have been prevented was an idea put in place during the Clinton administration to give all Americans houses, said Frank Mumford, senior economics and business major.

"Basically they wanted to give houses to people who couldn't afford it, who couldn't make monthly payments, who couldn't save their money to even put a down payment on the house," he said.

Oil prices have also played a role in the instability of the American market, causing food prices to go up; and Congress has had plenty of time to try to prevent the crisis, Doepker said.

"According to congressional records, Congress had testimony on the dangers over a decade ago," he said. "Several Congressmen wanted to know why they had never been advised on the potential dangers, when in fact, many of those same Congressmen were the same ones who received this testimony. So yes, this was preventable, and yes, they knew

about it."

The government is not the only one to blame for the state of the market; individual Americans did their

part to start the downward spiral, Voorheis said.

"The blame goes all around, it's not just Wall Street, it's not just Main Street, It's both," he said.

As Americans, we need to learn how to save for our futures, stop living beyond our means and

plan for the future generation in order to prevent such a crisis from happening again, Voorheis added.

Another way to prevent a future meltdown is to educate ourselves and the younger generation on the importance of savings, said Mumford.

"I think education on how to save money would really help," he said. "In Japan, the savings rate is at 16 percent, here we are

at negative 1.3 percent."

Attending the forum, with interest in the current state of the economy was Lauren Veale, sophomore elementary education major.

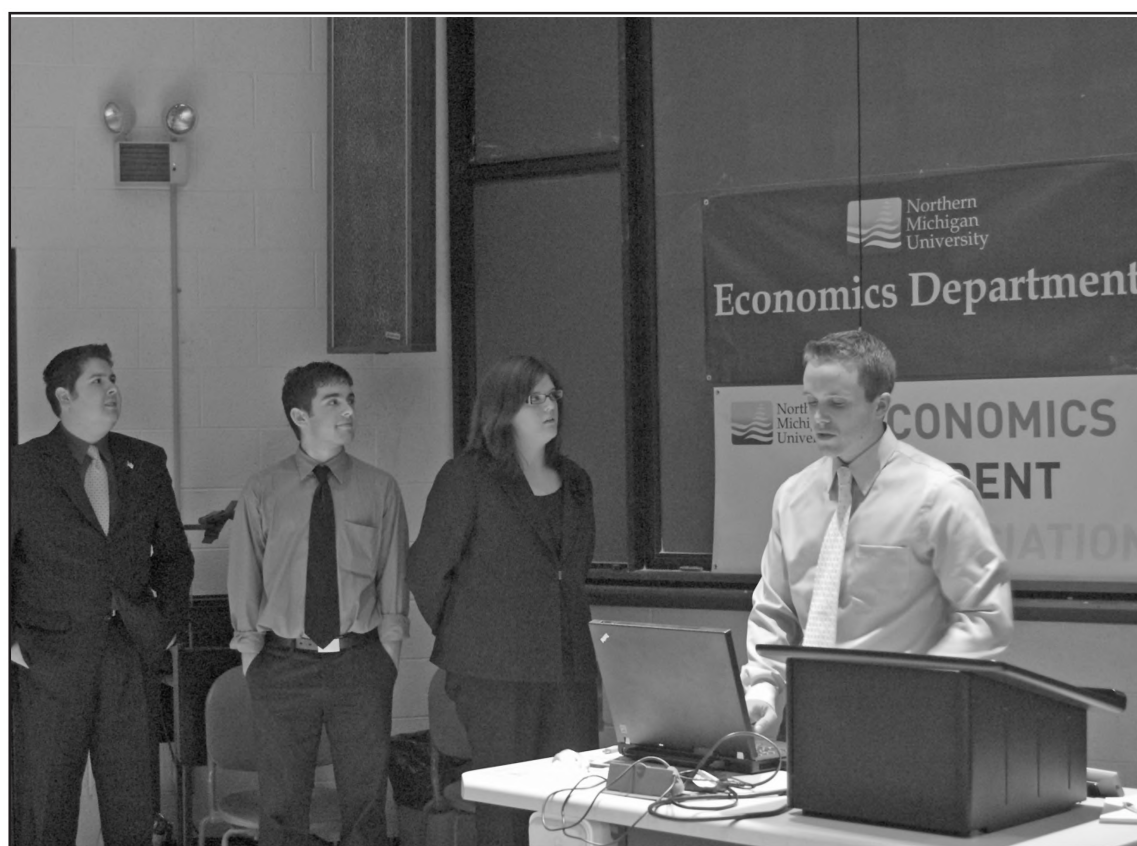
"I just wanted to be more informed about the current economic crisis and see if there is anything I can do to save myself from a financially troubling situation," she said.

She said although she feels more informed about the U.S. market, she wishes they had covered a little more during the forum.

"With the upcoming election, I would have liked to hear about what the current presidential candidates are proposing to solve the problem," Veale said.

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— Keith Voorheis  
junior, economics and political science



Jeff Kitson/NW

Keith Voorheis presents at the Economic and Financial Crisis 2008 forum on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Looking on are fellow presenters (left to right) Frank Mumford, Robert Doepker and Holly Kasberger.

## 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 budget proposals submitted by student organizations.

Due to a lack of proposals, there was no SFC Meeting last week. This week's meeting will be held in the UC's Cadillac Room at 8 p.m. and the following budgets will be considered:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
NMU Power Sports Club	Snowmobile Video Premiere	\$150
Student Managed Investment Fund	An Evening With Tom Baldwin	\$1,348

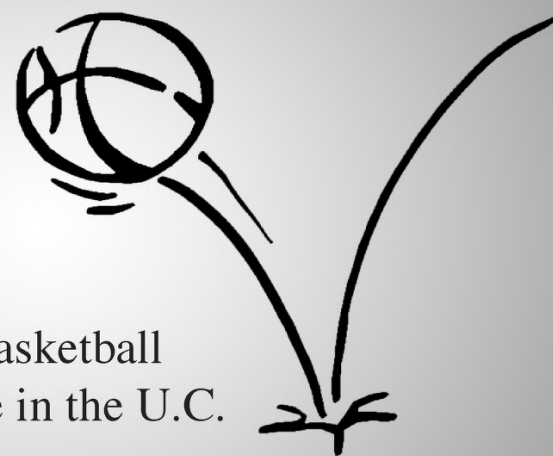
Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$50,764.20**

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).

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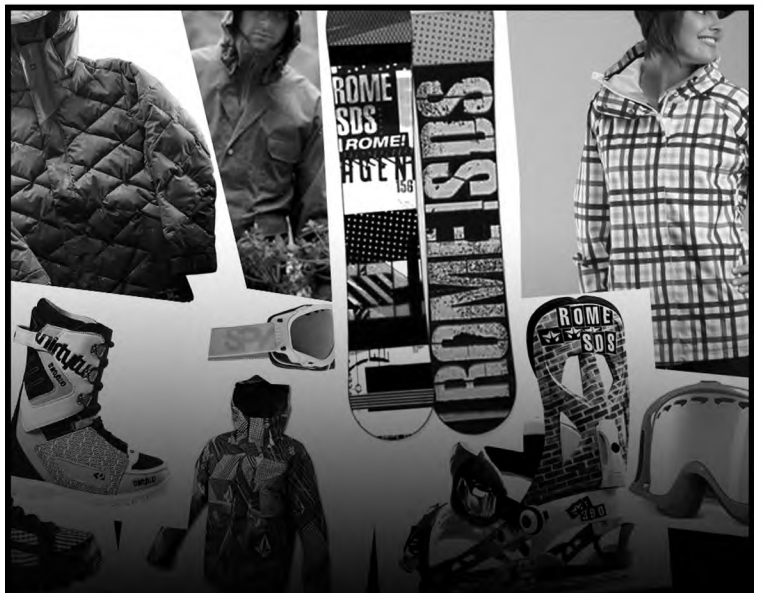
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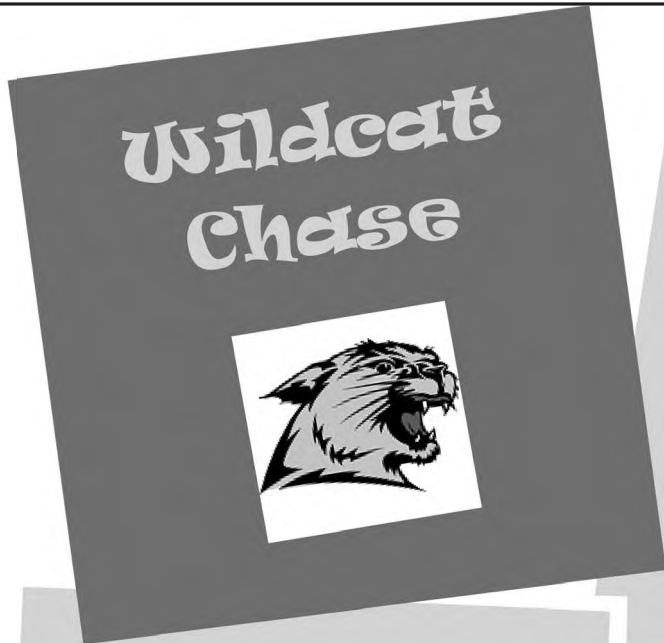
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## Staff Editorial

# 'Yes' to Democracy Day

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is Election Day in the United States, and on that morning, millions of Americans will wake up and do something disgustingly unpatriotic: They will go to work and school.

Rather than get a day off to make one of the most important decisions of their lives, the majority of voters will be forced to juggle jobs and personal lives while still trying to reach the polls.

To ease this burden on voters, and to spur higher turnout, the federal government should make Election Day a national holiday. Since 1980, the average turnout for a U.S. Presidential election has been about 52 percent of the voting-age population (That number dips to 38 percent for mid-term elections). In comparison, the United States ranks 139th of 172 countries in voter turnout since 1945.

In the recent past, Michigan legislators have championed this cause. In 2005, U.S. Rep. John Conyers proposed House Resolution 63, the Democracy Day Act of 2005. The bill advocated that Election Day — the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every even-numbered year — be named a public holiday. Soon after, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mich.) proposed a companion resolution — co-sponsored by fellow Michiganander Carl Levin — in the Senate.

The hope wasn't that a nationally recognized Democracy Day would provide lazy voters a day off from work, but that it would raise voter turnout. The holiday would give people time off from work or school, during which they could vote or help staff polling places, while raising awareness of the national election.

By the end of 2005, House Resolution 63 had 107 co-sponsors, and three more soon signed on. Still, no major action has been taken on the bill. In addition, the Senate resolution has been sitting quietly in the Committee on the Judiciary for years. Both pieces of legislation were proposed under the previous Congress and would, thus, have to be re-proposed in order to be considered under the current Congress. Despite having the proposed legislation for more than three years, Congress was unable to move on it before the next Presidential election.

And even if our national government hasn't bought the idea of the holiday yet, some of the states have. In fact, nine U.S. states name Election Day as a legal holiday. In addition, 31 states have some form of legislation that forces employers to allow workers time off in order to cast a ballot.

So although we won't be seeing a national Democracy Day this year, it is something that we, as a nation, need to consider as soon as possible. Because when that Tuesday in November finally rolls around, only one thing should be on American minds: voting.

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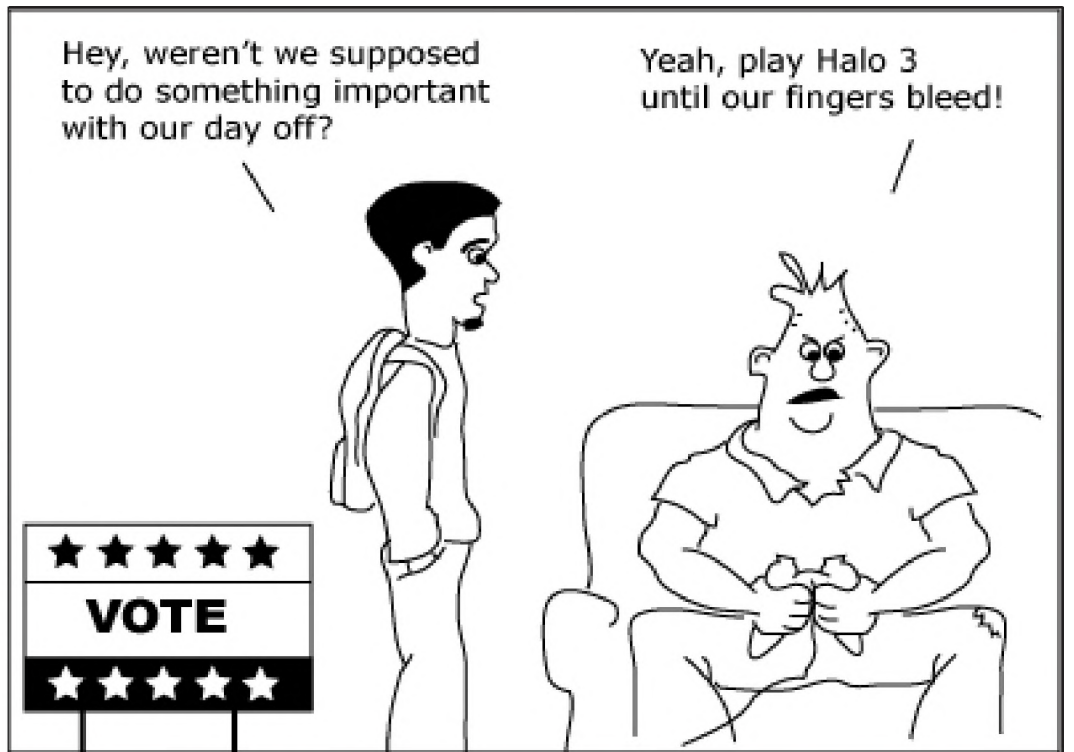
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## Nader's voice deserves to be heard



### Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is making his third official presidential run as, what many would classify, a progressive populist. In previous years he has run as the Green Party candidate but this year he will run as an independent, highlighting issues that Arizona Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and Barack Obama (D-IL) have taken off the table.

For example, a 2007 AP-Yahoo poll showed that 54 percent of Americans and 59 percent of doctors want single-payer universal health care, with free choice of doctors and hospitals, a policy that Nader supports.

Single-payer health insurance is a system in which the government finances the health care but it is delivered from private non-profit corporations to keep health care costs down.

Under a single-payer health care system, the National Coalition on Health Care estimates taxpayers would save \$350 million a year. Nader claims these savings will allow for everyone to have their medical necessities met.

However, McCain and Obama don't even consider single payer health care, even though Americans seem to want it.

Equally important is how much is spent on the military

budget. The United States uses 41 percent of its budget on defense. Obama and McCain both would like to increase that wasteful military spending, whereas Nader would cut the military budget and focus instead on using that money to rebuild the deteriorating infrastructure of our country.

While differing with the two major party candidates on military spending, Nader also differs on what the function of the American military in Iraq should be. McCain recently said that it would be acceptable if Americans were in Iraq for over 100 years.

Obama says the American military would be out by the year 2010, but what he doesn't usually say is that he would like keep 50,000 soldiers in Iraq to fight terrorism — and he doesn't specify when those soldiers would leave. Obama's plan would also increase the troop levels in Afghanistan.

Nader proposes that America plan a six-month withdrawal, starting from the day he is inaugurated. During this time frame, Iraq would have United Nations-sponsored elections and the United States would also continue to give Iraq humanitarian aid, according to Nader's plan.

Meanwhile, back at home, Obama and McCain are constantly talking about the middle class. What about those that live in poverty? Americans are struggling with their finances. How can two parents expect to be able to pay for health care, food,

transportation and housing when both are only making \$6, \$7 or \$8 an hour? They can't.

Both major party candidates seem to forget about those impoverished Americans who are struggling. Nader would repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, an anti-union law that infringes on workers' rights to get better wages. He would also focus on making minimum wage \$10 an hour for the entire country immediately after taking office.

Nader would also adopt a Wall Street speculation tax that would mean less income tax on lower paid workers and no income tax for workers making less than \$50,000 a year.

I challenge Obama and McCain to be true to their political parties' names. They should truly show what democracy and republics are and open the debates up. They should defend their positions, which are often against those of the people.

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# Auto merger looks bad for Michigan



**For  
What It's  
Worth**

**Claire  
Abent**

During the past 100 years, the state of Michigan has been dependent on the automobile industry for its economic backbone. As the Big Three automakers — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — had their ups and downs, the economy of the state followed. And now, recent news of a prospective merger between General Motors and Chrysler has residents in the state feeling a little more than anxious.

The economic environment for the auto industry, or anyone else for that matter, is not healthy right now. Since 2005, the Big Three have cut approximately 100,000 jobs across the United States and have been forced to downsize. Chances are that a merger of the two companies would result in even more job cuts.

Michigan's unemployment rate hovered around 8.9 percent during the month of August, and the state lost more jobs than any other in the country during the economically tragic month of September.

The Wall Street Journal estimates that if the merger goes through, the unemployment rate in the state could hit double digits.

It is likely that almost half of Chrysler's 66,000 employees who are not absorbed by GM will lose their jobs. And although it's true that not all of those employees are in Michigan, quite a few of them are. By absorbing the other company, GM plans to shut down overlapping operations and thus save money on production. Along with factories, dealerships deemed unnecessary by the merger will also be closed, causing even more to lose their livelihood.

Some towns in Michigan have economies completely driven by factories that are run by automakers, or by other industries dependent on automakers. Remove those sources of income and those towns will become actual wastelands.

Detroit already has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country. Michigan is ranked fourth in the United States for the number of home foreclosures, with 13,605 filed in the last month, again according to the Wall Street Journal. It is in no way possible for this number to improve with a merger on the horizon.

Both companies are currently floundering; Chrysler's sales have dropped 25 percent in the last month, while GM's have dropped 18 percent. As the economy tumbles, the two companies are also losing billions in market shares. And it is estimated that GM spends a billion dollars in cash each month, so it can be easily assumed so that the merger could help both the companies.

A private corporation owns Chrysler and their stores of money are much higher than those of GM. If they acquire Chrysler, then

GM would be, in theory, sitting on a fat stack of cash.

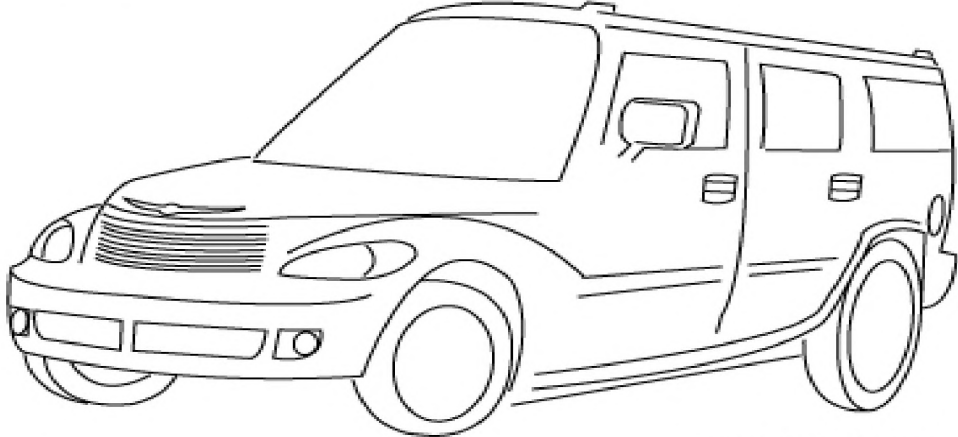
The sad fact is that it won't really work that way. It will probably put an end to Chrysler, as we know it, a car company that has been around for over 80 years. GM did much the same with Oldsmobile in 2000, a process that ended up costing them \$2 billion dollars. Closing down a larger operation like Chrysler would cost GM a hefty penny from the money they might be gaining from the merger.

It seems to me that intensifica-

tion of merger talks is a knee-jerk reaction to the more severe downturn that the economy has undergone. Talks have actually been going on for at least a month, but progressed much faster in the past week. I can't see any way that this merger will benefit the people of Michigan, their economy or the national economy, for that matter.

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# Vote for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail



**Staff  
Column**

**Carson  
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We've all heard the talking heads on television referring to this year's election as "the most important election ever." Usually they are referring to the historic presidential election, the filibuster-proof majority in the U.S. Senate or even the fight for control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In addition to these important elections, however, voters in the city of Marquette will have another crucial decision to make when they head to the polls on

Nov. 4: whether to allow a millage increase to build and maintain a 48-mile recreational trail known as the "Iron Ore Heritage Trail."

The proposal, one of four on the ballot, is entitled the "Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority for funding of Iron Ore Heritage Trail construction, management and maintenance." The ballot item allows the city to levy up to .2 mills for a period of six years. In layman's terms, this means that for every \$1,000 you already pay in property tax, you will see an increase of only 20 cents.

To put this in perspective, it would raise taxes \$3-\$10 a year for most Marquette homeowners. For the cost of an extra value meal at McDonalds, we have a chance

to leave a legacy behind that will forever improve Marquette County.

The paved trail would run 48 miles from Chocolay Township, through Marquette, Negaunee and Ishpeming before turning south and heading toward Republic. The trail will be open to walking, biking, inline skating, ATV riding, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and horseback riding.

In the past 10 years Marquette has been named one of the top 10 small cities to live in by USA Today, the seventh best city to "Live and Ride" in by Mountain Biking Magazine, seventh best city to live in by The Outdoor Times and one of the top five biking tourism locations by Biking Magazine.

Every one of these rankings cited Marquette's vast recreational trail system as a highlight of the city. The addition of a trail system running west of Marquette to Republic will add to what is already seen as a bright spot for the area.

The trail system will also bring tourism dollars into Marquette County. With an increase of bikers, runners and walkers, businesses will spring up along the trail to offer lunches, beverages and trail side repairs for bikers.

In addition to the increased benefit to the economy by bringing in tourism, the trail will also increase property values for homes in neighborhoods it passes through. A recent study by the National Realtors Association found

that 36 percent of people place proximity to biking and walking trails as a major factor into deciding where to live.

Finally the trail will help to preserve the local iron mine history. It is planned to pass through more than five old mining areas and other historical sites. The trail will highlight these historical locations with interpretive signs. The Iron Ore Heritage Authority's Web site says the future goal of the trail will to have it be a place where local schools can take field trips to learn about iron ore history.

When you go into the voting booth on Nov. 4, flip the ballot over and vote "YES" on the proposal to fund the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

## Sound Off

*How do you feel about Joe the Plumber?*

*Compiled by Jeff Kitson*



**Chris Grigas**  
junior, criminal justice

*"I think Joe the Plumber should go to jail for not paying his taxes."*



**Joe Topper**  
junior, computer science

*"My name is Joe and I am not a plumber."*



**David Miller**  
senior, media productions/photography

*"I think he voiced some real concerns and worries that affect his voting decision."*



**Lindsay Rohrbacher**  
senior, chemistry

*"I think that every middle American is a 'Plumber Joe' and deserves the same amount of attention."*



**Scott Wanhala**  
senior, public relations/graphic communication

*"Joe the Plumber is small town America."*



# Intelligent debate is needed



**Guest Column**

**Ashley Harwood**

What happened to intelligent debate?

I've asked myself this question many times during the past few weeks, especially whenever I am campaigning with the College Republicans in the academic mall.

During the times I've been at the table, passing out stickers and trying to keep the cardboard cut-out of John McCain from blowing away in the wind, at least one person has walked by and made some inane statement about what that person thinks we believe. Usually these statements are something to the effect of: Republicans hate minorities or Republicans want people to die.

What bothers me most about this is not the fact that these are very untrue statements, but that the student saying these ridiculous things don't even allow us time to reply. They just keep walking.

I would not be opposed to

having an intelligent conversation with anyone on campus about political issues. There are always two sides to an issue, and I believe strongly enough in my side to want to discuss the differences between the two sides.

However, I do not appreciate being attacked, and attacking is what I feel some people do.

Let me reveal something to these people: Making a blanket statement and running away hardly makes me respect you

**If you have something to say, say it, defend it, and be confident enough to wait for a response from your audience. Walking away just makes you look cowardly.**

or your arguments. If you have something to say, say it, defend it, and be confident enough to wait for a response from your audience. Walking away just makes you look cowardly.

If Barack Obama acted this way, would he have the same following with people that he has now? I really don't think so. If he didn't stick around to defend his positions, no one would respect him.

He is obviously not my choice for president, but I respect him

much more than I respect NMU students who barbarically yell some false accusation at me across the mall and immediately leave before I can respond. Honestly, do people really think Republicans want Americans to die? In case you were wondering, we don't.

To be fair, I know there are probably Republicans who are guilty of shouting untruths and leaving before a response can be made, too (though I don't

personally know any), and there are Democrats who do engage in intelligent debate (I have a few friends who fit that description). But the majority of people who acknowledge the College Republicans when we are in the academic mall do so in this immature manner.

The debate between the College Democrats and College Republicans last Wednesday proved to be an evening of intelligent debate, for the most part. Both sides were generally respectful, but

when the question and answer portion of the debate came, I began to notice a shift in the tone. Many of the students posed questions that were indirect attacks on either the Democrats or the Republicans.

There were a few who posed serious, well-thought-out questions, but it seemed many more students just wanted to force one of the parties to say something radical and stereotypical to give the audience a good laugh. I couldn't help but notice the majority of these types of backhanded questions were directed at the College Republicans. This is not surprising on this campus, but it is disheartening.

The old adage "if you don't have anything nice to say, say nothing at all" may be something for everyone to keep in mind during election season. If anyone wants respect, he must act in a way that deserves respect.

Of course I don't expect Democrats or Republicans to always be nice to each other, but I don't think it would be too hard to treat each other with respect. We are all educated, civilized human beings.

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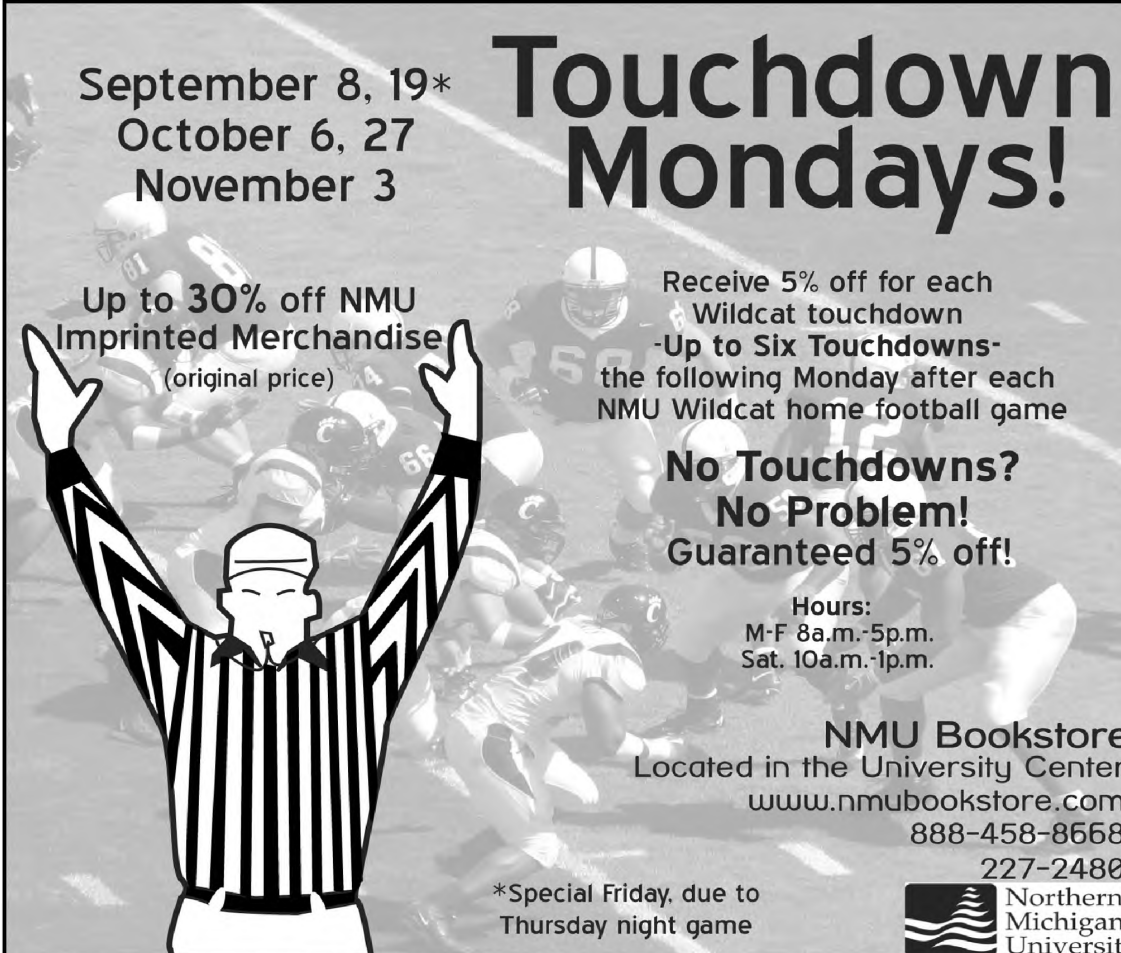
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## 'Rocky Horror' is back in Negaunee

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

Returning to Negaunee's Vista Theatre is a play filled with traditions, some of which include throwing hot dogs, rice and toilet paper; audience members yelling at the characters on stage and a dreaded pink V on the face of first-time viewers.

And of course, who could forget all the people in lingerie.

"The Rocky Horror Show" is back for its eighth straight year in Negaunee. The play, which is sponsored by the Peninsula Arts Appreciation Council, will have its first showing Thursday at 7 p.m.

"This play has it all: sex, drugs and rock and roll," said Ella Bartlett, who plays Frank-N-Furter.

The play, which was also made into a movie, has garnered its own cult following since it first debuted in Great Britain in 1973. What makes "Rocky" so infamous is the nonsensical, character-driven plot that's fueled with lots and lots of sex.

Newly engaged couple Brad (Mike Rudden) and Janet (Alaina O'Brien) are driving in their car during a storm when one of their tires pops. They walk through the rain until they find a castle, which happens to be the home of Frank-N-Furter (Ella Bartlett) and his following of transsexual Transylvanians. The couple tries to locate a telephone, but instead of being offered assistance, the two have their clothes taken from them and are subjected to an evening full of sex and science fiction. As the night progresses, Brad and Janet find themselves completely transformed by the openly

sexual behavior of all the castle's inhabitants. By the end of the play, these two main characters have gone from extremely conservative to completely uninhibited.

And while "Rocky" has developed a notoriety all its own, this year's director, Emily Martello, is looking to mix it up. As the only person working on the play to have been involved with it for its eight-year run, Martello has had plenty of time to see what works and what doesn't.

"What originally drew me (to directing) was the chance to make (the play) different. I'd been in it for seven years, and after working in the backstage crew, I knew we could put some new spin, some fresh blood into it," she said.

**This play has it all: sex, drugs and rock and roll.**

— Ella Bartlett  
Frank-N-Furter

"Expect to see some changes this year."

What is perhaps the biggest change to this year's version of the play is focused on one character: Frank-N-Furter.

For the first time in its Negaunee history, the show will have a woman playing its lead role in Ella Bartlett, a senior secondary education English major.

"I'm a little nervous," Bartlett said. "It's really different to be doing this. What a dream come to true though, to get to play Tim Curry. He's the god of sex."

"We're playing it as a woman, playing a man, playing a woman. He's really sexually confused," she added. "And he's a really

lovable character, but at the same time, you get to be a total bitch, you just (have) to strut it. I mean, you enter on a song all about how sexy you are."

Though some aspects will not be quite the same, all the classic elements unique to "Rocky" will remain, such as the characters Brad and Janet. This idea of character is what drew senior secondary education-math major Mike Rudden to Brad in the first place.

"(There's a) tradition to it," Rudden said. "Everyone knows the name (Brad). There's such a culture behind it, you can't really deviate from that. You just have to embrace it."

And while it was the idea of his character that Rudden most liked, it was the progression of character that makes Alaina O'Brien, a junior theatre major, enjoy playing Janet.

"I'm not a super-extroverted kind of person in real life. So, (playing Janet) steps me outside of my comfort zone. She starts out conservative and ends up completely wild," O'Brien said.

Along with the revealing costumes and unusual plotline is another unique aspect of the play: audience participation.

"I do a lot of theatre, and it's not often you come across a show this audience-oriented," Bartlett said. "I really love being that in tune with the audience."

In fact, the audience is so much a part of the play that Pat Wagner, who plays the Narrator, said he was nervous for the show to begin, adding that some of the crowds can be pretty rowdy.

"I'm kind of afraid, especially for the midnight showings," he said.

Top: The cast of the Rocky Horror Show run through a dress rehearsal. Bottom: From right to left, Colombia (Bree Prehn), Frank-N-Furter (Ella Bartlett) and Brad (Mike Rudden) strut their stuff on stage.



As the actors deliver their lines, people in the audience can yell "call-backs," which are ready-made lines that go along with the play. Most of the time, they turn what would sound like an innocent statement into something sexually explicit or drug related, making the audience as inappropriate as the play.

Audience members are also encouraged to show up as scantily clad as the cast members.

"(The play) is really risqué for theatre, but it's no worse than what you would see in an MTV music video. The audience is more risqué than the play," Bartlett said.

Dale Weingartner, Gwinn resident and lobby manager for

the Vista, said he has gone to all seven showings of the play, but has only been a call-backer for six. Though he has been doing call-backs for six years, he said he uses the soundtrack of "Rocky" to help him remember them all.

"The whole month of October, when I'm driving, it's the only CD I play," Weingartner said. "I shout them out in my car."

"Rocky" will run from Oct. 23-25, and from Oct. 29-31, with showings at 7 p.m. On Oct. 25 and 31, there will also be midnight showings. All 7 p.m. performances are \$12 and all midnight showings are \$15. Tickets can be bought at the Vista Theatre or at any EZ ticket outlet.



# Drinking and Dining in Marquette

In honor of Family Weekend, the North Wind staff picks their favorite spots for food and beverage.

If you're looking for a local restaurant with table cloths and caviar, then The Doghouse is not for you. But if you're looking for a place to watch sports, drink moderately priced beer, and eat sloppy, delicious food then The Doghouse is perfect for you. The Doghouse is the best place to watch televised sporting events in town. It boasts 11 television sets with all the sports packages available from Direct TV and Charter in Marquette. Besides the beer and sports the best thing about the bar is the food, especially the wings. They're made with the patented Dog sauce and are fitting of the title "best wings in town".

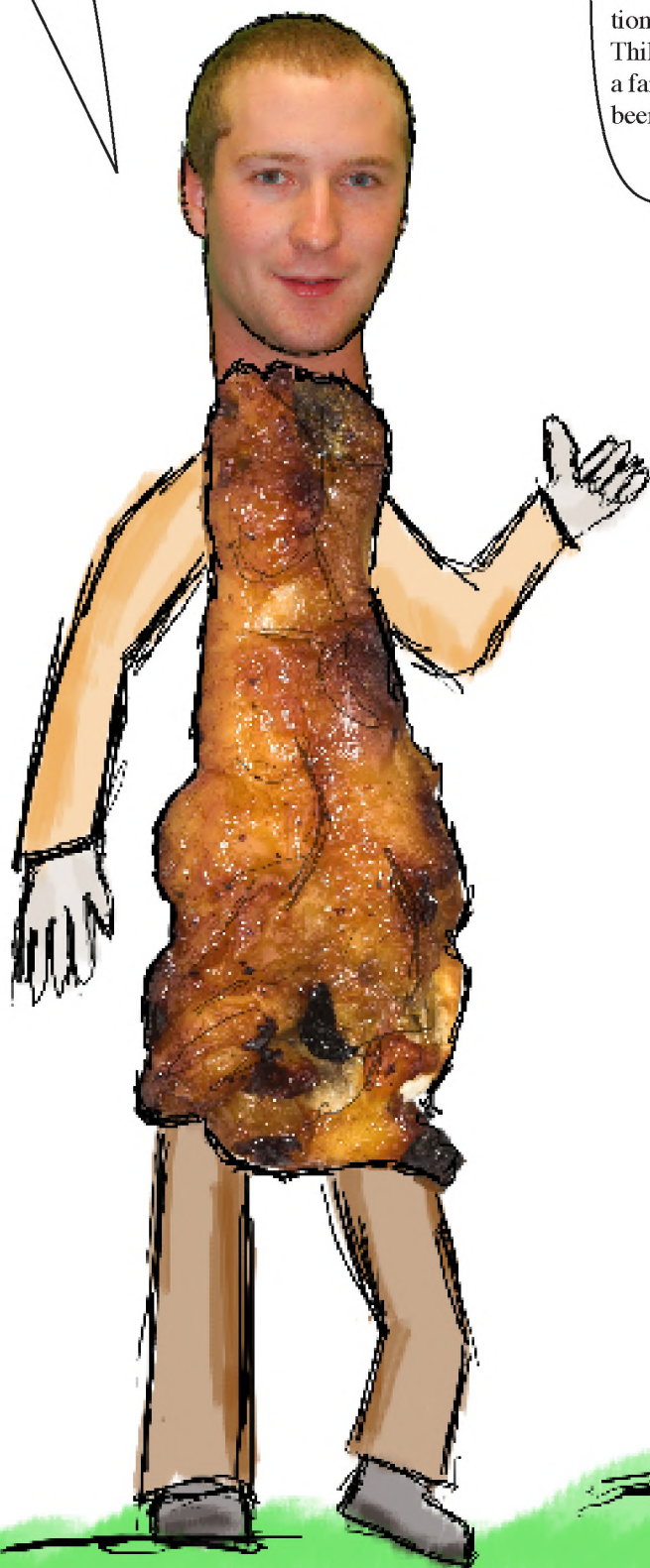
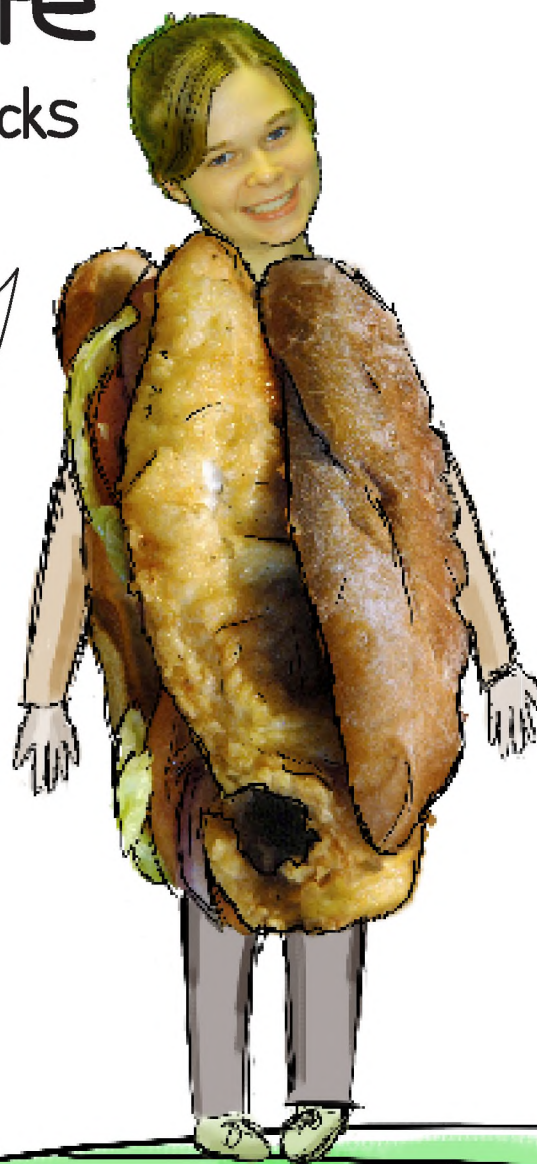
- Gordon Beedle, Assistant Sports Editor

When my parents come to town, I usually make them take me downtown to Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery. And while the warm greetings, music, atmosphere and hidden locale are high on the list of attractions, the biggest draw is the catfish po' boy sandwich. Smothered in the cheese of your choice (I usually prefer the blue cheese crumbles), paired with a mildly spicy Cajun mayonnaise and served on a warm roll, it's a little piece of New Orleans bliss, right here in Marquette. Accompanied by their seasoned French fries or even preceded by an order of their deep fried pickles, it's not easy on the arteries but delicious to the taste buds.

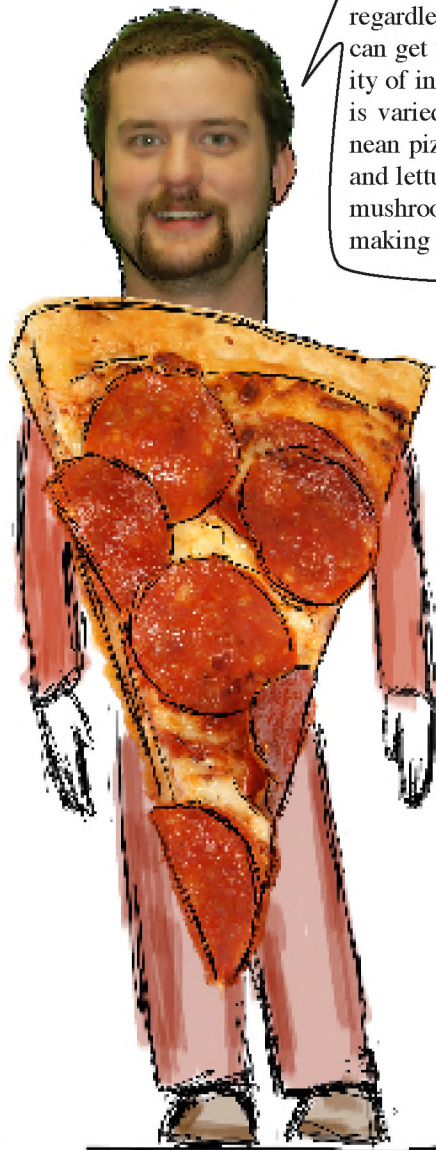
- Claire Abent, Opinions Editor

Let's not kid ourselves. What makes The Vierling Restaurant great, above all else, is the beer. More specifically, the blueberry wheat. The century-old Vierling, found downtown on the corner of Front and Main St., is a restaurant and brewpub loaded with history at one of Marquette's best lakefront locations. The building's turn-of-the-century aura makes dinner an experience in itself. Factor in the diverse menu, and the Vierling emerges as an essential stop for both locals and visitors. Dinner recommendations? The Lake Superior whitefish, supplied by Thill's Fish House fresh from the lake. Top it off with a fantastic pint of that home-brewed blueberry wheat beer — complete with floating blueberries.

- Shane Nyman, Staff Writer



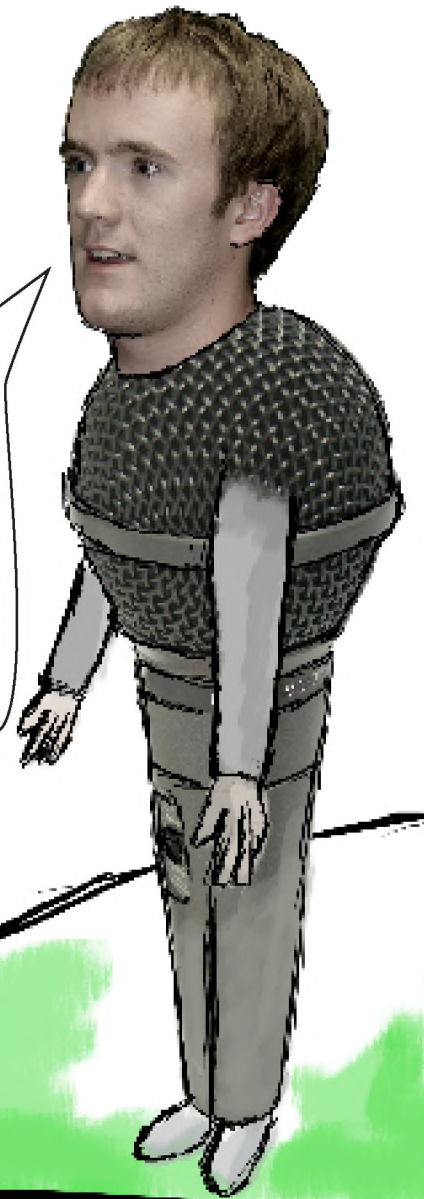




Pizza isn't just food for college students — it's something everyone, regardless of age, can enjoy. So it's important to know where in town you can get the best pizza. And that place is Aubree's. Not only is the quality of ingredients of a higher value, but the price is spot on. Their menu is varied, ranging from typical supreme pizzas to specialty Mediterranean pizzas. It even includes subs that are more than just meat, cheese and lettuce — you can get a sub with gorgonzola cheese and marinated mushrooms. Most importantly, the atmosphere and service are first class, making dining in a must. — Josh Snyder, Features Editor

Marquette is a remote college town, and there are very few places to find what seems to be a genuine college atmosphere. The UpFront, however, is one of those rare locations. The UpFront is composed of a full service restaurant and a nightclub, which showcases live music five nights a week. The week is littered with amazing deals on all sorts of drinks and the beer menu is nearly endless. If you're looking for an entertaining night out in Marquette, the UpFront is the place to go. But you might want to show up before the 9 p.m. cover kicks in.

— Kyle Whitney, Editor in Chief



I need only two words to describe the greatness that is Vango's: waffle fries. Anytime I hear the name "Vango's," that magical food is the first thing that pops into my head, closely followed by "gyros, good beer, live music and 'let's go.'" And if those two words don't convince you, I have two more and an ampersand: Jim & Ray. While this duo plays in a few different places around town, they add the final touch of perfect to a restaurant that already has everything you could ask for. If you're looking for a good time that won't break the bank, think Vango's.

— Jackie Stark, Managing Editor

The Rice Paddy might not look impressive from its modest exterior, but inside Aoy — the owner, makes some of the best and spiciest food in the Upper Peninsula. My favorite dish at the Rice Paddy would have to be the satay pork, although I can't say that I have ever had a meal I disliked there. What makes the Rice Paddy extraordinary is the low cost. With entrees starting at \$4.50, you can't afford not to eat at the Rice Paddy. One word of caution though: If you are thinking about ordering the hot and sour soup — make sure you like your food SPICY!

— Carson LeMahieu, News Editor

Only one thing comes to mind when I think of the Wooden Nickel: \$1.25 PBRs, served right from the keg and into a Mason jar. I like all of the motorcycle paraphernalia hanging on the walls, the music and sports pictures scattered about and the largest selection of tequila in Marquette. The Nickel is located within walking distance to campus and the PEIF, so any of age students living on or around campus won't be tempted to drive home after last call. It's also a great place to grab a couple cold ones before a hockey game. Wednesday at the Wooden Nickel is "peanut day," and everyone drinking gets free peanuts. You don't have to worry about the shells, just toss them on the floor with the wood chips. Its things like this that add a unique touch to the Nickel.

— Chad Casper, Layout Editor

The Boat Bar is often overlooked, sitting behind the Villa Capri in a red and black building on US 41. The name is a good indication of the soul of the bar. The giant center-placed Italian style boat from where the bartenders serve out drinks and food for visiting patrons. The Boat Bar isn't really the place to go to get blasted with music and chug drink specials, it's a place where you can go with a group and won't have to shout to talk to each other. Take a sober driver or money for cab fare and a group of friends and you won't regret your trip to the Boat Bar.

— Jeff Kitson, Photo Editor





# Acrobats return with new visas

By Sidney Arnold  
contributing writer

The Golden Dragon Acrobats are making a return to NMU for the fall semester's Family Weekend 2008. The Golden Dragon Acrobats, known for their physically demanding and colorful shows, have been impressing audiences since their start as acrobats in Hebei, China.

Senior Breanne Lash of Northern Arts and Entertainment (NAE) gave said they consider the performers an NMU staple.

"Northern Arts and Entertainment has always been the student group bringing the Golden Dragon Acrobats to campus. This is their third time here in the last six or seven years," Lash said.

The 16 acrobats are all Chinese citizens who have been training as acrobats from an early age. The group comes to NMU during the fall semester's family weekend. Previous shows have included balancing many glasses at once, creating a human table through contortion, stacking multiple chairs on top of each other and having one acrobat handstand on top, standing 10 people tall on a moving bicycle, and various other extremely difficult maneuvers. To make these feats all the more difficult, the performers wear elaborate costumes.

Biology major Justine Pinsky shared her favorite part of a previous show.

"I was amazed by the variety in the acts," Pinsky said. "I

didn't know what to expect, but every time I thought a stunt was over they would take it one step farther. It was unbelievable."

Psychology major Christie Morse also shared some details on her favorite stunt.

"The acrobats kept standing, one on top of another. They ended up getting so high they could reach the scoreboard in the gym, and they touched it. It was so amazing, and I thought for sure they were going to fall," Morse said.

However, last year NMU students were unable to see these performers, when this anticipated event was forced to cancel. The troupe members were denied their visa applications after stricter stipulations were put on the visa process, due to heightened

security measures for entering the U.S. over extended stays. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not find that their was sufficient proof that the troupe would eventually leave the country again, and so they turned down the visas. With the Golden Dragon Acrobats unable to enter the U.S., they were unable to visit in time for Northern's scheduled show, and this left many students like Morse disappointed.

"I saw them my freshman year when they came to campus on family weekend, and my mom and I really enjoyed them," Morse said. "I was really looking forward to going to last year's, but since it was cancelled I'm hoping they actually come this year, because I'd really like to see them again.

They're impressive."

Breanne Lash informs us that NAE has everything on for the Oct. 25 performance. If all goes according to plan, the Golden Dragon Acrobats are sure to draw the same crowds that previously attended their performances; as older students remember what they enjoyed and new students see what these acrobats can do.

"The show is always entertaining and people are really excited for it. We have already sold over 1,000 tickets," Lash said.

Tickets for the event are available at any EZ ticket outlet at only \$2 for students and children under twelve, and \$5 per adult. The show starts at 8 p.m. in the Berry Events center on Oct. 25.

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4. W.	\$10.50M
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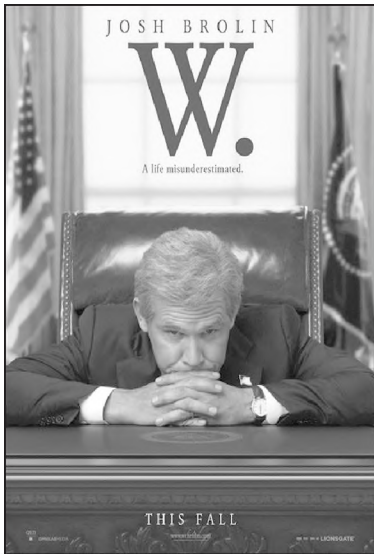
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# Dubya's life story makes great film



Film: W.  
 Director: Oliver Stone  
 Producers: Bill Block, Moritz Borman  
 Writer: Stanley Weiser  
 Starring: Josh Brolin, Richard Dreyfuss, Elizabeth Banks  
 Runtime: 131 minutes  
 Rating: PG-13



By Josh Snyder  
 features editor

Our 43rd president is one of the most polarizing politicians this country has ever seen. He's experienced highs few presidents ever have, as well as lows many have never dealt with. Still, people bitterly debate not only the man, but his policies, the most controversial being the infamous Bush Doctrine. It's these two things that lie at the heart of director Oliver Stone's latest, "W." What may come as a surprise, however, is how sympathetic Stone is to Bush. And what should

come as a surprise to everyone is just how good "W" is.

The set-up is simple: Stone cuts back and forth between Bush's life and the planning of the invasion of Iraq. We see his early days at Yale, his time bouncing from job to job and his alcohol problem, all the while getting a peek into the process he went through to remove Saddam from power.

People will debate whether or not the events presented in "W" are accurate. And while Bush's life and political career may be shrouded in mystery, this is likely the closest we'll get. Still, there's nothing shocking or controversial that reeks of embellishment, which lends some credibility to the

film. That's not to say there aren't any surprises — the pressure put on Bush to not be a failure in his father's eyes is tremendous — but they all seem plausible. Still, it doesn't seem like 100 percent accuracy was an aim for Stone. Rather, his focus was a fleshed-out portrayal of his subject.

In "W," the oftentimes distant and sometimes cold President is brought down to a realistic level. He's a character that anyone can connect to, a surprising feat considering most of us will never know the responsibilities that come with being the most powerful politician in the world. Stone accomplishes this by presenting a picture of Bush that highlights the struggles he went through trying to find his place in society. Of course, Bush's notorious drinking problem plays a role, as does his sudden transformation from regular partier to devout Christian. Seeing his live gives reason to his decisions in the White House. As someone who's never been a fan of Bush, the movie didn't convert me, but it did make me feel sorry for him. And not only does this give the film a sense of humanity but it removes nearly all bias.

Many incorrectly assumed that "W" would make Bush look like a bumbling buffoon. But Stone has delivered probably the least

biased look at Bush's administration. Again, this is accomplished by the attention to detail Stone gives to Bush, as well as Brolin's amazing portrayal of the sitting president. However, the rest of the cast doesn't quite get the same treatment. Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, Karl Rove and Colin Powell are made into caricatures. However, Cheney feels genuine thanks to Dreyfuss' amazing acting abilities. This lack of depth for the supporting cast only slightly detracts from the film, since its main focus is on Bush. Still, the interactions between Cheney and Powell were intriguing and it would have

been nice to see more of them.

Even with its longer runtime, "W" doesn't encompass everything. This isn't surprising — Stone is known to make long, self-indulgent films, and that seems to be the case here. The filmmaking is strong enough to warrant a longer take, but all we have now is the theatrical cut, which is still great, but has some noticeable holes.

With a presidency so controversial, Bush's time in the White House makes for a great story. Regardless of your opinion of him, "W" will cast Bush in a different light. And it's a film you should definitely see.



Photo courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes  
 President Bush (Josh Brolin) throws a tennis ball with his dogs on the White House lawn in director Oliver Stone's "W."

## State shines in U.C.



By Curt Kemp  
 staff writer

Mates of State, the husband and wife duo of Kori Gardner and Jason Hammel, followed up two opening acts in the Great Lakes Rooms with a percussion-driven lesson in vocal harmony.

Along with a guitar/trumpet/auxiliary percussion player at the back of the stage, the couple rolled through the majority of their 2008 release, "Re-Arrange Us," with a set list consisting of "Get Better," "Now," "The Re-Arranger," "Jigsaw" and "My Only Offer." Thrown into the mix were fan-favorites, "Fraud in the 80s" and "Like U Crazy" off their 2006 album "Bring It Back" and "Ha Ha" from 2003's "Team Boo."

The band name Mates of State comes from the likeness between its founding members, and that's apparent live. They're everything a two-person band — and a marriage — strives to be: complimenting styles and a strong relationship that's based on give and take.

Throughout the show, their lyrical back-and-forth was on point, their harmonies executed to perfection. With only Hammel's drum kit and Gardner's organ, the two were able to create a vast electric sound that filled the U.C.

For audience members, there

was little difference between the sound from the albums and the live show. The only change was Gardner's voice live; her lyrics simply had more emotion behind them. Sounding beautiful and haunting, she hung onto notes with ease.

For the song, "Like U Crazy," Gardner brought a chill to the room when she held the final note of the line, "All the things that make you better." Like using paddles on a dying patient, she kept the notes vibrant when they could have been long expired.

Blame it on the Red Bull that Hammel said he needs for their touring lifestyle, but whatever it was, the performance was focused. Both played the majority of the show eyes shut, swaying to the

beat, and the long bangs of Gardner's blonde hair covered her face as she moved to the music.

The band's encore, "These Days," a cover of a Nico song, was the lone change of pace in the set. Hammel left his drum set and stood center stage, mic in hand, and when his vocal portion wrapped up, he went in for a kiss. Gardner responded by turning her cheek and smiling.

The husband, father and musician then returned to his drum set for a seemingly improvisational piece, which slowed to the finale.

After Thursday night's show, if there's any doubt that Mates of State has the chops, reference back to the lyrics of "The Re-Arranger:" "You should try to shake it off."



Photo courtesy of Mates of State  
 Mates of State members Kori Gardner and Jason Hammel delivered an inspired set to NMU students Thursday, Oct. 16

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# Horror remake delivers scares



Film: Quarantine

Director: John Erick Dowdle

Producers: Sergio Aguero, Clint Culpepper, Doug Davison

Writer: John Erick Dowdle, Drew Dowdle

Starring: Jennifer Carpenter, Steve Harris, Jay Hernandez

Runtime: 89 minutes

Rating: R



By Scott Viau  
staff writer

"Quarantine" is a very enjoyable film that seems to want to put a new spin on an old genre. Although it hasn't necessarily been advertised as a zombie film, it pretty much is. It takes the genre in a different direction by using the "found footage" route, which makes a film look as if it were shot by amateurs. But for all the changes "Quarantine" makes, it still owes quite a bit to its predecessors, yet remains a fun and thrilling ride that can hold its own.

Newswoman Angela Vidal (Carpenter) and her cameraman

Scott Percival (Harris) are doing filming story on firefighters of Los Angeles. They meet up with firefighters George Fletcher (Johnathon Schaech) and Jake (Hernandez). Soon after the alarm is raised, and they go dashing off to an apartment building, where tenants are complaining about screams coming from the second floor. Once there, they find an old, disoriented woman with foam dripping from her mouth and a vacant expression. As they approach her, she pounces on one of them, tearing at his throat, infecting him with a strange disease. Soon after, the building is quarantined by the Centers for Disease Control and the number of infected increases rapidly. With no escape possible the remaining survivors must

fight for their lives.

There's a real sense of danger in "Quarantine." I don't recall one scene where the scare delivered wasn't genuine. Eventually, the action begins to look as if you're watching a friend play "House of the Dead" at an arcade. The monsters pop up, and they either get destroyed or another member of the survival party has been lost. The killing, running, screaming and terror builds up to a climax that delivers a grin-inducing and thrilling homage to the finale of "The Silence of the Lambs," which proves to be effective in its own right.

The acting does what it's supposed to, although Carpenter is really quite effective in her role as Vidal. In the beginning she is sweet, perhaps even coquettish, yet professional. By the end she's a mess, portraying her hysteria quite nicely. Harris, Schaech and Hernandez are all capable in their respective roles. There's really only so much one can bring to a role which requires you to run around and act scared. No one falls behind or flies ahead of what is expected of them.

Let's face it though, the main reason we go to these movies is the gore. The violence work, especially considering the man who suffers a serious compound fracture. His leg is torn almost entirely off and then we see him walk on it when he becomes in-

fectured. The bone is clearly visible and should induce a squirm to anyone watching.

Those who experienced nausea during "The Blair Witch Project" or "Cloverfield" may want to sit this one out. The camera is truly all over the place, although it does substantially heighten the film's ability to scare. Had "Quarantine" been shot like a normal horror film it would have lost a considerable amount of terror.

While most of the recent horror remakes have been complete duds ("Prom Night," anyone?), I feel "Quarantine" is the exception. What makes most remakes so bad is they don't always take into account what made the orig-

inal good. Hollywood will usually take all the subtlety out of it and just inject trite and hackneyed scenarios. They're often just a sorry excuse to make a quick dollar at the box office. "Quarantine" certainly isn't the second coming when it comes to horror films, but it's a nice break considering the recent studio output.

"Quarantine" is a lot of fun. It's really as simple as that. The scares provided are visceral and jolt-inducing and the acting does the best it can. Those who are sick of the same old thrillers should definitely give this one a shot. This latest installment in horror cinema vérité proves to be a worthy addition.



Photo courtesy of Yahoo!

Reporter Angela Vidal (Jennifer Carpenter) tries to out run infected residents in the latest horror flick, "Quarantine."

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Casey Wilcox (above) is one of six seniors on the soccer team. She has five career goals with the Wildcats.

## Seniors lead soccer to wins over the weekend

By **Brice Burge**  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team ended its regular season home schedule with two GLIAC wins, against Saginaw Valley State University 1-0 on Friday, and Northwood University 3-0 Sunday.

NMU had been scoreless the last three games, losing 1-0 at home against Tiffin, then 2-0 at Grand Valley and 3-0 at Ferris. With the two wins over the weekend, NMU is now 9-8 overall and 5-6 in GLIAC play.

In Friday's game against SVSU, the one NMU goal came on a fluke play. Forward Kari Buckel was sending a pass across the opposing goalie box, when a SVSU defender deflected it. The ball ricocheted off the SVSU goalie's foot and spun into the goal.

"We try to get balls into the box whenever we can," Buckel said. "They bobbed it and the goalie couldn't cover it."

The defining aspect of the game was the increase in the physical play by the Wildcats.

The clock was stopped after a mid-air collision between NMU midfielder Brittney Buchanan and SVSU midfielder Stephanie Roy, while another mid-air collision resulted in NMU forward Casey Wilcox taking a foul.

"We played a physical game and stepped up," Wilcox said. "We played the game of the season and didn't give up."

Northern held its ground against the Cardinals, despite SVSU's rough-style of play. Wilcox was shoved down face first after attempting a header, which resulted in a SVSU foul shortly

before the goal was scored in the 70th minute.

SVSU had lost to NMU earlier this year at Saginaw.

"I think a lot of it is that we play everyone twice (in conference play), and because of that it almost makes games more physical; it's payback," said head coach Matt Granstrand. "That's the way the year's been going lately and the refs have been letting the games really go and the only way to compete is to become physical."

On Sunday, the 'Cats won against Northwood 3-0, completing the season sweep of the

Timberwolves. "Northern was the better side and deservedly got the victory," Northwood head coach Doug Carter said. "With the wind coming straight down the field, we needed to not concede three goals early."

With the wind at their backs, the Wildcats scored all three goals in the first half, outshooting Northwood 8-5 in that time. When the teams switched sides of the field at the beginning of the second half, NMU's defense negated the weather advantage with a shut-down defense, allowing only one Northwood shot.

"We played pretty well and we dominated both halves, both with and against the wind," said defender Meghan Sarna. "Capitalizing (on our scoring opportu-

nities) is really important and we finished."

The first goal was scored by Buckel, the team's leading scorer with nine goals this season. The second score came off of a header by Buchanan from a Sarna corner kick. It was Buchanan's third goal of the year. The game's third goal came from a Sarna corner kick, but was scored by midfielder Abbie Debiak.

"Sarna set it up pretty great so all I had to do was put a touch on it," Debiak said. "It's pretty much one a year for me, so I guess I waited till the end."

The game against Northwood was senior day for Northern Michigan, as it signified the last home game of the regular season, and possibly the seniors' last game in Marquette. Before the game started, seniors Sarna, Buchanan, Wilcox, Debiak, and Michaela Harris were recognized with their families.

"It's good because my family came down from Canada and that's special," Sarna said. "I'm sad but hopefully there are more opportunities to play."

Buchanan added that the win made the day more special.

"We wanted a win and to get those three goals early was just fantastic. It was a perfect senior day."

The only way to have another home game for NMU would be if the Wildcats received home field advantage for the opening round of the GLIAC conference championships held in November. For one more home game, the Wildcats need to finish at least fourth in the conference standings. Currently Northern is fifth with a 5-6 conference record. No. 1 Grand Valley is leading the conference, currently undefeated record.

## Volleyball takes two from GLVC

By **Gordon Beedle**  
assistant sports editor

**Comeback screaming**

The Northern volleyball team went on the road for the GLIAC-Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) crossover tournament last weekend, winning two of their three games.

On Friday, NMU won two matches, against Northern Kentucky, 3-0 (25-23, 25-23, 25-23), and the University of Indianapolis, 3-2 (25-22, 25-17, 22-25, 21-25, 15-13).

On Saturday the 'Cats fell short to Southern Indiana, losing 2-3 (25-15, 25-19, 24-26, 15-25, 12-15).

Head coach Dominic Yoder applauded the play of his team on Friday, and said on Saturday, it was the little mistakes that made the difference, as his team dropped a 2-0 lead.

"We came out competitive, but we were just out of gas (Saturday), and mentally we were just not there in set three," he said. "We really didn't get the job done, and that is what really lost it for us."

### Friday night highlights

For the two wins, the Wildcats beat No. 21 Northern Kentucky and No. 24 University of Indianapolis, with only 15 minutes of rest in between.

In the matches, junior Daniela Bezerra lead the way with 32 total kills, senior Caryn VanBeckum added 29 and freshman Emma Wolfe had 20.

Madeline Ogden helped with 81 assists and Cassie Osiecki earned 22 digs.

Senior Captain Breanne Zarembo said Friday's play was how the team needed to play all season, especially when their goal is to when the GLIAC tournament, and then work toward Regionals and Nationals.

"Friday night was amazing. We came out and we played the best volleyball I've ever seen us play this year," she said. "Just the intensity on the court, the enthusiasm, the pride that we showed, it was all just amazing and (durning) each point it was there."

Coach Yoder said the matches were important wins, but against Northern Kentucky, the Wildcats won on a service error, and were fortunate to sneak away with the win.

"It was lucky for us, but sometimes, you know, you have to be lucky to win," he said.

The 'Cats luck would not continue Saturday, when they fell to the Screaming Eagles of Southern Indiana. The 'Cats went into the match on a 9-1 run and were looking toward a 3-0 victory, but the Eagles came back and won three consecutive sets. This marked the end of NMU's seven-match winning streak.

**You have to remember your failures to be successful in the future.**

— Dominic Yoder  
head volleyball coach

"We could have won some matches this weekend in three (sets) and it took us five. I

think we're going to have to work really strongly to finish games, and try and be more consistent at doing that," Bezerra said.

Statistically for the 'Cats, Bezerra, VanBeckum and Mandie Meyer each had 16 kills, while Wolfe dropped in 11. NMU had a better hitting percentage than the Eagles with .218, but it was the Eagles that walked away victorious, Yoder said.

"I think the biggest thing is basically staying focused from start to finish," he said. "You have to remember your failures to be successful in the future."

After the tournament the 'Cats are ranked two spots out of the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 poll, having received 23 total points for honorable mention.

The top eight teams in the region earn a bid to the national tournament, and the first chance NMU has to improve that ranking is the upcoming weekend.

NMU will head on the road to face GLIAC foes No. 6 Lake State on Friday and No. 4 Saginaw Valley State on Saturday.

NMU beat LSSU in three straight sets at home earlier this season, but fell 3-0 to SVSU the same weekend. The 'Cats are hoping to stay at No. 3 in the GLIAC, but a loss to either LSSU (2-9 GLIAC, 6-13) or SVSU (7-4 GLIAC, 17-5) could alter that.

Right now, though, NMU is focusing on its past in hopes of improving its future. Zarembo said she and the team have been working to fine tune themselves, so little mistakes don't lead to big failures.

"We went back to each point where we thought it was the turning point for every match, and point by point we figured out what went wrong, and how we are going to fix that," she said. "It just comes down to the little technical things, and then it makes a big difference on the big picture of the thing."



# Back to East Lansing



Eric Hampton/NW

Erik Gustaffson, above, led the Wildcats in the plus/minus category last season. Through four games this season, Gustaffson's plus/minus rating is zero, and he has two assists.

## NMU hockey returns to the Munn

By Curt T Kemp  
sports editor

The NMU hockey team split its weekend series with the No. 5 University of Michigan Wolverines last weekend, winning 2-0 on Friday then dropping a 5-3 decision to a more aggressive Wolverine team on Saturday night.

After last weekend's split, Northern (2-2-0) now heads to East Lansing to face the No. 12 Michigan State Spartans (2-2-0).

The following weekend the 'Cats then play host to No. 8 Notre Dame.

"You want to play the best teams," senior captain Tim Hartung said. "I'd like to play Michigan 36 times this year. I mean, that's what we've got and we've got to deal with it. We've got to work hard, and do the best we can with it. It's not going to be easy."

### Fresh-faced Sparty

And when the 'Cats hit the ice of the Munn Ice Arena on Friday, they'll be facing one of the biggest – though not in stature – obstacles thus far this season, in Michigan State's 5-foot 6-inches 155-pound senior goaltender and captain, Jeff Lerg.

Northern's netminder, junior Brian Stewart, said he looks forward to any match-up with Lerg, the all-conference first-team member, and added that it's an opportunity to beat one of the best.

"Just looking at him at the other end, you know it's going to be hard to beat him; it always is," Stewart said. "I'm just going to have to play my own game – and it's going to be a battle. You just hope for a good result."

Hartung had a similar scouting report.

"He's a great goalie. He's proved it; he's got a national title, he's been good every year. That stuff doesn't just happen."

Aside from the goalie, the Spartans are a much different

group than the team that Northern defeated in the CCHA playoffs a year ago. This year, MSU will be without Tim Kennedy and Justin Abdelkader, the top two scorers from last season, as both left school early for professional hockey. MSU also lost Bryan Lerg and Chris Mueller to graduation (the third and fifth leading scorers respectively). In their place will be a group of talented freshmen who have already made an impact. Freshmen Andrew Conboy, Daultan Leveille and Tim Buttery each have two points early in the season.

Northern head coach Walt Kyle said, despite State's losses, the 'Cats would be facing a nationally-ranked Spartan team that's looking for a bit of payback after last season's home playoff loss.

"You're talking about a team that's ranked No. 12 in the country, we're going back to their building, it's a team we eliminated last year in our league playoffs," Kyle said.

"There's no way they're going to overlook us."

Kyle added, like Michigan, Michigan State doesn't necessarily lose players from the hockey program, they reload.

"These guys have the ability to recruit. Every year, even if they're bringing in 10 freshmen, they are 10 of the best freshmen that were available a year ago," Kyle said. "And many of the freshmen they bring in won't be here for four years (because they'll go pro)."

In preparing for Michigan State, Kyle said there are still a lot of areas that the Wildcats need to improve on.

"We have not found ourselves yet as a team," he said. "We are not playing shift-in and shift-out with the identity we want."

"We're not playing with the chemistry we need to within lines, within penalty groups," Kyle added.

"We have a long way to go in those areas."

### Frosh-ting on the cake

MSU isn't the only team bringing a solid group of freshmen to this weekend's games.

When Kyle recruited the current group of freshmen to NMU, he expected they would contribute to the team, but the play of Andrew Cherniwchan, Justin Florek, Tyler Gron, Devan Hartigan and Ben Lindemulder has impressed Northern's head coach as of late.

For starters, Cherniwchan's churned out three goals thus far, including one Saturday night.

Compared to Hartung, who has seven goals at NMU, Cherniwchan's off to a fast start.

"The freshmen are all doing more than I expected, I'll tell you that much," Hartung said. "Cherniwchan's got almost as many goals as I have in my career already."

Cherniwchan's head coach has been impressed with the freshman's performance, as well.

"We expected him to get some scoring. I can't tell you we expected him to get three goals in five games," Kyle said. "To me, for a

freshman, he's done an outstanding job."

Florek, though not yet showing up on the score sheet, has also made an early impact.

"We keep coming back to how well Justin Florek is playing," Kyle said. "He has been a very very effective player for us for a

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— Walt Kyle  
head hockey coach

freshman. He's done a great job."

Kyle added that he's also been pleased with the improvements that Gron has made thus far, and that Lindemulder is continuing to improve as well.

Hartigan, though only seeing action in the Toronto exhibition game, did pick up his first collegiate win, and has served as an adequate backup to Stewart.

"All of the freshmen, to me, they're doing at least what we'd hoped they'd do," Kyle said. "And probably significantly more."

### Everybody ropes, everybody rides

The freshmen on the NMU team are still learning what it means to be a member of the Northern Michigan hockey team, but for the returning players, nearly every one of them can tell you one thing about being a Wildcat: "Everybody ropes, everybody rides."

"It means everybody's got to do their job. If everybody works, everybody's going to reap the rewards," Kyle said. "We don't have a culture where we're going to win here because of a couple of superstars. We're going to win because everyone does the things that they need to do for us to win. Everyone."

NMU's captain added that this year's team is buying into that idea.

"We're not going to get better if only half of the guys do it," Hartung said. "And that's what we're doing – everybody's working hard and everyone's getting better. I feel like we're making strides every day."

Game times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in East Lansing.



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Nick Sirota scored his first goal of the season on this empty net opportunity Friday night. Saturday night, Sirota picked up his second marker, on an even-strength opportunity.





photo courtesy of Jenny Ryan

Jenny Ryan (above center) coaches four NMU varsity sports teams. She is an assistant coach to track, men's and women's skiing and head coach to the cross-country team.

## NMU coach runs from fall to winter to spring

By Gordon Beedle  
assistant sports editor

Throughout the past week, the cross country team has been preparing for the Oct. 25 GLIAC meet.

This race is perhaps the most important competition of the year, and head coach Jenny Ryan has been busy training her team to be at the top of their game for Saturday.

Coaching these 29 athletes to third place in the GLIAC has been a tiring task for Ryan, but when the season is over rest and relaxation will still be months away.

### An enduring passion

Ryan is in her second season as head coach of the cross-country running team. Assisting her is former head coach and current men's and women's nordic ski head coach, Sten Fjeldheim.

Ryan is also an assistant coach for the track team under Tom Barnes, and assists Fjeldheim with nordic skiing.

While being the only coach at Northern involved with four varsity teams, she also is the only woman to head a varsity team.

Northern Michigan Athletic Director Ken Godfrey said Ryan is a valuable member to the NMU athletic family.

"I think it's her passion and love for what she does, that allows her to do all those things," Godfrey said. "She is very knowledgeable. She has a good education. She has been a student athlete at a very high level, and I think that contributes to what she brings to coaching."

Before coming to NMU, Ryan cross-country skied at the collegiate level for Montana State University, where she gained Aca-

demic All-American honors.

After earning her bachelor's degree she moved to Northern and trained with the USOEC in skiing for three years.

She raced in nine National Championships and three Olympic Trials. She also earned one gold and two silver medals in the World Masters Championships.

Ryan said she continued her two passions of academics and athletics.

When she wasn't competing, Ryan was coaching skiing and running in Bozeman, Mont. and teaching math at a local middle school.

In 2000, Ryan returned to NMU to earn a master's degree in exercise science. During this, Fjeldheim was head of the ski and cross country programs and signed Ryan on as a graduate assistant.

"I always have loved sports, and especially these sports," she said. "I also love teaching, and working with people. So I wanted to do something that combined my love for athletics, my academic education and my experience as an athlete at many different levels."

"I worked hard as a graduate assistant coach, learning as much as I could," Ryan added.

After earning her master's, Ryan became assistant coach to Fjeldheim in cross-country and the ski teams.

"We both have an educational background and we've done a lot of racing of our own," Ryan said of Fjeldheim. "He has done many more years of coaching, and he has really taught me a lot about coaching."

As if coaching three teams

wasn't enough for the duo, in 2004 Fjeldheim was able to get the women's track team reinstated, and hired Ryan as an assistant along with Barnes.

In 2005, Ryan took the reins as head coach of track for one season. She then handed them to current head coach, Barnes, and he kept her for coaching endurance



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—Ken Godfrey  
NMU Athletic Director

runners.

"I did want to [head coach]," Ryan said. "But at the same time, I didn't have the background in all the throwing and the jumping."

### Cross coaching

Coach Barnes said keeping Ryan was an important decision, because she coaches runners in both cross-country and track.

"Her experience is invaluable and we're lucky to have somebody like her," Barnes said. "She pitches in and can help any athlete. Sometimes I am able to help the distance runners too. So we work together. She is able to talk to athletes, and sometimes a different person makes a difference."

Senior cross-country and distance track runner Bibiane Mahy said having Ryan to help coach both seasons showed her a great example.

"It's amazing how she finds time to still be there next to us. We are always in touch and it's like we're never apart," Mahy

said. "I see how much she does, and I try to help out as much as possible. Why wouldn't you want to be more like her?"

Leadership, togetherness and work ethic are qualities Ryan said she illustrates in all fields of her coaching.

Fjeldheim said she brings this to nordic skiing, and more.

"Jenny has brought a lot of stability to the program and I've learned a lot from Jenny," he said. "Having a female coach working with a group of women — I saw a huge difference right from the beginning."

The relationship between Fjeldheim and Ryan has brought many honors to both teams.

Since Ryan's involvement with the ski teams, they have competed at the NCAA Ski Championships each year and produced 13 All-Americans and one National Champion.

The cross-country team has also reaped the benefits of the combination. It has earned NCAA D-II Championships six times. The program has shaped 10 D-II All-American runners, two GLIAC conference championships and one D-II Great Lakes Regional Champion. Now with Ryan heading the cross country team she hopes to follow in the large footsteps of Fjeldheim.

"I wanted to see what I could do and what kind of a team I could build," Ryan said. "Sten built this team to a high level, and now I would like to rebuild the team back to that level."

### The GLIAC meet

To prep for the upcoming GLI-

AC race, Ryan said she's been ending practice with speed work — doing shorter and faster intervals than the team did in the beginning of the season.

In Tuesday morning's rain, the team ended with six 200-yard controlled sprints.

"They have the fitness now, and we're just trying to maintain it," Ryan said. "We do longer intervals earlier in the season. So now we try and keep the speed, but not tire them out so much."

The team Ryan will send to compete this year will be led by four freshmen.

At NMU's last meet, freshmen Nora Kiiilunen, Rebecca Holmquist, Stephanie Enderby and Erin McCulloch were the top point-earners.

This year's team is also missing Mahy and Jennifer Wiedmeyer due to redshirts.

The two were top point earners in last year's fifth place finish at the GLIAC.

The 2008 season has been a rebuilding year, but Ryan said that shouldn't be an excuse.

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

Fjeldheim said he is certain Ryan's knowledge of the sport will help the team at the GLIAC meet, as well as throughout her career at Northern.

He added the type of student athletes Ryan has recruited can succeed at a high level within their training system.

"We want [athletes] that want to be here — the ones that are going to crawl across a quarter-mile of broken glass to get here," he said. "Those are kids Jenny and I coach, and want to coach. Even if they're a little slower we will make them faster."



# Swimmers start season

By Trevor Pellerite  
staff writer

Last weekend, while NMU's hockey and soccer teams held games in Marquette for the home crowd, the Women's Swimming and Diving team traveled on a 10-hour bus ride to Moorhead, Minn. for its first official collegiate competition of the year.

The meet took place Friday and Saturday and was a double-dual meet between NMU, St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and Minnesota State University-Moorhead.

Northern fell to Moorhead by a margin of 169.5 points to 68.5 on Friday and 218 to 81 on Saturday. SCSU beat NMU 200 points to 38 on Friday and 237 to 61 on Saturday.

Head coach Bob Laughna said the results were not surprising. SCSU and Moorhead fielded 32 and 26 athletes respectively against NMU's 11, numbers Laughna said were a huge disadvantage for Northern's team.

"[SCSU] can build three relays," Laughna said. "We're very limited in size. We don't have the depth of talent."

That is not to say that Northern did not have notable performances. Laughna singled out the races of freshman Elyse Sawka and junior Sarah Cempel, both of whom

competed in the 1650 yard -free-style race on Friday. Sawka took third with 19:38.91, with Cempel following in fifth with 20:04.05.

Another strong race at the meet was turned in by freshman Ashley Oliver, who placed third in the 50-yard backstroke. Also swimming well were senior captain Emily Olson (sixth in the 100-yard butterfly) and Hannah Bolger (sixth in the 200-yard backstroke).

A more personal triumph was experienced by freshman Stephanie Rogaczewski, who has wasted no time improving her performances. Rogaczewski swam personal-best times in both her 400-yard Individual Medley and 200-yard butterfly races.

"I was pretty happy with that," Rogaczewski said. "It was very exciting."

Rogaczewski added that she hoped she kept dropping times to be competitive at the GLIAC meet. Laughna is not despairing, however, and hopes that the team will be able to be competitive soon.

"They're working hard," he said. "I'm pleased. They're pretty consistent and I'm looking for them to be consistent in times."

Perhaps the biggest success story for NMU as a team was the performance of the divers Kelli and Kara Vander Baan. Both athletes had a stellar weekend, and neither finishing below seventh

place either day. Kelli took third in Friday's 1-meter event and Kara finished in seventh. The pair switched roles in the 3-meter dive, as Kara (who took third) edged her sister out by less than half a point.

The twins took top honors in Saturday's 3-meter, placing first and second. Kelli won the event by over 20 points.

Although Kelli believed both she and her sister dove well on Friday, she did say the travel conditions probably hindered their performances. After the ten hour bus ride, the diving events ended up taking place at almost 11 p.m. Eastern time.

"I think, on both days, we had really good performances," Kelli said. "Saturday, I think we did even better because we were more rested and more adapted."

Kelli said she thinks both divers are doing well. For the season, they have set numerous short-term goals for themselves, including new dives and improving different technical aspects of their dives.

"I think we're on the right track," she said.

The Wildcat swimmers and divers have another chance to gauge their performances on Nov. 1 when they travel to Wisconsin's Carthage College for the Kiefer Fall Classic.



## Hippie "Nonsense"



Staff  
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I spent nearly all of my weekend inside. As I listened to people talking, my bum and the cushioned chair I was perched on slowly melded into one. Watching a screen hour after hour dried my eyes and painted them red. By the end, I could not keep my legs from bouncing in under-moved, unexercised angst.

I can hear it already: "But Callie, you're the Outdoor writer – you're supposed to be outside. You promised to be the best cheerleader 'The Outdoors' has ever seen and encourage us to get outside."

Yes but I also promised to write about "the greater issues that will ultimately determine if I will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoors in my lifetime and provide the same experiences for future generations." As a lady of my word, this binding clause kept me inside as I attended the Great Lakes Bioneers Conference in downstate Traverse City.

What is a Bioneer? Bioneers are "social and scientific innovators from all walks of life and disciplines who have peered deep into the heart of living systems to understand how nature operates, and to mimic 'nature's operating instructions' to serve human ends without harming the web of life." Thoughtfully and eloquently called "hippie crap" by many.

Well, Earth ain't no hippies-only club. In a global society that separates – people, ideas, ecologies, money and land – at an increasingly polarizing altitude, we are cutting ourselves off from the most amazingly powerful web of support ever created. While the laws of interconnectedness are inescapable, we can decide whether our role in this framework will be positive or negative. But we have to decide fast and dominance is not an option.

The conference brought together leading-edge thinkers in a nationwide network of conferences to share breakthrough solutions to the world's most pressing social and environmental issues. Their messages were of hopeful urgency: they recognize the problems; they define the tipping points (or points at which damage is irreversible); they find the solutions in nature; and they have faith in the capac-

ity of human thought and compassion to implement these solutions. These people are at the intellectual forefront of the human species spectrum.

But they are not the entire spectrum. I found the most grounding experience of the conference to be in the presentations (and my own experiences) of the social issues that continue to afflict our global society. Equity and justice are repeatedly accosted by the institutionalized workings of social (cultural, political, economic, racial, etc.) frameworks. We treat each other poorly; we treat the earth poorly.

The opening keynote speaker, Kristin Rothballer, said in a workshop I attended that sustainability is not going to be an intellectual revolution; it is going to be a soulful revolution. It is going to be a revolution that ties civil rights with environmental rights. And it is going to be rooted in human compassion.

If we treat each other with equity and justice, we will treat the earth with the same principles.

As outdoor enthusiasts, we seek to get away from "civilization," to find solace and to be out into the wilderness. When describing wilderness, we use words like untouched, pristine and isolated. This paradigm that wilderness is somehow unaffected by the throes of human-propagated climate change returns us to our disconnection from the Earth and from each other.

I was told to give you advice on sustainability: ways in which you could make a difference, ways to help. But there is no checklist of ideas I could provide or changes you could implement that would suddenly make you "sustainable." Likewise, "to help" is to make this quest personal. It is going to take all the talents, creativity and passions of this world. What I can give you is the impetus to continue to move up on that combined intellectual-compassion spectrum: those who don't know – learn; those who know – act; those who act – stay grounded and pollinate.

I spent nearly all of my weekend inside. My red, dry eyes watched and my ears listened as speaker after speaker blew my mind with their creative solutions to this global problem – the intellectual uplift was astounding. But my eyes were no longer dry when we discussed the dire need for social uplift. There is work to be done but there are many hands.

When dealing with the Earth, be ruled by a clear mind. When dealing with people, be ruled by a full heart.

## Additional Information: You can't go home again



Ad-In  
Adam  
Dompierre

NMU's hockey team travels to East Lansing this weekend to take on Rick Comley and the Michigan State Spartans. Comley coached NMU from 1977 to 2002, so this game might mean a little extra to the Wildcats.

Here's a look at some high-profile coaches who went up against their former teams.

Steve Spurrier  
Florida Gators

In 1966, a plucky little quarterback became the first Florida Gator to win the Heisman Trophy. Twenty-three years later Steve Spurrier returned to coach his alma mater and led them to a kind of dominance previously reserved for Steven Seagal over interchangeable redneck pool-hall villains. Spurrier won the SEC every year from 1993-1996. After a disastrous jump to the NFL, the Ole Ball Coach returned to the college ranks with South Carolina. There's no question that Spurrier's game has slipped since he returned

to the Gamecocks, and watching the former King Midas lose to the doormats of the world has just gotten sad.

**Winner: Florida**

Spurrier is winless in two tries against the Gators.

Roy Williams  
Kansas Jayhawks:

The back of Kansas' commemorative state quarter is a picture of a buffalo and some sunflowers. I guess what I'm saying is there's not a whole lot going on in the Sunflower State, so Kansans take their college basketball awfully seriously. Roy Williams was approaching golden god status during the 1990s when he led Kansas to nine Big 12 titles in 13 years. Despite turning down his alma mater's head coaching vacancy in 2000, Williams made the jump to North Carolina three years later. Jayhawk fans were crushed, and Williams poured gallons of salt in the horribly gaping wound in 2005 by winning the NCAA National Championship with Carolina, something he never could at Kansas.

**Winner: Tie**

Williams got his title first, but the Jayhawks crushed his Tar Heels in last year's Final Four on their way to a championship of their own.

Rick Comley  
NMU Wildcats:

And the Rick Comley-Northern relationship brings us full-circle. As much as each of the coaches above meant to their respective teams, Comley was even more important as Northern's first and most successful coach. For the first 25 years of Northern hockey, Comley was the face of the program, and led the Wildcats to their first and only national championship, in 1991. Thus far at Michigan State, Comley has won another national championship, in 2007. The man has a seriously impressive resume, too; during Comley's coaching career, he has coached 10 Hobey Baker award finalists, 15 All-Americans, four league players of the year, 26 first team all-league selections and 83 academic all-league selections. The Spartans are again a strong team this season, at No. 12 in the country, and Northern knows they'll be in for a fight this weekend. If last weekend's performances against Michigan are any indication, the Wildcats could pull another upset like last season's CCHA playoff run.

**Winner: TBD**

Find out this weekend. On Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in East Lansing, Comley's Spartans play host to the Wildcats for their lone match-up of the season.



# All is 'Wells' that ends 'Wells'

By Drew Kochanny  
sports staff writer

It's rare that a Division II student athlete continues to a higher level of competition. Every so often though, an athlete has the superior athleticism, skills and strength of character to make it beyond college sports.

NMU senior wide receiver Fred Wells may just be one of the atypical players who rise from the D-II ranks.

For Wells, a 6-foot-1-inch 205-pound four-year starter, he has statistics to support the claim; Wells has clocked 40-yard dash times below 4.40 seconds.

As one of the fastest athletes on the team, as well as in the GLIAC, if Wells is to make a roster spot on a professional football team, his speed will most likely have something to do with it. Right now, Wells is trying to focus on the rest of this year's football season before he looks to the future.

But being a pro is something he still keeps in the back of his mind.

"As of right now, it's crossed my mind, but I'm more focused on finishing the season strong," Wells said. "Then, after the season, begin to really focus on that part."

In his career at NMU, Wells has led the team in receiving the past two seasons, and racking up 2,343 yards in the process. In 2006, Wells brought in 44 catches for 870 yards and nine touchdowns. That year, he

finished second in the GLIAC in yards, and was an All-Conference selection

In 2007, Wells caught 42 passes for 724 yards and seven scores. This season, though, the numbers for Wells have been down. In seven games, he has 22 catches for 338 yards and three scores for the one-win Wildcats. Part of the reason for his slump could be the injury he endured at the start of the season.

"He had an early injury," head coach Bernie Anderson said. "It's just been one of those years where he's had a hard time getting healthy."

And there's also been a change at quarterback with freshman Carter Kopach taking most of the snaps

In Wells' first three seasons, he developed a strong relationship with previous starting quarterback Buddy Rivera.

"As of right now, we don't have the connection that the quarterback and I had before," Wells said.

But, Wells can be more versatile than simply a wideout. During his time at NMU, Wells has also excelled on the Wildcats' special teams. This season, on top of his receiving yards, he has accounted for 789 return yards, first on the team. At the pro ranks, many young professional football players earn roster spots because of their ability to play special teams.

"He's returned kicks and punts for us," Anderson said. "And that'd be a possibility that they'd look

for. I'd say anyone with his type of speed could be a special teams player (professionally)."

When Wells was asked if he would be willing to do anything a team asks of him to make a spot on a professional team, it didn't take him long to think about the question: "Absolutely, yeah," he said.

Of the 50-plus wide receivers taken in the 2008 NFL Draft, only five of them came from schools in the NCAA's lower divisions, but many more were picked up as undrafted free agents. The pro scouts have already begun the process of keeping an eye on Wells.

"There have been a few scouts at games and practice; they came here to watch film, and practice, and the games," Wells said.

In the last decade, the current GLIAC teams have sent five receivers to the NFL: Ruvell Martin and Glen Martinez of Saginaw, Nate Washington of Tiffin, David Kircus of Grand Valley, and Carlton Brewster of Ferris. Wells could make his name the next on the list, but he will have to get through the next three games on the Wildcats schedule before any professional aspirations can start.

This weekend, the University of Findlay comes to the Superior Dome with a conference record identical to NMU's (1-6 GLIAC).

Wells and the Wildcats will be challenged Saturday when they face Findlay's third ranked pass defense.



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Fred Wells and NMU play at 1 p.m. Saturday against Findlay.

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**Today, Oct. 23**

**Event:** Imam Hassan Al Qazwini will be speaking at 12 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church.

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

**Event:** Superiorland Kiwanis will meet from 6:45-8:30 a.m. in Pioneer A room of the University Center.

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

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

**Event:** "The Old Copper Culture of Michigan. Explaining Recent Research on Bronze Age Monuments, and New Evidence Showing Where the Copper Went", will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-10:30

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

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

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

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

**Fri., Oct. 24**

**Event:** Fourth Annual International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn from 9-11 a.m. and 1-9 p.m. For more information call (906) 942-5865 or visit [www.AAAPF.org](http://www.AAAPF.org)

**Skill Builders:** "Beer and Booze 101- Back to the Basics" will be held from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Student Leader Fellowship Program will be holding a SLFP Tuition Raffle from 2-5 p.m. in the Atrium Area of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU Paranormal Research Team will be holding Haunted Marquette Tour information from 5 p.m. until 12 a.m. in the Peter White Lounge of the University Center.

**Event:** International/Folk Dancers will be meeting from 6-7 p.m. in Pioneer B room of the University Center.

**Sat., Oct. 25**

**Event:** NMU Volunteer Center will be hosting "Make a Difference Day" from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Atrium Area and Peter White Lounge of the University Center.

**Event:** Fourth Annual International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. For more information call (906) 942-5865 or visit [www.AAAPF.org](http://www.AAAPF.org)

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

**Event:** "I Have a Song to Sing", an evening of opera arias and duets will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall.

**Film:** "Get Smart with Steve Carell" will play at 9 p.m. in JXJ Room 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

**Sun., Oct. 26**

**Event:** Pancake Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. in the Jacobetti Commons. Prices: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 10 & under.

**Event:** Fourth Annual International Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information call (906) 942-5865 or visit [www.AAAPF.org](http://www.AAAPF.org)

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

**Event:** Hearts of Yoga will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the Charcoal

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:** "Get Smart with Steve Carell" will play at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ Room 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

**Mon., Oct. 27**

**Event:** Sociology/Social work department will be holding a Sociology Conference from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Pioneer Room A and B in the University Center.

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

**Event:** "Evening with the Onion Writers" will be from 7-11 p.m. in the Lakes Room of the University Center.

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

**Tues., Oct. 28**

**Skill Builder:** Starbucks Coffee and Tea Tasting will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** The Alzheimer's Association Evening Caregivers Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association Office. Call Phil Puotinen at (906) 228-3910 or (800) 272-3900 with any questions.

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

**Event:** "Evening with the Onion Writers" will be held from 7-11 p.m. in the Lakes room of the University Center.

**Event:** "THE AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTING EXPERIENCE" from the colonial era, thru Jim Crow era, Civil Rights and today. Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7pm at the Peter White Public Library. Presenter: Dr. Ruth Watry from the NMU De-

partment of Political Science and Public Administration. Sponsored by the Marquette County League of Women Voters. For additional information contact [MqtLwv@yahoo.com](mailto:MqtLwv@yahoo.com) or call 226-8347

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

**Wed., Oct. 28**

**Event:** Halloween Blood Drive will be held from 12-5:45 p.m. in the lower level of the LRC.

**Event:** "WOMEN'S POLITICAL RIGHTS BEFORE THE 19th AMENDMENT" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Peter White Public Library. The presenter will be Dr. Ruth Watry of the NMU Department of Political Science and Public Administration. The film "Ironed Jawed Angels" will then be shown. Followed by a discussion group at the LandMark Inn. Sponsored by the Marquette County League of Women Voters and Peter White Public Library. For additional information contact [MqtLwv@yahoo.com](mailto:MqtLwv@yahoo.com) or call 226-8347

**Event:** Economic Student Association will meet from 6:30-7:40 p.m. in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Ryanhood/Open Mic will be held at 9 p.m. in the Market Place.

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

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

**Event:** WELS Campus Ministry will meet 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](mailto:news@thenorthwind.org) or call The North Wind office at 227-2545

**Health Promotion Office (HPO) Fall Semester Alcohol Awareness Activities**

**Today - Oct. 23rd 10 am - 2 pm**  
Information Table LRC Lower Lobby

Activities include:  
Prizes  
Mock Bar Display  
Display of "Art with a Message"  
FREE On-line Alcohol Screening  
Pick up New Designated Driver Cards

**Friday - Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Beer and Booze 101 Skill Builder  
1:30-3 pm - Back Room of the Univ. Ctr.  
Contact Janet at [slfp@nmu.edu](mailto:slfp@nmu.edu) to sign-up

**Oct. 28th**

U.P. High School Youth Conference

**Oct. 30th**

Registered Student Organization (RSO)  
Risk Management Seminar  
6-7:30 Back Room of the U.C.

**11/1**

Halloween Bash -Magers Basement  
9 PM-Midnight

**11/5**

**Happy Hour Comedy Tour with Bernie McGrechen**  
"A lot of comedy with a little bit of a message"  
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**Hoser** — Congratulations on being accepted to Tech. Let the rivalry continue Oh, and zyyzybal-loobah. — **Hosehead**

**Philip the Cat** — Hope all's well, big guy. You've been really showing me the love lately, and it's appreciated. — **Upstairs Neighbor**

**Benckendorf and Olson** — The season's started off rough, but I feel like we can pull it together. Everybody ropes, everybody rides. — **Your GM, Curt**

**Ian, Lundin, Shane, visitors to 2214 Fitch Ave.** — NHL '09. Get with it. If you don't, you'll be left behind. — **Hockey Fiend**

**Jimmy Johns delivery guy** — You showed up my roommate last night, remember, in the office. He looked sooo silly. — **Gleeful sports editor**

**Chad (Kemp, not Casper)** — I hope you're ready for some journalism. I'm bringing it with me, and I'm bringing a whole ton of it — **Curt**

**Chad Casper** — You're still the man. Don't think I forgot about you. — **Curt**

**Shane Nyman** — I tire of your reckless heckling and literal translations. — **Curt Thomas Kemp**

**Olson** — Sorry I didn't get a chance to hang out with you and relive the glory days. I've grown up. It's time to move on, big guy. — **Kemp**

**Olson** — Just kidding, man. Let's play video games together soon. — **Kemp**

**Jack** — There's a few words I'd like for you to learn: World of Warcraft, rofcopter, raiding and Titan's Grip. — **Curt, but Ian totally made me do this**

**Ian** — I threw you under the bus and I totally regret that. — **Curt**

**Lehtola** — Perkins, pie and coffee. I'll see you there. — **Stark**

**Abent** — Remember when you thought I was neurotic? I think you may be anal retentive. So, I guess we're even. — **Stark**

**Hombre de Espana** — Hola — **Mi espanol es muy muy mal**

**Veen** — Ice cream every Wednesday? Please? — **Stark**

**Features** — I think my byline should say Managing Editor/Features Editor. — **Please don't shake my hand.**

**Ma & Pa** — I'll probably watch copious amounts of Law and Order this weekend. Watch out. — **Daughter**

**Claire** — I gotchu when it comes to these shout outs. Don't worry. — **Curt**

**Jamieson** — I've shunned you, and the All-American boy doesn't deserve that. — **Frisbee-er**

**Mates of State** — After you read my review, feel free to send me free things. Or, your undying admiration will also do. — **Curt Kemp**

**Domps** — You do one heck of a job being the witty guy in the sports section. — **Sports Editor**

**Gordo** — This is the first, and probably last time I'll say this. I appreciate your hard work. Okay, now erase this shout out from your memory. — **Curt**

**Hockey** — Looks like things are going well thus far. I'll see you in East Lansing. — **Sports Editor**

**Stark** — You're the best looking waffle fry that I have ever seen. I probably won't miss you at all on Friday, but I will at least pretend to. And you aren't very nice either. — **Abent**

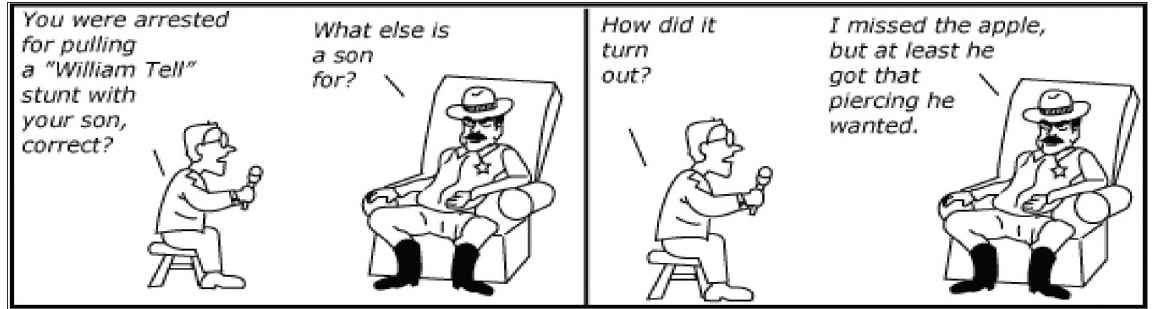
**510/Whitney Morgan** — I haven't seen any of you at all this week. It breaks my heart. But I'm excited for this weekend, maybe we can hang out? — **NWinder**

**Nicole Carl** — Sorry I had to ditch you on our Tuesday date. BUT I will be seeing your for sure at Ladies Night, save some sweet deals for me. — **Claire**

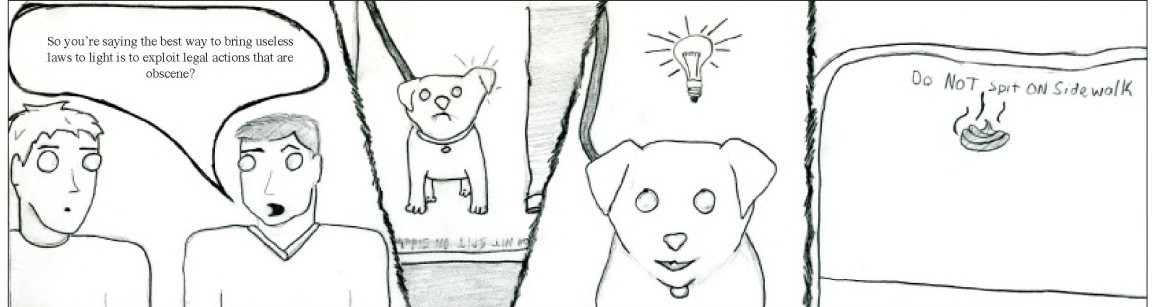
**Woman at Hockey Game** — Be nice to my mom. She is a sweet lady. — **I saw what happened**

- Inspirations
- Food Bodies
- Police Log
- Talking to Animals
- Bold New Fragrance
- Rocky
- Shane and the delivery guy
- Carson's confidence in his ability to be mature, for five minutes

**ASSASSIN SESSIONS** — Andrew McCanna



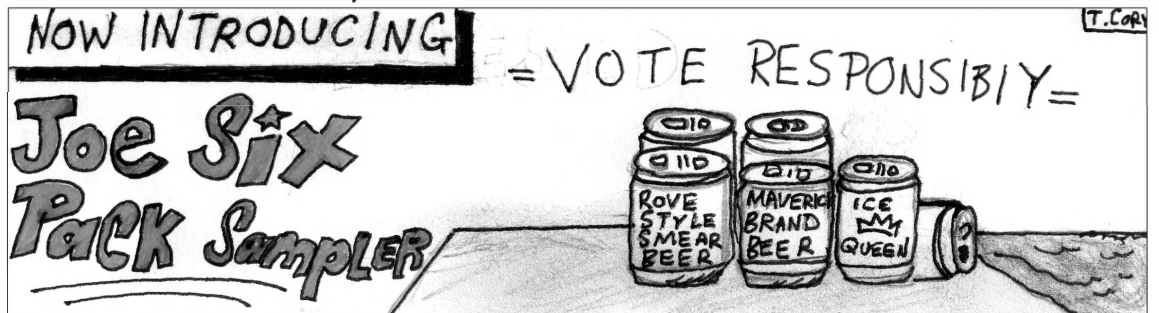
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